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Western Reserve Public Media Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

Kent, Ohio – Nov. 9, 2016 – Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2016 holiday programming schedule on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1) and Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2).

Shows that are airing this season for the first time are marked with an asterisk. Visit <http://westernreservepublicmedia.org/schedule.htm> for additional air dates and times.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmastime in New Orleans*

Catch the spirit of the holiday season with music, food and a uniquely New Orleans style of hospitality.

Thursday, Nov. 24

4 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas

The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!

Monday, Nov. 28

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas

Vocalists Lisa Lambe, Susan McFadden and Meav Ni Mhaolchatha perform timeless holiday favorites.

Monday, Dec. 5

7 AM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas

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Tuesday, Dec. 6

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| 7 PM | Fusion | 52nd Annual Wassail at Chapman University*
Join 150 students and musicians for this holiday concert event at Chapman University. |
| 8 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*
Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus. |

Wednesday, Dec. 7

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| 8 PM | Fusion | Xmas Without China
Tom Xia challenges his American neighbors to survive the Christmas season without Chinese products. |
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Saturday, Dec. 10

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| Noon | Fusion | Xmas Without China
Tom Xia challenges his American neighbors to survive the Christmas season without Chinese products. |
| 11 PM | Western Reserve PBS | Xmas Without China
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Sunday, Dec. 11

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| 5 PM | Fusion | A Christmas Carol: The Concert
Charles Dickens' classic tale is adapted for a live orchestral concert with a choir and soloists. |
| 6:30 PM | Fusion | Christmas on the Danube
Visit cities along the Danube river and explore stunning European landscape, history and culture. |
| 7 PM | Fusion | Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*
Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus. |

Tuesday, Dec. 13

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| 11:30 AM | Western Reserve PBS | Peg + Cat + Holidays
"The Christmas Problem," "The Hanukkah Problem" and "The Penguin Problem" feature math for kids. |
| 8 PM | Western Reserve PBS | A Christmas Carol: The Concert
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10 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 1) Explores the life of Jesus and depicts on the origins of Christianity using historical evidence.
10 PM	Fusion	Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops* Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.
Friday, Dec. 16		
8:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.
7 PM	Fusion	The American St. Nick* American Army troops returned hope and joy to the people of Wiltz, Luxembourg during World War II.
Saturday, Dec. 17		
Noon	Fusion	Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 1) Explores the life of Jesus and depicts on the origins of Christianity using historical evidence.
7 PM	Western Reserve PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show, Christmas Guests Norma, Randy and Mark Zimmer help perform songs including "Silent Night" and "Oh Holy Night."
10 PM	Fusion	Lidia Celebrates America, Holiday for Heroes* Join host Lidia Bastianich for an unforgettable holiday special celebrating our veterans.
Sunday, Dec. 18		
4 PM	Fusion	Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University* Pacific Lutheran University presents the world premiere of critically acclaimed composer J.A.C. Redford's, "A Christmas Invitation."
5 PM	Fusion	Christmas at Belmont Kathy Mattea hosts a night of traditional carols, classical masterworks and seasonal favorites.
6 PM	Fusion	Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops* Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.
7 PM	Fusion	Jordan Smith—'Tis the Season* Jordan Smith, season nine winner of NBC's "The Voice," highlights his Christmas album in concert.
8 PM	Western Reserve PBS	The American St. Nick* American Army troops returned hope and joy to the people of Wiltz, Luxembourg during World War II.

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Monday, Dec. 19

9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis*

Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

7 PM

Fusion

Lidia Celebrates America, Holiday for Heroes*

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8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University*

Pacific Lutheran University presents the world premiere of critically acclaimed composer J.A.C. Redford's, "A Christmas Invitation."

8 PM

Fusion

Christmas at Belmont

Kathy Mattea hosts a night of traditional carols, classical masterworks and seasonal favorites.

9 PM

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9 PM

Fusion

Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops*

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10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 2)

Explores the life of Jesus and depicts on the origins of Christianity using historical evidence.

10 PM

Fusion

Jordan Smith—'Tis the Season*

Jordan Smith, season nine winner of NBC's "The Voice," highlights his Christmas album in concert.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

7 PM

Fusion

The Lawrence Welk Show, Christmas

Guests Norma, Randy and Mark Zimmer help perform songs including "Silent Night" and "Oh Holy Night."

Friday, Dec. 23

7 AM & 5 PM

Western Reserve PBS

Wild Kratts Creature Christmas

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7 PM

Fusion

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis*

Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.

10 PM

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Saturday, Dec. 24

Noon	Fusion	Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (Part 2) Explores the life of Jesus and depicts on the origins of Christianity using historical evidence.
6 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis* Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.
7 PM	Western Reserve PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show, New Year's Bob Ralston is the guest. "May You Always" and "Happy Days Are Here Again" are performed.
8 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops* Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.
9 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University* Pacific Lutheran University presents the world premiere of critically acclaimed composer J.A.C. Redford's, "A Christmas Invitation."
10 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Holiday Handbells: The Raleigh Ringers The acclaimed community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina perform holiday favorites.
11 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Joshua Bell Presents Musical Gifts World-renowned violinist Joshua Bell performs an intimate concert in his Manhattan residence.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Midnight	Western Reserve PBS	Jordan Smith 'tis The Season* Jordan Smith, season nine winner of NBC's "The Voice," highlights his Christmas album in concert.
1 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis* Broadway star Laura Osnes and actor Martin Jarvis join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra.
2 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops* Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.
3 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Christmas Invitation from Pacific Lutheran University* Pacific Lutheran University presents the world premiere of critically acclaimed composer J.A.C. Redford's, "A Christmas Invitation."
4 AM	Western Reserve PBS	The American St. Nick* American Army troops returned hope and joy to the people of Wiltz, Luxembourg during World War II.
6 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Once Upon a Christmas Cheery in the Lab of Shakhashiri* Science communicator Bassam Z. Shakhashiri blends the sights and sounds of Christmas with science in this special holiday lecture.

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7 AM	Western Reserve PBS	The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas! The Cat in the Hat, Nick and Sally help a lost reindeer find his way home in time for Christmas.
8 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.
9 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Wild Kratts Creature Christmas The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!
10 AM	Western Reserve PBS	Peg + Cat + Holidays “The Christmas Problem,” “The Hanukkah Problem” and “The Penguin Problem” feature math for kids.
7 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Vicious, Holiday Special Freddie and Stuart host a holiday soirée. A wicked game of Truth or Dare brings up hidden truths.
7:30 PM	Western Reserve PBS	Call the Midwife Holiday Special* Nonnatus House receives a request to help a tiny mission hospital in South Africa. Far from home and everything familiar, the team members are both shaken and exhilarated by the challenges they face.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

7 PM	Fusion	The Lawrence Welk Show, New Years Bob Ralston is the guest. “May You Always” and “Happy Days Are Here Again” are performed.
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Saturday, Dec. 31

8 PM	Fusion	Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve* Ring in the new year with a night of American classics, including beloved works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, featuring Joyce DiDonato with the New York Philharmonic.
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Sunday, Jan. 1

Noon	Fusion	Live From Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve* Ring in the new year with a night of American classics, including beloved works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, featuring Joyce DiDonato with the New York Philharmonic.
3 PM	Fusion	Call the Midwife Holiday Special* Nonnatus House receives a request to help a tiny mission hospital in South Africa. Far from home and everything familiar, the team members are both shaken and exhilarated by the challenges they face.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is the business name of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich

the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 5.13 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Our Educational Services Department provides technology training and educational content to over 24,000 educators and over 300,000 K-12 students, plus Ready To Learn Services to over 100,000 preschool children's parents and child-care providers.

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