



## news release

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# Western Reserve Public Media Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

Kent, Ohio—Nov. 6, 2017—Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2017 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.

### Friday, Nov. 24

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

#### **Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas**

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 28

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

#### **Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve**

A runaway hides in an abandoned theater that comes to life with music.

### Wednesday, Nov. 29

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

#### **Mannheim Steamroller 30/40 Live**

Great songs from the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas annual tour include “Deck the Halls” and more.

### Thursday, Nov. 30

9:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

#### **Rick Steves’ European Christmas**

Customs and practices of the holiday season are explored.

### Saturday, Dec. 2

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

#### **Mannheim Steamroller 30/40 Live**

Great songs from the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas annual tour include “Deck the Halls” and more.

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## Monday, Dec. 4

8:30 PM

Fusion

### Christmas on the Danube

Visit cities along the Danube River and explore stunning European landscape, history and culture.

## Tuesday, Dec. 5

7 PM

Fusion

### Making a New American Nutcracker\*

Join narrator Neve Campbell for interviews with the creative team that brought to life an original Joffrey Ballet production.

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Mannheim Steamroller 30/40 Live

Great songs from the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas annual tour include "Deck the Halls" and more.

## Wednesday, Dec. 6

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve

A runaway hides in an abandoned theater that comes to life with music.

## Friday, Dec. 8

8 PM

Fusion

### Getting to the Nutcracker\*

Enjoy a behind the scenes look at what it takes each year to produce the Nutcracker Ballet.

9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### The Great British Baking Show: Christmas Masterclass\*

Judges Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood detail how to make perfect mince pies, Christmas cake and more.

9 PM

Fusion

### Making a New American Nutcracker\*

Join narrator Neve Campbell for interviews with the creative team that brought to life an original Joffrey Ballet production.

## Friday, Dec. 15

8 PM

Fusion

### A Chef's Life Holiday Special

Vivian Howard hosts her own vision of the season's celebrations with peanut brittle and much more.

9 PM

Fusion

### Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Rolando Villazon\*

Renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and tenor Rolando Villazon perform seasonal favorites.

## Saturday, Dec. 16

9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Rolando Villazon\*

Renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and tenor Rolando Villazon perform seasonal favorites.

## Sunday, Dec. 17

8 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Last Tango in Halifax Holiday Special\*

Caroline's new headship involves moving the family to a ramshackle farmhouse in time for Christmas. *(Part 1 of 2)*

11 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Crane Candlelight Concert, Laude!

The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra present a very special holiday concert.

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## Tuesday, Dec. 19

9 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. 20

8 PM

Fusion

### Making a New American Nutcracker\*

Join narrator Neve Campbell for interviews with the creative team that brought to life an original Joffrey Ballet production.

## Thursday, Dec. 21

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Rolando Villazon\*

Renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and tenor Rolando Villazon perform seasonal favorites.

## Friday, Dec. 22

10 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Christmas at Belmont\*

Sheryl Crow hosts as 700 student musicians and others perform masterworks and seasonal favorites.

## Saturday, Dec. 23

7 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### The Lawrence Welk Show

"Christmas (1966)"

9 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### Getting to the Nutcracker\*

Enjoy a behind the scenes look at what it takes each year to produce the Nutcracker Ballet.

11:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

### European Christmas Markets

Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

## Sunday, Dec. 24

Midnight

Western Reserve PBS

### Getting to the Nutcracker\*

Enjoy a behind the scenes look at what it takes each year to produce the Nutcracker Ballet.

2:30 AM

Western Reserve PBS

### European Christmas Markets

Visit charming markets in festively decorated cities and towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

3 AM

Western Reserve PBS

### A Chef's Life Holiday Special

Vivian Howard hosts her own vision of the season's celebrations with peanut brittle and much more.

4 AM

Western Reserve PBS

### Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops

Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

8 AM

Western Reserve PBS

### Once Upon a Christmas Cheery in the Lab of Shkhashiri, 2017\*

Cadmium, the 48th element, is featured along with many other colorful and exciting experiments.

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Noon	Fusion	<b>Purdue 83rd Anniversary Christmas Show*</b> The Purdue University Choir and more organizations perform holiday favorites and sacred music.
1 PM	Fusion	<b>St. Thomas Christmas: So Bright the Star*</b> Familiar traditional carols and innovative contemporary selections are showcased in Minneapolis.
2 PM	Fusion	<b>Christmas at Susquehanna: The 50th Anniversary Candlelight Service*</b> This wondrous spectacle features candle lighting, carols and songs in celebration of the season.
3 PM	Fusion	<b>Crane Candlelight Concert, Laude!</b> The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra present a very special holiday concert.
4 PM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Purdue 83rd Anniversary Christmas Show*</b> The Purdue University Choir and more organizations perform holiday favorites and sacred music.
4 PM	Fusion	<b>Christmas at Belmont*</b> Sheryl Crow hosts as 700 student musicians and others perform masterworks and seasonal favorites.
5 PM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Christmas at Susquehanna: The 50th Anniversary Candlelight Service*</b> This wondrous spectacle features candle lighting, carols and songs in celebration of the season.
5 PM	Fusion	<b>Festival of Carols with Sylvia McNair*</b> Grammy-winning soprano Sylvia McNair and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir perform holiday classics.
6 PM	Fusion	<b>Christmas at Concordia: Gather Us In, O Child of Peace*</b> Concordia College re-imagines the Christmas message with music embracing peace and reconciliation.
7 PM	Fusion	<b>Holidays at Murray State 2017*</b> The Murray State University Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra perform.
8 PM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Last Tango in Halifax Holiday Special*</b> On the night of Celia's play, a twist of fate means Alan is forced to confront his fears. <i>(Part 2 of 2)</i>
8 PM	Fusion	<b>Christmas in Norway with the St. Olaf Choir</b> The rich choral music traditions of both America and Norway are showcased in Nidaros Dom cathedral.
9 PM	Fusion	<b>Jordan Smith: 'Tis the Season</b> The season nine winner of NBC's "The Voice" highlights his Christmas album in concert.
10 PM	Fusion	<b>Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops</b> Celebrate the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

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11 PM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>St. Thomas Christmas: So Bright the Star*</b> Familiar traditional carols and innovative contemporary selections are showcased in Minneapolis.
<b>Monday, Dec. 25</b>		
Midnight	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Festival of Carols with Sylvia McNair*</b> Grammy-winning soprano Sylvia McNair and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir perform holiday classics.
1 AM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Christmas in Christ Chapel at Gustavus*</b> Celebrate the holidays with Gustavus Adolphus College community in St. Peter, Minn.
7:30 AM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas</b> The Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are disappearing around the globe!
11:30 AM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Once Upon A Sesame Street Christmas*</b> Elmo's dad tells him a story about a time when there was no holiday spirit on Sesame Street.
9 PM	Western Reserve PBS	<b>Call the Midwife Holiday Special*</b> Valerie helps a young couple with a traumatic birth and Sister Julienne tries to reunite a family.

### About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media 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 two standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2) and MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3).

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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