



## news release

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# Western Reserve Public Media Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

Kent, Ohio—Nov. 5, 2018—Western Reserve Public Media presents its 2018 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.

## Prime-Time Holiday Programming

### Thursday, Nov. 22

9:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

#### Close to You & Christmas Memories

This music-filled documentary traces the Carpenters' career and features the duo's top hits.

### Sunday, Nov. 25

1:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

#### Hanukkah: A Festival of deLights\*

Features Jewish families from a variety of backgrounds sharing their personal Hanukkah experiences.

### Monday, Nov. 26

11 PM Western Reserve PBS

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### Sunday, Dec. 2

3:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

#### Christmas with Daniel O'Donnell\*

Remember happy childhood memories with Daniel O'Donnell's classic collection of holiday favorites.

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**Friday, Dec. 7**

8:30 PM Fusion

**Christmas on the Danube**

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

9 PM Fusion

**Christmas at Belmont**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

1:30 PM Fusion

**European Christmas Markets**

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

4 PM Fusion

**St. Thomas Christmas: So Bright the Star**

Familiar traditional carols and innovative contemporary selections are showcased in Minneapolis.

**Monday, Dec. 10**

9 PM Fusion

**Getting to the Nutcracker**

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 11**

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.

10:30 PM Fusion

**European Christmas Markets**

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

**Friday, Dec. 14**

7 PM Fusion

**Great Performances: Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn—The Broadway Musical**

The hit Broadway adaptation of the classic 1942 movie musical showcases an Irving Berlin score.

9:30 PM Fusion

**European Christmas Markets**

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

10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Christmas on the Danube**

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**Sunday, Dec. 16**

1:30 PM Fusion

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5 PM Fusion

**Great Performances: Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn—The Broadway Musical**

The hit Broadway adaptation of the classic 1942 movie musical showcases an Irving Berlin score.

## Monday, Dec. 17

9 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Sutton Foster\***  
Sutton Foster and Hugh Bonneville star in an elaborate, Victorian-themed program.

10 PM Western Reserve PBS

**America's Test Kitchen Special: Home for the Holidays\***  
The cast shares great tips for planning a stress-free gathering.

## Tuesday, Dec. 18

8 PM Fusion

**Great Performances: Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn—The Broadway Musical**  
The hit Broadway adaptation of the classic 1942 movie musical showcases an Irving Berlin score.

9 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Lidia Celebrates America: A Heartland Holiday Feast\***  
Lidia Bastianich immerses herself in diverse cultures that provide inspiration for a holiday special.

## Friday, Dec. 21

9 PM Fusion

**Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Sutton Foster\***  
Sutton Foster and Hugh Bonneville star in an elaborate, Victorian-themed program.

10 PM Fusion

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

10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

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9 PM Fusion

**The Holidays at Murray State 2018\***  
The Murray State University Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra and featured soloists highlight this annual seasonal special.

10 PM Fusion

**Christmas at St. Olaf: Ris'n with Healing in His Wings\***  
Lively and festive music, familiar Christmas carols and beautiful choral anthems are showcased.

10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

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

## Sunday, Dec. 23

10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Crane Candlelight Concert: Let Us All Be Merry\***  
The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra showcase a very special holiday concert.

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11:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

**The Holidays at Murray State 2018\***

The Murray State University Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra and featured soloists highlight this annual seasonal special.

**Monday, Dec. 24**

8 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Antiques Roadshow: Greatest Gifts**

Items that guests received as presents include a Louis Comfort Tiffany necklace and a Fender bass.

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.

10 PM Western Reserve PBS

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**Christmas at St. Olaf: Ris'n with Healing in His Wings\***

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**Tuesday, Dec. 25**

7 PM Fusion

**Festival of Carols with Sylvia McNair**

Grammy-winning soprano Sylvia McNair and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir perform holiday classics.

9 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Call the Midwife Holiday Special\***

A new nun and four Chinese orphans arrive unexpectedly at Nonnatus House causing both joy and chaos.

10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Sutton Foster\***

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**Friday, Dec. 28**

9 PM Fusion

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A new nun and four Chinese orphans arrive unexpectedly at Nonnatus House causing both joy and chaos.

**Sunday, Dec. 30**

10:30 PM Western Reserve PBS

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**Monday, Dec. 31**

9 PM Western Reserve PBS

**Live from Lincoln Center, New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve with Renée Fleming\***

The New York Philharmonic and Renee Fleming celebrate the intersection of classical music and dance.

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10:30 PM

Western Reserve PBS

**ACL Hall of Fame New Year's Eve\***

Boz Scaggs, Gary Clark Jr., Norah Jones and more celebrate Ray Charles, Los Lobos and Marcia Ball.

## Children's Holiday Programming on Western Reserve PBS

### Monday, Dec. 10

6 AM

**Arthur's Perfect Christmas**

Things start to fall apart when Arthur and his family make preparations for gifts and traditions.

7 AM

**Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas**

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

8 AM

**Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas**

Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

9 AM

**Let's Go Luna!: Luna's Christmas Around the World\***

When the Circo gets stuck at the South Pole on Christmas eve, Leo Andy and Carmen are convinced that Santa will never find them.

10 AM

**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.

11 AM

**Peg + Cat + Holidays**

The Christmas Problem," "The Hanukkah Problem" and "The Penguin Problem" feature math for kids.

2 PM

**Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas**

Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

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### Tuesday, Dec. 11

7 AM

**Arthur's Perfect Christmas**

Things start to fall apart when Arthur and his family make preparations for gifts and traditions.

### Wednesday, Dec. 12

7:30 AM

**Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas**

Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

8:30 AM & 2:30 PM

**Let's Go Luna!: Luna's Christmas Around the World\***

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**Thursday, Dec. 13**

6 AM

**Peg + Cat + Holidays**

“The Christmas Problem,” “The Hanukkah Problem” and “The Penguin Problem” feature math for kids.

Noon

**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.

**Friday, Dec. 14**

6 AM

**Arthur’s Perfect Christmas**

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**Monday, Dec. 17**

Noon

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**Tuesday, Dec. 18**

7:30 AM & 3:30 PM

**Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas**

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## Wednesday, Dec. 19

8:30 AM

### **Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas**

Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat have a great time preparing for Christmas.

## Thursday, Dec. 20

9 AM & 3 PM

### **Let's Go Luna!: Luna's Christmas Around the World\***

When the Circo gets stuck at the South Pole on Christmas eve, Leo, Andy and Carmen are convinced that Santa will never find them.

## Friday, Dec. 21

6:30 AM & 5 PM

### **Arthur's Perfect Christmas**

Things start to fall apart when Arthur and his family make preparations for gifts and traditions.

## Monday, Dec. 24

6 AM

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5 PM

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## Tuesday, Dec. 25

6 AM

### **Arthur's Perfect Christmas**

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7 AM

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## 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 4.9 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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