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## news release

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# PBS Western Reserve Gets Festive With Holiday Specials

*Schedule includes premiere of local production  
featuring The Chardon Polka Band*

Kent, OH — Dec. 1, 2021 — PBS Western Reserve presents its holiday programming schedule for channels PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) and Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2).

Highlighting the schedule is the new local production *A POLKA CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHARDON POLKA BAND*, which will premiere exclusively on PBS Western Reserve on Monday, Dec. 13, at 10 PM. The half-hour special delivers hometown holiday charm and The Chardon Polka Band's signature wit and humor. It features "polka-rific" versions of favorite Christmas carols, says band founder Jake Kouwe, plus new holiday classics.

Other new holiday specials airing on PBS Western Reserve are *20 YEARS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR* with Tony Award winner Brian Stokes Mitchell, which will premiere Monday, Dec. 13, at 8 PM; *THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING*, featuring the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and narration by Alan Cumming, airing Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 9 PM; and *UNITED IN SONG: CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN DREAM*, an all-star concert that will air on New Year's Eve at 9 PM.

Throughout the month of December, visit [PBSWesternReserve.org](https://www.pbswesternreserve.org) for the current week's holiday programming schedule.

### About PBS Western Reserve

PBS Western Reserve is the brand name of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

A trusted community resource, PBS Western Reserve 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.

PBS Western Reserve (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 FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3).

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