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# Local Chair Craftsman Richard Grell Is Subject of New Documentary Premiering on PBS Western Reserve

*Broadcast premiere of THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN  
is Monday, Jan. 2, at 9 PM*

Kent, OH – Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 – Richard Grell has been hand-crafting Windsor chairs on his Hudson, Ohio, property, using wood from his farm, for more than 50 years. The broadcast premiere of THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN, an intimate look at Grell's woodworking skills and techniques, will air on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO / WEAO) on Monday, Jan. 2, at 9 PM.

Grell's museum-quality chairs are owned by institutions, businesses and individuals across the country, including famous actors, musicians, Fortune 500 CEOs and presidents. Many of his finest pieces reside in museums and schools including the Ong Library and Wilson Hall on the Western Reserve Academy campus and the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Washington, D.C. Sixty-five of his pieces were commissioned for the University of New England Alumni Hall in Portland, Maine.

THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN is an intimate look into Grell's woodworking skills and techniques. The local production is the work of Phillip Sieb, filmmaker and director, and Philip Leiter, a board member of Hudson Heritage Association, who served as the film's director of photography. For additional air dates on PBS Western Reserve and Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) channels, visit [PBSWesternReserve.org/schedule](https://PBSWesternReserve.org/schedule).

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