Celebrate the Season

WETA presents
Holiday Music and Specials
WETA Focus

With the holidays arriving, we look back on another year, and forward to new beginnings. WETA has delivered extraordinary services this year, presenting outstanding content and resources to our community during a challenging time. In 2021, we have produced superb journalism to inform the nation; aided parents and caregivers with educational resources to engage learners; created and presented fascinating programming spotlighting our collective history; celebrated our diversity as a people; and spotlighted our society’s vibrant arts and culture. And we have much more in the works.

Looking into the New Year, we are developing an exciting array of productions, digital offerings and community services for you. From locally focused programs created exclusively for viewers and listeners in Greater Washington, to films and projects national in scope, more great content is on the way.

This month, enjoy our many seasonal offerings on Classical WETA, on our television channels, and on our digital platforms. Of particular note is a now-annual tradition — our WETA Arts television choral special Songs of the Season, which features performances by local ensembles from all around the national capital area.

Thank you for being a WETA member. Your generous support for our mission of public service helps us give the gift of lifelong learning and inspiration to all in our wonderful community. Happy holidays!

Sharon Percy Rockefeller, President and CEO, WETA

Voice of Freedom: American Experience

Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 9 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

WETA reprises a film relating the inspiring story of famed contralto Marian Anderson who, having been denied the opportunity to sing in Washington, D.C.’s Constitution Hall because of her race, triumphed in a public performance at the Lincoln Memorial. There, on Easter Sunday in 1939, Anderson stepped up to a microphone in the open air to sing for the American people. The concert was one of the largest gatherings ever in the nation’s capital. Millions more listened to the radio broadcast, and the performance helped enshrine the Lincoln Memorial as a symbol of civil rights, freedom and justice.

In this film, learn about Anderson’s journey: she was hailed as a voice that “comes around once in a hundred years,” but her fame had not spared her from the indignities and outright violence of racism and segregation. The two-hour 2021 American Experience film Voice of Freedom interweaves Anderson’s life story with this landmark moment in history, exploring fundamental questions about talent, race, fame, democracy and the American soul.

WETA — ON THE AIR & ONLINE

WETA PBS
26.1 via antenna
Comcast 26, 219, 800, 1026
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Fios 26, 526
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Fios 472
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Seasonal Music on Classical WETA 90.9 FM

Enjoy the sounds of the season on Classical WETA 90.9 FM as Greater Washington's exclusive classical music radio service adds holiday music into its broadcasts after Thanksgiving. Seasonal offerings air throughout December, increasing on December 17 and culminating with special programming on December 24–25. This year's Christmas Eve specials include the traditional Christmas Eve Carolfest (noon–5 p.m.); Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge (5 p.m.); and Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker (7 p.m.). On Christmas Day, Classical WETA presents Christmas in Washington (10 a.m.), featuring performances of holiday music by D.C.-area choral and instrumental ensembles; Handel's Messiah (5 p.m.); and Bach's Christmas Oratorio (9 p.m.). Also tune in to Classical WETA's Sunday-night, 9 p.m. program Choral Showcase, which is devoted to Christmas music all month. For more seasonal music on Classical WETA, see page 20; and visit weta.org/happyholidays.

Holiday Specials on WETA PBS

Visit weta.org/happyholidays for holiday programs on WETA channels

Songs of the Season: A WETA Arts Special Edition
Mon 12/13, 8pm; Rpts Fri 12/24, 8:30pm; Sat 12/25, 2pm, 10:30pm

The Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra Family Christmas Show
Thur 12/2, 11:30pm; Rpts Tue 12/7, 11:30pm

Happy Holidays with Frank and Bing
Wed 12/8, 3pm; Rpts Sat 12/11, 8am

20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir
Mon 12/13, 9pm; Rpts Fri 12/17, 3pm; Fri 12/24, 9:30pm; Sat 12/25, 3pm

America’s Test Kitchen Special: Home for the Holidays
Wed 12/14, 3pm; Fri 12/24, 3pm

A Chef's Life Holiday Special
Tue 12/14, 4pm

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King
Wed 12/15, 4pm; Rpts Wed 12/22, 10pm; Fri 12/24, 4pm

Santa School
Wed 12/15, 10pm; Rpts Tue 12/21, 4pm

America’s Test Kitchen Special: Home for the Holidays
Wed 12/15, 4pm

Mary Berry’s Country House at Christmas
Wed 12/15, 4pm; Rpts Wed 12/22, 10pm; Fri 12/24, 4pm

Christmas on the Danube
Thu 12/16, 4:30pm

A Charlie Brown Christmas Sun 12/19, 7:30pm

Christmas at Belmont 2021
Mon 12/20, 9am; Rpts Thu 12/23, 3pm

Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza
Mon 12/20, 10pm; Rpts Wed 12/22, 4pm; Sat 12/25, 6:30pm, 11:30pm

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (featuring):
Sutton Foster & Hugh Bonneville Mon 12/20, 3pm; Rpts Sat 12/25, 9am
Kelli O’Hara & Richard Thomas Mon 12/20, 4pm; Rpts Sat 12/25, 10am
Kristin Chenoweth Tue 12/21, 3pm; Rpts Sat 12/25, 8am

Purdue 87th Anniversary Christmas Show
Thu 12/23, 4pm; Rpts Sat 12/25, 1pm

All Is Bright! A Concordia Christmas
Sat 12/25, 11am

Call the Midwife Holiday Specials
2021 12/25, 9pm • 2020 12/25, 7:30pm • 2019 12/26, 7:30pm

Holiday specials on WETA UK: BBC's The Lights Before Christmas, Friday, December 24 at 8 p.m.; additional Call the Midwife holiday shows on December 25; and much more. See pages 16–17 to learn more.

WETA Metro
26.5 via antenna
weta.org/livestream
PBS Video App
YouTube TV
Fios 470
RCN 599

WETA Online
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weta.org/learningmedia

Classical WETA
WETA 90.9 FM Washington, D.C.
WGMS 89.1 FM Hagerstown
WETA 88.9 FM Frederick
classicalweta.org
vivalavoce.org
Religion & Spirituality programs on WETA World

WETA World presents more than 50 programs with themes of religion and spirituality this month, including *Frontline* production *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians* (Dec. 4); *Spiritual Audacity: The Abraham Joshua Herschel Story* (Dec. 7), spotlighting the Jewish theologian and philosopher; *Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* (Dec. 13); *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet* (Dec. 16); acclaimed two-part WETA co-production *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* (Dec. 20 & 27), with Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.; David Grubin documentary *The Buddha* (Dec. 25); and many others. Visit weta.org/schedule for airdates and timings.

20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir

Monday, Dec. 13 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

This month, in its annual Christmas presentation, the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square celebrates its 20th anniversary with a special new two-hour retrospective, *20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir*. The ensemble welcomes Tony Award-winning performer Brian Stokes Mitchell (right) as guest artist and narrator. On the show, intimate ballads, behind-the-scenes views and storytelling by Stokes combine with highlights from the past two decades featuring stirring performances from more than 40 world-renowned artists, including Kristin Chenoweth, Audra McDonald, Kelli O’Hara, Gladys Knight, Angela Lansbury, Hugh Bonneville, Richard Thomas, and the Muppets from *Sesame Street*. The anniversary special reminds how this tradition has touched audiences for years and evokes the love, unity and peace of the season. The program repeats Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on WETA PBS and WETA Metro. View several prior-year Tabernacle Choir concerts as well — see page 1 for listings.

2 DECEMBER 2021 • Stream select programs via the PBS Video App.
Wallander and Poirot on Thriller Thursdays

This month, Thriller Thursdays on WETA PBS continue to feature episodes of Wallander, starring Kenneth Branagh as author Henning Mankell’s troubled Swedish police detective, on the first three Thursdays of the month. Wallander concludes with a double feature on December 16. Then, on December 23, WETA presents two episodes of Agatha Christie’s Poirot, starring David Suchet in his signature role as the famed Belgian sleuth. The first program is Hercule Poirot’s Christmas, and the second is perhaps Poirot’s greatest case — Murder on the Orient Express, with Suchet leading a superb cast. Rounding out the month on December 30 is an encore airing of the Jessie Burton adaptation The Miniaturist on Masterpiece, set in 17th-century Amsterdam, with Anya Taylor-Joy, Romola Garai, Emily Berrington and Alex Hassell.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
Lidia Celebrates America: Overcoming the Odds

Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

A global pandemic. A life apart from family and friends. Economic struggles. These are but a few of the challenges many have faced for nearly two years now, and counting. Yet, despite these obstacles, Americans have shown resilience, picking themselves up and continuing to move forward — striving to find meaning and purpose in their lives. In *Lidia Celebrates America: Overcoming the Odds*, join chef and public television icon Lidia Bastianich on a journey across America to showcase inspiring resilience. In this hour-long special, Bastianich travels from big cities to small pockets of rural America, both in person and virtually, to share the stories of a diverse group of Americans who have overcome extraordinary odds in their own lives and have found purpose in serving their communities. They understand better than most that all of our futures are interconnected: now more than ever, we need each other to survive and thrive.

Nature: Santa’s Wild Home

Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

The Wednesday-night series *Nature* takes an intimate look at the wildlife of Lapland, a region in northern Finland — the fabled home of Santa Claus and actual home of an array of wildlife. A magical land of sparkling snow and the green-light stardance of the aurora borealis, this northernmost region of mainland Europe is home to animals such as reindeer, great gray owls, eagles, wolves, musk oxen and brown bears, who live out their lives in the tundra and forest. The program *Santa’s Wild Home* spotlights life in Lapland through the changing seasons, where only the toughest survive. Witness the mass migration of hundreds of thousands of reindeer; follow a mother brown bear as she teaches her young cubs how to find food and to survive threats from wolverines and adult male bears; and follow a great gray owl, a nomad in the frozen forests, as she strives to feed her young.

In Their Own Words: Angela Merkel

Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

Combining interviews with archival footage and each subject’s own words to help tell their story, the occasional biographical series *In Their Own Words* explores the lives and impact of some of the most intriguing figures in recent history. This month, the series presents a story of courage, determination and leadership, profiling enigmatic German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who will step down this year after 16 years at the helm of the state. One of the world’s most respected leaders, Merkel overcame fierce opposition, a vicious press and rampant sexism to become Germany’s first female chancellor and lead her country and Europe with a steady focus on peace and freedom. The program explores her youth in East Germany, her brilliance as a student, her fiercely defended privacy, how she was constantly underestimated, her rise to power, and the crises she faced — including the Greek debt crisis and the migrant crisis of 2015. The program features interviews with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former President George W. Bush.

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Joe Bonamassa: Live from the Ryman
Thursday, Dec. 2 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

Blues rock superstar Joe Bonamassa set out to perform his new music for fans amidst a global entertainment shutdown, and this led to a live concert — his final show of 2020 — at the legendary Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. This special show includes the critically acclaimed songs from Bonamassa’s latest studio album Royal Tea, recorded at Abbey Road Studios in London and inspired by his British guitar heroes Jeff Beck, John Mayall and Eric Clapton. The artist also performs a few songs from his debut record A New Day Yesterday, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the album that helped launch his illustrious career. Actor Jeff Daniels narrates the program introduction, sharing the backstory of how this vibrant concert came together. The program repeats December 11 at 9:30 p.m.

Il Volo – Tribute to Ennio Morricone
Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Set in the medieval Italian town made famous by Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, Italian performers Gianluca Ginoble, Piero Barone and Ignazio Boschetto of operatic vocal trio Il Volo serenade a live audience in a tribute concert to celebrated Italian composer Ennio Morricone. Filmed in June 2021 in the Arena Di Verona in Verona, the special program showcases classical arrangements from the prolific film composer and fan favorites from the ensemble’s most popular albums. Since first sharing a stage more than a decade ago, Il Volo often credits the Oscar-, Grammy- and Golden Globe-winning composer as one of Italy’s greatest treasures. The musical artists celebrate Morricone alongside a full choir and orchestra, guest-conducted by the composer’s son. The program repeats December 4 at 10:30 p.m.

Great Performances: Unforgettable With Love – Natalie Cole
Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Great Performances presents the late Natalie Cole’s Emmy-winning performance of her Grammy-winning album that pays a loving tribute to the music of her father, Nat King Cole. The special marks the 30th anniversary of Natalie Cole’s landmark concert, recorded in 1992 in Pasadena, California. Featuring classics such as “Mona Lisa,” “The Very Thought of You” and “For Sentimental Reasons,” the concert also features a rendition of the hit song “Unforgettable,” sung as a duet by the singer and her father, accompanied by his televised image. Nine-time Grammy-winner Natalie Cole performs with a jazz quartet and orchestra. The program repeats December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Celtic Woman: Postcards from Ireland
Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. on WETA PBS

The Celtic Woman vocal ensemble presents a musical journey through the landscapes and seascapes of the Emerald Isle, sharing a message of love and hope in the form of musical postcards. Filmed in 14 locations around the island, the special uses forests, lakes and beaches as a stage and the mountains and valleys as a backdrop. Among the stops are Johnstown Castle in County Wexford; the monastic site at Glendalough in County Wicklow; the coast of County Antrim; a reconstructed Irish village in County Tyrone; Yeats’ home in County Sligo, Kylemore Abbey in Connemara, County Galway; the medieval ruins of Muckross Abbey in County Kerry; and the Chapel at Trinity College in Dublin. The program repeats December 12 at 4 p.m.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
New on WETA Passport

Stream your favorite shows with WETA Passport, a member benefit that offers access to a vast library of superb programs available for streaming on demand. To learn how to access programming with WETA Passport, visit weta.org/passport/FAQ.

Stream the Dickens Collection starting December 16!

**Dickensian** • A dramatic 10-episode reinvention of Charles Dickens' novels features his most iconic characters living side by side in the same Victorian neighborhood. The series takes familiar Dickens characters on new journeys featuring romance, scandal and intrigue — all against the backdrop of Victorian London. The storyline is brought to life by an ensemble cast that includes Stephen Rea, Pauline Collins, Caroline Quentin and Peter Firth.

**Oliver Twist** • A powerful 6-episode 2007 adaptation of Dickens' classic spotlights an orphaned boy who, born into poverty, seeks to transcend his origins. Growing up in a workhouse and witnessing suffering and cruelty, Oliver escapes to London. There he meets Dickens' band of rogues: the Artful Dodger, Bill, Nancy, Fagin and the boys. The stellar ensemble cast includes Timothy Spall, Tom Hardy, Sophie Okonedo, Edward Fox, Anna Massey and Sarah Lancashire.

**Bleak House** • An 8-episode BAFTA, Emmy and Peabody Award-winning Andrew Davies adaptation presents Dickens' story of Victorian London. The series follows the beautiful Lady Dedlock, who nurses a dark secret, and the merciless lawyer Tulkinghorn, who seeks to uncover it. The generous John Jarndyce and his two young wards are caught up, like Dedlock, in an infamous legal case at the center of the drama. The superb cast includes Gillian Anderson, Charles Dance, Denis Lawson, Anna Maxwell Martin, Nathaniel Parker and Alun Armstrong.

**Little Dorrit** • An Emmy-winning 8-episode Andrew Davies adaptation brings to life Dickens' powerful story of struggle and hardship in 1820s London. When a young man returns to England after years abroad, his curiosity is piqued by a young seamstress, Amy Dorrit, hired by his mother. Arthur's quest to discover his family's connection to Amy leads him to her father in debtor's prison. In trying to aid the Dorrits, Arthur discovers that the shadow of debt is long. The remarkable cast includes Matthew Macfadyen, Claire Foy, Tom Courtenay and Judy Parfitt.

Also streaming with WETA Passport are the engaging new drama RFDS (Royal Flying Doctor Service); Season 3 of Italian crime series Thou Shalt Not Kill; and cooking/cultural series with Britain’s Mary Berry.

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### Primetime Schedule

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**PBS NewsHour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.**

**Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights (check listings).**
 Listings are accurate as of press time. For late-breaking program updates, visit weta.org/tv or call 703-998-2724.

WETA PBS is devoted to children’s educational programming 8 a.m.–3 p.m., Monday–Friday. For 24 hours of children’s programming each day, tune in to the WETA PBS Kids channel. See page 15 for information.

Program Key
Blue type — WETA productions, co-productions and presentations.
R — Repeats that aired within the month.

1 Wednesday

WEEKDAYS IN DECEMBER:
6AM NHK NEWSLINE
6:30AM BBC WORLD NEWS
7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND
7:30 (Mondays:) WASHINGTON WEEKEND — R
7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWSHOUR — R
8AM-3PM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING
5PM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY — Rpt of previous night
6PM BBC WORLD NEWS — BBC World News Outside Source (6pm, Mon-Thu); BBC World News Today (6pm, Fri)
6:30 BBC WORLD NEWS AMERICA
7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — Each weeknight, the WETA production provides in-depth analysis of current events with a news summary, live interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Judy Woodruff anchors. Visit pbs.org/newshour. Rpts next day, 7am

8:00 IL VOLO – TRIBUTE TO ENNIO MORRICONE — Join the Italian operatic vocal trio in the beautiful city of Verona as they pay tribute to the legendary Italian film composer. Filmed in 2021 at the Arena Di Verona, the program showcases arrangements from the Oscar-winning Morricone and favorites from Il Volo’s albums. Repeats Sat 12/4, 10:30pm; Sun 12/5, 11:30am

9:30 DREAM OF ITALY — A journey spotlights the heart and soul of Italy. Visiting local artisans from glass-makers to truffle-hunters, host Kathy McCabe dives into what makes Italy unique through its food, wine, art, history and pastimes. With an insider’s perspective on the warm people and deep ties to the past that make the country so special, the series visits six regions in Italy: Naples/Amalfi, Puglia, Rome, Umbria, Tuscany and Piedmont. Repeats Sat 12/4, 6:30pm; Sun 12/5, 1pm, 11:30pm; Thur 12/9, 4pm

11:00 PAIN SECRETS: THE SCIENCE OF EVERYDAY PAIN — Explore the origins of everyday pain and learn ways to help minimize or resolve it. Featuring interviews with leading experts, the program explains cutting-edge modalities of treatment that have proven to help diminish pain. ABC News Journalist Deborah Roberts hosts.

1AM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY — Capping primetime programming each weeknight, Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with global thought leaders on contemporary issues. Repeats next weekday, 5pm

2 Thursday

8:00 WALLANDER, SERIES 3 — Kenneth Branagh reprises his Emmy-nominated role as the soul-searching Swedish detective created by bestselling novelist Henning Mankell. Episode 3 of 3. Before the Frost. An escapee from a psychiatric hospital commits horrific acts with fire. While investigating, Wallander is visited by Anna, an old friend of his estranged daughter. Then Anna disappears. As more arson attacks occur, it appears that Anna may be connected and Wallander must find her. Repeats Sun 12/5, 9:30pm

10:00 JOE BONAMASSA: LIVE FROM THE RYMAN — Enjoy blues rock superstar Joe Bonamassa performing at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. This special show, the artist’s final concert of 2020, includes songs from his latest solo studio album “Royal Tea” — recorded at Abbey Road Studios in London and inspired by his British guitar heroes Jeff Beck, John Mayall and Eric Clapton. Bonamassa also performs songs from his debut album. Actor Jeff Daniels narrates the program introduction. Repeats Thur 12/9, 11:30pm; Sat 12/11, 9:30pm

11:30 THE DEAN MARTIN AND FRANK SINATRA FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW — Enjoy this memorable Christmas celebration filmed in 1967 with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, their families, and Al Casey and Sammy Davis, Jr. In addition to more than a dozen holiday classics, Sinatra and Martin present a medley of many of their most beloved songs. (90 min.) Rpts Tue 12/7, 11:30pm

3 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — WETA’s weekly production, moderated by Yamiche Alcindor, presents a roundtable discussion with award-winning journalists who provide reporting and analysis of the major news stories from the nation’s capital. Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. Repeats Sat 12/4, 6am; Mon 12/6, 7:30am

8:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI LIVE IN CENTRAL PARK — In this encore broadcast of the 2021 concert, renowned tenor Andrea Bocelli performs a free concert on Central Park’s Great Lawn with the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Alan Gilbert.

Friday, December 3 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park features a special 2021 concert in New York City by the world-famous tenor, who is joined by musical-artist luminaries such as Céline Dion.

8 DECEMBER 2021 • Stream select programs via the PBS Video App.
Sunday, December 5 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

My Music: Burt Bacharach’s Best celebrates the songwriter’s greatest compositions through archival performances by the musical artists who made them famous. Above: Bacharach with Dionne Warwick.

Joining Bocelli on stage are Celine Dion, Tony Bennett, Chris Botti and David Foster. Soprano Ana Maria Martinez and Pretty Yende, violinist Nicola Benedetti, bass baritone Bryn Terfel and flutist Andrea Griminelli also perform, along with the Westminster Symphonic Choir.

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

6:30 DREAM OF ITALY — R


10:30 IL VOLO – TRIBUTE TO ENNIO MORRICONE — [90 min.] R

5 Sunday

6AM RICK STEVES: FASCISM IN EUROPE — See the Friday, December 10, 10 p.m. listing.

7:30 CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, HEAL YOUR MIND WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD — Learn the psychiatrist and brain image researcher’s tips for feeling happier, sharper and more in control. Amen also discusses strategies for contend- ing with anxiety, depression, ADHD, addiction, memory issues and more. Repeats Mon 12/6, 3pm

9:30 RICK STEVES: BEST OF THE ALPS — See the Monday, December 6, 10 p.m. listing.

11:30 IL VOLO – TRIBUTE TO ENNIO MORRICONE — R

1:00 DREAM OF ITALY — R

2:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI LIVE IN CENTRAL PARK — R

5:30 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND — Repeats Monday, 7am

6:00 CELTIC WOMAN: POSTCARDS FROM IRELAND — See the Monday, December 6, 8 p.m. listing.

8:00 MY MUSIC: BURT BACHARACH’S BEST — A program celebrates songwriter Burt Bacharach, with hosts Robert Wagner introducing archival performances by the original artists who made the composer’s music famous, including Dionne Warwick (“Walk On By,” “I Say a Little Prayer”), B.J. Thomas (“Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head”), The Carpenters (“Close to You”), The Fifth Dimension (“One Less Bell to Answer”), Dusty Springfield (“The Look of Love”), Herb Alpert (“This Guy’s in Love With You”) and others. Repeats Wed 12/8, 3:30pm; Fri 12/10, 8:30pm; Sat 12/11, 11pm

9:30 WALLANDER, SERIES 3 — Episode 3 of 3. Before the Frost. See the Thursday, December 2, 8 p.m. listing.

11:30 DREAM OF ITALY — R

4 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK — R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — R

7AM PBS NEWSHOUR — R

8AM CELEBRATING PBS NEWSHOUR — R

9:30 EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD — Learn about the power of foods to heal what ails us, as Functional Medicine practitioner Hyman shares how ultra-processed foods have created an epidemic of preventable, chronic diseases and how returning to real, whole food can treat, prevent and even reverse these diseases. The foundation of his protocol is the Pegan Diet, a riff on the Paleo and vegan diets, offering a nutrient-dense, healing way of eating.

Repeats Wed 12/8, 11pm; Fri 12/10, 3pm; Sun 12/12, 7:30pm; midnight

11AM SUZE ORMAN’S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE — Join the acclaimed personal finance expert for essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Orman provides information about key actions. Topics include when to retire, how to save and invest for retirement, Social Security strategy, long-term care insurance and much more. Repeats Tue 12/7, 8pm; Sat 12/11, 10am; Sun 12/12, 12:30pm

1:00 PBS ARTS: GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MAS- TERCIPLE — WETA reprises Series 1 of a Masterpiece adaptation of the popular novel by James Herriot, following the veterinarian at the start of his storied career in rural Yorkshire in the 1930s. Nicholas Ralph stars as the iconic vet who became renowned for his inspiring humor, compassion and love of life. Series 2 premieres in January. Parts 1 & 2 of 7. James Herriot interviews for a job with harried Yorkshire veterinarian Siegfried Farnon. Herriot’s first day is full of surprises. Fresh from veterinary college, Siegfried’s fun-loving brother, Tristan, arrives to help out. Mrs. Pumphrey throws a swanky party. Repeats Sun 12/26, 1pm

3:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MAS- TERCIPLE — Parts 3 & 4 of 7. James is put to the test with an ailing racehorse. Tristan faces a familiar temptation. Siegfried angles for a prestigious client. While Tristan gives Tricki-Woo the spa treatment, James deals with Helen’s champion bull. Siegfried makes a decision about Tristan. Repeats Sun 12/26, 3pm

6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

6:30 DREAM OF ITALY — R

Monday, December 6 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

Rick Steves: Best of the Alps features the travel expert celebrating sites, scenery, activities and culture in mountain settings around Europe in visits to Italy, Austria, Switzerland and France.

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Tuesday, December 7 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS
Special program Celebrating PBS NewsHour showcases how WETA's award-winning newscast is produced each day by an extraordinary team of talented journalists led by Managing Editor Judy Woodruff.

10:00 RICK STEVES: BEST OF THE ALPS — Join European travel expert Rick Steves on an alpine adventure with scenic train rides, breathtaking lifts, majestic glaciers and unforgettable hikes. The program visits the high points of Europe: the Dolomites in Italy and the Zugspitze in Austria; the Matterhorn, the Jungfrau and Apenzell in Switzerland; and, in France, starting off from Chamonix, the Aiguille du Midi and the iconic Tour du Mont Blanc trail. Repeats Sun 12/12, 8pm

12M EASY YOGA: THE SECRET TO STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH PEGGY CAPPY — Discover how yoga can aid anyone, of any age, who wants to increase strength and mobility. Peggy Cappy shows how yoga poses can improve range of motion, help prevent bone loss, and keep metabolism running efficiently. (1 hr.) Repeats Thur 12/9, 3pm

11:30 THE DEAN MARTIN AND FRANK SINATRA FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW — (90 min.) Repeats Sat 12/11, 10am

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11:30 JOE BONAMASSA: LIVE FROM THE RYMAN — R

Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 12/11, 6am; Mon 12/13, 7am

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10:00 RICK STEVES: FASCISM IN EUROPE — With travel expert Rick Steves, explore how fascism rose and fell in Europe, tracing the ideology’s history from its roots in the turbulent aftermath of World War I, when masses of angry people rose up, to the rise of charismatic leaders who manipulated that anger, and the totalitarian societies they built. Steves visits sites throughout Europe relating to fascism and talks to eyewitnesses. Repeats Sat 12/11, 8:30am, 12:30am; Sun 12/12, 2:30am

11:30 NATURE: MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES — R

Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK — R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — R

7AM PBS NEWSHOUR — R

8AM HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH BING & FRANK — Celebrate the holidays with a special featuring Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. In this early color broadcast from 1957, the two legends swap Christmas songs and stories and duet on some favorite holiday classics.

8:30 RICK STEVES: FASCISM IN EUROPE — R

10AM SUZE ORMAN’S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE — R

12N CELTIC WOMAN: POSTCARDS FROM IRELAND — R

2:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE — Follow veterinarian James Herriot at the start of his career in rural Yorkshire in the 1930s. Parts 5 & 4 of 6

4:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE — Part 7 of 7. Siegfried hosts a Christmas Eve party, with an even bigger event to follow the next day. Helen accompanies James on an emergency house call.

11 Sunday

8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: UNFORGETTABLE WITH LOVE — NATALIE COLE — Experience the talent of nine-time Grammy winner Natalie Cole in this special concert, featuring a jazz quartet and orchestra, that pays a loving tribute to the music of her father, Nat King Cole. Repeats Sat 12/11, 6:30pm

9:30 NATURE: MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES — A wildlife cameraman spends his time during the pandemic lockdown filming the bees in his urban garden and discovers the many diverse species and personalities that exist in this insect family. Repeats Fri 12/10, 11:30pm; Sun 12/12, 6am

11:00 EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD — R

Monday

8:00 WALLANDER, SERIES 4 — Kenneth Branagh portrays Inspector Kurt Wallander in the Swedish sleuth's farewell episodes, bringing the series to a poignant end. Episode 1 of 3. The White Lioness. The case of a missing Swede in South Africa leads Wallander down a dangerous path. Worst of all, he’s having blackouts. Repeats Sun 12/12, 10pm

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11:30 THE DEAN MARTIN AND FRANK SINATRA FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW — (90 min.) R
11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY — Capping primetime programing each weeknight, Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with global thought leaders on contemporary issues. Repeats next weekday, 5pm

14 Tuesday

8:00 LIDIA CELEBRATES AMERICA: OVERCOMING THE ODDS — Chet Lidia Bastianich travels from big cities to small pockets of rural America, both in person and virtually, to share the inspiring stories of a diverse group of resilient Americans who have overcome extraordinary odds in their own lives and found purpose in serving their communities. Repeats Wed 12/15, 3pm; Wed 12/22, 3pm; Sat 12/25, 5pm

9:00 THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING — Enjoy a new work re-imaging Tchaikovsky’s holiday favorite, The Nutcracker. Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann’s 1816 book, the show features Alan Cumming recounting the origin story of how a prince is put into a nutcracker. Unlike the ballet, we also learn what happens when the young girl grows up, having saved the prince, and what they are doing today. Repeats Sat 12/25, 11:30am.

10:30 ONE VOICE: THE SONGS WE SHARE: SACRED — See how music once only performed in church is adapted by Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin and other top artists to be shared beyond the walls of the sanctuary. (30 min.)

15 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: SANTA’S WILD HOME — Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, brown bears and more.

9:00 NOVA: DECODING DA VINCI — Journey to Florence to discover how Leonardo da Vinci used science, from human dissections to innovative painting techniques, to create his legendary artwork. Learn why Mona Lisa’s smile is so captivating — and what it took to create it.

10:00 SANTA SCHOOL — Enjoy a heartwarming film that follows six would-be Santa Clauses as they take an intensive workshop to learn to dress, walk and talk like Santa. But who are they and what inspires them to take this path? (60 min.) Repeats Tue 12/21, 4pm

16 Thursday

8:00 WALLANDER, SERIES 4 — Kenneth Branagh portrays Inspector Kurt Wallander. Episode 2 of 3. A Lesson in Love. A knife-slashed corpse takes Wallander on a chase for the victim’s missing daughter. Increasingly forgetful, he breaks a cardinal rule of policing.

9:30 WALLANDER, SERIES 4 — Episode 3 of 3. The Troubled Man. With his memory failing, Wallander draws on primal instincts to crack a decades-old submarine mystery. But is it finally curtains for Kurt? (70 min.)

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
17 Friday

8:00  WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 12/18, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 12/20, 7:30am

8:30  HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 — In this WETA presentation, Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein interviews America’s top scholars and writers to illuminate how history is made. Episode 8 of 10. Harvard scholar Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

9:00  LIVE FROM BRADLEY SYMPHONY HALL: MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY — The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra celebrates its new season with the opening of a restored city landmark, Bradley Symphony Center. Under the baton of Ken-David Masur, with special guest pianist Aaron Diehl, the orchestra performs works by Ellington, Gershwin and Stravinsky, along with a new piece by Eric Nathan.

10:30  ONE VOICE: THE SONGS WE SHARE: AMERICAN ROOTS — Enliven your holiday spirit with American roots musical performances hosted by and starring Frank Waln, along with performances by Mauricio Martinez, Amber Merritt, Jacqueline Schwab, and Asako Tamura with Luke Frazier and The American Pops Orchestra. (30 min.)

18 Saturday

6AM  WASHINGTON WEEK — R

6:30  FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER — R

8AM-6PM  WETA VIEWER FAVORITES

6PM  PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

6:30PM-6AM  WETA VIEWER FAVORITES

19 Sunday

6AM-6PM  WETA VIEWER FAVORITES

6PM  PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

6:30PM-7:30PM  WETA VIEWER FAVORITES

7:30  A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS — In Charles Schulz’s classic Peanuts cartoon special, feeling down about the commercialism of Christmas, Charlie Brown becomes the director of the gang’s holiday play. Can he overcome his friends’ preference for dancing over acting, find the “perfect” tree, and discover the true meaning of Christmas?

8PM-6AM  WETA VIEWER FAVORITES

20 Monday

7:00  PBS NEWSHOUR — Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newsour. Repeats next day, 7am

8:00  ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: NAUGHTY OR NICE — Enliven the year-end holiday season, highlights include an 1863 Temperance lithograph illustrating the evils of spirits; a letter from Gerald Ford to his kindergarten teacher; and a dress worn by Marilyn Monroe in the film Some Like It Hot.

9:00  CHRISTMAS AT BELMONT — Watch alumnus country/gospel singer Josh Turner and Belmont University students in performance. Taped in Belmont’s Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, the show includes holiday favorites and songs from Turner’s new Christmas album. Repeats Thur 12/23, 3pm

10:00  CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK: INSIDE THE PLAZA — Enjoy an all-access look at how Christmas comes to life at one of the most famous hotels in the world. The Plaza Hotel in New York, at their busiest time of the year. Repeats Wed 12/22, 4pm; Sat 12/25, 6:30pm, 11:30pm

21 Tuesday

8:00  FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. — In this WETA co-production, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. Season 7 Encore: On Broadway. Gates investigates the family histories of Broadway stars Audra McDonald and Mandy Patinkin, discovering ancestors whose struggles laid the groundwork for their success.

9:00  VOICE OF FREEDOM, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE — Explore the fascinating life of celebrated singer Marian Anderson. In 1939, after being barred from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, she triumphed at the Lincoln Memorial in what became a landmark moment in American history. Renée Elise Goldsberry narrates. (2 hrs.)

22 Wednesday

8:00  NATURE: MYSTERY MONKEYS OF SHANGRI-LA — Hear the story of a group of Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys led by a formidable fighter and a fighting force that guards their home. Repeats Fri 12/24, 4pm

23 Thursday

8:00  AGATHA CHRISTIE’S POIROT: HERCULE POIROT’S CHRISTMAS — In the Agatha Christie adaptation, the great Belgian detective Poirot (David Suchet) is asked...
to spend Christmas with Simeon Lee at his Gorston Hall home, after Lee receives six diamonds from his muse in South Africa and believes that his life is in danger. As an unexpected guest, Poirot is on hand when a killer strikes.

10:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE’S POIROT: MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS — Famed sleuth Hercule Poirot (David Suchet) — solves the greatest case of his career aboard the world’s most glamorous train, The Orient Express. Suchet is joined by a first-class rail car full of great actors, including Dame Eileen Atkins, Barbara Hershey and Hugh Bonneville. [90 min.]

24 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 12/25, 6am; Mon 12/27, 7pm

8:30 SONGS OF THE SEASON, A WETA ARTS SPECIAL EDITION — In this special hour-long show for the holidays, WETA production WETA Arts showcases the talent and diversity of the D.C.-area choral community. Sixteen choirs — from children’s choruses to the American Military Spouses Choir — offer joyful and heartwarming performances that celebrate the season. Repeats Sat 12/25, 2pm, 10:30pm

9:30 20 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR — See the December 13 listing. [2 hrs.] R

25 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK — R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOPER — R

7AM PBS NEWSHOUR — R

8AM CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING KRISTIN CHENOWETH — In this encore presentation, the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square are joined by Kristin Chenoweth, Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer, for a traditional Christmas performance featuring favorite holiday music, dovetailed with diverse ensembles, including University Choir, Purdue Bells, Heart & Soul, the Purdue Choral Union, and friends, for a festive collection of music that brings light, hope, and joy to the season.

9AM CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING SUTTON FOSTER AND HUGH BONNEVILLE — In this encore presentation, Tony Award-winner Sutton Foster and Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville for a Christmas concert with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

10AM CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING KELLY O’HARA AND RICHARD THOMAS — In this encore presentation, Tony Award-winner Kelli O’Hara and Emmy Award-winner Richard Thomas join The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square and Bell’s at Temple Square for an Americana-themed Christmas special.

11AM ALL IS BRIGHT! A CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS — Join the vocal and instrumental musical ensembles of Concordia University Irvine, and friends, for a festive collection of music that brings light, hope, and joy to the season.

11:30 THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING — R

1:00 PURDUE 87TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS SHOW — Enjoy the Purdue Christmas Show, featuring musical highlights from all five Purdue Musical Organizations ensembles, including University Choir, Purdue Bells, Heart & Soul, the Purdue Chorale and the Purdue Varsity Glee Club. The program begins with a look at the efforts made by PMO and Purdue University to create this virtual production.

2:00 SONGS OF THE SEASON, A WETA ARTS SPECIAL EDITION — R

3:00 20 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR — R

5:00 PLAIA CELEBRATES AMERICA: OVERCOMING ODDS — R

6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

6:30 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK: INSIDE THE PLAZA — R

7:30 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2020 — It is December 1965, and everyone at Nonnatus House is looking forward to traditional celebrations with all the trappings, but nothing goes quite according to plan. Sister Monica Joan is incensed to receive a subscription to a Marriage Bureau as a Christmas gift. Meanwhile, a surprise reunion for Shelagh involves her in a deeply moving birth, and the Circus arrives in Poplar, bringing new friendships, new experiences and an exciting adventure for Nurse Crane. [90 min.] Repeats tonight, 12:30am

9:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2021 — Christmas 1965 promises to be a memorable one. The Nonnatus House team is faced with its busiest Christmas Day ever as the maternity home is filled with expectant moms and challenging cases. Luckily, Mother Mildred is on hand to support the team. Repeats tonight, 2am

10:30 SONGS OF THE SEASON, A WETA ARTS SPECIAL EDITION — See the Friday, December 24, 8:30 p.m. listing.

11:30 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK: INSIDE THE PLAZA — R

26 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE

9:30 TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE

10AM THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY

10:30 THE OPEN MIND

11AM FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOPER — Repeats Saturday, 7am

11:30 TO DINE WITH KATE SULLIVAN

12N NOVA: DECODING THE GREAT PYRAMID — R

1:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE — WETA reprises Series 1 of a Masterpiece adaptation of the popular novel by James Herriot, following the veterinarian at the start of his storied career in rural Yorkshire in the 1930s. Nicholas Ralph stars as the iconic vet who became renowned for his inspiring humor, compassion and love of life. Series 2 premiers in January. Parts 1-6 of 7. Series continues tonight.

5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES — A talk show hosted by award-winning journalist, civil rights icon, and intellectual influencer Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. features interviews with thought leaders.

5:30 A SEAT AT THE TABLE — A talk show series featuring hosts Denene Millner, Monica Pearson and Christine White gives voice to African American women from their diverse experiences, perspectives and challenges.

6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND — Repeats Monday, 7am


7:00 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN — In the WETA co-production, writer Kelly Corrigan conducts interviews with influential people, exploring her guests’ humanity and passions. Episode 8 of 10. Steve Kerr. Corrigan sits down with the championship-winning basketball player and head coach of the Golden State Warriors, Steve Kerr, to discuss his exceptional life in basketball, on the court and on the sidelines.

7:30 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2019 — Mother Mildred and the Nonnatus House team go to the Outer Hebrides in response to a nursing shortage. Navigating the terrain, they strive to keep up with the needs of the locals.

9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE — Parts 5 & 6 of 7. Pts 1-4 air today.

11PM-5AM ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE — Parts 1-4 of 7 repeat.

Wednesday, December 29 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro Climate Change: The Facts, with Sir David Attenborough, presents scientific evidence of the impact of global warming and examines possible solutions to the crisis — from innovations to individual actions. Also tune into Earth Emergency, airing at 8 p.m. on Dec. 29.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
27 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR — Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour.
Repeats next day, 7am

8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 5 — Discover more previously unseen appraisals from the season tour. Which is tonight’s big find?

9:00 POV: UNAPOLOGETIC — Meet Janaé and Bella, two fierce abolitionists whose upbringing and experiences shape their activism and views on Black liberation. Through their lens, this film provides an inside look into the ongoing movement work that transformed Chicago, from the police murder of Rekia Boyd to the election of Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

10:30 POV SHORTS — Short films from the series. [60 min.]

28 Tuesday

8:00 IN THEIR OWN WORDS: ANGELA MERKEL — Follow Merkel’s meteoric rise from pastor’s daughter to Time Person of the Year. As a young woman emerging from East Germany, she navigated the male-dominated sphere of German politics to become the first female Chancellor of Germany. Repeats Wed 12/29, 3pm

9:00 THE CODEBREAKER: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE — Discover the fascinating story of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, the groundbreaking cryptanalyst who helped bring down Al Capone and break up a Nazi spy ring. Her work helped to lay the foundation for modern codebreaking.

10:00 FRONTLINE: OPIOIDS, INC. — FRONTLINE explores the story of a pharmaceutical company that pushed opioids by bribing doctors and committing insurance fraud. With the Financial Times, FRONTLINE examines how Insys Therapeutics profited from a fentanyl-based painkiller 50 times stronger than heroin. [1 hr.]

29 Wednesday

8:00 EARTH EMERGENCY — Explore how environmental feedback loops are amplifying global warming and what we can do about it. Narrated by Richard Gere, this revealing film asks whether we are approaching a point of no return or if we have the will and vision to act now. Repeats Thur 12/30, 2pm

9:00 NOVA: SECRETS OF THE FORBIDDEN CITY — Discover the ingenious engineering of Beijing’s Forbidden City, the power center of imperial China for nearly 500 years. Discover how the design of this vast complex of palaces and temples enabled it to survive centuries of earthquake shocks.

10:00 CLIMATE CHANGE: THE FACTS — Scientists explore the impact of climate change and what could happen if global warming exceeds 1.5 degrees. Discover how the latest innovations and technology are posing potential solutions and what individuals can do to prevent further damage. Sir David Attenborough hosts. Repeats Thur 12/30, 4pm

30 Thursday

8:00 THE MINIATURIST ON MASTERPIECE — In 17th-century Amsterdam, a teen bride’s new husband gives her a special wedding present: a cabinet that is a miniature replica of their home and seems to predict and unravel the future with unsettling precision. Anya Taylor-Joy, Romola Garai, Emily Berrington and Alex Hassell star in the adaptation of the 2014 novel by Jessie Burton. Part 1 of 3. Nella (Taylor-Joy) marries to rescue her family from financial ruin. Her rich husband (Hassell) is not all she imagined, and Marin reveals her own secret.

9:00 THE MINIATURIST ON MASTERPIECE — Part 2 of 3. Johannes makes a confession to Nella, promising no more secrets — but his enemies are already closing in. Otto disappears, and Marin reveals her own secret.

10:00 THE MINIATURIST ON MASTERPIECE — Part 3 of 3. Johannes is on trial for his life. Marin also faces a life-or-death struggle. Nella takes charge of the sugar stockpile and the household.

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8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK — Repeats Sat 1/1, 7:30am

8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 — Episode 10 of 10. Historian Lillian Faderman. Repeats Sun 1/2, 6:30pm

9:00 UNITED IN SONG: CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN DREAM 1 — Ring in the New Year with an all-star concert performed on location at Philadelphia’s historic Independence Hall. Hosted by Chita Rivera, the special features David Archuleta, Paulo Szot, Miodor, Lea Salonga, Pepe Romero, Deborah Cox, Judy Collins, Cassadee Pope, Brandee Younger, members of The Washington Ballet, and others — joined by Luke Frazier and the American Pops Orchestra.

10:30 UNITED IN SONG: CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN DREAM 2 — Encore airing of the 9 p.m. concert. [90 min.]
WETA PBS Kids is celebrating the holiday season with a festive lineup of fan favorites. Watch special holiday content with young viewers throughout December from Molly of Denali, Arthur, Elinor Wonders Why, Donkey Hodie and more, as well as new stories from Alma’s Way that explore traditions such as Noche Buena and Three Kings Day. Also watch for annual holiday special Peg + Cat + Holidays, which includes Hanukkah content (Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5 at 8 p.m.); plus The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas (Friday-Sunday, December 10-12 at 8 p.m.) and, in a special television event, A Charlie Brown Christmas (Sunday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.). On Christmas Eve, 6-9 p.m., watch Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas, Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas and Nature Cat: A Nature Carol. Then, on Christmas Day, catch those specials and more, including Let’s Go Luna!: Luna’s Christmas Around the World.

To learn more about WETA content for children, visit weta.org/kids, and to find WETA PBS Kids channel listings, visit weta.org/schedule.
## DECEMBER P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

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### British Television at Its Best

The WETA UK channel is devoted to the best in British television programming, presenting beloved classics and contemporary series around the clock, seven days a week. WETA UK offers a full schedule of fine entertainment programming — featuring drama, mystery and comedy — in addition to documentary series and news reports.
Dickens for the Holidays

Throughout December on WETA UK

WETA UK features an array of superb BBC adaptations of Charles Dickens’ works throughout December. The 10-part drama Dickensian, featuring many of the author’s iconic characters in a drama-mystery mash-up, airs weekdays Dec. 13-17 and 20-24 at 6 p.m. and also December 23-24 at 11 a.m. The six-part 2007 version of Oliver Twist, with a cast of familiar stars, airs Saturday, December 25, 8-11 p.m. And the eight-part presentation Little Dorrit (right), featuring a roster of British greats, airs December 18-19, 7-11 p.m. To learn more about these WETA UK presentations, available for streaming with WETA Passport as of December 16, see page 6.

The Mallorca Files, Series 2

Thursdays at 9 p.m. starting Dec. 2 on WETA UK

Julian Looman and Elen Rhys are back for a second season as stylish detective duo Max Winter and Miranda Blake, investigating more crimes on the stunning Mediterranean Spanish island of Mallorca. In the British police drama, Miranda is finally starting to put down roots, and the duo’s unlikely pairing has become the perfect partnership. Among the cases in the six new episodes, a renowned opera star sings his final notes in the famous Drax caves; the dark history of the Spanish Civil War resurfaces; and a famous food critic is murdered at a top restaurant.

12 Days of Downton!

Starts December 1, airing 1 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. weekends on WETA UK

In a special treat for the holidays, WETA UK presents all six seasons of blockbuster Masterpiece drama Downton Abbey throughout the first 12 days of December. Starting Wednesday, December 1 at 1 p.m., follow the loves, travails, triumphs and tragedies of the noble Crawley family and the staff that serves them at their country estate. Featuring a superb cast, the award-winning production is the top-rated PBS drama of all time. Season 1 airs Dec. 1-3; Season 2 airs Dec. 4; Season 3 airs Dec. 5; Season 4 airs Dec. 6-10; Season 5 airs Dec. 11; and Season 6 airs Dec. 12. Downton Abbey can also be streamed with WETA Passport.

Mary Berry on Boxing Day

Saturday, December 26, noon-8 p.m. on WETA UK

Spend Boxing Day with Mary Berry, the doyenne of British cooking and baking, as WETA UK features back-to-back episodes of series and specials featuring the co-star of the original Great British Baking Show. The lineup includes the six-part series Mary Berry’s Simple Comforts (noon-3 p.m.), spotlighting great meals in the U.K. and abroad; the four-part series Mary Berry’s Country House Secrets (3-7 p.m.), exploring lavish country homes; and special Mary Berry’s Country House at Christmas (7 p.m.), visiting Harewood House in Yorkshire. The programs can also be streamed with WETA Passport.

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org.
WETA Metro is the streaming and broadcast television channel that features popular PBS programming and engaging content curated for our local audience, including offerings spotlighting the Metro D.C. community. The channel is simulcast with WETA PBS most evenings. Each day on WETA Metro, enjoy local programs, news and public affairs offerings (such as PBS NewsHour, weekdays at 6 p.m./11 p.m.), and lifestyle and cultural shows.

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Stream at weta.org/livestream or via the PBS Video App

Independent Lens: The King
Saturday, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

Forty years after the death of Elvis Presley, acclaimed filmmaker Eugene Jarecki took the King’s 1963 Rolls-Royce on a musical road trip across America in search of not only Elvis’s legacy but the fate of the American Dream and the consequences of “cashing in” to try to achieve it. The King is a cautionary snapshot of America at a critical time in the nation’s history, painting a parallel portrait of the nation’s own heights and depths, from its inspired origins to its perennial struggles with race, class, power and money. The journey traces the rise and fall of Elvis as a metaphor for the country he left behind, and the film features a cast of everyday Americans and music icons and celebrities.

Almost an Island
Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10 p.m. on WETA Metro

A cinematic portrait follows the Goodwins, an Inupiaq family living above the Arctic Circle in Kotzebue, Alaska, observing three generations of the family over the course of four years. The documentary explores what it means to be Indigenous in the dramatically changing Arctic. Central themes of the film include the transference of traditional Inupiaq knowledge and cultural practices from one generation to the next, and how climate change presents one of the biggest threats to traditional knowledge. Subsistence-based cultures have always dealt with environmental cycles and fluctuations, but recent rapid change is unlike anything previously experienced.

La Frontera with Pati Jinich
WETA presentation airs Thursday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro

WETA reprises the engaging PBS culinary travel special La Frontera with Pati Jinich, which features the James Beard Award-winning and Emmy-nominated Mexican American chef — a WETA friend and production partner — exploring communities and culture in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. Using food as a vehicle for exploration, the two-hour program visits the cities of El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, Laredo, Nuevo Laredo, McAllen and Brownsville, savoring the rich, diverse and unique cultures in each place. Jinich, a resident of Greater Washington, produces and hosts Pati’s Mexican Table, a culinary series on WETA PBS and WETA Metro.
The WETA World channel is a 24/7 news and public affairs service devoted to fact-based non-fiction programming, sharing broad perspectives, stories and ideas. WETA World informs and educates, presenting award-winning documentaries and domestic and international news broadcasts. The channel features a slate of original programs that examine issues with a diversity of voices and illuminate conflicts, movements and cultures around the globe.

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Real Stories from Around the World

Same God
Friday, Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA World

In 2015, as political rhetoric against Muslims was escalating, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, a Black, female political science professor at a prominent evangelical Christian college, wanted to show support for Muslim women. In an act of embodied solidarity, she posted a photo of herself in a hijab and said that Christians and Muslims worship the same god. The firestorm that followed exposed rifts among evangelicals over race, Islam, religious freedom, and politics. This acclaimed documentary, airing as part of a wide December slate of WETA World films on themes of religion and spirituality, explores what happened next, following the journey of Dr. Hawkins, now a professor of politics and religious studies at the University of Virginia.

America ReFramed: Brooklyn Inshallah
Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

Among Tuesday-night America ReFramed documentary topics, Father Khader El-Yateem, a longtime Brooklyn resident, is campaigning to be New York City’s first Arab American councilman. As a Lutheran pastor and Palestinian American, El-Yateem’s bid to make history reveals the aspirations and divisions of his multicultural district. With the support of local organizers and activists, including Aber Kawas and Linda Sarsour, he tries to bring his community together to win the race. Brooklyn Inshallah captures the polarizing divisiveness of American politics, the power of civic participation in local government, and how American constituencies can build political power and have a voice in politics. The film streams with WETA Passport after December 14.

Doc World: Why Slavery?
Sundays at 10 p.m., Dec. 12, 19 & 26 on WETA World

The series Doc World presents five powerful films about the estimated 40 million people who are currently living enslaved around the globe. I Was a Yazidi Slave (Dec. 12) spotlights two women who escaped enslavement in northern Iraq by Islamic State fighters. A Woman Captured (Dec. 19) follows a

European woman kept by a family as a domestic slave for a decade. Selling Children (Dec. 26) examines child slavery and trafficking in India. Next month, North Korea’s Secret Slaves: Dollar Heroes focuses on forced labor that brings revenue to Kim Jong-un’s regime; and Maid in Hell exposes a migrant-labor system in the Middle East that forces workers into bondage. The films stream with WETA Passport as of their WETA World premieres.
A Ceremony of Carols on
Front Row Washington
Mondays at 9 p.m. • Hosted by John Banther
Among this month’s broadcasts, on December 20, we celebrate the holiday season with the 21st Century Consort in a performance of The Passion of Scrooge or a Christmas Carol, by American composer Jon Deak, for baritone and chamber orchestra. William Sharp sings the role of Scrooge and Marley with a cast of characters portrayed by various instruments in the orchestra.

We’ll also hear the Consort’s inspiring performance, with The Girl Choristers of Washington National Cathedral Choir, of the festive A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten. The composer wrote the work after he discovered a book of medieval poetry while on a Swedish ship from the United States to Britain in 1942.

Messiah with Andrew Davis on NSO Showcase
Wednesday, December 1 at 9 p.m. • By Nicole Lacroix
In a holiday tradition, Classical WETA brings you Handel’s Messiah each December. This season, from a 2019 performance at the Kennedy Center, NSO Showcase presents Sir Andrew Davis’ Messiah, with all the bells and whistles the orchestra can deliver, and the Washington Chorus joining in.

Sir Andrew has followed a long tradition, started by Mozart, of “improving” Messiah. To emphasize the mood and meaning of the work’s movements, Davis decorates the orchestra with added flutes, clarinets, horns, trombones, organ and a lot of percussion, creating what Washington Classical Review called a “rather theatrical Messiah...exactly what Handel intended”. The program is available for streaming all month at classicalweta.org.

Christmas on Choral Showcase
Sundays at 9 p.m. • Hosted by Bill Bukowski
It’s choral music for Christmas, all month long on Choral Showcase, beginning December 5 with music for St. Nicholas Day, in a 12th-century liturgical drama called The Play of St. Nicholas. We’ll explore works for Christmas midnight with Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s Midnight Mass on December 12, followed by Christmas Responsories by Portuguese composer Duarte Lobo.

On our December 19 broadcast, Jordi Savall takes a fresh look at Johann Sebastian Bach’s Christmas Oratorio; and on the Feast of Stephen, December 26, we’ll hear Irish carols & songs, along with music for the upcoming celebration of Epiphany.
Classical WETA is delighted to announce the return of live Saturday afternoon broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera for the 2021-22 season! It's a dazzling schedule that includes Met premieres, special presentations and beloved favorites. Commentary and special features will be guided by the Met's new broadcast host, Debra Lew Harder.

Check the weekly opera schedule on classicalweta.org and share thrilling operatic experiences with us each Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m.

December Highlights
The season opens with the Met premiere of Matthew Aucoin’s *Eurydice* (Dec. 4), based on the Orpheus myth. The month also features Puccini’s *Tosca* (Dec. 11), the first of three presentations of the composer’s operas (which later in the season include the thrilling *Turandot* starring Anna Netrebko in the iconic title role) — followed by the popular English-language version of Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* (Dec. 18). On Christmas Day, to mark the 90th anniversary of its live broadcasts, the Met features a spectacular celebration with highlights from Giuseppe Verdi’s *Aida* — a double celebration, in fact, because it’s also the 150th anniversary of that opera’s premiere.

Coming in 2022
The season will cast a spotlight on important contributions by Black musicians. January 8 is the Met broadcast premiere of an opera by a Black composer: *Fire Shut Up Inside My Bones* by Terence Blanchard, a riveting profile of a young man’s journey through trauma and hardship.

Also, in January, we’ll hear Mozart’s masterful *The Marriage of Figaro* — my personal favorite — in the first of two performances featuring different stellar casts (the second will air in April). No season is complete without Giuseppe Verdi, so January also brings us the dramatic *Rigoletto*, with baritone Quinn Kelsey, and the grand *Don Carlos*, presented for the first time at the Met in its original French.

Black History Month will be celebrated in February with “Groundbreaking Artists on the Air,” and the Listener’s Choice Broadcast — an opera chosen by you! — returns in March.
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