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MAGAZINE FOR MEMBERS

# WETA

## *Celebrate the Season*

WETA presents  
Holiday Music and Specials





# WETA Focus



**W**ith 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*

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**

**W**ETA 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.



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## WETA — ON THE AIR & ONLINE

### WETA PBS

26.1 via antenna  
Comcast 26, 219, 800, 1026  
Cox 26, 1003, 1026  
DirecTV 26, 26-1, Stream  
Dish 8076 Fios 26, 526  
RCN 26, 613

### WETA UK

26.2 via antenna  
Comcast 265, 1146  
Cox 800  
Fios 474  
RCN 39, 602

### WETA PBS Kids

26.3 via antenna  
Comcast 266, 1147  
Cox 801  
Fios 472  
RCN 38

### WETA World

26.4 via antenna  
Comcast 270, 1148  
Cox 802  
Fios 475  
RCN 37

# Special Programming

## Seasonal Music on Classical WETA 90.9 FM

**E**njoy 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/happycholidays](http://weta.org/happycholidays).

## Holiday Specials on WETA PBS

Visit [weta.org/happycholidays](http://weta.org/happycholidays) 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

Tue 12/14, 3pm; Fri 12/24, 3pm

### A Chef's Life Holiday Special

Tue 12/14, 4pm

### The Nutcracker and the Mouse King

Tue 12/14, 9pm; Rpts Sat 12/25, 11:30am

### Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas

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 Forests with Chuck Leavell: U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree

Thur 12/16, 4pm

### Christmas on the Danube

Thur 12/16, 4:30pm

### A Charlie Brown Christmas

Sun 12/19, 7:30pm

### Christmas at Belmont 2021

Mon 12/20, 9pm; Rpts Thur 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

Thur 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.

For program and membership inquiries, visit [weta.org](http://weta.org) or call 703-998-2724.

### WETA Metro

26.5 via antenna  
[weta.org/livestream](http://weta.org/livestream)  
PBS Video App  
YouTube TV  
Fios 470  
RCN 599

### WETA Online

[weta.org](http://weta.org)  
[weta.org/passport](http://weta.org/passport)  
[weta.org/pbsapp](http://weta.org/pbsapp)  
[weta.org/learningmedia](http://weta.org/learningmedia)

### Classical WETA

WETA 90.9 FM Washington, D.C.  
WGMS 89.1 FM Hagerstown  
WETA 88.9 FM Frederick  
[classicalweta.org](http://classicalweta.org)  
[vivalavoce.org](http://vivalavoce.org)

# A WETA Local Production Songs of the Season, a WETA Arts Special Edition

**Airs Monday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
repeats Dec 24., 8:30 p.m. & Dec. 25; stream on the PBS Video App**

**F**or the second year, WETA has created a vibrant holiday music special on local production WETA Arts that presents choirs from around Greater Washington in performance. When the coronavirus pandemic kept area ensembles from rehearsing and performing together in 2020, intrepid local conductor Margaret Nomura Clark, artistic director of the Children's Chorus of Washington, came to WETA with an idea: showcase recordings of choirs in a special on-air holiday celebration. This year, *Songs of the Season*, now a WETA Arts December tradition, features more than 16 choral groups. Among the offerings is a poignant rendering of "Joy to the World" by the American Military Spouses Choir (AMSC), marking the first time the choir performed together since the pandemic began.



ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR

The hour-long program also features What Sweeter Music Choir; the Choral Arts Society of Washington; the Thirteen; Children's Chorus of Washington; Washington National Cathedral Choir; the Washington Bach Consort; Alfred Street Baptist Church Music Ministry Choir (pictured, left); Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.; Choralis; the Alexandria Harmonizers; the Washington Chorus; Encore Creativity for Older Adults; Washington Performing Arts Children of the Gospel Choir; Cathedral Choral Society; and Voices of Service.

## 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**

**T**his 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.



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## Religion & Spirituality programs on WETA World

**W**ETA 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*



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*Our Song* (Dec. 20 & 27), with Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.; David Grubin documentary *The Buddha* (left, Dec. 25); and many others. Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for airdates and timings.



# All Creatures Great and Small, Series 1

Catch up with *Masterpiece* encore; Series 2 premieres in January!

Saturday afternoons Dec. 4 & 11 on WETA PBS, repeating Dec. 26;

Sundays, Dec. 12-26 at 9 p.m. on WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

In anticipation of the Series 2 debut in January, WETA reprises Series 1 of the popular 2021 *Masterpiece* drama based on the life-affirming stories from James Herriot's beloved, bestselling, autobiographical novels about a young country veterinarian and his surrogate family in the rural Yorkshire Dales of the 1930s. Debuting last January, the first season of *All Creatures Great and Small* was one of the biggest hits of the year. The seven-episode series features an acclaimed ensemble cast headed by Nicholas Ralph as Herriot. The drama co-stars Samuel West as chaotic chief veterinary surgeon Siegfried Farnon; Anna Madeley as shrewd housekeeper and matriarch Mrs. Hall; Callum Woodhouse as Siegfried's wayward brother Tristan; and Rachel Shenton as Helen Alderson, a local farmer's daughter in whom Herriot takes an interest. Dame Diana Rigg portrays Mrs. Pumphrey, the eccentric owner of an overly indulged Pekingese.

*All Creatures Great and Small* opens in 1937, when Herriot, fresh out of Glasgow Veterinary College, follows his dream to become a vet. In the beautiful Dales, he soon discovers that treating the animals is as much about treating their owners — and the local farmers are tough customers. On WETA PBS, Series 1 airs Saturday, December 4 at 1 p.m. and continues December 11 at 2 p.m.; repeating December 26 at 1 p.m. and continuing that evening at 9 p.m.



## Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2021

Saturday, Dec. 25 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;

stream on the PBS Video App

The award-winning drama that follows a team of nurse midwives in a London East End neighborhood presents its annual holiday special. In the program, Christmas 1966 promises to be a memorable one. The Nonnatus House team is faced with its busiest Christmas ever as the maternity home is filled with expectant moms and challenging cases. Luckily, Mother Mildred is on hand to support the team.

*Call the Midwife* is based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth. The series features a stellar cast, including Jenny Agutter, Linda Bassett, Leonie Elliott, Helen George, Laura Main, Stephen McGann and Judy Parfitt. Heidi Thomas (*Cranford*, *Upstairs Downstairs*) is the series creator and writer. Catch reprised airings of prior holiday specials: the 2020 *Call the Midwife Holiday Special* airs December 25 at 7:30 p.m. (10:30 p.m. on WETA Metro) and the 2019 special airs December 26 at 7:30 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro.



## Wallander and Poirot on Thriller Thursdays

Thursdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS;  
stream *Wallander* with WETA Passport

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.





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## Lidia Celebrates America: Overcoming the Odds

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

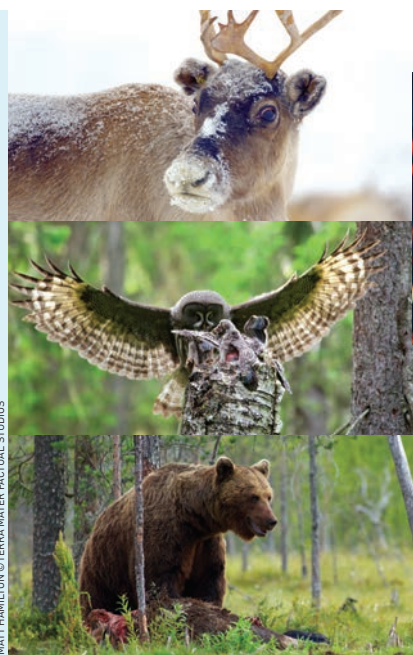
**A** global pandemic. A life apart from family and friends. Economic struggles. These are but a few of the challenges many have faced for nearly two years now, and counting. Yet, despite these obstacles, Americans have shown resilience, picking themselves up and continuing to move forward — striving 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**

**T**he 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.



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## In Their Own Words: Angela Merkel

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

**C**ombining 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



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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.



## Joe Bonamassa: Live from the Ryman

Thursday, Dec. 2 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

**B**lues 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.

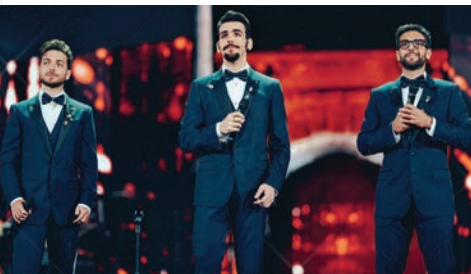


KIT WOOD

## Il Volo – Tribute to Ennio Morricone

Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

**S**et 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.



SIMONE GECCHETTI

## Great Performances: Unforgettable With Love – Natalie Cole

Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

**G**reat 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.



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## Celtic Woman: Postcards from Ireland

Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. on WETA PBS

**T**he 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.



KIP CARROLL

# 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](https://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.



**A**lso 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.



# Primetime Schedule

WETA PBS in December



Visit [weta.org/schedule](https://weta.org/schedule) for the most up-to-date schedule information.

  Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Wed	Il Volo – Tribute to Ennio Morricone			Dream of Italy		
2 Thu	Wallander, Series 3 (Ep 3 of 3. <i>Before the Frost</i> )				Joe Bonamassa: Live from the Ryman (to 11:30pm)	
3 Fri	Washington Week	Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park (to 11:30pm)				
4 Sat	Country Music (Pt 8 of 8. <i>Don't Get Above Your Raisin' (1984 –1996)</i> )					Il Volo – Tribute to Ennio Morricone (to 12m)
5 Sun	My Music: Burt Bacharach's Best			Wallander, Series 3 (Ep 3 of 3. <i>Before the Frost</i> ) (to 11:30pm)		
6 Mon	Celtic Woman: Postcards from Ireland				Rick Steves: Best of the Alps (to 12m)	
7 Tue	Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide				Celebrating <i>PBS NewsHour</i> (to 11:30pm)	
8 Wed	Great Performances: Unforgettable with Love – Natalie Cole			Nature: My Garden of a Thousand Bees		
9 Thu	Wallander, Series 4 (Ep 1 of 3. <i>The White Lioness</i> )				Dream of Italy (to 11:30pm)	
10 Fri	Washington Week	My Music: Burt Bacharach's Best			Rick Steves: Fascism in Europe (to 11:30pm)	
11 Sat	Ken Burns: <i>Muhammad Ali</i>			Joe Bonamassa: Live from the Ryman		
12 Sun	Rick Steves: Best of the Alps				Wallander, Series 4 (Ep 1 of 3. <i>The White Lioness</i> ) (to 12m)	
13 Mon	Songs of the Season, A WETA Arts Special Edition		20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir			
14 Tue	Lidia Celebrates America: Overcoming the Odds		The Nutcracker and the Mouse King			One Voice: The Songs We Share ( <i>Sacred</i> )
15 Wed	Nature: Santa's Wild Home		NOVA: Decoding da Vinci		Santa School	
16 Thu	Wallander, Series 4 (Ep 2 of 3. <i>A Lesson in Love</i> )			Wallander, Series 4 (Ep 3 of 3. <i>The Troubled Man</i> )		
17 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 2	Live from Bradley Symphony Hall: Milwaukee Symphony			One Voice: The Songs We Share ( <i>American Roots</i> )
18 Sat	WETA Viewer Favorites — Visit <a href="https://weta.org/schedule">weta.org/schedule</a> for listings					
19 Sun	WETA Viewer Favorites — Visit <a href="https://weta.org/schedule">weta.org/schedule</a> for listings					
20 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Naughty or Nice		Christmas at Belmont		Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza	
21 Tue	Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Season 7 Encore: <i>On Broadway</i> )		Voice of Freedom: American Experience			
22 Wed	Nature: Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La		NOVA: Decoding the Great Pyramid		Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas	
23 Thu	Agatha Christie's Poirot: Hercule Poirot's Christmas				Agatha Christie's Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express (to 11:30pm)	
24 Fri	Washington Week	Songs of the Season, A WETA Arts Special Edition		20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir		
25 Sat	(from 7:30pm:) <i>Call the Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2020		<i>Call the Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2021			Songs of the Season, A WETA Arts Special Edition (to 11:30pm)
26 Sun	(from 7:30pm) <i>Call the Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2019		<i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 1</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 7) (Pts 1-4 air 1-4pm)		<i>All Creatures Great and Small, Series 1</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 7)	
27 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk		POV: Unapologetic			POV Shorts
28 Tue	In Their Own Words: Angela Merkel		The Codebreaker: American Experience		Frontline: Opioids, Inc.	
29 Wed	Earth Emergency		NOVA: Secrets of the Forbidden City		Climate Change: The Facts	
30 Thu	<i>The Miniaturist</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 3)		<i>The Miniaturist</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 3)		<i>The Miniaturist</i> on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 3)	
31 Fri	Washington Week	History with David Rubenstein, Season 2	United in Song: Celebrating the American Dream			United in Song (encore to 12m)
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30

PBS NewsHour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.

Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights (check listings).

# TV Listings

WETA PBS in December



Listings are accurate as of press time. For late-breaking program updates, visit [weta.org/tv](http://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.



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### Thursdays at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Sweden-set crime drama *Wallander*, starring Kenneth Branagh in an award-winning role as acclaimed author Henning Mankell's troubled detective, continues this month on Thriller Thursdays.

## 1 Wednesday

### WEEKDAYS IN DECEMBER:

**6AM** **NHK NEWSLINE**

**6:30AM** **BBC WORLD NEWS**

**7AM** (Mondays:) **PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**

**7:30** (Mondays:) **WASHINGTON WEEK** — 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-Thur); *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](http://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, 10pm**

**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](http://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 2011 concert, renowned tenor Andrea Bocelli performs a free concert on Central Park's Great Lawn with the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Alan Gilbert.



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

*Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park* features a special 2011 concert in New York City by the world-famous tenor, who is joined by musical-artist luminaries such as Céline Dion.





COURTESY TJL PRODUCTIONS

#### 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 Céline Dion, Tony Bennett, Chris Botti and David Foster. Sopranos Ana María Martínez and Pretty Yende, violinist Nicola Benedetti, bass baritone Bryn Terfel and flutist Andrea Griminelli also perform, along with the Westminster Symphonic Choir. **Repeats Sun 12/5, 2:30pm; Sun 12/12, 9:30am**

- 11:30 CELEBRATING PBS NEWSHOUR** — A new special highlights the history and accomplishments of WETA's groundbreaking public media news operation *PBS NewsHour*, which produces one of the most trusted news programs in America. Anchored by Managing Editor Judy Woodruff, *NewsHour* features news, analysis, field reports from around the world, live studio interviews and discussions. This special showcases how the *NewsHour* team creates their award-winning hour-long daily newscast. (90 min.) **Repeats Sat 12/4, 8am; Tue 12/7, 10pm**

## 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, 7:30am, 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 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 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 MASTERPIECE** — *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

- 8:00 COUNTRY MUSIC** — The Ken Burns film, a co-production of Florentine Films and WETA, concludes. *Part 8* of 8. *Don't Get Above Your Raisin'* (1984–1996). Learn how "New Traditionalists" like George Strait, Randy Travis and the Judds help country music stay true to its roots. Witness both the rise of superstar Garth Brooks and the return of an aging Johnny Cash to the industry he helped create.

- 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 contending 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 host 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

## 6 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**  
**8:00 CELTIC WOMAN: POSTCARDS FROM IRELAND** — Join the Grammy-nominated ensemble on a musical journey through stunning land and seascapes around Ireland. Shot in 14 locations on the island, the new special is filled with songs from the group's latest album, including "The Dawning of the Day." **Repeats Tue 12/7, 3pm; Sat 12/11, noon; Sun 12/12, 4pm**



COURTESY RICK STEVES

#### 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.



**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 Appenzell 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**

## 7 Tuesday

- 8:00 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 Sat 12/11, 10am**
- 10:00 CELEBRATING PBS NEWSHOUR** — A new special highlights the history and accomplishments of WETA's groundbreaking public media news operation *PBS NewsHour*, which produces one of the most trusted news programs in America. Anchored by Managing Editor Judy Woodruff, *NewsHour* features news, analysis, field reports from around the world, live studio interviews and discussions. This special showcases how the *NewsHour* team creates their award-winning hour-long daily newscast.
- 11:30 THE DEAN MARTIN AND FRANK SINATRA FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW** — (90 min.) **R**

## 8 Wednesday

- 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**

## 9 Thursday

- 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**

- 10:00 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. The series visits six regions: Naples/Amalfi, Puglia, Rome, Umbria, Tuscany and Piedmont.
- 11:30 JOE BONAMASSA: LIVE FROM THE RYMAN** — **R**

## 10 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** — **Repeats Sat 12/11, 6am; Mon 12/13, 7:30am**
- 8:30 MY MUSIC: BURT BACHARACH'S BEST** — A program celebrates songwriter Burt Bacharach, with host Robert Wagner introducing archival performances by the original artists who made the composer's music famous, including Dionne Warwick, B.J. Thomas, The Carpenters, The Fifth Dimension, Dusty Springfield, Herb Alpert and others. **R**
- 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, 2:30pm**
- 11:30 NATURE: MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES** — **R**

## 11 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 & 6 of 7.* James volunteers to be the official vet at the Darrowby Show. His ordeals include an ethical plight involving Helen's bull. Defying Siegfried, Tristan coaxes James to try a risky procedure to save a stricken cow. Then James gets a shock from Helen. **Repeats Sun 12/26, 9pm**
- 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.



**Wednesday, December 8 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS**

*Nature: My Garden of a Thousand Bees* follows the many surprising discoveries of a wildlife cameraman who filmed diverse species of bees in his backyard garden in Bristol, England, during lockdown.

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**Saturday, December 11 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS**

**Ken Burns: Muhammad Ali** goes behind the scenes to spotlight the making of the 4-part WETA/Florentine Films co-production — now streaming with WETA Passport — about the iconic boxing champion.

**6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**

**6:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: UNFORGETTABLE WITH LOVE – NATALIE COLE — R**

**8:00 KEN BURNS: MUHAMMAD ALI** — Go behind-the-scenes to learn about the making of the WETA and Florentine Films four-part series on the heavyweight boxing champion. The special features new and exclusive interviews with Ken Burns and the team that created the eight-hour series. Keith David hosts. **Repeats Sun 12/12, 6:30pm**

**9:30 JOE BONAMASSA: LIVE FROM THE RYMAN** — Experience blues rock superstar Joe Bonamassa performing in 2020 at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. **R**

**11:00 MY MUSIC: BURT BACHARACH'S BEST — R**

**12:30AM RICK STEVES: FASCISM IN EUROPE — (90 min.) R**

## 12 Sunday

**6AM NATURE: MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES — R**

**7:30 EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD — R**

**9:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI LIVE IN CENTRAL PARK — R**

**12:30 SUZE ORMAN'S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE — R**

**2:30 RICK STEVES: FASCISM IN EUROPE — R**

**4:00 CELTIC WOMAN: POSTCARDS FROM IRELAND — R**

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

**6:30 KEN BURNS: MUHAMMAD ALI — R**

**8:00 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 in the high points of Europe. **R**

**10:00 WALLANDER, SERIES 4 — Episode 1 of 3. The White Lioness. R**

**12M EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD — (2 hrs.) R**

## 13 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 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 Fri 12/24, 8:30pm; Sat 12/25, 2pm, 10:30pm**

**9:00 20 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** — Tony Award-winner Brian Stokes Mitchell joins the Choir and Orchestra for this two-hour 20th anniversary retrospective with performances from Audra McDonald, Kristin Chenoweth, Gladys Knight, Angela Lansbury, Hugh Bonneville, Renée Fleming and others. **Repeats Fri 12/17, 3pm; Fri 12/24, 9:30pm; Sat 12/25, 3pm**

**11:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** — Capping primetime programming 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** — Chef 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-imagining 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? (90 min.)



CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

### SONGS OF THE SEASON, A WETA ARTS SPECIAL EDITION A WETA PRODUCTION

**Monday, December 13 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
WETA production *Songs of the Season, A WETA Arts Special Edition* showcases 16 choirs from around the national capital area performing holiday songs to celebrate the season. The program repeats December 24 and 25 on WETA PBS and WETA Metro.

## 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** — Enjoy 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
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** — 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/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). Repeats next day, 7am
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: NAUGHTY OR NICE** — Enlivening 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



CHARLES M. SCHULZ/CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
WETA presents *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, the classic 1965 animated special, featuring Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" comic strip characters. In the show, Charlie Brown seeks the true meaning of the holiday.



BBC/GBP

**Wednesday, December 22 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas* features Britain's famed food writer, cookbook author, chef and baker visiting Harewood House in Yorkshire to showcase the estate's holiday preparations. Tune in to Mary Berry programs Dec. 26 on WETA UK; stream with WETA Passport.

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 iconic 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. Renee 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 8-10 families. The survival of this society depends on strong defensive strategies and the cooperation and interdependence of them all. **Repeats Tue 12/28, 3pm**
- 9:00 NOVA: DECODING THE GREAT PYRAMID** — Stunning archaeological evidence provides clues about the Egyptians who built the Great Pyramid of Giza — and how they did it. Join researchers as they delve into the logbook of a work crew and discover how the massive project transformed Egypt. **Repeats Sun 12/26, noon; Tue 12/28, 4pm**
- 10:00 MARY BERRY'S COUNTRY HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS** — Visit Harewood House in Yorkshire — one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes — with famed cookbook author and television personality Mary Berry to meet its army of skilled staff and dedicated volunteers as they prepare the house for Christmas. Berry illuminates how houses like Harewood celebrate Christmas on a grand scale — and demonstrates delicious modern recipes inspired by forgotten festive dishes of the past. (60 min.) **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 museum 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, 7:30am  
**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 HOOVER** — 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, dancing and storytelling.  
**9AM CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING SUTTON FOSTER AND HUGH BONNEVILLE** — In this encore presentation, join 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 KELLI 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 Bells 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 Purduettes 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 LIDIA 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 trimmings, but nothing goes quite according to plan. Sister Monica Joan is rushed to hospital, and Trixie 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. **Repeats tonight, 12:30am**  
**9:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2021** — Christmas 1966 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 HOOVER** — **Repeats Saturdays, 6:30am**  
**11:30 TO DINE FOR 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 premieres in January. *Parts 1-4 of 7*. Series continues tonight. **R**  
**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**  
**6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** — *Episode 9 of 10*. *Entrepreneur* Bhru Srinivasan.  
**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** — *Pts 5 & 6 of 7*. *Pts 1-4* air today, 1 p.m. **R**  
**11PM-5AM ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** — *Parts 1-6 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.

## 27 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** — Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://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 Elizebeth 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, 3pm*
- 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



THE FORBIDDEN CITY

**Thursday, December 30 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS**  
*The Miniaturist on Masterpiece* — with Anya Taylor-Joy, Alex Hassell and Romola Garai and set in 1686 Amsterdam, follows what happens when a bride receives a curious wedding gift from her husband that seems to predict and unravel the future with unsettling precision.



CHRISTINE IRVINE

**Monday, December 27 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*POV: Unapologetic* follows Black activist-organizers fighting for social justice in Chicago as they protest police violence and aim to elevate a progressive platform for criminal justice.

- 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 he gives her a very peculiar wedding gift.
- 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.

## 31 Friday

- 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** — 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, Midori, 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** — Encore airing of the 9 p.m. concert. (90 min.) **R**

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# WETA



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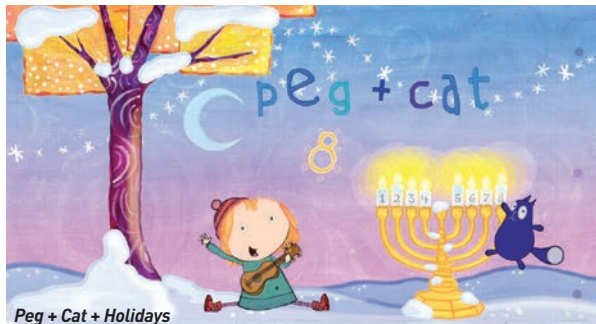
## WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

- Peg + Cat, 7am
- Super WHY!, 7:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 8am, 8:30am
- Sesame Street, 9am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 9:30am
- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 10am
- Dinosaur Train, 10:30am
- Let's Go Luna!, 11am
- Curious George, 11:30am
- Nature Cat, 12pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 12:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 1pm
- Hero Elementary, 1:30pm
- Cyberchase, 2pm
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 2:30pm, 3pm
- Elinor Wonders Why, 3:30pm
- Donkey Hodie, 4pm
- Curious George, 4:30pm
- Alma's Way, 5pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 5:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 6pm
- Hero Elementary, 6:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 7pm, 7:30pm
- Odd Squad, 8pm, 8:30pm
- Arthur, 9pm, 9:30pm
- Cyberchase, 10pm
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 10:30pm, 11pm
- Elinor Wonders Why, 11:30pm
- Donkey Hodie, 12m
- WETA PBS Kids Family Night airs Fridays, 7-10pm

Watch for special holiday programs throughout December. Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for complete WETA PBS Kids listings.

## WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 A.M. – 3 P.M.

- Hero Elementary, 8am
- Alma's Way, 8:30am
- Curious George, 9am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9:30am
- Donkey Hodie, 10am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 10:30am
- Sesame Street, 11am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 11:30am
- Dinosaur Train, 12pm
- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 12:30pm
- Sesame Street, 1pm
- Donkey Hodie, 1:30pm
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 2pm
- Let's Go Luna!, 2:30pm



## For the Holidays on WETA PBS Kids

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](http://weta.org/kids), and to find WETA PBS Kids channel listings, visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule).





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## DECEMBER P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

VISIT [WETA.ORG/SCHEDULE](http://WETA.ORG/SCHEDULE) FOR A PROGRAM LINEUP

	Downton Abbey From 10am, Dec. 5 & 12				Dickensian (Pts 1-5): Dec. 23, 11am-4pm	Dickensian (Pts 6-10): Dec. 24, 11am-4:30pm	Downton Abbey 10am-10pm, Dec. 4 & 11
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	• 12/5: 10am-10pm Downton Abbey, Series 3  10pm: Big Ben: Saving the World's Most Famous Clock  11pm: Yes, Minister	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	Last of the Summer Wine	• Last of the Sum- mer Wine; ATGB • Dickensian (12/23, 11-4pm)	• Last of the Sum- mer Wine; ATGB • Dickensian (12/24, 11-4:30pm)	• 12/4: 10am-10pm Downton Abbey, Series 2  10pm: The Queen: In Her Own Words  11pm: Delicious, Series 3  • 12/11: 10am-10pm: Downton Abbey, Series 5  10pm: Anne Boleyn: Arrest, Trial, Execution 11pm: Delicious, Series 3  • 12/18: 12n: Great Brit. Baking Masterclass  1pm: Guilt on Masterpiece 2pm: Agatha Christie's Poirot 3:30pm: BBC Ant. Roadshow 4pm: Great Brit. Baking Masterclass 5pm: All Crea- tures Great and Small 6pm: Big Ben: Saving the World's Most Famous Clock 7-11pm: Little Dorrit (Pts 1-4)  11pm: Delicious, Series 3  • 12/25: 11:30am: Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2019  1pm: CTM Holiday Special 2020 2:30pm: CTM Holi- day Special 2018 4pm: CTM Holiday Special 2019 5:30pm: CTM Holi- day Special 2020 7pm: Lucy Wors- ley's 12 Days of Tudor Xmas 8-11pm: Oliver Twist  11pm: Night Before Christmas Carol
12:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By			
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2pm	• 12/12: 10am-10:30pm: Downton Abbey, Series 6  10:30pm: BBC Ant. Roadshow  11pm: Yes, Minister	Great Brit. Baking Show Masterclass (3-5pm on 12/6)  • 12/14, 12/28: Pie in the Sky • 12/21: Brit. Baking Masterclass  • All Creatures Great And Small  • 12/21: Brit. Baking Masterclass	• 12/15-12/29: 1pm: McLeod's Daughters  2pm: Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 13  3:30pm: BBC Antiques Roadshow  4pm: Great Estates of Scot- land (starts 12/8)	• 12/15-12/29: 1pm: McLeod's Daughters  2pm: Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 13  3:30pm: BBC Antiques Roadshow  4pm: Great Estates of Scot- land (starts 12/8)	• 12/16, 1-3pm: McLeod's Daugh- ters; Mids. Murders  • 12/30, 1-3pm: McLeod's Daugh- ters; Mids. Murders  • 12/2, 12/16, 12/30, 3pm: Death in Paradise  Guilt; Lucy Worsley (12/23); A. Christie's Partners in Crime (12/30)	• 12/31, 1-3pm: McLeod's Daugh- ters; Mallorca Files • 12/31, 3-5pm: Mary Berry's Country House Secrets	
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# WETA UK Highlights

## 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.



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BBC

## 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.

## 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.



BBC



BBC

## 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.

This month: WETA UK bids farewell to long-running drama *EastEnders* on Saturday, Dec. 11 as BBC Studios ends the program's distribution. On Christmas Eve at 8 p.m., watch for BBC special *The Lights Before Christmas*; and on Christmas Day, catch *Call the Midwife* holiday specials (2018-2020) airing throughout the day.

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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COURTESY GHOST IN THE MACHINE FILMS

## Independent Lens: The King

**Friday, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**

**F**orty 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 Inupiat 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 Inupiat 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.



COURTESY ALMOST AN ISLAND



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## La Frontera with Pati Jinich

**WETA presentation airs Thursday, Dec. 30  
at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro**

**W**ETA 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 Kaway 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.

# Classical WETA 90.9 FM

## December Highlights on Classical WETA



21st Century Consort

TONY POWELL

### *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](http://classicalweta.org).



Sir Andrew Davis

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### *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.



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# Classical for Washington



Matthew Aucoin's *Eurydice* airs December 4

## Metropolitan Opera Matinees Return!

**Saturdays at 1 p.m. on Classical WETA; new season begins December 4.**

By Linda Carducci, On-Air Host

**C**lassical 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](http://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 In My Bones*** by **Terence Blanchard**, a riveting profile of a young man's journey through trauma and hardship.



Mozart's *The Magic Flute* airs December 18

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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