

WETA

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MAGAZINE FOR MEMBERS



WETA production airs Monday, December 19;
9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
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Preview the next season of WETA series *If You Lived Here!*
Stream three new episodes with WETA Passport starting December 11

WETA Focus



Dear Friends,

The incomparable Judy Woodruff, *PBS NewsHour*'s longtime anchor and managing editor, is a trusted friend — an unflappable presence who imparts to us what we need to know in these eventful times. In truth, Judy is an icon — a consummate, dedicated professional and respected leader who embodies journalism's highest ideals and utmost integrity. To us at WETA and *PBS NewsHour*, she is also a cherished, gracious colleague.

After making her decision, my dear friend Judy announced publicly in mid-November what she has been planning with us for some time: she will step aside from the anchor desk after December 30 to undertake a new role at *PBS NewsHour*.

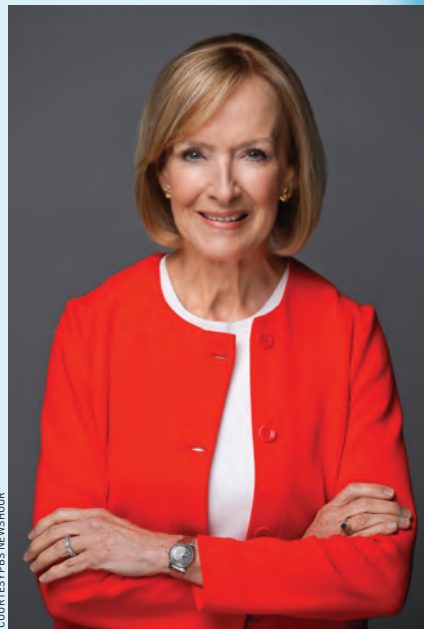
We are extraordinarily grateful that the public we serve can continue to enjoy Judy's sterling journalism. We are fortunate that Judy will remain an integral part of our team, reporting as senior correspondent with her trademark precision and insight on those issues that help us to understand our world. She will lead a multiyear national reporting initiative that seeks to comprehend better how the American people see their country and whether today's deep political divisions can be healed. The project, *Judy Woodruff Presents: America at a Crossroads*, will explore how our nation arrived at its current fractured political state and what solutions people envision.

Judy is excited to undertake her project, the latest role in a stellar career of more than five decades in journalism, including 25 years with *PBS NewsHour*. Her history with us runs deep; she was chief Washington correspondent for *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* from 1983 to 1993, before rejoining *NewsHour* in 2007 after years at CNN. Judy has been a regular presence at *PBS NewsHour*'s anchor desk since 2009, when she began serving as a rotating anchor for the broadcast. In 2013, she made history with Gwen Ifill when they became the first women to co-anchor a national news broadcast. Since Gwen's untimely passing in 2016, Judy has anchored the broadcast solo.

We are also very pleased to welcome to the *NewsHour* anchor desk two familiar faces who will share this key role on the newscast as of January 2 — our wonderful, talented colleagues Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett, whom we congratulate! We will spotlight Amna and Geoff for you in the January issue of this magazine.

I know you join me in appreciating Judy's devoted service in the anchor seat and as managing editor of *PBS NewsHour*. If you wish to share thanks for her service as anchor and good wishes for her new role, visit weta.org/thankyoujudy to do so. I look forward to the next chapter in Judy's vital work on behalf of the American people.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our service to the public.



Judy Woodruff

Sharon Percy Rockefeller

Sharon Percy Rockefeller, president
and chief executive officer, WETA

WETA – ON THE AIR & ONLINE

WETA PBS

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Comcast 26, 219, 800, 1026
Cox 26, 1003, 1026
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Dish 8076 Fios 26, 526
RCN 26, 613

WETA Metro

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

WETA UK

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

WETA World

26.4 via antenna
Comcast 270, 1148
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COVER: CATHEDRAL CHORAL SOCIETY; WASHINGTON BACH CONSORT
(BY KATE WICHLINSKI) AND MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR

Special Programming

Seasonal Music on WETA Classical

Enjoy the sounds of the season on WETA Classical as Greater Washington's exclusive classical music radio service adds holiday music into its broadcasts in late November. 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* (6 a.m.-1 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, December 25, WETA Classical presents *Christmas in Washington* (11 a.m.), featuring performances of holiday music by D.C.-area choral and instrumental ensembles; Handel's *Messiah* (3 p.m.); and Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (9 p.m.). Also tune in to WETA Classical's Sunday-night, 9 p.m. program *Choral Showcase*, which is devoted to Christmas music all month. For more seasonal music on WETA Classical, see pages 20-21 and visit weta.org/happyholidays.

Holiday Specials on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

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

WETA Arts: Songs of the Season Mon 12/19, 9pm (8pm, WETA Metro);
Rpts Sat 12/24, 7pm, 11pm; Sun 12/25, 5pm

O Holy Night: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir Tue 12/13, 8pm;
Rpts Tue 12/20, 9pm; Sun 12/25, 7pm

St. Olaf Christmas Festival: Love Divine Sun 12/25, 7am

Holiday Handbells: The Raleigh Ringers Tue 12/20, 10pm; Rpts 12/25, noon

Celebrate and Sing! Glory to the Newborn King Wed 12/21, 9:30pm

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King Fri 12/23, 9pm; Rpts Sat 12/24, 11am

Clown by Quentin Blake Fri 12/23, 10:30pm

Rick Steves' European Christmas Sat 12/24, 8am

Real Rail Adventures: Swiss Winter Magic Sat 12/24, 9am

Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer Sat 12/24, 10am

Christmas on the Danube Sat 12/24, 12:30pm

America's Test Kitchen Special: Home for the Holidays Sat 12/24, 1pm

Mary Berry Christmas specials Sat 12/24, 2pm & 3pm

Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza Sat 12/24, 4pm

Santa School Sat 12/24, 5pm

In Performance at the White House: Spirit of the Season (2021)

Sat 12/24, 8pm; Rpts 12m; Sun 12/25, 4pm, 12m

Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas Sat 12/24, 9pm; Rpts 1am;
Sun 12/25, 1am

Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas Sat 12/24, 10pm

Repeat the Sounding Joy: A Concordia Christmas Sun 12/25, 8am

20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir Sun 12/25, 9am

Ella Wishes You a Swinging Christmas, with Vanessa Williams
Sun 12/25, 11am

Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir (featuring):

Kelli O'Hara & Richard Thomas Sun 12/25, 1pm

Kristin Chenoweth Sun 12/25, 2pm

Christmas at Belmont 2021 Sun 12/25, 3pm

All Is Bright! A Concordia Christmas Sun 12/25, 6:30pm

Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2022 Sun 12/25, 9pm; Rpts 10:30pm

Holiday specials on WETA UK:

BBC's *The Lights Before Christmas*, Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.;
additional *Call the Midwife* holiday shows on December 25, 3 p.m.-midnight. See page 16.



For program and membership inquiries, visit weta.org or call 703-998-2724.

WETA PBS Kids

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

WETA Online

weta.org
weta.org/passport
weta.org/pbsapp
weta.org/learningmedia

WETA Classical

WETA 90.9 FM Washington, D.C.
WGMS 89.1 FM Hagerstown
wetaclassical.org
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WETA Classical App

Local programs on WETA



Around Town Best Bets

A new video recommending local cultural activities and events is posted each Friday at 3 p.m. on WETA's Facebook page and YouTube channel — and at weta.org/bestbets

After a two-year hiatus as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the Emmy

Award-winning production *Around Town* has returned to WETA PBS under a new title, *Around Town Best Bets*, spotlighting the best in local cultural offerings around Greater Washington. The production is posted online and appears as interstitial segments between programs on WETA PBS and WETA Metro, providing weekly recommendations for must-see local film, art, theater and events — presented by one *Around Town* critic each week.

Around Town Best Bets welcomes back the familiar critics from the long-running pre-pandemic series — arts critic **Robert Aubry Davis** (at right, in a November segment on the Peacock Room in the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art), who has participated in *Around Town* since its inception in 1986; fine arts critics **Janis Goodman** and **Peter Winant**; film critics **Tim Gordon** and **Travis Hopson**; and theater critics **Jane Horwitz** and **Chris Klimek**. Each Friday one of the seven critics helps to illuminate the vibrant cultural offerings of the D.C. area, giving their recommendations about arts and entertainment, from engrossing films, show-stopping performances and dazzling museum exhibitions to special events and little-known treasures.

A list of upcoming installments of *Around Town Best Bets* provides a snapshot of the kinds of cultural offerings among the critics' reviews and suggestions. **December 2:** Peter Winant spotlights the Kreeger Museum exhibition "Perplexity" (on view through Dec. 10), featuring artworks in a diverse range of media. **December 9:** Tim Gordon reviews the film *The Whale*, which premieres in theaters that day. **December 16:** Chris Klimek spotlights the Folger Shakespeare Library production of "The Tempest" (which runs through Jan. 1). **December 23:** Gordon reviews the new film *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*, premiering that day on Netflix. And **December 30:** Klimek illuminates the Signature Theatre production of "Into the Woods" (which runs through Jan. 29).

Watch for new installments each week, released Fridays at 3 p.m. on WETA's Facebook page and YouTube channel, and online at weta.org/bestbets.



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Robert Aubry Davis at the Freer Gallery of Art

IT'S
ACADEMIC

Local student quiz show airs Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App

Local quiz show *It's Academic*, featuring talented high school students from around the D.C. metropolitan area, promotes learning, teamwork and friendly competition, spotlighting the achievements of local students through tests of knowledge in a selection of academic categories. Hosted by Emmy Award-winning journalist Hillary Howard, the program in each season brings together high school teams to compete in a single-elimination knowledge tournament.

This month, featured teams are: Dec. 3: Fauquier, La Plata and Sherwood; Dec. 10: Bullis, Northwest and Quince Orchard; Dec. 17: Kipps DC College Prep, Sandy Spring Friends and Washington International; and Dec. 31: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Edison and South County. Note: The show takes a break on Christmas Eve, December 24. The programs are currently produced on Zoom.

It's Academic airs Saturdays on WETA PBS and WETA Metro, repeating Mondays at 3 p.m. on WETA PBS and 7 p.m. on WETA Metro. The program can be streamed on the PBS Video App and via WETA's website.

Major funding for *It's Academic* is provided by MITRE.

Stream WETA local video content at weta.org or on the PBS Video App

weta.org/itsacademic • weta.org/ifyoulivedhere • weta.org/signaturedish • weta.org/weta-arts • weta.org/bestbets

WETA Arts: Songs of the Season

Monday, Dec. 19 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro, repeating Dec. 24 & 25; stream on the PBS Video App

For the third year, WETA's local production WETA Arts presents a spirited hour-long holiday music special featuring performances by choral groups from all around the D.C. area. WETA Arts host Felicia Curry introduces the show, *Songs of the Season*.

Fifteen choral groups from D.C., Maryland and Virginia are featured this year, including the Maryland State Boychoir performing its rendition of "Jubilate Deo," and the Alfred Street Baptist Church Trinity Choir singing "Have You Heard About the Baby." The program also features Cathedral Choral Society; The Thirteen; Children's Chorus of Washington; Alexandria Harmonizers; The Reston Chorale; Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC; The Choral Arts Society of Washington; Fairfax Choral Society's Vocal Arts Ensemble; Thomas Circle Singers; Washington Bach Consort; Capitol Hill Chorale; Encore Creativity for Older Adults; and Washington Master Chorale.

WETA Arts: *Songs of the Season* premieres December 19 on WETA PBS and WETA Metro (see timings above) and repeats Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 25 at 5 p.m. on both channels, with an additional WETA Metro airing on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 9 p.m.

The popular seasonal program was conceived in 2020 by Margaret Nomura Clark, the artistic director of the Children's Chorus of Washington, as a way to share local choirs' holiday music during the coronavirus pandemic. In collaboration with Michael Ehrlich, the artistic director of the Fairfax Choral Society, and Lynne Babcock, former director of choral music at Centreville High School in Clifton, Virginia, Clark set about soliciting and judging performances from across the DMV for musicianship, stage presence and song selection. Now, WETA Arts: *Songs of the Season* has become a WETA holiday tradition that draws participants and viewers from around the region.

Be a part of next year's *Songs of the Season*! Local vocal groups are encouraged to submit their holiday video recordings for broadcast consideration. Groups interested in participating should remember to capture this year's holiday concerts on video and be prepared to submit them for an anticipated fourth annual WETA Arts special in 2023. The deadline for video submissions is July 1, 2023. Visit weta.org/songsoftheseason for submission information.



COURTESY CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

The Choral Arts Society of Washington



If You Lived Here hosts John Begeny & Christine Louise in Alexandria, VA

If You Lived Here: John & Christine's Favorite Moments

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2-6 p.m. and 8-11 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

A special broadcast event features the hosts of WETA's popular local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series sharing their favorite moments from the production's first two seasons. The duo — John Begeny and Christine Louise — also offers behind-the-scenes stories from the production team's visits to communities throughout Greater Washington to tour homes and illuminate distinctive locations, meet locals, and learn about the history and flavor of each area. Among the featured episodes are programs on Silver Spring, Alexandria, Anacostia, Southwest Waterfront, Capitol Hill, Brookland, Hillcrest, Kensington, Falls Church and Bowie.

While Season 3 of the program debuts in January with 12 more neighborhoods in the spotlight — at the end of the December 10 TV event, John and Christine introduce an exciting "sneak peek" opportunity ahead of the broadcast premieres. WETA is making *three new Season 3 episodes* available for streaming with WETA Passport: binge-watch episodes that visit Navy Yard in D.C.; Annapolis, Maryland; and Fort Hunt/ Mt. Vernon in Virginia. See page 6 for details!

Funding for *If You Lived Here* is provided by The Yuen Foundation.

All Creatures Great and Small, Series 2 Marathon

Catch up with a *Masterpiece* encore; Series 3 premieres in January!
Sunday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on WETA PBS; repeating Dec. 18 & 25

In anticipation of the premiere of Series 3 in January, WETA reprises Series 2 of the popular *Masterpiece* drama *All Creatures Great and Small*, based on the stories from James Herriot's bestselling autobiographical novels about a young country veterinarian and his surrogate family in the rural Yorkshire Dales of the 1930s. Series 2, which includes a holiday episode, airs this month in its entirety on WETA PBS on Dec. 4, repeating Dec. 18-25 (see listings). The episodes also air on WETA Metro, Sundays, Dec. 11, 18 and 25 at 8 p.m.

The drama, starring Nicholas Ralph as Herriot, also features 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 local farmer Helen Alderson, James's love interest. In Series 2, James is torn between an offer to join a veterinary practice in Glasgow and staying in Yorkshire — and he must also decide about whether to pursue a relationship with Helen. Meanwhile, Tristan strives to succeed, the fate of a struggling young widow causes difficulties for James, and a community cricket match has high stakes.

Stream Series 1 and 2 with WETA Passport; Series 3 will be available for binge-viewing as of the January 8 broadcast premiere.



COURTESY PLAYGROUND TELEVISION (UK) LTD

Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2022

**Sunday, December 25 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS,
WETA Metro & WETA UK; stream on the PBS Video App**

The popular drama that follows a team of nurse midwives in the Poplar neighborhood of London's East End presents an annual holiday special on Christmas Day. In this 90-minute episode, it is December 1967 and with Christmas fast approaching, life in Poplar is returning to normal after a terrible train crash. Trixie (Helen George) arrives back from Portofino, much to the delight of Matthew (Olly Rix). The midwives move the maternity clinic into new premises and are delighted when one of their first patients is a familiar face — a woman whose previous child was born with limbs affected by Thalidomide. Nurse Crane (Linda Bassett) cares for a pregnant single mother recently released from prison, while Sister Frances (Ella Bruccoleri) is called out to deliver a Sylheti mother's child in a garment factory in a rough area. Elsewhere, Fred (Cliff Parisi) seeks to raise money for families affected by the train wreck and pitches the idea of a festive talent show in Poplar.

On WETA UK, watch recent *Call the Midwife* holiday specials (2018 to the present) on December 25 starting at 3 p.m., leading up to the new episode at 9 p.m.; or stream them with WETA Passport.



COURTESY NEAL STREET PRODUCTIONS/BBC STUDIOS

Christie Mysteries on WETA PBS Thriller Thursdays

Agatha Christie dramas take center stage on Thriller Thursdays in December. The 2018 drama *Agatha and the Truth of Murder* (Dec. 8, 8 p.m.) features Ruth Bradley portraying Christie investigating a prominent murder. The next week, the 1981 adaptation *Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery* (Dec. 15, 9 p.m.) follows a young aristocrat who probes murder, stolen state secrets, and a mysterious secret society. Cheryl Campbell, John Gielgud and James Warwick star. Then, WETA presents two episodes of *Agatha Christie's Poirot*, starring David Suchet as the famed Belgian detective: *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* (Dec. 22, 8 p.m.) features the sleuth as a Christmas guest probing murder; and renowned case *Murder on the Orient Express* (Dec. 22, 10 p.m.) co-stars Eileen Atkins, Barbara Hershey and Hugh Bonneville. Rounding out the offerings are adaptations *Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* (Dec. 29, 8 p.m.), and *Agatha Christie's They Do It With Mirrors* (Dec. 29, 9:30 p.m.).



Agatha Christie's
Poirot

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Finding Common Ground on Guns

Monday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; 9 p.m. on WETA Metro

A majority of Americans say gun policies are very important. Yet despite Congress coming together to pass the first major gun-safety legislation in 30 years, voters remain closely divided along party lines over whether it is more important to support gun control or gun rights. Can our country find a path toward the common good? On September 27, 2022 at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (below, right), who spearheaded the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, and ex-CIA officer, author and former U.S. Representative Will Hurd (R-TX) (below, center), came together to discuss the issue. Murphy and Hurd, who both come from communities that have experienced mass shootings at local elementary schools, engaged in a debate over ongoing gun violence in the country and how to find common-sense solutions. Former CBS News Correspondent



COURTESY COMMON GROUND COMMITTEE

Jacqueline Adams (on left) moderated the conversation, which was presented by the Common Ground Committee, a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) citizen-led organization dedicated to bringing healing to the national challenges of polarization and incivility.

In a Different Key

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

In 2021, one in 44 children in the U.S. was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. But what is autism and how broad is the spectrum? And how can we create inclusive communities that welcome and celebrate developmental differences? The film *In a Different Key*, a true story of parental love, difference and the fight to belong, seeks answers to these and other questions. The two-hour documentary, based on the Pulitzer Prize-finalist book by journalists Caren Zucker and John Donovan (the film's directors), follows Zucker, mother of an autistic son, as she tracks down and befriends the first person ever diagnosed with autism — Donald Triplett, now an elderly man living in rural Mississippi — to learn if his life story holds promise for her own son.

Zucker seeks answers to the unknowable: will the non-autistic majority embrace and protect her child when she is no longer here? Her journey exposes the worst and best of society's response, a startling record of cruelty and kindness alike, framed by forces such as race, money and privilege — but leads to hope that more people are learning to understand and support those who are "different."



COURTESY GBH BOSTON



COURTESY JILL KREMENTZ

The Adventures of Saul Bellow: American Masters

Saturday, December 17, 8 p.m. on WETA PBS; stream on the PBS Video App

A new *American Masters* biographical film explores Nobel Prize-winning writer Saul Bellow's impact on modern American literature and how he navigated through the issues of his time, including race, gender, and the Jewish immigrant experience. The film features rare archival footage; and interviewees include Bellow family members, Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie, Stanley Crouch and many others. *The Adventures of Saul Bellow* traces the author's rise to eminence and examines his many identities: reluctant public intellectual, "serial husband," father, Chicagoan, and Jewish American. It also sheds light on his willingness to confront social issues, his criticisms of American society and materialism, and his provocative political view.

Major funding for *The Adventures of Saul Bellow* is provided by National Endowment for the Humanities, Geshar Multicultural Film Fund and The Better Angels Society including The Fullerton Family Charitable Fund. Original series production funding for *American Masters* is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, AARP, Sue and Edgar Wachenheim III, Rosalind P. Walter Foundation, Cheryl & Philip Milstein Family, Judith & Burton Resnick, The Ambrose Monell Foundation, The Blanche & Irving Laurie Foundation, Seton J. Melvin, Lillian Goldman Programming Endowment, Vital Projects Fund, Philip & Janice Levin Foundation, Ellen & James S. Marcus, The André & Elizabeth Kertész Foundation, Koo and Patricia Yuen, Thea Petschek Iervolino Foundation and public television viewers.

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Stream new *If You Lived Here, Season 3* episodes!

Binge three programs with WETA Passport as of Dec. 10, 11 p.m.



Get a sneak peek of the next season of *If You Lived Here*, WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series, as three new episodes of the show are made available for binge-viewing on WETA Passport *ahead* of their scheduled January broadcast premiere dates. On December 10 at 11 p.m., at the close of the evening's *If You Lived Here* TV event on WETA PBS, stream new Season 3 episodes spotlighting Southeast D.C.'s Navy Yard; Maryland's capital, Annapolis; and Virginia's Mount Vernon and Fort Hunt neighborhoods. *If You Lived Here* visits D.C.-area locations as hosts John Begeny and Christine Louise (left, in Annapolis) tour homes and communities with help from local realtors, guess listing prices and learn about neighborhood history along the way. Season 3 of *If You Lived Here* premieres January 9 on WETA PBS and WETA Metro.

Binge-watch *Miss Scarlet and The Duke, Season 3*!

New season of *Masterpiece* drama available now with WETA Passport

Binge the next season of the popular Victorian-era detective drama *Miss Scarlet and The Duke* on *Masterpiece* on WETA Passport weeks before its broadcast premiere January 8 on WETA PBS and WETA Metro. The series' six new episodes became available for streaming as of Nov. 24. In Season 3, Eliza (Kate Phillips) finds herself in fresh mysteries, ranging from a disappearing magician to police corruption, as she struggles to build her detective agency. Competition from a rival agency creates trouble, and Scarlet continues to juggle her relationship with Scotland Yard Inspector William Wellington, aka the Duke (Stuart Martin), but she discovers that she may have some competition on that front as well.



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COURTESY MASTERPIECE

Catch up!: *All Creatures Great and Small*

All Creatures Great and Small, Series 3 premieres in early January on *Masterpiece*! Catch up on the popular drama that follows a veterinarian in rural 1930s England — stream Season 2, now available with WETA Passport.



COURTESY BBC

Dickens & Austen dramas

Binge watch now with WETA Passport: *Oliver Twist* (6 episodes); *Dickensian* (10 episodes), with Stephen Rea heading an ensemble cast; and *Emma*, with Romola Garai and Jonny Lee Miller (4 episodes).

Also streaming this month with WETA Passport: Watch for 30 new curated international drama, mystery and thriller series that become available on successive Thursdays in late November and in December.

Browse these binge-viewing offerings in the WETA Passport drama show menu.

Visit 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 |
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| 1 Thu | Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 1 (<i>Crimes and Miss Demeanors</i>) | | Broadchurch, Series 3 (Pt 8 of 8) | | Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide (to 12m) | |
| 2 Fri | Washington Week | The Doobie Brothers with Michael McDonald: 50th Anniversary at Radio City Music Hall | | | My Music: John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind (to 12m) | |
| 3 Sat | Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom | | | My Music: Burt Bacharach's Best | | |
| 4 Sun | All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece, Series 2 Marathon (10:30am-8pm) + (8pm:) The Next Chapter (special) | | | The Musicians' Green Book: An Enduring Legacy | | |
| 5 Mon | Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom | | | Signature Dish, Encore: Next-Level Sandwiches | Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet with Mark Hyman, MD (to 11:30pm) | |
| 6 Tue | Rick Steves' European Christmas | | | Frontline: Crime Scene: Bucha | | |
| 7 Wed | Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park | | | | | |
| 8 Thu | Agatha and the Truth of Murder | | | Happy Birthday Mr. Bean (to 11:30pm) | | |
| 9 Fri | Washington Week | Ken Burns: America's Storyteller | | | | Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide (to 12:30am) |
| 10 Sat | If You Lived Here: John & Christine's Favorite Moments (2-6pm, 8-11pm) | | | | | |
| 11 Sun | WETA Member Favorites | | | | | |
| 12 Mon | Finding Common Ground on Guns | | Signature Dish, Encore: A Taste of Mexico | Signature Dish, Encore: Korean Flavors | POV: Let the Little Light Shine (to 11:30pm) | |
| 13 Tue | O Holy Night: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir | | In a Different Key | | | |
| 14 Wed | The Earthshot Prize 2022 | | NOVA: Rebuilding Notre Dame | | Test Tube Babies: American Experience | |
| 15 Thu | Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 1 (<i>Love and Other Puzzles</i>) | | Agatha Christie's <i>Seven Dials Mystery</i> (to 11:30pm) | | | |
| 16 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | Craft in America: Inspiration | | Craft in America: Home | |
| 17 Sat | The Adventures of Saul Bellow: American Masters | | | Norman Lear: Just Another Version of You: American Masters | | |
| 18 Sun | All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece, Series 2 Marathon (Pts 4-7 of 7) (Pts 1-3 air 2-5pm) | | | | | |
| 19 Mon | Antiques Roadshow: Naughty or Nice | | WETA Arts: Songs of the Season | | Independent Lens: We Believe in Dinosaurs (to 11:30pm) | |
| 20 Tue | Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Encore: <i>The New World</i> | | O Holy Night: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir | | Holiday Handbells: The Raleigh Ringers | |
| 21 Wed | The Letter: A Message for Our Earth | | | Celebrate and Sing! Glory to the Newborn King | | The Man Who Tried to Feed the World (to 11:30pm) |
| 22 Thu | Agatha Christie's Poirot: Hercule Poirot's Christmas | | | Agatha Christie's Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express (to 11:30pm) | | |
| 23 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | The Nutcracker and the Mouse King | | | <i>Clown</i> by Quentin Blake |
| 24 Sat | In Performance at the White House: Spirit of the Season | | Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas | | Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas | |
| 25 Sun | All Creatures Great and Small, Series 2 on Masterpiece (Pt 7 of 7. <i>The Perfect Christmas</i>) | | Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2022 (+ encore presentation 10:30pm-12m) | | | |
| 26 Mon | Antiques Roadshow: Best Bargains | | Signature Dish, Encore: European Classics | The Great American Recipe (Pts 1 & 2 of 8) (to 11:30pm) | | |
| 27 Tue | Groucho & Cavett: American Masters | | | The Great American Recipe (Pt 3 of 8) | | The Great American Recipe (Pt 4 of 8) |
| 28 Wed | Nature: American Arctic | | NOVA: The Truth About Fat | | The Great American Recipe (Pts 5 & 6 of 8) (to 12m) | |
| 29 Thu | Agatha's Christie's <i>Why Didn't They Ask Evans?</i> | | | Agatha's Christie's <i>They Do It With Mirrors</i> | | |
| 30 Fri | Washington Week | The David Rubenstein Show: Peer to Peer Conversations, Season 4 | The Great American Recipe (Pt 7 of 8) | | The Great American Recipe (Pt 8 of 8) | |
| 31 Sat | United in Song 2022: Ringing in the New Year Together (+ encore presentation 9:30-11pm) | | | | | |
| | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 |

TV Listings

WETA PBS in December



Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit weta.org/schedule 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—Repeat of recent programming.



COURTESY MASTERPIECE

Sunday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on WETA PBS

In preparation for a new third season beginning January 8, WETA features a special marathon airing of Season 2 of the blockbuster *Masterpiece* drama *All Creatures Great and Small*. Season 2 repeats Sundays, December 18 & 25 on WETA PBS (see listings for times).

1 Thursday

WEEKDAYS IN DECEMBER:

6AM NHK NEWSLINE

6:30AM BBC WORLD NEWS

7AM (Mondays:) PBS NEWS WEEKEND

7:30 (Mondays:) WASHINGTON WEEK – R

7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWSHOUR – R

8AM-3PM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

3PM IT'S ACADEMIC

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. **Rpts next day, 7am**

8:00 SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES—*Episode 10 of 10.*

Crimes and Miss Demeanors. Felix must choose between his friends and career when Sister Boniface (Lorna Watson) investigates a death at The Miss United Britain beauty contest, held in their community. Met officer DCI Clifford Winner arrives to oversee the high profile case.

9:00 BROADCASTCHURCH, SERIES 3—*Part 8 of 8.* In their investigation, DI Alec Hardy and DS Ellie Miller uncover the truth, and lives in Broadcastchurch are changed forever.

10:00 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 more. **Repeats Sat 12/3, 2:30pm; Tue 12/6, 11pm; Fri 12/9, 10:30pm**

12M THE BEST OF THE JOY OF PAINTING: SPECIAL EDITION

—The late Bob Ross has enjoyed enduring popularity since his unrehearsed, unedited *Joy of Painting* programs first aired in 1982. In this special, see his "Home in the Valley" painting lesson and learn his wet-on-wet painting technique. Explore the ways that Ross's image, voice and catchphrases have become a part of pop culture. **Repeats Sun 12/4, 1am**

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 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 12/3, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 12/5, 7:30am**

8:30 THE DOOBIE BROTHERS WITH MICHAEL McDONALD: 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL—

Famous for their feel-good hits, the Doobie Brothers helped turn the "SoCal" sounds of the 1960s into '70s radio gold. Then they reinvented themselves as soft-rock hit-makers, with Michael McDonald breathing new life into classic songs. This concert was taped in September 2022 when the band reunited for a 50th Anniversary performance at Radio City Music Hall.

10:00 MY MUSIC: JOHN SEBASTIAN PRESENTS: FOLK REWIND—A music special spotlights the singers and songwriters of the classic 1950s and 1960s folk era. Presented by John Sebastian of The Lovin' Spoonful, the program features a trove of performances by artists such as Pete Seeger, Judy Collins, Harry Belafonte, Trini Lopez, Rod McKuen, Bobby Darin, The Kingston Trio and others. **Repeats Sat 12/3, 12:30pm**

12M AGING BACKWARDS 3 WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE—

You have a choice in how you age and whether you remain mobile, healthy and pain-free throughout life. Former ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White presents a six-point plan for keeping one's mind sharp and body active using gentle daily movement.



COURTESY GEORGE W. DELOACHE

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

The Musicians' Green Book: An Enduring Legacy explores the stories and music of Black artists who relied on an underground guide to navigate the injustices of racial segregation while out on the road. The program features performances by an array of musical artists.

4 Sunday

- 6AM MY MUSIC: BURT BACHARACH'S BEST – R**
7:30 HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM – R
9AM MISS SCARLET AND THE DUKE: SECRETS REVEALED –
 Go behind the scenes of Season 2 of the popular *Masterpiece* drama with interviews of the cast, creator and executive producer Rachael New, production designer Paki Smith, and costume designer Leonie Prendergast, who provide insights about the series.
- 10:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON –** Return to the Yorkshire Dales to follow the adventures of Scottish veterinarian James Herriot in the 1930s as he makes his way in the farming town of Darrowby, England. WETA reprises Season 2 of the drama in its entirety. Parts 1–6 of 7 air 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Part 7 airs 6:30 p.m. Nicholas Ralph stars.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND –** Geoff Bennett anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON –** The encore presentation of Season 2 continues with the season finale: *Part 7 of 7. The Perfect Christmas.*
- 8:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL: THE NEXT CHAPTER –** Go behind the scenes of the hit *Masterpiece* series about veterinarian James Herriot and his menagerie of animal patients. Interviews with cast members, creators and those who work with the animals provide interesting background to the drama.
- 9:30 THE MUSICIANS' GREEN BOOK: AN ENDURING LEGACY –** Explore the stories and music of Black artists who relied on an underground guide to navigate the injustices of racial segregation while out on the road. The program features performances in addition to interviews with vocalists, musicians, activists, historians and others. **Repeats Thur 12/8, 11:30pm**
- 11:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: JOSH GROBAN'S GREAT BIG RADIO CITY SHOW –** Experience the world-renowned baritone performing songs from many musical genres alongside several special guest stars including Cyndi Lauper, Denée Benton, New York City Ballet principal dancer Tiler Peck, and others.
- 1AM BEST OF THE JOY OF PAINTING: SPECIAL EDITION – R**

5 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR –** Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM – R**
9:30 SIGNATURE DISH – WETA's local restaurant exploration series spotlights standout dishes at establishments around Greater Washington. Seth Tillman hosts. **Encore: Episode 8: Next-Level Sandwiches.** Seth enjoys a Guatemalan street sandwich at *Nim Ali*, a fried chicken sandwich at *Open Crumb*, and *Fight Club*'s namesake sandwich.
- 10:00 EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD**
11:30 YOU, HAPPIER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD – R



Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom spotlights the inspiring woman, born in Maryland, who repeatedly risked her own life and freedom to liberate others from slavery through the Underground Railroad.

COURTESY ALAMY

COURTESY ILM PRODUCTIONS



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

John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind features the pop music artist in a special featuring the greatest singers and songwriters of the classic '50s & '60s folk era, including (above) The Kingston Trio.

3 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK – R**
6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER – R
7AM PBS NEWSHOUR – R
8AM YOU, HAPPIER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD – Americans are the unhappiest they've been since the Great Depression, and it's causing problems: being unhappy is associated with health issues and a harder (and shorter) life. Learn to cultivate happiness with brain-based methods; psychiatrist Daniel Amen shares how.
- 10:00 IT'S ACADEMIC –** See tonight's 7 p.m. listing.
- 10:30 KEN BURNS: AMERICA'S STORYTELLER –** See the Friday, December 9, 8:30 p.m. listing.
- 12N RICK STEVES: WHY WE TRAVEL**
12:30 JOHN SEBASTIAN PRESENTS: FOLK REWIND – R
2:30 SUZE ORMAN'S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE – R
4:30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. BEAN – See the Thursday, December 8, 10 p.m. listing.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND –** Geoff Bennett anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK – R**
7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC – Weekly, Saturdays at 10 a.m./7 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App. The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are students from Fauquier, La Plata and Sherwood high schools. Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**
- 7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 1 –** In this WETA presentation, Washington, D.C.-based financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein interviews some of America's top scholars and writers to illuminate how history is made. *Episode 10 of 10. Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian and author.*
- 8:00 HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM –** In Stanley Nelson's film, meet the woman who repeatedly risked her own life and freedom to liberate others from slavery. Tubman was an Underground Railroad conductor, a Civil War scout, and a spy. **Repeats Sun 12/4, 7:30am; Mon 12/5, 8pm**
- 9:30 MY MUSIC: BURT BACHARACH'S BEST –** Enjoy the songwriter's music via archival performances by the original artists who made his songs 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"), and others. **Rpts Sun 12/4, 6am; Tue 12/6, 3pm**
- 11:00 MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER 30/40 LIVE –** Celebrate 30 years of musical holiday magic and 40 years of groundbreaking "Fresh Aire" compositions with this special from the American group known for their blending of classical music and rock. The program, recorded in December 2014 in Omaha, Nebraska, the group's hometown, features songs from their ever-popular Christmas annual tour.
- 12:30AM KEN BURNS: AMERICA'S STORYTELLER – R**



WETA

IF YOU LIVED HERE: JOHN & CHRISTINE'S FAVORITE MOMENTS A WETA PRODUCTION

Sat., Dec. 10, 2-6pm, 8-11 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA METRO
A special *If You Lived Here* TV event features hosts John Begeny and Christine Louise sharing stories and memorable moments from WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series.

6 Tuesday

- 8:00 RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS** – Join the travel expert for a colorful celebration of Christmas across Europe, in England, Wales, France, Norway, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Enjoy Christmas markets, hear local choirs, share holiday traditions with families, and more. **Repeats Sat 12/10, 10:30am; Sat 12/24, 8am**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: CRIME SCENE: BUCHA** – *Frontline*, with the AP and SITU, investigates Russian war crimes through eyewitness accounts, videos and exclusive 3D data, mapping the atrocities in Bucha, Ukraine. Also on the broadcast: the story of a family's struggle to reunite after separation at the U.S.-Mexico border.
- 11:00 SUZE ORMAN'S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE – R**

7 Wednesday

- 8:00 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. 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 Fri 12/10, 11pm**
- 11:00 THE AGING BREAKTHROUGH WITH DR. KELLYANN** – Nutrition expert and naturopath Dr. Kellyann Petrucci explores how to slow down the aging process. She reveals her blueprint, introducing a powerful ingredient that helps replenish skin and draws on the science of the gut-skin axis. A healthy gut may be one of the most powerful secrets to weight loss and anti-aging. **Repeats Thur 12/8, 3pm; Sat 12/10, 8am**

8 Thursday

- 8:00 AGATHA AND THE TRUTH OF MURDER** – In this 2018 drama, follow crime writer Agatha Christie as she investigates the murder of Florence Nightingale's god-daughter during her own 11-day disappearance in 1926. Christie's involvement in the case influenced her later work. Ruth Bradley portrays Christie.
- 10:00 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. BEAN** – Explore the magic behind Rowan Atkinson's iconic comic character, and learn how the *Mr. Bean* TV show became a global sensation. The series spawned two major feature films, three animated series and an online phenomenon. The program features classic clips and interviews from key creators.
- 11:30 MUSICIANS' GREEN BOOK: AN ENDURING LEGACY – R**

9 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – **Repeats Sat 12/10, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 12/12, 7:30am**

- 8:30 KEN BURNS: AMERICA'S STORYTELLER** – Join Tom Hanks, George Lucas, Yo-Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, Meryl Streep, Sam Waterston and others for a heartfelt tribute to the acclaimed filmmaker, a longtime WETA production partner. Filled with clips, photos and "making-of" footage from his many landmark films, the program also includes an interview with Burns.
- 10:30 SUZE ORMAN'S ULTIMATE RETIREMENT GUIDE – R**
- 12:30AM RICK STEVES: WHY WE TRAVEL**

10 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK – R**
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER – R**
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR – R**
- 8AM THE AGING BREAKTHROUGH WITH DR. KELLYANN – R**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – See tonight's 7 p.m. listing.
- 10:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS – R**
- 12:30 EAT YOUR MEDICINE: THE PEGAN DIET WITH MARK HYMAN, MD – R**
- 2:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE: JOHN & CHRISTINE'S FAVORITE MOMENTS** – John Begeny and Christine Louise, hosts of WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series *If You Lived Here*, share memorable moments from Seasons 1 and 2 of the production, spotlighting some favorite houses they visited and offering behind-the-scenes details about the making of the show. The event continues at 8 p.m.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Geoff Bennett anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK – R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – Weekly, Saturdays at 10 a.m./7 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App. The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are Bullis, Northwest and Quince Orchard. Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**
- 7:30 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 1 of 10. Ambassador Susan E. Rice.*
- 8:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE: JOHN & CHRISTINE'S FAVORITE MOMENTS** – John Begeny and Christine Louise, hosts of WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series *If You Lived Here*, share memorable moments from Seasons 1 and 2 of the production, spotlighting some favorite houses they visited and offering behind-the-scenes details about the making of the show. ***If You Lived Here, Season 3 premieres in January; preview three new episodes on WETA Passport tonight as of 11 p.m.!***
- 11:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI LIVE IN CENTRAL PARK – R**

11 Sunday

- 6AM-6PM WETA MEMBER FAVORITES**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Geoff Bennett anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30PM-6AM WETA MEMBER FAVORITES**



COURTESY TIM LLEWELLYN PHOTOGRAPHY

Friday, Dec. 9 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA PBS
Ken Burns: America's Storyteller presents a tribute to the acclaimed filmmaker, a longtime WETA production partner who has created extraordinary, landmark television documentaries that explore a wide array of fascinating topics and figures in American history.



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Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
O Holy Night: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir presents a special performance of holiday tunes and classic Christmas carols with Tony Award-nominated performer Megan Hilty as a guest artist.

12 Monday

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

8:00 FINDING COMMON GROUND ON GUNS – When it comes to gun violence, can our country find a path toward the common good? Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) and former Congressman Will Hurd (R-TX), explore this issue in a conversation moderated by former CBS News correspondent Jacqueline Adams. Hosted by the non-profit Common Ground Committee, the discussion was filmed at The George Washington University in Washington D.C. on September 27, 2022.

9:00 SIGNATURE DISH – WETA's local restaurant exploration series spotlights standout dishes at establishments around Greater Washington. Seth Tillman hosts. **Encore: Episode 9: A Taste of Mexico.** Seth tastes *birria tacos* at *El Papi Real Street Tacos*, the *red mole* at *DC Corazon*, and *tuna tostadas* from *Taqueria Picoso*.

9:30 SIGNATURE DISH – **Encore: Episode 10: Korean Flavors.** Host Seth Tillman samples a seafood scallion pancake at *Gom Ba Woo*, soy-marinated short ribs at *Sō Korean BBQ*, and vegan "Korean fried chicken" at *Seoul Food DC*.

10:00 POV: LET THE LITTLE LIGHT SHINE – Learn about the National Teachers Academy (NTA), an academic beacon for Black children in Chicago that is a top-ranked, high-performing elementary school in the fast-growing South Side. As the neighborhood gentrifies, a wealthy parents' group seeks to close NTA and replace it with a high school campus. How will NTA's community fight to save the institution? (90 min.)

13 Tuesday

8:00 O HOLY NIGHT: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR – Tony Award-nominee Megan Hilty and television and film actor Neal McDonough join the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square for an Irish-inspired edition of this annual celebration of music and holiday traditions. **Repeats Tue 12/20, 9pm; Sun 12/25, 7pm**

9:00 IN A DIFFERENT KEY – A mother tracks down the first person diagnosed with autism to learn if his life holds promise for her own autistic son. She documents both cruelty and kindness, but also the hope that more people are learning to understand and support those who are different. **Repeats Sun 12/18, noon**

14 Wednesday

8:00 THE EARTHSOT PRIZE 2022 – A global environmental prize founded by Prince William and The Royal Foundation in 2020 aims to spotlight, support and scale groundbreaking solutions to the world's most pressing environmental challenges. The second annual prize ceremony, hosted in Boston and featuring celebrity presenters, celebrates 15 global finalists and awards five winners with £1 million in prize money and provides them access to a global support network to scale their work.

9:00 NOVA: REBUILDING NOTRE DAME – In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed

Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.

10:00 TEST TUBE BABIES: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE – Learn how pioneering researchers attempting to conceive babies through in vitro fertilization faced obstacles and controversy before the world's first test tube baby was born on July 25, 1978.

15 Thursday

8:00 SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES – *Love and Other Puzzles.* Sister Boniface is faced with a serial killer targeting women through the Albion Bugle lonely hearts ads. Can she, Sam and Felix and members of the Great Slaughter community unmask the killer before he claims his next victim?

9:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S SEVEN DIALS MYSTERY – Set in the late 1920s, this 1981 adaptation of Christie's thriller involves international intrigue, romance, murder and a shoal of red herrings. Lady Eileen "Bundle" Brent is an aggressive young aristocrat who insinuates herself into a series of murders, stolen state secrets, and a mysterious secret society. The cast includes Cheryl Campbell, James Warwick, Sir John Gielgud, Rula Lenska and John Vine. (2.5 hrs)

16 Friday

8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK – **Repeats Sat 12/17, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 12/19, 7:30am**

8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4 – *Episode 12 of 15. Chris Kempczinski, McDonald's CEO. Repeats Sun 12/18, 6:30pm*

9:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA: INSPIRATION – Explore the splendor of American culture crafts, the people behind the artistry, and their impact on our nation's cultural heritage. *Inspiration.* Meet artists who reveal the magic and influence of craft.

10:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA: HOME – Explore the many meanings and environments of home in craft art.

17 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK – R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER – R

7AM PBS NEWSHOUR – R

8AM JOSEPH ROSENDO'S TRAVELSCOPE

8:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE

9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE

10AM IT'S ACADEMIC – See tonight's 7 p.m. listing.

10:30 MOTOR WEEK

11AM HOW SHE ROLLS

11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S COOKIN' LOUISIANA

12N A CHEF'S LIFE

12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION

1:00 NICK STELLINO: STORYTELLER

1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN

2:00 IN JULIA'S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS



COURTESY OF EARTHSOT PRIZE

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

In The Earthshot Prize 2022, PBS and BBC partner to present the annual awards ceremony – filmed this year in Boston – of the global prize founded in 2020 by Prince William and The Royal Foundation to support and scale solutions to pressing environmental challenges.



WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON A WETA PRODUCTION

Monday, Dec. 19 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS, 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
WETA Arts: Songs of the Season, now in its third year, presents performances of holiday music by local choral groups, including the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC (above in concert).

- 2:30 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS**
3:00 JOANNE WEIR'S PLATES AND PLACES
3:30 NEW SCANDINAVIAN COOKING
4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN
4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED
5:00 PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE
5:30 SAMANTHA BROWN'S PLACES TO LOVE
6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND – Geoff Bennett anchors.
6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK – R
7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC – Weekly, Saturdays at 10 a.m./7 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App. The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are Kipps DC College Prep, Sandy Spring Friends and Washington International. Repeats tonight, 11pm, and Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS, 7pm on WETA Metro**
7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 – Episode 2 of 10. Journalist John Dickerson. **Repeats tonight, 11:30pm**
8:00 THE ADVENTURES OF SAUL BELLOW: AMERICAN MASTERS – Explore Nobel Prize-winner Saul Bellow's impact on American literature and how he navigated through issues of his time, including race, gender and the Jewish immigrant experience. Interviewees include Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie and others. **Repeats midnight**
9:30 NORMAN LEAR: JUST ANOTHER VERSION OF YOU: AMERICAN MASTERS – Discover how the prolific creator of *All in the Family*, *The Jeffersons* and *Good Times* effected social change through his groundbreaking TV sitcoms and activism. Interviewees include George Clooney, Amy Poehler, Jon Stewart and Russell Simmons.
11:00 IT'S ACADEMIC – R
11:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2 – Episode 2 of 10. Journalist John Dickerson. **R**
12M THE ADVENTURES OF SAUL BELLOW: AMERICAN MASTERS – R

18 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 IN A DIFFERENT KEY – R
2:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON – Return to the Yorkshire Dales to follow the adventures of Scottish veterinarian James Herriot in the 1930s as he makes his way in the farming town of Darrowby. WETA reprises Season 2 of the drama in its entirety. Parts 1-3 of 7 air 2-5 p.m. today; Parts 4-6 air 8-11 p.m. tonight; and Part 7, the Season 2 finale episode *A Perfect Christmas*, airs next Sunday, December 25 at 8 p.m. **Repeats tonight, 11pm**
5:00 THE CHAVIS CHRONICLES – Journalist, civil rights icon and intellectual influencer Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. interviews 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 NEWS WEEKEND – Geoff Bennett anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
6:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4 – Episode 12 of 15. Chris Kempczinski, McDonald's CEO. **R**
7:00 TELL ME MORE WITH KELLY CORRIGAN, SERIES 4 – In this WETA co-production, *New York Times* bestselling author Kelly Corrigan interviews influential people. Episode 8 of 10. Lisa Feldman Barrett, Neuroscientist; plus a Series 3 encore.
8:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON – The encore airing of Season 2 continues with parts 4-6. Part 7, the Season 2 finale, holiday episode *A Perfect Christmas*, airs next Sunday, December 25 at 8 p.m. Nicholas Ralph stars. **Repeats tonight**
11:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ON MASTERPIECE, SERIES 2 MARATHON – Encore presentations of Season 2, Parts 1-6 of 7, air 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. **R**

19 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit 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 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON – WETA production WETA Arts presents a spirited holiday music special, now in its third year, featuring choral groups from all around the D.C. area. Conceived in 2020 to celebrate choral music during the pandemic, *Songs of the Season* has become a WETA holiday tradition. This year's special showcases 15 talented choral groups from D.C., Maryland and Virginia. **Repeats Tue 12/20, 3pm; Sat 12/24, 7pm, 11pm; Sun 12/25, 5pm**
10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: WE BELIEVE IN DINOSAURS – In this film, explore what happens when the Bible and science collide amid the battleground of a Creation Museum and a \$120 million Noah's Ark-inspired theme park in rural Kentucky. (90 min.)

20 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. Encore: *The New World*. Gates traces ancestors of actor John Lithgow and journalist Maria Hinojosa who thrived in North America long before the birth of the United States.
9:00 O HOLY NIGHT: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR – See the Tuesday, December 13, 8 p.m. listing.



Saturday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

The Adventures of Saul Bellow on biography series *American Masters* explores the Nobel Prize-winning writer's impact on American literature and how he navigated issues of his time, including race, gender and the Jewish immigrant experience. Above: Bellow in 1995.

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Thursday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

On Thriller Thursday, WETA presents an *Agatha Christie's Poirot* double-feature starring David Suchet. *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* finds the super-sleuth investigating a murder during the holidays, and in *Murder on the Orient Express*, he tackles his toughest case.

- 10:00 HOLIDAY HANDBELLS: THE RALEIGH RINGERS** – The acclaimed community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina, presents seasonal song selections ranging from old yuletide favorites to modern additions. David Harris conducts. **Repeats Sun 12/25, noon**

21 Wednesday

- 8:00 THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH** – Experience Pope Francis' encyclical letter to care for our planet, interwoven with personal stories from five characters on their voyages of discovery. Their life-changing experiences point to how both science and spirituality are vital to solving perhaps the biggest globally defining issue of our time: climate change.
- 9:30 CELEBRATE AND SING: GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!** – A Christmas concert of secular and sacred music from Dallas is performed by Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church's renowned 150-voice Sanctuary Choir, orchestra and Organist/Artist-in-Residence Bradley Hunter Welch. The program also features handbells, bagpipes, a jazz ensemble and soloists.
- 10:30 THE MAN WHO TRIED TO FEED THE WORLD: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** – Explore the life of 1970 Nobel Peace Prize-winner Norman Borlaug, who tried to solve world hunger. He rescued India from a severe famine and led the "Green Revolution," estimated to have saved one billion lives. But his work later faced criticism.

22 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 may be 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*. Co-stars include Dame Eileen Atkins, Barbara Hershey and Hugh Bonneville. (90 min.)

23 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – Repeats 12/24, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 12/26, 7:30am
- 8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4** – Episode 13 of 15. Tricia Griffith, Progressive Insurance CEO.
- 9:00 THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING** – Enjoy a work re-imagining Tchaikovsky's holiday favorite *The Nutcracker*, recounted by actor Alan Cumming. Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's 1816 book, the program presents

the origin story of how a prince takes the form of a nut-cracker. **Repeats Sun 12/24, 11am**

- 10:30 CLOWN BY QUENTIN BLAKE** – In a story of resilience and hope, a half-hour animation brings to life the adventures of a small toy clown that has been thrown away. On Christmas Eve he goes on a journey to find a new place for himself. After a series of incidents, he finds a home with a poor but loving family.

24 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** – R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – R
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** – R
- 8AM RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS** – R
- 9AM REAL RAIL ADVENTURES: SWISS WINTER MAGIC** – Hosted by train buff Jeff Wilson, a program showcases the construction marvels and visual splendors of the Swiss rail system, including scenic routes and cog trains. The journey includes the alpine city of Chur, the ski resort St. Moritz, the car-free village Zermatt, and the famous Matterhorn.
- 10AM MYSTERIES OF THE JESUS PRAYER** – Learn about the ancient Christian prayer first recited by the Apostles more than 2,000 years ago in the Egyptian desert. In the film, visit the caves, monasteries and convents where the faithful still chant this meditation.
- 11AM THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING** – R
- 12:30 CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE** – Enjoy Christmas markets on a journey along the majestic Danube River as it passes through stunning European landscapes. The program visits Vienna, Budapest, Salzburg, Oberdorf, and the Melk Abbey, the old town of Passau, and the charming Christmas market in Bratislava.
- 1:00 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN SPECIAL: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** – Bridget Lancaster, Julia Collin Davison and the rest of the *America's Test Kitchen* cast share their tips and tricks for planning a stress-free gathering, while also revealing their all-time favorite holiday recipes from the *Test Kitchen* archives.
- 2:00 MARY BERRY'S ABSOLUTE FAVORITES: CHRISTMAS** – The iconic British baker and chef draws on her wealth of knowledge to share her favorite Christmas recipes, serving up traditional seasonal staples alongside new ideas.
- 2:30 MARY BERRY'S ABSOLUTE FAVORITES: CHRISTMAS DAY** – The beloved British baker and chef shares some of her favorite recipes for the big day itself with easy classics for a stress-free Christmas Day and enjoyable feast.
- 3:00 MARY BERRY'S COUNTRY HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS** – Visit the stately Harewood House in Yorkshire with famed chef, cookbook author and TV personality Mary Berry. She illuminates how its staff and volunteers prepare the house for Christmas. Berry also demonstrates modern recipes inspired by festive dishes of the past.
- 4:00 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.
- 5:00 SANTASCHOOL** – 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. Who are they and what inspires them to take this path?
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Geoff Bennett anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** – R
- 7:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON** – See the Monday, December 19, 9 p.m. listing.
- 8:00 IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: SPIRIT OF THE SEASON** – Enjoy a dazzling 2021 music special co-produced by WETA that celebrates the holidays and highlights the seasonal décor at the White House. Featuring remarks by President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden, the program is hosted by actor Jennifer Garner and presents performances by Andrea Bocelli, Matteo Bocelli, Virginia Bocelli, Camila Cabello, Eric Church, Jonas Brothers, Norah Jones, Pentatonix, Billy Porter, Northwell Health Nurse Choir, Voices of Service, and the United States Marine Band. **Repeats tonight, midnight; Sun 12/25, 4pm, midnight**
- 9:00 MARY BERRY'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS** – Join the beloved British home cook and three special friends as they prepare her ultimate Christmas feast with all the trimmings – from the traditional turkey to her classic Christmas pudding, it's a recipe for a festive holiday. **Repeats tonight, 1am; Sun 12/25, 1am**
- 10:00 LUCY WORSLEY'S 12 DAYS OF TUDOR CHRISTMAS** – Join English historian Lucy Worsley as she discovers



IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: SPIRIT OF THE SEASON A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

Saturday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

In Performance at the White House: Spirit of the Season presents a 2021 holiday celebration featuring the President and Dr. Biden and host Jennifer Garner, with musical performances by Andrea Bocelli, Camila Cabello, Eric Church, Jonas Brothers and others. Above: Cabello pays tribute to her Mexican heritage, offering a rendition of "I'll Be Home for Christmas" with Mariachi Herencia de México.

that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas – from carols to turkey, gift-giving to mistletoe and mulled wine – has Tudor origins.

- 11:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON – R**
12M IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: SPIRIT OF THE SEASON – R
1AM MARY BERRY'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS – R

25 Sunday

- 6AM THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN PAULS AND FRIENDS** – Enjoy performances of Christmas classics by Steve Archer and The Martins, pop band Newworldson, vocalist Alynthia, and artist Jacob Moon. Kevin Pauls hosts.
- 7AM ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: LOVE DIVINE** – Minnesota's St. Olaf Christmas Festival is one of the oldest musical celebrations of Christmas in the USA, and features more than 450 students from St. Olaf College's choirs and orchestra. The program presents carols, choral works, and new compositions.
- 8AM REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY: A CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS** – The ensembles of Concordia University Irvine and friends present festive Christmas songs.
- 9AM 20 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** – Tony Award-winner Brian Stokes Mitchell joins the Choir and Orchestra for this 20th anniversary retrospective with performances from Audra McDonald, Kristin Chenoweth, Gladys Knight, Angela Lansbury, Hugh Bonneville, Renée Fleming and others.
- 11AM ELLA WISHES YOU A SWINGIN' CHRISTMAS, WITH VANESSA WILLIAMS** – Enjoy an evening celebrating Ella Fitzgerald's iconic album of holiday classics presented by the American Pops Orchestra. Among those participating are Dee Dee Bridgewater, Norm Lewis, Carmen Ruby Floyd, Nova Payton, Dave Detwiler and Morgan James.
- 12N HOLIDAY HANDBELLS: THE RALEIGH RINGERS – R**
- 1:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING KELLI O'HARA AND RICHARD THOMAS**
- 2:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING KRISTIN CHENOWETH**
- 3:00 CHRISTMAS AT BELMONT** – A 2021 concert features Belmont University students performing holiday favorites in the new Fisher Center for the Performing Arts in Nashville. This celebration of the season includes holiday favorites and classic songs.

- 4:00 IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: SPIRIT OF THE SEASON – R**
- 5:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON** – See the Monday, December 19, 9 p.m. listing. **R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – Geoff Bennett anchors.
- 6:30 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.
- 7:00 O HOLY NIGHT: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** – Tony Award-nominee Megan Hilty and television and film actor Neal McDonough join the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square for an Irish-inspired edition of this annual celebration of music and holiday traditions.
- 8:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SEASON 2 ON MASTERPIECE** – WETA reprises the Season 2 finale. Watch for new Series 3 episodes in January. *Part 7 of 7. The Perfect Christmas.* James and Helen question their future together in the run-up to Christmas Day, while things look grave for one of Darrowby's most beloved animals.
- 9:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2022** – The popular London-set midwifery drama presents its annual holiday special. With Christmas approaching, the Non-natus House midwives move to their maternity clinic and are delighted when their first patient is a familiar face. Life in the Poplar neighborhood in London's East End returns to normal after a tragedy, and all unite for a festive talent show. *Repeats tonight*
- 10:30 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2022 – (encore) R**
- 12M IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: SPIRIT OF THE SEASON – R**
- 1AM MARY BERRY'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS – R**

26 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR** – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. *Repeats next day, 7am*
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: BEST BARGAINS** – *Roadshow* spotlights great bargains. Which item was found at a flea market for \$40 and is now highly valued?
- 9:00 SIGNATURE DISH** – WETA's local restaurant exploration series spotlights standout dishes at establishments around Greater Washington. Seth Tillman hosts. **Encore: Episode 11: European Classics.** Seth samples *chateaubriand* at *L'Auberge Chez Francois*, *scacce* at *Piccolina*, and *jägerschnitzel* at the *Old Stein Inn*.
- 9:30 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE** – WETA reprises the Summer 2022 recipe competition, featuring 10 talented home cooks showcasing signature dishes and competing to win. *Episode 1 of 8. If I Were a Recipe.* Join the cooks for their first challenges: creating a dish that expresses their story and talents, and putting their spin on regional dishes and ingredients. BBQ chicken and Korean tacos are on the menu.
- 10:30 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE – Episode 2 of 8. The Daily Dish.** The nine remaining home cooks share their favorite go-to quick meals, including shrimp tacos and spicy sriracha pasta.

27 Tuesday

- 8:00 GROUCHO & CAVETT: AMERICAN MASTERS** – Discover the enduring friendship between television personality Dick Cavett and his mentor, iconic comedian Groucho Marx. Their relationship is chronicled through interviews with Cavett, archival footage and interviews with George Burns and others.
- 9:30 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE – Episode 3 of 8. Love Language.** Be in the kitchen as the remaining cooks share favorite comfort foods and dishes inspired by a loved one – including sentimental recipes passed down through generations.
- 10:30 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE – Episode 4 of 8. Moveable Feasts.** The competition's remaining 7 cooks

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prepare handheld treats and dishes for outdoor dining. From picnics to tailgating to poolside, everyone has an offering that tastes like fun.

28 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: AMERICAN ARCTIC** – Vast, wild and remote, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is where some of the world's greatest wildlife spectacles unfold. Situated in northeastern Alaska, this Refuge has long protected animals that still roam a frozen wilderness. Now, with climate change, for the caribou, musk oxen, polar bears, and Arctic foxes, the Ice Age is melting away.
- 9:00 NOVA: THE TRUTH ABOUT FAT** – Scientists are coming to understand fat as a system akin to an organ – one whose size may have more to do with biological processes than personal choices. Explore the mysteries of fat and its role in hormone production, hunger and even pregnancy.
- 10:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE** – *Episode 5 of 8. Party on a Plate.* The six remaining home cooks share their favorite special-occasion and holiday recipes – from modern takes on classic gourmet fare to old-time family recipes.
- 11:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE** – *Episode 6 of 8. Mix It Up.* Watch what happens when the five remaining cooks have to swap recipes and prepare each other's dishes.

29 Thursday

- 8:00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S WHY DIDN'T THEY ASK EVANS?** – Julia McKenzie stars as Miss Marple. As witness to a dying man's last words, a young adventurer teams up with Miss Marple and a beautiful socialite to solve the riddle of the man's utterance.
- 9:30 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THEY DO IT WITH MIRRORS** – During rehearsal for an amateur show, the power goes out and a murder takes place. As witness to the confusion, Miss Marple must decipher the elaborate conjuring trick played by the killer.

30 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK** – *Repeats 12/31, 6am, 6:30pm; Mon 1/2, 7:30am*
- 8:30 THE DAVID RUBENSTEIN SHOW: PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS, SEASON 4** – *Episode 14 of 15. Shouzi Chew, TikTok CEO.*
- 9:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE** – *Episode 7 of 8. Family.* Celebrate family as the competition's four remaining cooks prepare dishes inspired by loved ones.
- 10:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE** – *Episode 8 of 8. The Great American Recipe.* It's time for the finale as the three remaining cooks go head-to-head to win. They'll have some surprise helpers.

31 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK** – R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER** – R
- 7AM PBS NEWSHOUR** – R
- 8AM-6PM** See the Saturday, December 17 listings.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND**
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK** – R
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – Weekly, Saturdays at 10 a.m./7 p.m. on WETA PBS and WETA Metro; stream on the PBS Video App. The TV quiz show showcases the academic achievements of local D.C.-area high school students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. **Competing this week are students from Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Edison and South County high schools. Repeats Mondays, 3pm on WETA PBS; 7pm on WETA Metro**
- 7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 2** – *Episode 3 of 10. New York Times editor Jia Lynn Yang.*
- 8:00 UNITED IN SONG 2022: RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER** – Ring in the New Year with music that celebrates our nation's diversity – from folk and rock to opera, country, hip hop, Broadway, bluegrass and beyond. This special performance also reflects on what brings us together as Americans. **Repeats tonight**
- 9:30 UNITED IN SONG 2022: RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER** – R
- 11:00 THE GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE** – The series repeats overnight.

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



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WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 AM – 3 PM

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



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DECEMBER P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

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| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| 12pm | 12/4: 12n: Landscape Artist of the Year | McLeod's Daughters, Series 1 & 2 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 1 & 2 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 1 & 2 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 1 & 2 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 1 & 2 | 12n: • Walking Victorian England • Lucy Worsley Investigates (starts 12/24) |
| 12:30pm | 1pm: Walking Victorian England | | | | | | 1pm: Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 & 3 |
| 1pm | 2pm: Britain's Scenic Railways | A Place to Call Home, Series 5 & 6 & 1 | A Place to Call Home, Series 5 & 6 & 1 | A Place to Call Home, Series 5 & 6 & 1 | A Place to Call Home, Series 5 & 6 & 1 | A Place to Call Home, Series 5 & 6 & 1 | 2pm: • Death in Paradise: Series 11 • Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime (starts 12/17) |
| 1:30pm | 3pm: Hamish Macbeth | | | | | | 3pm: McLeod's Daughters, Series 2 |
| 2pm | 4pm: Call the Midwife, Series 11 | • 12/5, 2pm: Walking Victorian England; 3pm: Britain's Scenic Railways; 4pm: Landscape Artist of the Year | Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 & 3 | Foyle's War, Series 2 | Father Brown, Series 9 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 2 | 4pm: Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 4 |
| 2:30pm | 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 2 | • 12/12, 2-4pm: Pride and Prejudice; 4pm: Lucy Worsley's Royal Photo Album | Doc Martin, Series 2 (Series 1 starts 12/27) | Father Brown, Series 9 | • Death in Paradise, Series 11 • Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime (starts 12/15) | Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 4 | 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 2 & 3 |
| 3pm | 6-8pm: Sanditon, Series 2 | • 12/19, 2-5pm: Pride and Prejudice | Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 2 & 3 | Sanditon, Series 1 on Masterpiece | Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 3 & 4 | • Traces, Series 2 • The Coroner, Series 1 (starts 12/9) | 6-12m: 12/3: 6-8pm: Sanditon, Series 2 (two episodes) |
| 3:30pm | 8pm-12m: Emma (Pts 1-4 of 4) | • 12/26, 1-5pm: Mary Berry's Country House Secrets | | | | | 8-11pm: Oliver Twist (6 episodes, rpts 11pm) |
| 4pm | 12/11: 10:30am-9pm: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 2 | | | | | | 12/10: 6-11pm: Dickensian (Pts 1-5 of 10, rpts 11pm) |
| 4:30pm | 9-11pm: Pride and Prejudice, Pts 1-2 of 6 | BBC World News Outside Source | BBC World News Outside Source | BBC World News Outside Source | BBC World News Outside Source | BBC World News Today | 12/17: 6-11:30pm: Dickensian (Pts 6-10 of 10, rpts 11:30pm) |
| 5pm | 12/18: 12n: Landscape Artist of the Year | BBC World News America | BBC World News America | BBC World News America | BBC World News America | BBC World News America | 12/24: 6pm: World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece |
| 5:30pm | 1-3pm: Pride and Prejudice, Pts 1-2 of 6 | Still Open All Hours | Still Open All Hours | Still Open All Hours | Still Open All Hours | Still Open All Hours | 7pm: Lights Before Christmas Pt 1 |
| 6pm | 3pm: Hamish Macbeth | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | 8-10pm: Mystery of Edwin Drood |
| 6:30pm | 4pm: Call the Midwife, Series 11 | Landscape Artist of the Year | Landscape Artist of the Year | Landscape Artist of the Year | Landscape Artist of the Year | Landscape Artist of the Year | 10pm: Lights Before Christmas Pt 2 |
| 7:30pm | 5pm: Foyle's War, Series 2 | | | | | | 12/31: 6pm: World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece (2 eps) |
| 8pm | 6-8pm: Sanditon, Series 2 | Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 12/26) | Foreign Favourites • 8pm: Astrid • 12/6, 9pm: La OTRA Mirada (to 10:30pm) | Father Brown, Series 9 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 2 | Masterworks Showcase • 8pm: Foyle's War, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 12/30) | 8pm: Cobra, Series 1 (Pts 1-3 of 6, rpts 11pm) |
| 8:30pm | 8pm-12m: Pride and Prejudice, Pts 3-6 of 6 | Doc Martin, Series 2 (Series 1 starts 12/26) | • 12/6, 10:30pm: The Hunter, Series 1 • 12/13, 9pm: Luna & Sophie, Series 1 begins • 12/13, 10pm: The Hunter, Series 1 • 12/20, 10pm: Before We Die, Series 1 begins | • Death in Paradise, Series 11 (12/7) • Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime (starts 12/14) | Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, Series 4 | • 9pm: Sanditon, Series 2 on Masterpiece (two episodes) | |
| 9pm | 12/25: 12n: Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas | Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 12/12) | | Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 3 (Series 4 starts 12/28) | • Traces, Series 2 (12/1) • The Coroner, Series 1 (starts 12/8) | • 9pm: World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece (two episodes; starts 12/23) | |
| 9:30pm | 1-3pm: Mary Berry's Absolute Favorites | BBC World News | | BBC World News | BBC World News | BBC World News | |
| 10pm | 3pm-12m: Call the Midwife Holiday Specials 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 + 2022 encore (90 min each) | Hamish Macbeth, Series 2 & 3 | BBC World News (11pm starting 11/13) | Father Brown, Series 9 | McLeod's Daughters, Series 2 | Foyle's War, Series 2 (Series 3 starts 12/30) | |
| 10:30pm | | | | | | | |
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WETA UK Highlights



Dickens dramas

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 on WETA UK

WETA UK features two entertaining BBC adaptations of Charles Dickens' works. The six-part *Oliver Twist*, a 2007 version of the literary classic — with a cast including Timothy Spall, Edward Fox, Tom Hardy, Sophie Okonedo and Sarah Lancashire — airs Saturday, Dec. 3, 8-11 p.m. Then, 10-part drama *Dickensian*, featuring many of the famed author's iconic characters in a drama-mystery mash-up with a cast that includes Stephen Rea, Anton Lesser, Sophie Rundle, Tuppence Middleton, Pauline Collins and Joseph Quinn, airs on two Saturdays — presenting five episodes Dec. 10, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. and five episodes Dec. 17, 6 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Binge-watch these dramas with WETA Passport.

Jane Austen dramas

Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 on WETA UK

WETA UK features two delightful BBC Jane Austen adaptations on Sunday nights. *Emma*, a four-part 2009 production of Austen's comic masterpiece, airs Sunday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m.-midnight, starring Romola Garai (right), Jonny Lee Miller and Michael Gambon. The story follows the blithe matchmaking of Emma Woodhouse — and the valuable lessons about life and love that follow. (Binge-watch *Emma* with WETA Passport.) Then, *Pride and Prejudice*, Austen's classic regency romance about class, wealth and courtship, airs over two Sunday evenings, Dec. 11 at 9 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 8 p.m., starring Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth in Andrew Davies' award-winning 1995 adaptation.



World on Fire, Series 1 on Masterpiece

Fridays at 9 p.m. starting Dec. 23 on WETA UK

An international cast portrays the reality, heroism and personal tragedy of war in the *Masterpiece* series *World on Fire*, a World War II drama headlined by Helen Hunt, Sean Bean, Lesley Manville and Jonah Hauer-King. Set in Britain, Poland, France and Germany — on the frontlines and the home front — the series traces the interwoven fates of ordinary people as they grapple with the war's effects. The seven-part storyline follows an American broadcaster reporting from Warsaw and Berlin; a working-class World War I veteran-turned-pacifist trying to look after his family and cope with shellshock; a British fascist sympathizer who finds herself sheltering a refugee; and a young British interpreter who joins Special Operations. Filming of Series 2 was completed this fall; stay tuned for a premiere date.

Cobra, Series 1

Saturday, Dec. 31, 8-11 p.m. on WETA UK

Asix-part high-stakes political drama starring Robert Carlyle and Victoria Hamilton follows the British prime minister and his Cabinet Office Briefing Room A (COBRA) team — comprised of experts, planners and senior politicians — as they navigate difficulties in overcoming an unfolding national crisis: a solar flare wreaks havoc on the United Kingdom, shutting down the electricity grid and creating social and political chaos. In the gripping thriller, Robert Sutherland, the British leader and head of the Conservative Party, and his chief of staff, Anna Marshall, join other members of the government in contending with the disaster. Three episodes air Dec. 31, and the series continues in January.



Also in December: WETA UK presents a marathon airing of the full series *All Creatures Great and Small, Season 2* on *Masterpiece*, Sunday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Also tune in for *Call the Midwife Holiday Specials* (2018 through 2022), airing Sunday, December 25, 3-10:30 p.m.

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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POV: Let the Little Light Shine

**Saturday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro;
Dec. 12 on WETA PBS; stream on the PBS App**

A POV film details the story of activists fighting to save a thriving, top-ranked South Side Chicago elementary school on the brink of closure due to neighborhood gentrification. *Let the Little Light Shine*, directed and produced by Kevin Shaw, follows parents, educators and students embroiled in a battle over closing National Teachers Academy (NTA) — a safe haven for Black children and a community bedrock — and transforming it into a high school favoring the needs of wealthier residents. The

program considers race and other factors at play — including class, gentrification, power, privilege and politics — as they collide to create discord in a community seeking the best possible education for its children.

Groucho & Cavett: American Masters

**Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro & WETA PBS;
stream on the PBS App**

A new *American Masters* film explores the enduring friendship between Emmy Award-winning television personality Dick Cavett and iconic comedian Groucho Marx. Cavett, a writer for Jack Parr on *The Tonight Show*, met Marx at the funeral of playwright George S. Kaufman in 1961. When Cavett made the transition from writer to comedian in 1965, he was encouraged and mentored by Marx. In 1968, Cavett became the host of his own talk show and Marx became a frequent guest. The film chronicles the pair's friendship through new interviews with Cavett, footage from Marx's visits to *The Dick Cavett Show* and other rare recordings.



COURTESY DAPHNE PRODUCTIONS



COURTESY INDEPENDENT LENS

Independent Lens: Leftover Women

**Monday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App**

An *Independent Lens* film spotlights three successful modern Chinese women's search for Mr. Right before their society deems them "leftover" for putting jobs ahead of marriage. *Leftover Women* follows a lawyer (34); a public radio professional (28); and an assistant college professor (36) in Beijing, who, despite thriving careers, are still labeled *sheng nu*, a derogatory term used in China to describe educated,

professional unwed young women. With 30 million more men than women in China, women struggle to stay true to their personal and professional ambitions while dealing with pressure to marry from family, friends and a government that launched a state-sponsored campaign to stigmatize unwed women.

WETA Arts: Songs of the Season — WETA's production featuring Washington-area choral ensembles performing seasonal offerings — airs Monday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. on WETA Metro (9 p.m. on WETA PBS) and repeats Dec. 24, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. & Dec. 25, 5 p.m. See page 3 for details.

The WETA World channel is a 24/7 news and public affairs service devoted to fact-based nonfiction 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



The Dalai Lama

COURTESY FRAME OF MIND FILMS

Religion and Spirituality programs on WETA World

WETA World presents more than 40 programs featuring themes of religion and spirituality in December, including the following films and miniseries: *Standing on Sacred Ground* (Dec. 8, 15 & 22, 7 p.m.); *Inside the Vatican* (Dec. 11, 10 p.m.); *Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* (Dec. 12, 7 p.m.); *American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story* (Dec. 17, 7 p.m.); *Buddha* (Dec. 18, 10 p.m.); *Gandhi's Awakening & Gandhi's Gift* (Dec. 19, 7 p.m.); *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet* (Dec. 23, 8 p.m.); *However Wide the Sky: Places of Power* (Dec. 24, 7 p.m.); *Your Health: A Sacred Matter* (Dec. 25, 10 p.m.); *The Letter: A Message for Our Earth* (Dec. 26, 7 p.m.); *Great 14th: Tenzin Gyatso, The 14th Dalai Lama in His Own Words* (Dec. 28, 7 p.m.); *Spiritual Audacity: The Abraham Joshua Heschel Story* (Dec. 29, 9 p.m.); and *Earth's Sacred Wonders* (Dec. 31, 7 p.m.).

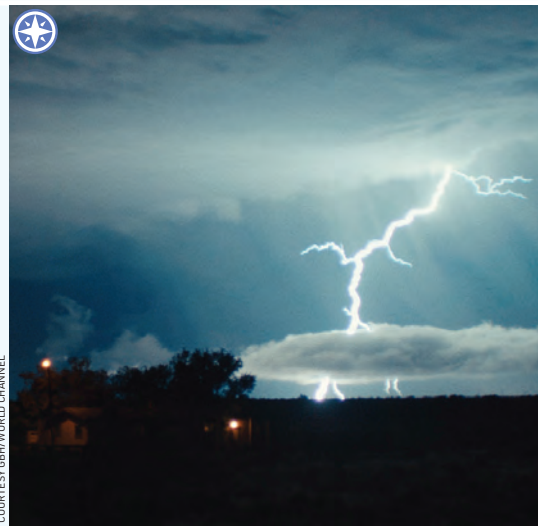
America ReFramed: The Blessing

Thursday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

Documentary series *America ReFramed* presents the *The Blessing*, spotlighting a Navajo coal miner, Lawrence, who is raising his secretive daughter — a senior at the local reservation high school — as a single father while struggling with his part in the irreversible destruction of his tribe's sacred mountain at the hands of America's largest coal producer. This deep spiritual sacrifice has caused him decades of emotional turmoil while providing for his family. Meanwhile, his daughter Caitlin searches for her inner identity amidst the expectations of her traditional father. The 90-minute character-driven film, captured over the course of five years, spotlights the search for acceptance through this poetic social and environmental story.



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Stories from the Stage

Mondays at 9:30 p.m. on WETA World

The ongoing series featuring storytellers speaking on a theme presents two new episodes this month. In *Holiday Spirit* (Dec. 5), three storytellers share tales that conjure the holiday spirit. David Dean Bottrell discovers his passion after stealing the school play's spotlight; Andrea Kamen's bright menorah cuts through the darkness of antisemitism; and Joe Charnitski tries to break a nightmare-before-Christmas bad luck streak. In *The Perfect Gift* (Dec. 19), storytellers speak to the power of gifts to simply bring a smile or even save a life. Christine Gentry donates

a kidney to a stranger; Stacey Bader Curry dreams of one gift but gets another; and on the night of a high school dance, Mary D'Alba (above) gets an amazing gift from her father.



COURTESY APOLLO'S FIRE

Conductor Jeannette Sorrell

NSO Showcase

Wednesday, December 7 at 9 p.m.

A note from NSO Showcase host Nicole Lacroix: The National Symphony Orchestra has a December tradition: each year, a new conductor leads the ensemble in performance of Handel's *Messiah* in the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall, offering a personal interpretation of the beloved masterpiece. This year's broadcast features guest conductor Jeannette Sorrell in her 2017 NSO debut performance. Sorrell is renowned as the founder and music director of Apollo's Fire, one of the country's premier early-music ensembles. *Messiah* airs December 7. NSO Showcase *airs the first Wednesday of the month at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.*

Choral Showcase

Sunday, December 18 at 9 p.m.

Bill Bukowski, WETA Classical weekday midday host, recommends a special *Choral Showcase* program on the Sunday before Christmas. The December 18 program presents an old favorite — Jakob Jan Ryba's Czech Christmas Mass (also known as *Hail Master*, because of its opening words), a charming folk-inspired work that's more of a cantata than a traditional mass. "It will be presented along with Christmas and New Year carols from Ukraine, a country and people very much in our minds and hearts this year," Bukowski said. Choral Showcase *airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.*



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TONY POWELL

21st Century Consort

Front Row Washington

Monday, December 19 at 9 p.m.

WETA Classical host and producer John Banther invites listeners to celebrate the holiday season on *Front Row Washington* with a performance of *The Passion of Scrooge or a Christmas Carol*, a work by American composer John Deak for baritone and chamber orchestra. In the December 2017 performance at the Smithsonian American Art Museum by Washington, D.C. ensemble 21st Century Consort, guest soloist William Sharp sings the role of Scrooge and Marley with a cast of characters portrayed by various instruments in the orchestra. Front Row Washington *airs Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.*

Center Stage from Wolf Trap

Saturdays, December 3, 10 & 17 at 9 p.m.

The ongoing Saturday-night series *Center Stage from Wolf Trap*, featuring chamber music recorded in concert at The Barns at Wolf Trap, takes a holiday hiatus December 24 and 31 but this month presents the following performances:

- **Dec. 3: Escher String Quartet and Jason Vieaux** (guitar): Boccherini, *Quintet No. 4 in D major for Guitar and String Quartet*, G 448; Tárrega, *Capricho árabe for Guitar* (1892); Albéniz, "Rumores de la Caleta (*malagueña*)" (arr. for Guitar); Wolf, *Italian Serenade for String Quartet*.
- **Dec. 10: Simone Dinnerstein** (piano): Schubert, *Piano Sonata No. 21 in B-flat Major*, D. 960.
- **Dec. 17: Montrose Trio**: Tchaikovsky, *Trio in A minor*, Op. 50



SHAYNE GRAY

Montrose Trio

Classical for Washington

Metropolitan Opera Returns December 10 with a New Season

**WETA Classical's *Opera Matinee*
airs Saturdays at 1 p.m.**

By Linda Carducci, on-air host

Another spectacular season of live broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera in New York gets underway this month, and WETA Classical's *Opera Matinee* is delighted to bring these performances to you every Saturday afternoon. The 2022-2023 season includes new productions, company premieres and treasured favorites, all performed by world-class artists. Met General Manager Peter Gelb sums up the upcoming offerings: "Our lessons learned during the two years of the pandemic are that the future of the Met, and of opera, rely upon ceaselessly breaking new and diverse artistic ground. It's our path forward."

Broadcasts begin with the world-premiere staging of Kevin Putz's *The Hours* (Dec. 10), based on the novel by Michael Cunningham that was adapted into the 2002 Oscar-winning film. This production, under Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin's baton, features a dazzling array of star singers: soprano Renée Fleming — who makes her highly anticipated return to the Met — soprano Kelli O'Hara, mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato, and Washington's own Denyce Graves. Additional performances this month include Verdi's *Rigoletto* (Dec. 17) and Mozart's *The Magic Flute* (Dec. 24).



Ben Bliss in Mozart's *The Magic Flute* (Dec. 24)



A scene from Mozart's *Idomeneo*

In other exciting presentations, renowned soprano Sondra Radvanovsky sings the title role of Cherubini's rarely performed *Medea* (Jan. 7), from a recently recorded Met premiere; and Terence Blanchard's *Champion* (May 27), the story of boxer Emile Griffith, features Ryan Speedo Green and Eric Owens in another Met premiere conducted by Maestro Nézet-Séguin.

The line-up of stellar singers on the bill this season also includes Jamie Barton, Angel Blue, Lawrence Brownlee, Isabel Leonard, Peter Mattei, Matthew Polenzani and Sonya Yoncheva.

Opera lovers and those just learning the joys of opera will also savor the many eternal favorites scheduled this season, including Mozart's *Idomeneo* (Apr. 22) and *Don Giovanni* (May 20); Puccini's *Tosca* (Apr. 8) and *La Bohème* (May 6); and Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier* (Apr 15). Also on the bill is a new production of Wagner's *Lohengrin* (March 18), starring tenor Piotr Beczala. Beloved Verdi favorites include a vintage 1973 performance of *Macbeth* (Feb. 4) with Sherrill Milnes in the title role, the grand *Don Carlo* (Feb. 18), *La Traviata* (March 11), and *Aida* (May 13). Wagner's *Der Fliegende Holländer* (June 10) wraps up the season.

Special performances chosen from the Met's storied history include the New Year's Eve bash "Met Debuts on the Air," featuring highlights of artists who made their Met debuts during live Met broadcasts from the 1930s through the 2000s; an historical broadcast in February, yet to be announced; and in March, the popular "Listener's Choice" program, a favorite Met production from its vast archives, as voted by listeners.

Commentary and special features will be guided by the Met's broadcast host, Debra Lew Harder. Check the weekly opera schedule on wetaclassical.org, as start times occasionally vary, and share thrilling operatic experiences with us!

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