

# WETA



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MAGAZINE FOR MEMBERS



## Celebrate the Season

WETA Features Holiday Music and Specials

*WETA Arts: Songs of the Season 2025* showcases  
local choral groups in new special premiering December 8

# WETA Focus



In this holiday season of gift-giving and gratitude, on behalf of WETA I would like to extend our profound thanks to you, our members, for your greatest gift to us — your continuing faith and investment in our educational service mission. We embrace, every day, our responsibility to the people of our community and work hard to earn the trust you place in us. When we lost our federal funding this year, you and others rallied around us — and continue to do so — in support of the high-quality content we produce, the vital cultural role of WETA in Greater Washington, and the essential work we do in our community and beyond.

We are deeply honored to serve you. Together, we accomplish so much!

As you gather for the holidays, please enjoy our programmatic gifts to you. In December, tune in to holiday and performance specials on WETA PBS, including *The Nutcracker from English National Ballet on Great Performances*; the Tabernacle Choir's special *Hope of the Season*; and our annual *WETA Arts* production *Songs of the Season*, showcasing choral ensembles from around Greater Washington. On

WETA Classical, enjoy seasonal music throughout the month and beloved traditional holiday offerings. And on WETA+, stream a vast array of entertaining drama selections and much more.

Stay tuned for exciting programming in the New Year as well! In January, among a wide array of new content we premiere new seasons of *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*, our local restaurant series *Signature Dish*, and *History with David Rubenstein* — and *Masterpiece* rolls out much-anticipated new seasons of popular dramas *All Creatures Great and Small* and *Miss Scarlet*.

Thank you for watching, listening and streaming — and for sustaining all that we do on behalf of the public.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller

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President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA



## Joni Mitchell: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song

**Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**

On New Year's Eve, WETA presents an encore airing of *Joni Mitchell: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song*, a 2023 WETA co-production celebrating the art and artistry of the iconic singer-songwriter as she received the Library of Congress award amid musical tributes from star artists. Performers honoring Mitchell include

James Taylor, Brandi Carlile, Annie Lennox, Herbie Hancock, Cyndi Lauper, Marcus Mumford, Graham Nash, Diana Krall, Angélique Kidjo, Ledisi, and Lucius. An extraordinarily influential creator, Mitchell is an artist of unparalleled gifts as a poet, songwriter, musician, producer, and painter. After getting her start nearly 60 years ago, performing in her native Canada, Mitchell would go on to create and record hit songs such as “Both Sides, Now,” “Chelsea Morning,” “Big Yellow Taxi,” “Woodstock” and “The Circle Game.” Learn more at [pbs.org/gershwinprize](https://pbs.org/gershwinprize).

Corporate funding for the program was provided by Wells Fargo. Major support was provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, AARP, The Leonore S. Gershwin Trust and The Ira & Leonore Gershwin Philanthropic Fund. Funding was also provided by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; FTS International; and William C. Burton. Travel was provided by United Airlines.

## WETA – ON THE AIR & ONLINE

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Fios 470 RCN 599

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COVER: GREAT PERFORMANCES:  
THE NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL  
BALLET; PHOTO BY JOHAN PERSSON



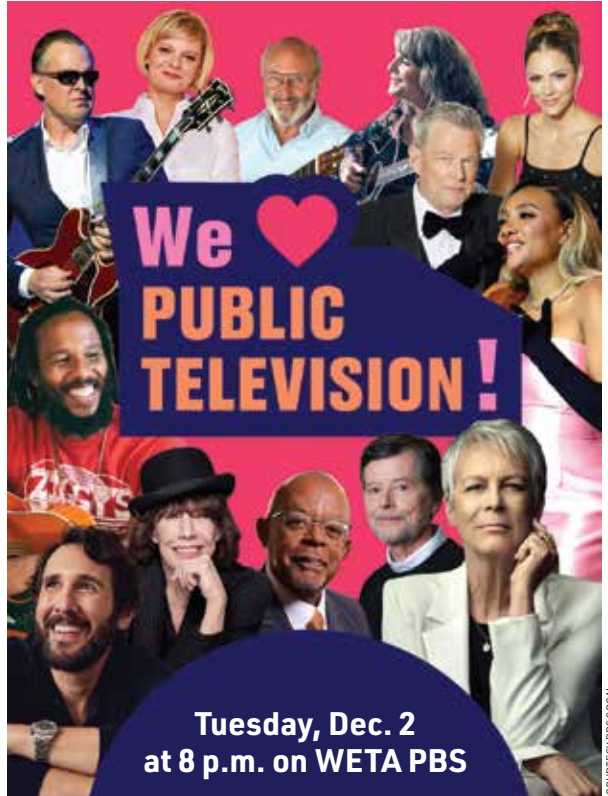
# This Month, Don't Miss...

## A Star-Studded Public Television Special Telethon!

A new Dec. 2 special, *We Love Public Television*, honors 55 remarkable years of public television and features a wide array of fan-luminaries. Recorded live, the three-hour celebration of public television culture, community and future features live musical performances, celebrity appearances and testimonials, and classic clips from iconic programs such as *Sesame Street*, *Masterpiece* and *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

The program, taped live in PBS SoCal's Burbank, California studios, includes participants Willie Nelson; Ken Burns; Henry Louis Gates, Jr.; Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett; Adam Arkin; Judy Blume; Joe Bonamassa; Brandi Carlile; Lynda Carter; Celtic Woman; Jesse Cook; Jamie Lee Curtis; Julia Collin Davison and Bridget Lancaster; David Foster and Katharine McPhee; Josh Groban; Lauryn Hill; Ziggy Marley; Marlee Matlin; Bill Nye; Jacques Pépin; Martha Plimpton; Nicholas Ralph; Sheléa; Rick Steves; Lindsey Stirling; Noel Paul Stookey; Lily Tomlin; and Courtney B. Vance.

The program also includes music performances from Nashville PBS studios featuring Kathy Mattea, Sierra Hull, Molly Tuttle and Ketch Secor. The special celebrates the extraordinary artists and personalities who have graced PBS stages and screens, showcasing the cultural richness that local PBS stations, such as WETA, offer.



## Seasonal Music on WETA Classical

Enjoy a wide selection of seasonal offerings on WETA Classical as Greater Washington's exclusive classical music radio service adds holiday music to its presentations in December, culminating with special programming on December 24-25. This year's Christmas Eve specials include the traditional **Christmas Eve Carolfest** (noon-5 p.m.); **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** from King's College, Cambridge (5 p.m.); Tchaikovsky's **The Nutcracker** (7 p.m.); and **Christmas Through the Centuries** (9 p.m.). On Christmas Day, December 25, WETA Classical presents **Christmas Day Carolfest** (6 a.m.-3 p.m.); Handel's **Messiah** (3 p.m.); and Bach's **Christmas Oratorio** (9 p.m.). To learn about more seasonal music on WETA Classical, see page 20 and visit [weta.org/happyholidays](http://weta.org/happyholidays).

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

### WETA PBS Kids

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### WETA Online

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

### WETA Classical

WETA 90.9 FM Washington, D.C.  
WGMS 89.1 FM Hagerstown  
[wetaclassical.org](http://wetaclassical.org)  
WETA Classical App

## Stream on WETA+

WETA+ is a *free* and easy-to-use streaming service curated for the D.C.-area community by WETA programming staff. On WETA+, enjoy an extraordinary library of acclaimed PBS and WETA shows, on-demand. Watch your favorites and explore WETA+ exclusive collections; discover new programming; catch up on recent shows you missed — *all on your own schedule*. And stream all WETA television channels, *live*. Find out more at [weta.org/wetaplus](http://weta.org/wetaplus).

## WETA+ with PBS Passport

Expand your viewing options with WETA+ with PBS Passport, which offers access to an even wider array of dramas, documentaries and more. Watch everything available with WETA+, *and more*; access thousands of additional shows from the PBS library, and unlock early access to new series and seasons. Already have Passport? Use your login details to stream on WETA+. New to Passport? Easily create a login.

## How to Get Started

Visit [weta.org/plushelp](http://weta.org/plushelp) for instructions on how to download the WETA+ app. WETA+ is *free* on any device where it is available, including most TV streaming devices, smart TVs, mobile phones, tablets, and web browsers (go to [wetaplus.org](http://wetaplus.org)). If you need assistance accessing or setting up WETA+, or WETA+ with PBS Passport, email [plushelp@weta.org](mailto:plushelp@weta.org) or call 703-998-2724.

## WETA+ Program Collections to Explore, Curated by WETA Staff

- **Happy 250th, Jane Austen!** — Celebrate Jane Austen's birthday with WETA this month and enjoy adaptations of many of her works, from *Pride and Prejudice* to *Sanditon* on *Masterpiece*. Available as of Dec. 1.
- **Holmes for the Holidays** — Enjoy adaptations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories, plus historian Lucy Worsley's series exploring the author's relationship to his protagonist. Available as of Dec. 1.
- **Songs of the Season: A WETA Holiday Tradition!** — View all six *WETA Arts* "Songs of the Season" specials showcasing local choral ensembles performing seasonal/holiday fare. Available as of Dec. 1.
- **Fireside Favorites** — Find a wide array of holiday specials and seasonal offerings. Available as of Dec. 1.
- **Most Popular Dramas of 2025** — Immerse yourself in the most-viewed, best-loved drama offerings of the year! Available as of Dec. 15.
- **Most Popular Docs of 2025** — Explore a wide array of fascinating topics in the most-viewed documentary films of the year! Available as of Dec. 15.



*Pride and Prejudice* 1995 classic in the "Happy 250th, Jane Austen!" collection



Mary Berry's *Highland Christmas* in the "Fireside Favorites" collection

# Watch Live TV, Anytime, Anywhere

## Binge programs and series on WETA+ with PBS Passport



• **Miss Scarlet, Series 6 on Masterpiece** — Binge the 6-episode new season of the popular drama as of Dec. 7, a full month before it broadcasts. Kate Phillips stars as the Victorian-era private detective; in the new episodes her personal life enters new territory as she attempts to follow her heart. Catch up on Season 5 first on WETA+!

• **Happiness** — Binge the 6-episode New Zealand musical drama, available as of Dec. 14, starring Rebecca Gibney and Harry McNaughton. The story follows a Broadway director whose U.S. visa problems force him to return to his hometown in New Zealand, where his mother recruits him to help her amateur theatre group put on a show. See page 7 for details.

• **The American Revolution** — Binge the 6-part Florentine Films and WETA history series, available now to stream, directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt. The film chronicles America’s War of Independence, presenting the story of the men and women who waged and witnessed a war that changed the world.

• **Scotland: Escape to the Wilderness** — Binge the 4-part series, available as of Dec. 1. Actors Martin Clunes, Ben Miller and others each join a wildlife cameraman and photographer on forays into the wilds of Scotland. See page 6 to learn more.

• **Christmas in the Cotswolds** — Watch the one-hour special, available as of Dec. 1. The Cotswolds are one of the U.K.’s most popular destinations during its magical Christmas season. Following farmers, artisans, chefs, and stately home curators, the program showcases the people of this stunning region as they celebrate Christmas.

• **Polar Park** — Binge the 6-part French drama series, available now. A Parisian crime novelist with writer’s block seeks answers about his past but is pulled into a series of murders staged as famous works of art. Teaming up with a police officer, he faces a cunning killer who taunts them with cryptic clues. In French with English subtitles.



Scotland: Escape to the Wilderness



Polar Park



Christmas in the Cotswolds

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## WETA Arts: Songs of the Season 2025 Showcases Local Choirs

**premieres Monday, Dec. 8; 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro;  
repeats throughout the month; stream on WETA+**



COURTESY GRETCHEN KUHRMANN

**Choralis (above) and Washington Performing Arts Children of the Gospel Choir (below) are among participating ensembles**



COURTESY WPA

choir's performance for consideration for next year's *Songs of the Season* program, visit [weta.org/localchoirs](http://weta.org/localchoirs).

**T**his December, WETA's Emmy Award-winning arts and culture series *WETA Arts* presents the holiday special *Songs of the Season 2025*, which showcases choral ensembles from around the national capital area. The hour-long, sixth-annual program features 19 local ensembles, including children's choirs, professional companies, small close-harmony groups, large choruses, and more, performing songs celebrating the season. Singers of all ages and diverse backgrounds offer a sampling of the extraordinary choral talent that Greater Washington has to offer.

This year's participating ensembles range from the Capitol Hill Chorale and the Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg to the Annapolis Chorale; from the Children's Chorus of Washington to an ensemble from Encore Creativity for Older Adults; from the Arlington Chorale to the Washington Bach Consort; among many others.

*Songs of the Season 2025* premieres December 8 and repeats throughout the month. Stream the program on WETA+ starting December 1. To learn more, visit [weta.org/songsoftheseason](http://weta.org/songsoftheseason). For information about how to submit your



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## A Celebration of Hanukkah

**Monday, Dec. 15 at 9:30 p.m.  
on WETA PBS**

**I**n a nostalgic hour-long holiday special, host Geoffrey Baer explores time-honored traditions of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, exploring how this joyous holiday came to be, the significance of the season's cherished dishes, and the ways families continue to celebrate together across generations. Along the way, Baer provides an overview of Hanukkah in popular culture. The special includes holiday

klezmer music and, because food plays such a meaningful part of every Hanukkah observance, Baer heads into the kitchen with experts to try his hand at creating seasonal culinary delights — including *latkes* (potato pancakes) and *sufganiyot* (filled donuts) — while explaining how these dishes connect to Hanukkah's history. Joining Baer in the kitchen are bakers Mindy Segal and Ayellet Benezra. The program repeats Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. on WETA PBS.

**To learn more about WETA holiday programming, visit [weta.org/happyholidays](http://weta.org/happyholidays).**

## Great Performances: *Nutcracker* from English National Ballet

**Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream on WETA+**

**E**njoy the holiday classic in a production set in Edwardian-era London and respecting the traditions and narrative beats of the enduring story — but reimagined. In the storyline, Clara embarks on a fantastical adventure in a magical, dream-like realm with her enchanted nutcracker. This English National Ballet interpretation, featuring more than 100 dancers performing at the London Coliseum, centralizes Clara in the story and offers a few twists. Set to Tchaikovsky's iconic score, the production features choreography by English National Ballet artistic director Aaron S. Watkin and Olivier Award-winner Arielle Smith. The program repeats Dec. 23 at 9 p.m. and on Christmas Day.



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## Hope of the Season: Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir

**Monday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. on  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream on WETA+**

**I**n a new holiday special, the renowned Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square joins with Tony Award-winner Ruthie Ann Miles and actor Dennis Haysbert in the seasonal spectacular *Hope of the Season: Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir*. Featuring classic carols, holiday favorites and an inspirational portrait of a change-maker, the 90-minute concert features songs and stories of hope for audiences of all ages.

In addition to holiday hymns “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” Ruthie Ann Miles sings “Spirit of the Season” and “Believe” from *The Polar Express*. Dennis Haysbert tells the true story of philanthropist and social entrepreneur Dr. Charles Mulli before reading the familiar Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke. The program repeats Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. and on Christmas Day.



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## Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel *Messiah*

**Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 9:30 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream on WETA+**

**W**ETA reprises a 2024 special that presents composer George Frideric Handel's 18th-century masterpiece “The Messiah,” reimagined by conductor Marin Alsop (Baltimore Symphony Orchestra music director laureate) and colleagues Bob Christianson and Gary Anderson. Handel's arias, choruses and orchestration are infused with Gospel, Jazz, and R&B, creating an uplifting reinterpretation of this seasonal favorite. The performance before an audience at London's Royal Albert Hall marks the European debut of “Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel Messiah” since its premiere in New York in 1993. Presented by choirmaster and broadcaster Gareth Malone, this program features The BBC Concert Orchestra joined by The BBC Symphony Chorus and The London Adventist Chorale, along with soloists Vanessa Haynes (above) and Zwakele Tshabalala.



MICHAEL O'HALLORAN, BBC STUDIOS



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## American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke

**Friday, Dec. 12 at 9 p.m.**  
**on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;**  
**stream on WETA+**

**A**merican Masters presents a new program that explores prolific performer Dick Van Dyke's path to stardom on stage, television and film, spotlighting his career over eight decades. Van Dyke has dazzled audiences in many iconic works, from his Broadway debut in *Bye Bye Birdie* to his 1961 sitcom *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and his silver screen performances in beloved films such as *Mary Poppins* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. Discover the career of the

Emmy, Tony and Grammy-winning star — who turns 100 on December 13 — and hear how he continues to inspire others in show business. The documentary features rare footage and performance clips, as well as new interviews with Julie Andrews, Carol Burnett, Ted Danson, Steve Martin, Martin Short and others. Also featured are archival interviews with former colleagues including Walter Cronkite, Mary Tyler Moore and Carl Reiner. *American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke* repeats Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m.



COURTESY RICK STEVES

## Rick Steves' Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet

**Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.**  
**on WETA PBS**

**T**his Rick Steves travel special presents a greatest-hits party celebrating European art and creative genius from Leonardo to Van Gogh. The special program collection features three episodes from *Rick Steves' Europe, Season 12* ("Art of the Florentine Renaissance," "Baroque Art," and "Art of the Impressionists and Beyond"). In the two-hour presentation,

the European travel expert traces Florence's bold "rebirth" after Europe's medieval struggles; marvels at the churches, palaces, fountains and canvases of the Baroque period; and examines Impressionist works of the late 1800s. Join Steves on location as he celebrates some of history's most renowned artists and their incredible works.



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## Scotland: Escape to the Wilderness

**7 p.m. Sundays starting Dec. 28**  
**on WETA PBS**

**I**n the four-part series *Scotland: Escape to the Wilderness*, British celebrities join wildlife cameraman and photographer Hamza Yassin to explore Scotland's wild outdoors. Together, they immerse themselves in nature, experiencing the country's most spectacular wildlife. In the first episode (Dec. 28), Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*)

joins Hamza on a camping trip to the isles of the Inner Hebrides. Additional episodes feature Hamza accompanying House of Lords Peer and broadcaster Baroness Sayeeda Warsi on a digital detox in Cairngorms National Park; Ben Miller (*Professor T*) accompanies Hamza on a wilding adventure in rural Perthshire; and then Hamza guides former pop star and broadcaster Rev. Richard Coles on the remote Ardnamurchan peninsula on Scotland's west coast.



# Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2025

**Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8 p.m.  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream on WETA+**

The beloved series *Call the Midwife* presents its latest holiday special on Christmas night per tradition. In the storyline, senior members of Nonnatus House take a short break from Poplar, testing themselves in an unfamiliar landscape — the Far East — as they embark on a mercy mission, swapping the snowy East End of London for the sun-drenched terrain of Hong Kong. The rise in hospital births, and wider changes in the National Health Service, have clipped their wings. But their mission to the Far East is a chance to take flight and work out what really matters. For her part, Sister Julianne suddenly finds herself excited about the Order’s future. After years of battling change, she decides to embrace it and see what love can do. Stream recent additional *Call the Midwife* holiday specials on WETA+ as of December 21.



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## Happiness

**8 p.m. Sundays starting Dec. 14  
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;  
stream on WETA+**

In the six-episode New Zealand musical comedy *Happiness*, after being away for 20 years, Broadway director Charlie Summers is forced by circumstances to return to his home town of Tauranga, New Zealand. Charlie just wants to get his U.S. visa problems sorted out fast and be on his way, but his mother enlists him to help with a production by her local amateur theatre society, “Pizazz.” The quirky characters of the cast and crew there lack professional skills but certainly don’t lack passion. Rebecca Gibney (*Under the Vines; Halifax*), one of Australia’s most beloved actors; Harry McNaughton (writer, *Under the Vines*); and Peter Hambleton (*The Hobbit* trilogy) star. The production was filmed in theatres in Auckland.



AND CROWN

## Marathon: Miss Scarlet, Series 5 on Masterpiece

**Sunday, Dec. 7, 1-6 p.m. &  
8-10:30 p.m. on WETA PBS**

In anticipation of the *Masterpiece* premiere of a new season of *Miss Scarlet* in January (but available to stream on WETA+ this month; see pages 2-3), as a catch-up opportunity WETA reprises Series 5 of the drama in a marathon airing. Series 5’s six episodes follow private investigator Eliza Scarlet as her London detective agency thrives and she achieves professional success, but amid her many cases, a new challenge arises. With The Duke departed to New York, a new Detective Inspector, Alexander Blake (Tom Durant Pritchard), arrives at Scotland Yard. Eliza must prove herself anew and craft a working relationship with Blake if she is to continue to have access to police resources to aid her.



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Primetime

WETA PBS in December



Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for the most up-to-date schedule information. ■ Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Mon	Easy Yoga for Arthritis with Peggy Cappy		If You Lived Here: Bowie, MD	Get Out of Town: Williamsburg, VA	Rick Steves' European Christmas (to 11:30pm)	
2 Tue	"We Love Public Television" Telethon					
3 Wed	Mister Rogers: It's You I Like			André Rieu: Power of Love (to 11:30pm)		
4 Thur	Father Brown, Series 12 (Pt 7 of 10)		Father Brown, Series 12 (Pt 8 of 10)		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Pt 10 of 13. <i>Death by Miss Adventure</i> )	
5 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Change Your Brain, Change Your Pain with Daniel Amen, MD				Magic Moments: The Best of '50s Pop (to 1am)
6 Sat	(7:30pm) The American Revolution (Pt 6 of 6. <i>The Most Sacred Thing</i> )					Foo Fighters: Live at Wembley Stadium (to 12m)
7 Sun	Miss Scarlet, Series 5 on Masterpiece (Pts 1-6 of 6 air 1-6 p.m. & 8-10:30 p.m.)					All Creatures Great and Small: Cheers to the Years (to 12m)
8 Mon	Deconstructing the Beatles		WETA Arts: Songs of the Season 2025		POV: Between Goodbyes (to 11:30pm)	
9 Tue	Rick Steves' Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet			Frontline: The Deal: Trump, Bukele & The Gangs of El Salvador		
10 Wed	Magic Moments: The Best of '50s Pop					Visions of Italy: Southern Style (to 12m)
11 Thur	Father Brown, Series 12 (Pt 9 of 10)		Father Brown, Series 12 (Pt 10 of 10)		Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears (to 12m)	
12 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 6	American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke			
13 Sat	WETA Viewer Favorites					
14 Sun	Happiness (Pts 1 & 2 of 6)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5 on Masterpiece (Pts 1 & 2 of 7)			
15 Mon	Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir			A Celebration of Hanukkah		Get Out of Town: Williamsburg, VA
16 Tue	Great Performances: <i>Nutcracker</i> from English National Ballet			American Masters: Ten Times Better	Frontline: Strike on Iran: The Nuclear Question	
17 Wed	Nature: Santa's Wild Home		NOVA: Polar Extremes			
18 Thur	The Great Escaper on Masterpiece			Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 1 (Pt 11 of 13. <i>Blood and Circuses</i> )		
19 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 6	Craft in America: East		Craft in America: West	
20 Sat	(7pm) WETA Cinema Classics: <i>The Bells of St. Mary's</i>		(9:07pm) Disorder in the Court	WETA Cinema Classics: <i>A Christmas Wish</i>		
21 Sun	Happiness (Pts 3 & 4 of 6)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5 on Masterpiece (Pts 3 & 4 of 7)			
22 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Wags to Riches		WETA Arts: Songs of the Season 2025		Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas	
23 Tue	American Masters: Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around		Great Performances: <i>Nutcracker</i> from English National Ballet			American Masters: Ten Times Better
24 Wed	Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir			Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel <i>Messiah</i>		
25 Thur	Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2025			Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2025 (encore) (to 12m)		
26 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 6	Gospel Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.		American Masters: Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around	
27 Sat	Holmes for the Holidays (to 12:30am): <i>Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon</i> ; <i>The Woman in Green</i> ; <i>Dressed to Kill</i> ; <i>Terror by Night</i>					
28 Sun	Happiness (Pts 5 & 6 of 6)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5 on Masterpiece (Pts 5 & 6 of 7)			
29 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Did Grandma Lie?		If You Lived Here: Mount Pleasant, DC	Get Out of Town: Snowshoe, WV	Antiques Roadshow: Let's Celebrate!	
30 Tue	American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke			Finding Your Roots w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Series 9 encore: <i>Hidden Kin</i>		
31 Wed	Great Performances: Rodgers & Hammerstein's 80th Anniversary			Joni Mitchell: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song (to 11:30pm)		
▲	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30

PBS News Hour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.  
PBS News Weekend airs Sat./Sun. at 6 p.m.

Amanpour and Company airs late weeknights  
(check listings)

# TV Listings

WETA PBS in December



Listings are accurate as of press time. For latest schedules, visit [weta.org/schedule](http://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.

## Program Key

**Blue type** – WETA productions, co-productions and presentations.

**R** – Repeat of recent programming.



COURTESY RICK STEVES

### Monday, Dec. 1 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS

In the seasonal special *Rick Steves' European Christmas*, the travel expert explores holiday traditions and celebrations in countries throughout the Continent, and in the U.K., shopping at seasonal markets, visiting families, experiencing music, and more.

## 1 Monday

### WEEKDAYS IN DECEMBER:

**6AM** NHK NEWSLINE

**6:30AM** BBC NEWS

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

**7AM (Tuesdays-Saturdays:) PBS NEWS HOUR – R**

**7:30 (Mon:) WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**

**8AM-3PM** WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING

**5PM** AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – Rpt of previous night

**6PM** BBC NEWS: THE CONTEXT

**6:30** BBC NEWS AMERICA

**7:00** **PBS NEWS HOUR** – Each weeknight, the WETA production presents in-depth news reports and analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews and discussions of domestic and international issues. Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](http://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00** **EASY YOGA FOR ARTHRITIS WITH PEGGY CAPPY** – The yoga expert demonstrates safe and effective yoga exercises designed to address arthritis problems. **Repeats Wed 12/10, midnight**

**9:00** **IF YOU LIVED HERE** – Season 2 encore: *Bowie, MD*. In WETA's local house-hunting series, the hosts join resident and realtor Tammey Drummond to visit properties in Bowie. The episode explores the community's journey from affordable housing for some to fair housing for all; its horse-racing history; and why minor league baseball is important to Bowie. **Repeats Tue 12/2, 3pm**

**9:30** **GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: *Williamsburg, VA*. In this episode of WETA's local travel series, mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee step into history and holidays at Colonial Williamsburg and ride the rollercoasters of Busch Gardens surrounded by 10 million lights. **Repeats Tue 12/2, 3:30pm; Wed 12/3, 4:30pm; Mon 12/15, 10:30pm; Tue 12/16, 4:30pm; Sat 12/20, 10am**

**10:00** **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 Wed 12/3, 3pm**

**11:30** **CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE YOUR PAIN WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – See the Friday, December 5, 8:30 p.m. listing. **Repeats Thur 12/4, 3pm**

**1AM** **AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – Examine the global issues, domestic news and trends impacting the world. Christiane Amanpour leads conversations with thought leaders and influencers, with other interviews from Walter Isaacson, Michel Martin and Hari Sreenivasan. **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

## 2 Tuesday

**8:00** **WE LOVE PUBLIC TELEVISION** – In a special telethon, a star-studded cast honors 55 years of public television: America's trusted, free public media service that reaches every community in the nation. The special features a variety of musical performances, celebrity appearances and testimonials, plus archival material from iconic programs. See page 1 for a list of participants, who include WETA collaborators Ken Burns and Henry Louis Gates, Jr.; *PBS News Hour*'s Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett; and a wide array of celebrities.

**11:00** **ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN** – In this WETA co-production, David Rubenstein explores America's history through examinations of iconic places and archetypes. *The Hollywood Sign*. Learn how a real estate advertisement erected in 1923 became an international symbol of fame, fortune, and the American Dream.

**12M** **ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN** – *The Gadsden Flag*. Discover how the "Don't Tread on Me" flag, such a potent symbol of independence, has been co-opted by a wide variety of Americans over its long history.

## 3 Wednesday

**8:00** **MISTER ROGERS: IT'S YOU I LIKE** – Actor Michael Keaton hosts a celebration of Fred Rogers' beloved series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, a landmark in children's television. The special features favorite segments from the series, stories from Rogers' wife Joanne, and interviews with celebrities who were influenced and inspired by Rogers.

**9:30** **ANDRÉ RIEU: POWER OF LOVE** – Recorded live at the Vrijthof Square in Maastricht, Netherlands in 2024, this performance features the violinist and ensemble



ANDRÉ RIEU PRODUCTIONS

### Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

*André Rieu: Power of Love* presents a concert extravaganza filmed live in Maastricht, Netherlands, featuring the popular violinist-conductor in performance with his Johann Strauss Orchestra.





THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART



## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION A WETA CO-PRODUCTION

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 1-6 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m. on WETA PBS**

WETA reprises episodes of *The American Revolution*, the WETA and Florentine Films production directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein & David Schmidt. The film explores the story of America's struggle for independence and the implications of the new nation's founding.

leader and his Johann Strauss Orchestra. Highlights of the concert include works by Verdi, Respighi, Strauss, Handel and others — plus "Sweet Caroline" and more.

**Repeats Wed 12/10, 3pm**

- 11:30 VISIONS OF ITALY: SOUTHERN STYLE** — A film soars above the landscapes and coastlines of southern Italy, featuring stunning aerial footage accompanied by a poetic narrative and music. (90 min.) **Repeats Wed 12/10, 10:30pm**

## 4 Thursday

- 8:00 FATHER BROWN, SERIES 12** — In a season of episodes new to WETA, sleuthing Cotswolds priest Father Brown (Mark Williams) tackles a new array of mysteries in the beautiful English countryside. *Episode 7 of 10. The Deserving Poor.* Father Brown investigates when an old friend is arrested for murder at an almshouse. **Repeats Fri 12/5, 3pm; Sun 12/7, noon**
- 9:00 FATHER BROWN, SERIES 12** — *Episode 8 of 10. The Sisters of Aeschylus.* When Lady Felicia invites a prestigious group of writers to Montague, her hopes of being published are eclipsed by a murder. **Repeats Fri 12/5, 4pm**
- 10:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** — Essie Davis stars. *Part 10 of 13. Death by Miss Adventure.* Phryne Fisher investigates the demise of a young worker in a supposed factory accident and soon learns that the woman's death might not be the misadventure the police think it is. Faced with a wall of secrecy and lies, Phryne sends her trusty maid, Dot, undercover to investigate.
- 11:00 RICK STEVES' ART OF EUROPE: MICHELANGELO TO MONET** — The travel expert celebrates Europe's art and creative geniuses, from Leonardo to Van Gogh. Steves traces Florence's rebirth after Europe's medieval struggles; marvels at the churches, palaces, fountains and canvases of the Baroque period; and examines the Impressionist works that captured the *joie de vivre* of the late 1800s. (2 hrs.) **Repeats Sat 12/6, 8am, midnight; Tue 12/9, 8pm; Thur 12/11, 3pm**

## 5 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** — In WETA's weekly production, *The Atlantic* editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg moderates 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](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 12/6, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/7, 11:30am; Mon 12/8, 7:30am**
- 8:30 CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE YOUR PAIN WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** — The psychiatrist, neuroscientist and bestselling author explores how physical pain, emotional struggles, and memory slips are connected in the brain. Amen reveals his "Healing Loop,"

spotlighting how healing the brain can calm pain, ease suffering, lift depression, and sharpen thinking.

**Repeats Fri 12/12, 11pm**

- 10:30 MAGIC MOMENTS: THE BEST OF '50S POP** — In this encore presentation, Phyllis McGuire, Pat Boone and Nick Clooney host a nostalgic musical trip back to the 1950s. Return to the era's pop music days with a mix of live performance and archival footage presenting classic songs from artists including the McGuire Sisters, Debbie Reynolds, Patti Page, the Four Lads, Boone and others, who deliver their biggest hits. (2.5 hrs.) **Repeats Sat 12/6, 10:30am; Wed 12/10, 8pm**

## 6 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** — R
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 7AM PBS NEWS HOUR** — R
- 8AM RICK STEVES' ART OF EUROPE: MICHELANGELO TO MONET** — R
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** — (see 7 p.m. listing)
- 10:30 MAGIC MOMENTS: THE BEST OF '50S POP** — R
- 1:00 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — The production of Florentine Films and WETA — directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt and written by Geoffrey C. Ward — chronicles the American War of Independence. *Part 4 of 6. Conquer by a Drawn Game.* After beating General Washington in battle, General Howe takes Philadelphia, forcing Congress to flee the city. But the Americans' surprising victory over General Burgoyne at Saratoga encourages France to openly support the United States. **Repeats Sun 12/7, midnight**
- 3:30 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — *Part 5 of 6. The Soul of All America.* After Valley Forge and Monmouth, the French-American alliance changes the war and moves it to other theaters. Navies battle off England and in the Caribbean, while armies advance in Indian Country and the South. The British take Charleston. **Repeats Sun 12/7, 2:30am**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** — John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** — R
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** — The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are BASIS Independent, McDonough and Walter Johnson high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. Stream on WETA+ and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**
- 7:30 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — The production of Florentine Films and WETA — directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt and written by Geoffrey C. Ward — chronicles the American War of Independence. *Part 6 of 6. The Most Sacred Thing.* British General Cornwallis struggles to pacify the southern states. Supported by the French, Washington wins the decisive victory at Yorktown. With the nation's independence secured, Americans aspire for a more perfect union.
- 10:30 FOO FIGHTERS: LIVE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM** — Filmed over two sold-out nights at England's largest arena, this 2008 concert program features the rock band Foo



COURTESY TUL PRODUCTIONS

**Friday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 p.m. on WETA PBS**

Nostalgic special *Magic Moments: The Best of '50s Pop* presents live performances and archival footage of pop music classics from an array of artists including Pat Boone, Patti Page, Perry Como, The McGuire Sisters (above), Debbie Reynolds, and others.



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## WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025 A WETA PRODUCTION

**Monday, Dec. 8 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS (8 p.m. on WETA Metro)**

A new installment of annual special *WETA Arts: Songs of the Season* presents 19 choral ensembles – large and small, professional and amateur, and featuring singers of all ages – from around the national capital area performing holiday/seasonal offerings.

Fighters delivering classic hits, from “Everlong” to “The Pretender.” The program features special guest appearances by Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin.

**12M RICK STEVES’ ART OF EUROPE: MICHELANGELO TO MONET – R**

## 7 Sunday

**6AM PRUE LEITH’S COTSWOLD KITCHEN, SERIES 2** – Join the restaurateur, author and *Great British Baking Show* judge as she welcomes guests into her Cotswold kitchen, sharing recipes, tips and handy culinary hacks. *Guests: Charlotte Church + Ruby Wax.*

**8:30 FRANCE MADE WITH LOVE** – This new program from the Emmy Award-winning *Made with Love* series embarks on a journey across France, showcasing the exquisite craftsmanship and renowned cultural charm of the country’s artisans.

**10:00 FAMILY RECIPE: JEWISH AMERICAN STYLE** – Enjoy a feast for the soul in a culinary journey through the diaspora in homes across America. More than bagels and blintzes, every delicious dish is a story of resilience and resistance with a side of laughter and a generous slice of life. *Repeats Tue 12/9, 3pm*

**11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**

**12N FATHER BROWN, SERIES 12** – Mark Williams stars as the sleuthing Cotswolds priest. *Episode 7 of 10. The Deserving Poor.* Father Brown investigates when an old friend is arrested for murder at an almshouse. **R**

**1:00 MISS SCARLET, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – WETA reprises Season 5 of the Victorian-era mystery drama. In this season, Eliza Scarlet’s detective agency thrives, but with a new officer arriving at Scotland Yard, she must build a working relationship with him to access police resources. *Parts 1 & 2 of 6. The Rival/The Guild.* When a new Detective Inspector starts at the Yard, Eliza must fight to prove herself all over again. Then, she is tasked with solving the murder of a high-profile private detective with a closet full of skeletons.

**3:30 MISS SCARLET, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Parts 3 & 4 of 6. The Thames Reaper/The Deal.* With a serial killer on the loose, Eliza is caught in the middle of a clash between Fleet Street and Scotland Yard. Then, Eliza’s life is turned upside down when she finds herself dragged into a missing persons case. *Parts 5 & 6 air at 8 p.m. tonight.*

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. *Repeats Monday, 7am*

**6:30 TWENTY TWELVE** – A BBC parody series follows the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission as it struggles to prepare for the great sporting event. Hugh Bonneville and Olivia Colman are among the cast. *Part 6 of 6. Equestrian Controversy.*

**7:00 WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – Follow the intertwining fates of ordinary people as they grapple with the effects of World War II on their lives in Britain, Poland, France and Germany. *Part 5 of 7.* Harry and his unit reach Dunkirk, with the odds stacked against them.

**8:00 MISS SCARLET, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – [Parts 1–4 air 1–6 p.m. today.] *Parts 5 & 6 of 6.* The Enchanted Mirror/Dangerous Liaisons. Eliza explores the cut-throat world of Victorian theatre while finding herself growing closer to Inspector Blake. Then, she faces a conflict of interest when she is hired to investigate the personal life of Police Commissioner Fitzroy.

**10:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL: CHEERS TO THE YEARS** – A special program celebrates the first five seasons of the popular *Masterpiece* drama *All Creatures Great and Small*, spotlighting memorable moments and going behind the scenes with the cast and creators to discuss the evolution of the series. Season 6 premieres in January. *Repeats Mon 12/8, 3pm*

**12M THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** – *Parts 4 & 5 of 6. R*

## 8 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). *Repeats next day, 7am*

**8:00 DECONSTRUCTING THE BEATLES** – Musicologist Scott Freiman traces key moments in the Beatles’ career, spotlighting groundbreaking albums and songs. Segments include “The Beatles Come to America,” the story of how the Beatles went from Liverpool to *The Ed Sullivan Show*; and “Deconstructing Rubber Soul,” the race against the clock to produce the 1965 album.

**9:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025** – Celebrate the holidays with the 6th annual *WETA Arts* presentation *Songs of the Season*. A WETA holiday tradition, this hour-long special features vocal performances of seasonal songs from 19 choral groups from around the national capital area. Ensembles include children’s choirs, professional companies, small close-harmony groups, large choruses, and more. To learn more, see page 4. Stream the program on WETA+. *Repeats Sun 12/14, 11pm; Sun 12/21, 5pm; Mon 12/22, 9pm; Tue 12/23, 3pm; Wed 12/24, 8am, 4pm*

**10:00 POV: BETWEEN GOODBYES** – When a queer Korean adoptee reunites with her birth mother in Seoul, deep cultural misunderstandings and unspoken regrets surface. With tenderness, humor and determination, both women navigate the heart-wrenching legacy of international adoption.

**11:30 DECONSTRUCTING THE BEATLES** – Musicologist Scott Freiman traces key moments in the Beatles’ career. Segments include “The Beatles Come to America”; “Deconstructing Rubber Soul”; and “Strawberry Fields Forever.” (90 min.)

## 9 Tuesday

**8:00 RICK STEVES’ ART OF EUROPE: MICHELANGELO TO MONET** – The travel expert celebrates Europe’s art and creative geniuses, from Leonardo to Van Gogh. Steves traces Florence’s rebirth after Europe’s medieval struggles; marvels at the churches, palaces, fountains and canvases of the Baroque period; and examines the Impressionist works that captured the *joie de vivre* of the late 1800s. **R**



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**Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10 p.m. on WETA PBS**

*Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears* features Essie Davis reprising her role as 1920s Australian sleuth Phryne Fisher in a globe-trotting adventure. Nathan Page co-stars as DI Jack Robinson.





PLAYGROUND ENTERTAINMENT AND MASTERPIECE

**Sundays, Dec. 14-Jan. 4 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
With new episodes of *All Creatures Great and Small* on Masterpiece set to premiere in January, WETA reprises Series 5 in double features on Sunday nights starting Dec. 14 for catch-up viewing.

- 10:00 FRONTLINE: THE DEAL: TRUMP, BUKELE & THE GANGS OF EL SALVADOR** – *Frontline* and the Salvadoran news outlet *El Faro* (now reporting from exile) explore Nayib Bukele's deal with President Trump to imprison deportees, and what each stood to gain, spotlighting the Salvadoran president's tangled history with the gangs the U.S. says it is fighting.
- 11:00 BROADWAY'S LEADING LADIES** – An extraordinary lineup of talent and the American Pops Orchestra pay tribute to the women who have defined Broadway and those who are shaping its future. This March 2025 concert at New York's Town Hall is a celebration of song and legacy. (2 hrs.)

## 10 Wednesday

- 8:00 MAGIC MOMENTS: THE BEST OF '50S POP** – See the Friday, December 5, 10:30 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:30 VISIONS OF ITALY: SOUTHERN STYLE** – **R**
- 12M EASY YOGA FOR ARTHRITIS WITH PEGGY CAPPY** – **R**

## 11 Thursday

- 8:00 FATHER BROWN, SERIES 12** – *Episode 9 of 10. The Puzzle of Banburismus.* Father Brown must untangle the mysteries that lie within a sewing circle when a seamstress is stabbed to death. **Repeats Fri 12/12, 3pm**
- 9:00 FATHER BROWN, SERIES 12** – *Episode 10 of 10. The Blessing of the Father.* Mrs. Devine and Sullivan's wedding approaches, but can Father Brown stop a would-be killer from ruining their big day? **Repeats Fri 12/12, 4pm**
- 10:00 MISS FISHER AND THE CRYPT OF TEARS** – Glamorous detective Phryne Fisher (Essie Davis) returns in a cinematic sequel to the popular series *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*. In 1929 Jerusalem, Phryne's rescue of a young Bedouin girl leads her on a globe-trotting adventure to uncover priceless treasures, wartime secrets, and an ancient tomb bearing a curse – all with the help of detective Jack Robinson (Nathan Page).
- 12M FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as he delves into the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 8 encore: Forgotten Journeys.* Gates helps actors John Leguizamo and Lena Waithe retrace the paths of their ancestors, uncovering crucial pieces of their own identities that were lost on the journey to America.

## 12 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 12/13, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/14, 11:30am; Mon 12/15, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 6** – In this WETA presentation, author/interviewer David Rubenstein talks with America's top scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. *Episode 8 of 10. Danielle Allen.* Harvard University professor and author of *Justice by Means of Democracy*.

- 9:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE** – Celebrate the life and career of legendary actor Dick Van Dyke on his 100th birthday. Known for iconic roles in *Mary Poppins* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and for his classic CBS sitcom, Van Dyke has delighted audiences on screen and stage for eight decades. **Repeats Mon 12/15, 3pm; Tue 12/30, 8pm**
- 11:00 CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE YOUR PAIN WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – **R**

## 13 Saturday

- 6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**
- 7AM PBS NEWS HOUR** – **R**
- 8AM-10AM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC** – (see 7 p.m. listing)
- 10:30AM-6PM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.
- 6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** – The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are Washington International, Westfield and Herndon high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. Stream on WETA+ and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.**
- 7:30PM-6AM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**

## 14 Sunday

- 6AM-11:30AM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N-6PM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody documentary series continues to follow the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission as it struggles to keep the Olympic games on track and on budget. *Part 1 of 7. The Boycott, Pt 1.*
- 7:00 WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 6 of 7.* Paris falls to the Nazis, and Webster and Albert's lives are turned upside down. **Repeats midnight**
- 8:00 HAPPINESS** – In this drama, after 20 years away, a Broadway director is forced by circumstance to return to his New Zealand hometown and finds himself back in amateur theater. Rebecca Gibney and Harry McNaughton co-star. *Parts 1 & 2 of 6.* After a setback on Broadway, Charlie Summers returns to his mother's household and reluctantly joins the local amateur musical theater society. Charlie's desperation to get back to Broadway draws him into Pizazz's rehearsals for "The Trojan Horse." **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – WETA reprises Season 5 of the drama; Season 6 premieres in January. *Part 1 of 7. To All Our Boys.* A medical scare keeps James grounded and



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**Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Nature: Santa's Wild Home* spotlights wildlife of Lapland, Finland, including reindeer, wolverines, eagles, wolves, and brown bears. Find more *Nature* offerings on WETA streaming service WETA+.





NOVA/WGBH

**Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
 NOVA special *Polar Extremes* uncovers the natural history of Earth's poles, following a trail of fossils to look back in time from thick ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. Find more NOVA offerings on WETA streaming service WETA+.

Siegfried and Carmody get their wires crossed over an animal. Meanwhile, Helen steps in to help an old family friend, and Mrs. Hall faces trouble when she decides to help with the war effort.

- 10:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 2 of 7. *Holding the Baby*. Baby Jimmy joins James and Carmody on their rounds. Helen is surprised to find Jenny with a new best friend. Mrs. Hall starts her job as an ARP Warden and tries to keep the peace between Siegfried and the overly assertive Mr. Bosworth.
- 11:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025** – R
- 12M WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – Part 6 of 7. R
- 1AM HAPPINESS** – Parts 1 & 2 of 6. R

## 15 Monday

- 8AM-3PM IF YOU LIVED HERE MARATHON**
- 3:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE** – R
- 5:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY** – R
- 6:00 BBC NEWS: THE CONTEXT + BBC NEWS AMERICA**
- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). Repeats next day, 7am
- 8:00 HOPE OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** – Tony Award-winner Ruthie Ann Miles and iconic actor Dennis Haysbert inspire in this holiday special that combines classic Christmas carols with a contemporary story of how giving back and uplifting communities is the true meaning of the season. Repeats Tue 12/16, 3pm; Sat 12/20, 12:30am; Wed 12/24, 9am, 8pm; Thur 12/25, 2pm
- 9:30 A CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH** – Geoffrey Baer hosts a fun exploration of the time-honored traditions of this joyous Jewish holiday, sharing how Hanukkah came to be, the significance of the season's cherished dishes, and the ways families continue to celebrate together across generations. Along the way, Baer provides an overview of Hanukkah in popular culture, weaving in his holiday memories. Repeats Fri 12/19, 4pm; Sun 12/21, 4pm
- 10:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: Williamsburg, VA. See the Dec. 1, 9:30 p.m. listing. R

## 16 Tuesday

- 8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** – Enjoy Tchaikovsky's holiday classic set in Edwardian-era London. Clara embarks on a fantastical adventure with her enchanted nutcracker – featuring more than 100 dancers and a magical, dreamlike realm. Choreographed by Aaron S. Watkin and Arielle Smith. Repeats Wed 12/17, 3pm; Sat 12/20, 11pm; Tue 12/23, 9pm; Wed 12/24, 10:30am; Thur 12/25, 12:30pm, 3:30pm; Sat 12/27, 12:30am; Sun 12/28, 4:30pm
- 9:30 AMERICAN MASTERS: TEN TIMES BETTER** – The biography series presents the astonishing and heartwarming story of George Lee, a pioneering Asian dancer who

originated a featured role in George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* 70 years ago as a teenage immigrant from China. Repeats Wed 12/17, 4:30pm; Tue 12/23, 10:30pm

**10:00 FRONTLINE: STRIKE ON IRAN: THE NUCLEAR QUESTION** – Using rare on-the-ground access in Iran and in-depth forensic analysis, *Frontline* – with *The Washington Post*, Evident Media, and Bellingcat – presents an immersive investigation into Iran's nuclear program in the aftermath of the U.S. and Israeli strikes.

## 17 Wednesday

- 8:00 NATURE: SANTA'S WILD HOME** – Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, brown bears and more. Repeats Fri 12/19, 3pm; Sun 12/21, noon
- 9:00 NOVA: POLAR EXTREMES** – Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today – and what the future may hold. Repeats Thur 12/18, 3pm; Sat 12/21, 2pm

## 18 Thursday

- 8:00 THE GREAT ESCAPER ON MASTERPIECE** – Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson star in a drama that follows the daring "escape" of Bernard Jordan, an 89-year-old World War II veteran, from his retirement home to attend a D-Day commemoration in Normandy. This true story is a tribute to heroism, healing and remembrance.
- 10:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 1** – Essie Davis stars. Part 11 of 13. *Blood and Circuses*. The carnival is in town, and innocent fun turns to horror when one of the sideshow acts is murdered. Phryne poses as a magician's assistant to investigate. The carnival takes Phryne on a trip down memory lane – to the days when she and her sister, Janey, would sneak into the big top, until the night Janey disappeared.

## 19 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). Repeats Sat 12/20, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/21, 11:30am; Mon 12/22, 7:30am
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 6** – Episode 9 of 10. Kai Bird. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, City University of New York, and author of *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*.
- 9:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA: EAST** – Explore how history, culture and contemporary craft intertwine across the Eastern U.S. Through the artistry of a silversmith, a potter, fabric flower makers and more, uncover the diverse expressions that have shaped modern American craft. Repeats Mon 12/22, 3pm



COURTESY LAKESHORE PUBLIC MEDIA

**Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. on WETA PBS**  
 WETA Cinema Classics presents *The Bells of St. Mary's*, starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman as a priest and nun who differ over how to save a soon-to-be-closed parish school.



**Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir* features actor Dennis Haysbert (above) and Tony Award-winning singer Ruthie Ann Miles in this year's holiday spectacular from Salt Lake City's Temple Square. The special presents carols and stories.

**10:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA: WEST** – Celebrate heritage and the handmade, inspired by the landscape, history and culture of the West. Across cowboy arts, Hawaiian indigenous practices, and Native American handwork, today's artists are breathing new life into traditional craft. **Repeats Mon 12/22, 4pm**

## 20 Saturday

**6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R  
**6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**  
**7AM PBS NEWS HOUR** – R  
**8AM BLOOMBERG WALL STREET WEEK**  
**9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE**  
**10AM GET OUT OF TOWN** – Season 2 encore: Williamsburg, VA. See the Dec. 1, 9:30 p.m. listing. R  
**10:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE**  
**11AM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**  
**11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS**  
**12N JACQUES PÉPIN: HEART & SOUL**  
**12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION**  
**1:00 FRENCH MAGNOLIA COOKS**  
**1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN**  
**2:00 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS**  
**2:30 PEOPLE OF THE NORTH**  
**3:00 KITCHEN CURIOUS WITH VIVIAN HOWARD** (*Relish* starts 12/27)  
**3:30 FORK & HAMMER**  
**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 THIS OLD HOUSE**  
**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.  
**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R  
**7:00 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S** – In Leo McCarey's 1945 musical comedy-drama, Bing Crosby reprises his Oscar-winning *Going My Way* role as Father O'Malley, who is transferred to a soon-to-be-condemned parochial school run by Sister Benedict (Ingrid Bergman). The two have very different ideas for turning the place around and enter into a good-natured rivalry.  
**9:07 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: DISORDER IN THE COURT** – In this short 1936 Three Stooges comedy film, Moe, Larry and Curly are witnesses in a trial in which a friend stands accused. The three are more than willing to testify for the defense and disrupt the proceedings.  
**9:30 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: A CHRISTMAS WISH** – In Irving Pichel's 1950 comedy, a down-on-their-luck vaudeville family can't afford to pay rent on their run-down ground-floor apartment at Christmas. An unexpected guardian angel in the form of a squirrel comes into their lives, showering them with money. Jimmy Durante stars.  
**11:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** – R  
**12:30AM HOPE OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** – R

## 21 Sunday

**6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**  
**9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE**  
**9:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE**  
**10AM DW EUROMAXX – LIFESTYLE EUROPE**  
**10:30 MOTORWEEK**  
**11AM FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER**  
**11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R  
**12N NATURE: SANTA'S WILD HOME** – R  
**1:00 NATURE: CANADA: SURVIVING THE WILD NORTH** – Journey from Canada's high arctic to boreal forest and discover how polar bears, coastal wolves, lynx and more survive in the North. Timing and seizing opportunity can mean the difference between life and death in these wild and rugged lands.  
**2:00 NOVA: POLAR EXTREMES** – R  
**4:00 A CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH** – R  
**5:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025** – R  
**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**  
**6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody series follows the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission as it struggles to keep the great sporting event on track. *Part 2 of 7. The Boycott, Pt 2.*  
**7:00 WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 7 of 7.* Harry has a second chance at saving Kasia from Warsaw. In Manchester, could Lois be set for happiness? **Repeats midnight**  
**8:00 HAPPINESS** – *Parts 3 & 4 of 6.* Charlie champions Gloria's vision, despite Adrian's resistance, unintentionally encouraging the ensemble to look to Charlie as the new director. Under Charlie's direction, rehearsals flourish; Mia shines; Gloria and Connor grow closer; and Jacqui's jealousy stirs conflict. **Repeats 1am**  
**9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 3 of 7. Homecoming.* When Jimmy's Christening Day is interrupted by the arrival of a surprise visitor, Siegfried makes a promise he struggles to keep. A furry friend helps Helen find common ground with James' mother.  
**10:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 4 of 7. Uninvited Guests.* Tristan's first meeting with Carmody doesn't go as planned. They are sent to capture an animal on the loose, hoping to put aside their differences. Meanwhile, James confronts unresolved feelings about the war when he least expects it.  
**11:00 GET OUT OF TOWN HOLIDAY SPECIAL** – WETA's local travel series presents a special seasonal episode, expanding on the series' original visit to Williamsburg, Virginia. Mother-daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee experience Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens at the height of the holiday season.  
**12M WORLD ON FIRE, SERIES 1 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 7 of 7. R*  
**1AM HAPPINESS** – *Parts 3 & 4 of 6. R*

## 22 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**



**Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*American Masters: Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around* explores the story behind the prolific musical artist, chronicling how her early fame and life of poverty shaped her music, including her classic hits. Above: Young Brenda singing on stage with the "A-Team."





**Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2025* sees senior members of the order embark on a mercy mission to Hong Kong. Changes in British healthcare have clipped their wings, but the trip renews their sense of purpose. Above: Sister Veronica (Rebecca Gettings).

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: WAGS TO RICHES** – See furry *Roadshow* finds that include a 1965 Charles Schulz “Peanuts” cartoon strip; a Julius Adam II “Kitten Symphony” oil; and a Jamie Wyeth portrait of Andy Warhol with his dog. One is valued at \$90,000. **Repeats Tue 12/23, 4pm**

**9:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025 – R**

**10:00 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 Berry’s classic Christmas pudding. **Repeats Wed 12/24, 1pm; Thur 12/25, 8am**

## 23 Tuesday

**8:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN’ AROUND** – Discover the story behind singer Brenda Lee and explore how her early fame and life of poverty shaped her music, including the classic “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree.” The film features interviews with Keith Urban, Pat Benatar, Neil Giraldo and others. **Repeats Wed 12/24, 3pm; Fri 12/26, 10pm; Mon 12/29, 4pm**

**9:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** – See the Tuesday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. listing. **R**

**10:30 AMERICAN MASTERS: TEN TIMES BETTER** – See the Tuesday, Dec. 16, 9:30 p.m. listing. **R**

## 24 Wednesday

**8AM WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025**

**9AM HOPE OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR**

**10:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET**

**12N THE UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND: SOUND THE BELLS**

**1:00 MARY BERRY’S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS**

**2:00 THE ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME** – **Repeats Thur 12/25, 11:30am**

**3:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN’ AROUND**

**4:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON 2025**

**5:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – R**

**6:00 BBC NEWS: THE CONTEXT + BBC NEWS AMERICA**

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 HOPE OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** – Tony Award-winner Ruthie Ann Miles and iconic actor Dennis Haysbert inspire in this holiday special that combines classic Christmas carols with a contemporary story of how giving back and uplifting communities is the true meaning of the season.

**9:30 TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH** – Handel’s 18th-century masterpiece, “The Messiah,” has been reimagined and infused with gospel, jazz and R&B. The result is an uplifting reinterpretation of this seasonal

favorite, captured at its European premiere at London’s Royal Albert Hall. Marin Alsop conducts. **Repeats Thur 12/25, 10am**

## 25 Thursday

**8AM MARY BERRY’S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS + HIGHLAND CHRISTMAS**

**10AM TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH**

**11:30 THE ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME**

**12:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET**

**2:00 HOPE OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR**

**3:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET**

**5:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – R**

**6:00 BBC NEWS: THE CONTEXT + BBC NEWS AMERICA**

**7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**

**8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2025** – Senior members of Nonnatus House embark on a mercy mission, swapping the snowy East End of London for the sun-drenched terrain of Hong Kong. The rise in hospital births, and wider changes in the National Health Service, have clipped their wings. But their mission to the Far East is a chance to take flight and work out what really matters. For her part, Sister Julianne suddenly finds herself excited about the Order’s future. After years of battling change, she decides to embrace it and see what love can do. **Repeats tonight; Fri 12/26, 3pm**

**10:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2025** – (encore)

## 26 Friday

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit [pbs.org/washingtonweek](https://pbs.org/washingtonweek). **Repeats Sat 12/27, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/28, 11:30am; Mon 12/29, 7:30am**

**8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 6** – Episode 10 of 10. Alex Prud’homme, journalist and author of *Dinner with the President: Food, Politics, and a History of Breaking Bread at the White House*. **Repeats Sat 12/27, 7:30pm**

**9:00 GOSPEL LIVE! PRESENTED BY HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – Presented by renowned scholar and WETA collaborator Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a concert celebrates Gospel music in America. Filmed at the Oasis Church in Los Angeles, the program features performances of gospel classics by musical artists such as Erica Campbell and John Legend. **Repeats Sun 12/28, 11pm; Mon 12/29, 3pm**

**10:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN’ AROUND – R**

## 27 Saturday

**6AM-6PM See the Saturday, December 20 listings.**

**6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors.

**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**



**Friday, Dec. 26 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*Gospel Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* features a concert in Los Angeles celebrating gospel music and its legacy in America. Above: Gates on stage with singer-songwriter Erica Campbell.





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**Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro**  
*American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke* chronicles the Emmy, Tony and Grammy-winning performer's career over eight decades, spotlighting his iconic works, from Broadway's *Bye Bye Birdie* to the sitcom *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and many beloved films.

- 7:00 IT'S ACADEMIC** –The long-running high school TV quiz show, taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Competing this week are Gonzaga, Wootton and James Madison high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. Stream on WETA+ and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).**
- 7:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 6** – Episode 10 of 10. *Alex Prud'homme*. **R**
- 8:00 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS** – WETA presents four classic adaptations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories. Basil Rathbone stars as Holmes and Nigel Bruce is Watson. *Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon* (1942): Holmes tries to thwart efforts to deliver vital information to the Nazis. *The Woman in Green* (1945): Several murders lead Holmes and Watson to a mysterious woman, a secret society and more. *Dressed to Kill* (1946): Watson asks Holmes to investigate the theft of a music box that leads to murder. *Terror By Night* (1946) Holmes must protect a woman transporting a rare jewel by train. **Repeats Sun 12/28, noon**
- 12:30AM GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** – **R**

## 28 Sunday

- 6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, December 21 listings.**
- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – **R**
- 12N HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS** – Four classic Sherlock Holmes films; see the Saturday, December 27, 8 p.m. listing. **R**
- 4:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** – **R**
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 TWENTY TWELVE, SERIES 2** – A BBC parody series follows the awkward antics of the London 2012 Olympic Deliverance Commission as it struggles to keep the great sporting event on track. *Part 3 of 7. Clarence House.*
- 7:00 SCOTLAND: ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS** – Some of Britain's best-loved celebrities, including Martin Clunes (*Doc Martin*) and Ben Miller (*Professor T*), join wildlife cameraman and photographer Hamza Yassin to immerse themselves in nature, getting up close and personal with Scotland's most spectacular wildlife. *Part 1 of 4. Martin Clunes braves the elements as he joins Hamza for an escape that brings back childhood memories as they go camping in the Inner Hebrides.* **Repeats midnight**

- 8:00 HAPPINESS** – *Parts 5 & 6 of 6.* Charlie's impulsive vision disrupts Nicky's schedule; tensions flare at Pizazz, leading to a frustrated Charlie showing his true feelings. Opening night dazzles the audience but simmering resentment could undo all of Charlie's hard work. **Repeats 1am**
- 9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 5 of 7. Pair Bond.* Carmody gets an exciting opportunity, leaving Siegfried wondering whether he's holding back his protégé. Mrs. Hall must deal with an unlikely emergency. Siegfried and Carmody must pay attention to their romantic pursuits.
- 10:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 5 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 6 of 7. Glass Half Full.* James suffers a bout of brucellosis that brings buried emotions to the surface. A broken-down car forces Siegfried and Tristan to renegotiate their relationship with amusing consequences.
- 11:00 GOSPEL LIVE! PRESENTED BY HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – **R**
- 12M SCOTLAND: ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS** – *Part 1. R*
- 1AM HAPPINESS** – *Parts 5 & 6 of 6. R*

## 29 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Weeknights. Visit [pbs.org/newshour](https://www.pbs.org/newshour). **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: DID GRANDMA LIE?** – Find out if family stories surrounding items were embellished: a 1900 Mark Twain letter; a ruby and diamond bracelet; and a Babe Ruth & Honus Wagner signed baseball. Does the story of the show-topping find really hold up? **Repeats Tue 12/30, 3pm**
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE** – *Season 2 encore: Mount Pleasant, DC.* In WETA's local house-hunting and neighborhood exploration series, the hosts join realtor Megan Conway to visit Northwest D.C.'s Mount Pleasant community. **Repeats Tue 12/30, 4pm**
- 9:30 GET OUT OF TOWN** – *Season 2 encore: Snowshoe, WV.* In this episode of WETA's local travel and adventure series, mother-daughter hosts Lauren and Laurita visit West Virginia's winter wonderland for snow tubing, snowboarding and more. **Repeats Tue 12/30, 4:30pm**
- 10:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: LET'S CELEBRATE!** – See amazing objects appraised that exude a celebratory spirit, including an Alexander Calder mobile; Tiffany iridescent vases; and a 1955 Picasso Madoura plate.

## 30 Tuesday

- 8:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE** – See the Friday, December 12, 9 p.m. listing. **R**
- 10:00 FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.** – In this series, join the Harvard scholar as he explores the genealogy of famous Americans. *Season 9 encore: Hidden Kin.* Gates helps actors Julia Roberts and Edward Norton discover their hidden connections to history – and to each other.

## 31 Wednesday

- 8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY** – Explore the vast repertoire of musical theater pioneers Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II in a London concert featuring Michael Ball, Daniel Dae Kim, Audra McDonald, Julian Ovenden, Aaron Tveit, Patrick Wilson and others, who perform songs from *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *The Sound of Music* and more.
- 10:00 JONI MITCHELL: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG** – In this encore WETA co-production, singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell receives the 2023 Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song amid an all-star tribute filmed at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. (90 min.)

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## Hollywood in Utah

**Thursday, Dec. 11 at 9 p.m.  
on WETA Metro**

**W**ETA Metro, offering PBS favorites and local content, features Hollywood themes on the evening of December 11. *Grace Kelly and the Missing Millions* (8 p.m.) explores the fate of the actor's fortune, with a financial investigator examining who benefitted from Kelly's successful career and iconic image. *Hollywood in Utah* (9 p.m.), delves into the state's rich filmmaking history and how Utah's iconic landscapes have framed our idea of the American West. The state's stunning scenery — from Monument Valley to the Moab canyons — has played a key visual role in countless films, from *Stagecoach* to *Thelma and Louise* to *Forrest Gump* and others. Then, *The Story of Marilyn Monroe* (10 p.m.), spotlights the screen icon; the film reassesses Monroe's life and career and reveals how the trailblazer was frequently underestimated.



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## Doc World: Ganden: A Joyful Land

**Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. on WETA World**

**W**ETA World, devoted to telling stories that humanize complex issues, shares the best of public media in news, documentaries and more. December program themes are the Holidays, Religion and Spirituality. Among the program offerings is *Ganden: A Joyful Land*. Likened by Buddhists to the Vatican City, Ganden, the most influential monastery of Tibetan Buddhism, was the sacred home to monks for more than 500 years before an invasion drove them to start anew in India. The film takes a revealing, intimate look at the lives and remembrances of the last remaining generation of monks to have studied at the renowned monastery in Tibet where the Dalai Lama's lineage began. Embodying the strength and joy the faith teaches, survivors of the forced exodus tell of their lives in Ganden, old and new, in this moving film.



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## WETA PBS Kids Holiday Specials

**On WETA PBS & WETA PBS KIDS**

**W**ETA PBS Kids programming this month includes holiday specials, and among the offerings is perennial favorite *Peg+Cat+Holidays*, a one-hour program featuring Hanukkah and Christmas segments — and penguins! In the storylines, our heroes make dreidels with Albert Einstein and help him save his Hanukkah, and aid Santa Claus in wrapping and delivering presents. And the duo must coach a team of skiing penguins. Additional seasonal specials include *Arthur's Perfect Christmas* and *Wild Kratts Creature Christmas*. Visit [weta.org/schedule](http://weta.org/schedule) for airtimes. WETA PBS is devoted to children's educational programming weekdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday mornings. For 24 hours of children's programming each day, tune in to the WETA PBS Kids channel.



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DECEMBER P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/7, 11am-5pm: <b>Marathon: Sanditon, Series 2 on Masterpiece</b></li><li>12/14, 11am-5pm: <b>Marathon: Pride and Prejudice</b> (6 episodes)</li><li>12/21, 10am-12:30pm: Great Performances: Richard III</li><li>12/21, 12:30pm-2pm: Great Performances: Nutcracker from English National Ballet</li><li>12/21, 2-5pm: Great Performances at the Met: Romeo and Juliet</li><li>12/28, 12n-5:30pm: Call the Midwife Holiday Specials 2023/2024/2025</li></ul>	All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5 on Masterpiece runs through 12/9 Miss Scarlet, Series 5 on Masterpiece runs 12/10-12/18 (except 12/16: Miss Austen, 9am-1pm) Guilt on Masterpiece runs 12/19-12/24; Agatha Christie mysteries air 12/25, 9am-1:30pm Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2024 airs 12/26, 12n-2pm Nolly on Masterpiece starts 12/29					<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/6, 9am-2pm: <b>Sanditon, Series 1</b>, Pts 4-8; 2-6pm: RDFS, Series 2 (Pts 5-8)</li></ul>	
12:30pm		Call the Midwife, Series 12 runs through 12/3; Series 13 runs 12/4-12/15; Series 14 runs 12/16-12/29 (except 12/25-12/26; see noon); Series 11 starts 12/30					<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/13, 11am-2pm: <b>Emma</b>; 2-5pm: <b>Sense and Sensibility</b></li></ul>	
1pm								
1:30pm								
2pm							<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/1, 2pm: L Worsley Investigates; 3pm: Connery vs Bond; 4pm: Julie Andrews Forever</li><li>12/8, 2pm: <b>Sanditon, Series 3</b>, Pts 1-2; 4pm: Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths</li><li>12/15, 2pm: <b>Mansfield Park</b>, Pts 1-3</li><li>12/22, 2pm: Great Performances at the Met: Romeo and Juliet</li><li>12/29, 2pm: Cotswolds Christmas; 3-5pm: Mary Berry Christmas specials</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/2, 12/23, 12/30, 2pm: Inspector George Gently, Series 1 &amp; 2</li><li>12/2, 3:30pm: Brit. Antiques Roadshow; 4pm: Hotel Portofino</li><li>12/9, 2pm: <b>Sanditon, Series 3</b>, Pts 3-4; 4pm: Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths</li><li>12/16, 2pm: <b>Mansfield Park</b>, Pts 4-6</li><li>3:30pm on 12/23 + 12/30: Maggie Murders; 4:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow</li></ul>
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5pm	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 3 (through 12/21)	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/27, 5pm: Christmas in the Cotswolds</li></ul>	
5:30pm		BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America		
6pm	Rick Steves' Europe	Still Open All Hours (restarts 12/29)	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Ireland with Michael (except 12/20)	
6:30pm	Ireland with Michael	As Time Goes By (Vicar Dibley 12/22)	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Rick Steves' Europe (except 12/20)	
7pm	A. Christie: Worsley on the Mystery Queen; starting 12/28: L. Worsley's Holmes vs Doyle	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (Vicar of Dibley Xmas 12/22)	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (Christmas on the Danube & in Alsace 12/23)	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (Mary Berry's Highland Christmas 12/24)	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (Rick Steves' European Christmas 12/25)	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas 12/26)	Professor T (UK), Series 4	
7:30pm								
8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/7, 8-11pm: Great Performances: Hamlet</li><li>12/14, 8-10:30pm: Great Performances: Richard III</li><li>12/21, 8-11pm: Great Performances at the Met: Romeo and Juliet</li><li>12/28, 8pm: Cotswolds Christmas; 9-11pm: Mary Berry Christmas</li><li>12/7-12/14, 11pm: Still Open All Hours (two eps)</li><li>Starting 12/21, 11pm: Twenty Twelve (two eps)</li></ul>	<b>Inspector George Gently, Series 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Foreign Favourites</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8pm: Seaside Hotel, Series 10</li><li>9pm: Velvet, Series 2</li><li>10:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow</li><li>9pm starting 12/30: <b>Astrid, Series 3</b> (two episodes)</li></ul>	Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 4 (2024 Xmas special 12/24 & 12/31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/4, 8pm: Great Performances: Hamlet</li><li>12/11, 8pm: Great Performances: Richard III</li><li>12/18, 8pm: Great Performances at the Met: Romeo and Juliet</li><li>12/25, 8pm: Christmas in the Cotswolds; 9-11pm: Mary Berry Christmas specials</li></ul>	<b>Masterworks Showcase</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8pm: All Creatures Great and Small, Series 5 on Masterpiece</li><li>10pm: <b>Around the World in 80 Days on Masterpiece</b></li><li>9pm starting 12/26: <b>Tom Jones on Masterpiece</b></li></ul>	Vienna Blood, Series 3 & 4	
8:30pm							<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Doc Martin, Series 7</li><li><b>Death in Paradise</b> (2024 Xmas special 12/17 &amp; 12/24; Series 14 starts 12/31)</li><li>Midsomer Murders, Series 23</li><li><b>RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 3</b> (starts 12/31)</li></ul>	
9pm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12/1, 9:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow</li><li>12/1, 10pm: Hotel Portofino, Series 3</li><li>9:30pm starting 12/8: Maggie Murders</li><li>10:30pm starting 12/8: British Antiques Roadshow</li></ul>					Midsomer Murders, Series 5
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# WETA UK Highlights

## Shakespeare Works on *Great Performances*

**Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18  
on WETA UK**

**T**his month, WETA UK presents three acclaimed adaptations of Shakespeare works on *Great Performances* and *Great Performances at the Met*. The first, *Hamlet* (Dec. 4, repeating Dec. 7), directed by Tony Award-winner Kenny Leon, is from The Public Theater's Free Shakespeare in the Park at The Delacorte Theater in Central Park and stars Ato Blankson-Wood. *Richard III* (Dec. 11, repeating Dec. 14), also taped live in Central Park, features one of the Bard's most indelible villains; Danai Gurira stars in the title role in the 2022 performance. And *Roméo et Juliette* (Dec. 18, repeating Dec. 21), features soprano Nadine Sierra and tenor Benjamin Bernheim portraying the star-crossed lovers in Charles Gounod's adaptation. Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts; Tony Award-winner Bartlett Sher directs; and Ryan Speedo Green hosts.



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## Death in Paradise, Series 14

**9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Dec. 31  
on WETA UK**

**I**n 8 episodes new to WETA UK, the Caribbean-island-set mystery series welcomes a new stranger in paradise — a new detective who faces a wide assortment of investigations. Don Gilet (*EastEnders*) joins the sun-soaked crime drama as Detective Inspector Mervin Wilson, a policeman with a very personal reason for being on the isle of Saint Marie but a serious lack of interpersonal skills. His sleuthing is quickly put to the test in the case of three Santa Clauses found dead under almost impossible circumstances; a murder on a zipline; and a “rum” case of poisoning. But Wilson also has a mystery of his own to solve — one that’s very close to home. Shantol Jackson portrays his colleague Detective Sergeant Naomi Thomas.



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## RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Series 3

**10 p.m. Wednesdays starting Dec. 31  
on WETA UK**

**T**he Australian Outback medical drama returns with a new 8-episode season that picks up a year after the events of Season 2. The team of doctors, nurses and pilots is reunited and must grapple with the fallout of the domino effects of a tragedy — mental health issues, an unexpected pregnancy, an emergency amputation, drug addiction, and more. Everyone on the team must also navigate their own personal challenges while being wrapped up inextricably in their patients’ lives. As the Broken Hill crew faces their toughest obstacles yet, they are forced to make difficult personal decisions.



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**WETA UK celebrates Jane Austen’s 250th birthday!** Watch for Austen adaptations in December: *Sanditon* on *Masterpiece* (Series 1-3); *Persuasion*; *Emma*; *Sense and Sensibility*; *Pride and Prejudice*; and *Mansfield Park*.



TIM KLOECKER

## Fauré Quartet on *Front Row Washington*

**Monday, Dec. 8 at 9 p.m.**

**W**e know Gustav Mahler as one of the top composers of large-scale orchestral song cycles and symphonies, but he did write some chamber music as well. One work that survives is a piano quartet movement he wrote in 1876 when he was 16 years old. It received a private performance that year and then was lost until his widow Alma Mahler found it in 1964 and had it performed. On *Front Row Washington* on December 8, we'll hear the piece performed by German piano ensemble Fauré Quartet from their November 2024 performance at Dumbarton Concerts. Also featured is a work by their namesake, Gabriel Fauré — *Piano Quartet No. 1 in C minor, Opus 15* — as well as Brahms' *Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor, Opus 25*. Tune in Mondays for local concert recordings on *Front Row Washington*.



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**Botticelli's "Adoration of the Magi"**

## Holiday Music on *Choral Showcase*

**Sundays at 9 p.m.**

**C**horal Showcase features holiday music each Sunday night at 9 p.m. this month beginning December 7 with three cantatas by Benjamin Britten: *A Boy Was Born*; *Saint Nicholas*; and the much-loved *A Ceremony of Carols*. For the first day of Hanukkah on December 14, hear George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus*. On December 21, the program presents carols and motets from The Choir of Trinity

Church Boston, The Bevan Family Consort, The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, the RIAS Kammerchor Berlin, and The Gesualdo Six. Closing out the month, the December 28 broadcast offers performances by ensembles Chanticleer, Stile Antico, The Choir of Westminster Cathedral, and The London Oratory Schola Cantorum.



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**Maestro Fabio Biondi**

## *Messiah* on NSO Showcase

**Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 9 p.m.**

**"**I did think I did see Heaven before me and the great God himself," Handel confided to his servant after toiling in a windowless room for 24 days to compose *Messiah*. Each December, *NSO Showcase* presents a performance of this towering work from the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. This month's offering is from 2022, conducted by the acclaimed early music expert Fabio Biondi. Soloists Liv Redpath, Hannah Ludwig, Matthew Myers and Neal Davies join the Choral Arts Society of Washington for what *The Washington Post* called an incendiary performance. Stream the concert all month on [wetaclassical.org](http://wetaclassical.org).



# Classical for Washington

## New Metropolitan Opera Broadcast Season

Saturdays at 1 p.m. starting December 6 on WETA Classical



Puccini's *La Bohème*

By Linda Carducci, On-Air Host

**W**ETA Classical is delighted to continue its tradition of broadcasting live performances from the Metropolitan Opera in New York on the 1 p.m. Saturday program *Opera Matinee*. The Met's thrilling 2025-2026 season gets underway **December 6** with the venerable *La Bohème*, Puccini's tender portrayal of life and love among young bohemians in 19th-century Paris. *Andrea Chenier*, by Umberto Giordano, based on the dramatic real-life story of a poet executed in the turmoil of the French Revolution, airs

**December 13**. Then, Mozart's enchanting musical fairy tale *The Magic Flute* returns as a holiday tradition on **December 20** in a special abridged, English-language version. The month's Met offerings close on **December 27** with *Handel at the Met*, a celebration of the composer's operas performed throughout the Met's history.

Highlights for the remainder of the broadcast season include:

- Three additional Puccini operas, including *Manon Lescaut* on **February 21**; the heartbreaking *Madama Butterfly* on **March 14**; and the composer's final opera, *Turandot*, on **May 23**.
- Perennial favorites such as Bizet's *Carmen* on **January 17**; *Porgy and Bess* by the Gershwin brothers on **January 24**; Verdi's *La Traviata* on **March 28**; Mozart's *Don Giovanni* on **April 11**; Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* on **May 2** and Donizetti's lighthearted *La Fille du Régiment* on **May 9**. A new production of Richard Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* airs **March 21**.
- The ever-popular **Listener's Choice** broadcast — an historical performance selected by listener votes — returns **May 16**.
- New productions and broadcast premieres include *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Mason Bates, based on Michael Chabon's acclaimed novel, on **January 3**; and *Innocence* by Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho on **April 18**. *El último sueño de Frida y Diego* by Gabriela Lena Frank, based on the life of Mexico's painterly power couple Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, is given its broadcast premiere on **May 30**.
- The **"Artist's Choice"** series returns in February to showcase stellar past performances selected by current opera stars. This treasure trove includes notable achievements of Alfredo Kraus, Frederica von Stade, Mirella Freni and Rafael Kubelik.



Verdi's *La Traviata*

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