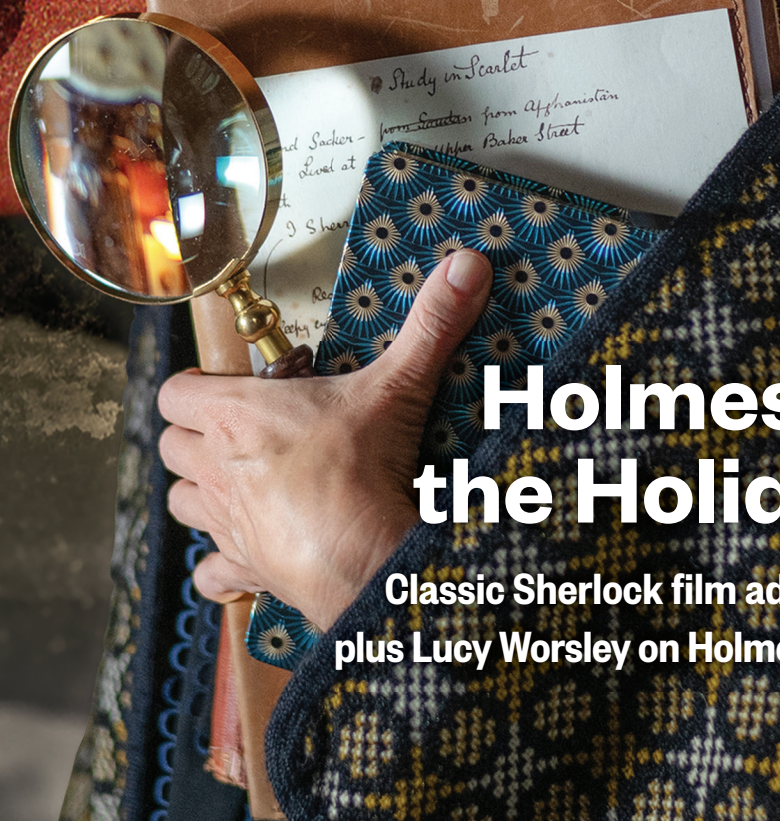


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Holmes for the Holidays

Classic Sherlock film adaptations
plus Lucy Worsley on Holmes & Doyle

WETA Focus



In an annual tradition, WETA marks the holidays with programming across our radio and television services that celebrates the season. This month, enjoy our vibrant WETA Classical broadcasts, which feature uplifting classical music throughout the month and special programming on December 24-25 that includes carols, concerts and more. On television, we also have a wonderful array of festive special presentations scheduled for you. Among our many offerings, we are very pleased to bring you the fifth installment of our *WETA Arts* choral production *Songs of the Season*, showcasing area vocal ensembles in performance, and a special episode of our popular travel series *Get Out of Town*. We also air the grand annual concert from the Tabernacle Choir and an exciting new gospel performance of Handel's *Messiah*. You can learn about our bountiful holiday content on WETA Classical and WETA PBS in the pages that follow; and find additional program

details at weta.org/happyholidays, where we round up the presentations across our channels and services.

Our entertaining December programming also includes British historian Lucy Worsley spotlighting author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his famous creation Sherlock Holmes in a three-part miniseries, and we also feature several classic and contemporary Sherlock Holmes drama adaptations. Stories of another Victorian-era sleuth are available via a special early WETA Passport streaming opportunity as we premiere the new season of popular (and retitled) *Masterpiece* drama *Miss Scarlet*.

Two notable new specials spotlight the work of our friends and longtime production partners Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Ken Burns, celebrating their fascinating documentaries and series created in collaboration with WETA. *Henry Louis Gates, Jr. — The Fabric of America* explores Gates's films of recent years, and *Behind the Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns* goes inside the making of the filmmaker's latest documentary, which we reprise this month on WETA PBS.

I invite you to enjoy our engaging December programming, and as you consider the value of WETA's many services to the community and the nation, please consider making an additional year-end gift this month to sustain all that we do on behalf of the public. Best wishes for happy holidays — and thank you for your generous ongoing support.

Sharon Percy Rockefeller

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President and Chief Executive Officer, WETA

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Holiday Programming

Visit the WETA web page weta.org/happyholidays to find holiday programming listings and descriptions for seasonal WETA Classical specials and WETA television offerings.

Seasonal Music on WETA Classical

Enjoy seasonal offerings on WETA Classical as Greater Washington's exclusive classical music radio service adds holiday music into its presentations in late November. Holiday offerings air throughout December, increasing on December 18 and culminating with special programming on December 24-25. This year's Christmas Eve specials include the traditional *Christmas Eve Carolfest* (noon-5 p.m.); *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* from King's College, Cambridge (5 p.m.); 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.), including *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.). For more seasonal music on WETA Classical, see page 20 and visit weta.org/happyholidays.

Holiday Specials on WETA PBS

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

In December, WETA PBS features a wide selection of seasonal television programming, from music and performance specials to travel and culture presentations to holiday dramas and more. Headlining the offerings are WETA's own local choral special *WETA Arts: Songs of the Season* and travel program *Get Out of Town Holiday Special* — spotlighted on page 2.

In other new programming, enjoy *Joy: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir* (Dec. 17 & 24), featuring Broadway star Michael Maliakel and actress Lesley Nicol, and *Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel Messiah* (Dec. 17 & 24), with Marin Alsop conducting in London's Royal Albert Hall. Holiday dramas include mysteries *Sister Boniface Mysteries Christmas Special* (Dec. 5, 8 p.m.) and *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* (Dec. 5, 9:30 p.m.); *WETA Cinema Classics* films *A Christmas Wish* (Dec. 7, 8 p.m.), *Scrooge* (Dec. 14, 8 p.m.) and *The Bells of St. Mary's* (Dec. 21, 8 p.m.); 2017 comedy *A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong* (Dec. 21, 7 p.m.), with Dame Diana Rigg and Sir Derek Jacobi; and *Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2024* (Dec. 25, 8 p.m.).

For more holiday fare, tune into WETA PBS on December 24-25 for lineups of specials that include *The United States Army Field Band: Sound the Bells 2024*; *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas*; and *20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir*. Also watch for Mary Berry holiday cooking programs. See the TV Listings, visit weta.org/happyholidays, or search shows by title at weta.org/schedule.



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WETA Arts: Songs of the Season

Choral special premieres Monday, Dec. 9,
9:30 p.m. WETA PBS, 8:30 p.m. WETA Metro

The D.C.-area choral scene is one of the nation's most vibrant, with choirs of many sizes and voices performing in venues large and small. This holiday season, WETA's Emmy Award-winning local arts and culture series *WETA Arts* offers the opportunity to experience the magic of 16 of these choral ensembles performing holiday-themed works. The hour-long program features children's choirs, professional companies, small closed-harmony groups, massive choruses, and more. Singers of all ages and backgrounds make this a special showcase of the bountiful vocal talent our region has to offer. *Songs of the Season* premieres December 9 and repeats throughout the month; and the program will stream on the PBS app. To learn about participating ensembles, visit weta.org/songsoftheseason. To learn how to submit your choir for consideration for next year's special, visit weta.org/localchoirs.



ALEXIS WARD

Get Out of Town Holiday Special

Premieres Monday, Dec. 16,
9 p.m. WETA PBS, 8 p.m. WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

This December, WETA local travel series *Get Out of Town* presents a special hour-long episode just in time for the Christmas holidays. Featuring never-before-seen footage, the special expands on the series' original Williamsburg, Virginia visit: mother/daughter hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee experience Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens at the height of the holiday season. Go behind the scenes with the Portees as they learn about the deeper histories of the holidays in Colonial Williamsburg through decorations and dress, explore recent architectural findings and updates about The Bray School and First Baptist Church, and revisit seasonal foods and sing-alongs with balladeers. The special repeats December 30. Stream the program at weta.org/getoutoftown or via the PBS app; and follow the series on Instagram via [@getoutoftowndc](https://www.instagram.com/getoutoftowndc).



Hosts Laurita and Lauren Portee at
Busch Gardens in Williamsburg

JEFFREY LEAGLE

If You Lived Here

New episodes air Mondays, Dec. 2 & 9,
9 p.m. WETA PBS, 8 p.m. WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS app

WETA house-hunting series *If You Lived Here* rolls out two new Season 4 episodes this month, spotlighting more local properties and neighborhoods. In *Hill East, DC* (Dec. 2), hosts Jen Osborn and Ricardo Frederick Evans join realtor Joel Nelson to tour properties at Stadium-Armory and near the Potomac Avenue metro station. They also visit the neighborhood's Pretzel Bakery — and Congressional Cemetery. In *Fairfax, VA* (Dec. 9), the hosts and realtor Jay D'Alessandro explore homes in the heart of the community, stopping at Fairfax's Historic Blenheim and Civil War Interpretive Center — and at another local mainstay: Woody's Ice Cream Shop. Stream the series on the PBS app and at weta.org/ifyoulivedhere, and watch for more new episodes in February. Follow the series on Instagram via [@ifyoulivedheredc](https://www.instagram.com/ifyoulivedheredc).



Hosts Jen and Ricardo with realtor
Joel Nelson in episode *Hill East, DC*

LUZIE ALBERS FOR WETA

Support for *If You Lived Here* is provided by the Yuen Foundation.

Sherlock in the Spotlight

Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle

Sundays, Dec. 8, 15 & 22 at 8 p.m.
on WETA PBS & WETA Metro;
stream on the PBS App

Sherlock Holmes is the most famous detective who never lived; and for more than a century, he has intrigued and excited his fans with his intellect and powers of deduction. While Holmes made author Arthur Conan Doyle rich and famous as he rolled out Sherlock stories 1887-1893 and 1901-1927, the writer came to despise his fictional character. In this three-part series, historian and lifelong Sherlock fan Lucy Worsley explores the parallel lives of Doyle and Holmes in the historical context of their times, investigating the relationship between the two.

In the first episode, Worsley unearths Holmes' origins in Doyle's life as a medical student and unpicks the early stories, revealing the dark underbelly of late Victorian Britain. Heading to Switzerland to visit the site of one of the most famous deaths in literature, Worsley traces Doyle's growing disenchantment with his detective. In episode two, the historian explores Doyle's desire to distance himself from Sherlock; and she demonstrates how far Doyle went to make himself a hero. In the final episode, Worsley investigates the return of Sherlock, finding that the darkness of the later stories mirrored the reality of Doyle's life.

This month on WETA PBS, enjoy several classic and contemporary Sherlock Holmes drama presentations based on Doyle's stories and characters, including the Emmy Award-winning *Sherlock on Masterpiece* episode *The Abominable Bride*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch (Holmes) and Martin Freeman (Watson) in a story set in Victorian London. The program airs Sunday, Dec. 8, 9:30 p.m.



Historian Lucy Worsley explores why author Arthur Conan Doyle came to dislike his most famous creation, Sherlock Holmes

WETA Cinema Classics: "Holmes for the Holidays"

Saturday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
on WETA PBS;
repeating Dec. 29, noon-4:30 p.m.

In a special film marathon, WETA presents dramas spotlighting Sherlock Holmes, the most-portrayed human literary character in film and television history. After the first Holmes film adaptations of the silent-picture era, in 14 films from 1939 to 1946, Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce famously portrayed Holmes and his collaborator Dr. Watson. WETA presents four of these films, set in then-contemporary times:

- *Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon* (1942): Holmes must safeguard the inventor of a bomb-sight that the Allies want to keep from the Nazis; and the detective adopts various disguises as he attempts to thwart Moriarty's efforts to deliver vital information to the Gestapo.
- *The Woman in Green* (1945): Several women are found murdered, each missing a finger. The killings seem apparently unconnected, but Holmes and Watson are soon on the trail, following leads to a mysterious woman, a secret society and criminal mastermind Professor Moriarty.
- *Dressed to Kill* (1946): Holmes is asked by Watson to investigate the theft of an inexpensive music box at the home of a friend, who is later murdered. Holmes and Watson then follow a trail of deaths in their pursuit of the killer.
- *Terror By Night* (1946): Holmes is hired to protect a woman on a train returning to London with a rare diamond. When the jewel is stolen and the son of its owner murdered, Holmes and Watson must discover which of their suspicious fellow passengers is responsible.



Basil Rathbone stars as Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce portrays Dr. John Watson



DANIEL SCHWARTZ

Nic Rouleau, Jacob Gutierrez & Telly Leung

Broadway's Leading Men: A Musical Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Join the American Pops Orchestra as it pays tribute to iconic Broadway roles with leading men of the stage, showcasing top talents in a new concert special that features beloved songs that have defined musical theater for decades. The performance was filmed in February 2024 at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium.

Participating artists include **Christian Borle** (Tony Award winner, *Some Like It Hot!*, *Smash*); **Jacob Gutierrez** (*Aladdin*); **Norm Lewis** (*Phantom*, *Les Misérables*); **Matthew Morrison** (*Glee*, *Light in the Piazza*); **Telly Leung** (*Warrior*, *Aladdin*); **André De Shields** (Emmy, Grammy and Tony Award winner, *Hadestown*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*); **Alexis Michelle** (*RuPaul's Drag Race*, *Dragnificent*); **Christopher Jackson** (*Hamilton*; *And Just Like That...*); **Paulo Szot** (Tony Award winner, *♫ Juliet*); and **Nic Rouleau** (*The Book of Mormon*); with special appearances by Liev Schreiber and others. Luke Frazier conducts the American Pops Orchestra. The program repeats Dec. 4 at 9:30 p.m.



ROBERT K. DERMAN

American Masters: Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around

Monday, Dec. 16, 10 p.m. on WETA PBS;
stream on the PBS App

In a new documentary, biography series *American Masters* explores the life and six-decade, multi-genre music career of prolific singer Brenda Lee, whose hits span rock, pop, country and rockabilly music. The film spotlights her achievements — which include iconic 1958 holiday hit “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” and songs “I’m Sorry,” “Sweet Nothin’s,” and “Break It to Me Gently” — and details how the performer helped pull her family out of poverty in rural Georgia with her vocal talents, ultimately becoming one of the leading female headlining acts in music. Lee became a music sensation by the age of 10; career highlights

include touring with The Beatles as an opening act, and friendships with Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley. Interviewees in the film include Keith Urban, Tanya Tucker, Trisha Yearwood, Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo.



DANIEL SCHWARTZ PHOTOGRAPHY

How Great Thou Art: A Sacred Celebration

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

WETA reprises an uplifting night of music: a special May 2023 concert program filmed at National United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., featuring performances from across classical, pop, Motown and country genres. The concert brings together renowned solo vocalists, a 25-piece ensemble of The American Pops Orchestra conducted by

Luke Frazier, and a robust combined choir from community groups and churches in the national capital area. The program features ensemble numbers, ballads, and new arrangements, featuring performances from the R&B singer and actress **Patti LaBelle**; actress/singer **Kristin Chenoweth**; singer **Sandi Patty**; baritone **Will Liverman** and others. Songs include “Precious Memories,” “Will the Circle Be Unbroken,” “Joyful, Joyful,” “Let There Be Peace On Earth,” “How Great Thou Art” and more.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. – The Fabric of America

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m.
on WETA PBS

One of America's most renowned and popular cultural historians, WETA collaborator Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is an award-winning filmmaker, literary scholar, journalist, cultural critic and institution builder whose television productions have helped history come alive for millions of viewers. Celebrating the 10th anniversary of his series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*, and the 25th anniversary of his first PBS documentary, a new retrospective program explores Gates's recent works. These include, in partnership with WETA, more than 50 episodes of *Finding Your Roots* and the multi-part documentaries *Gospel*; *Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*; and *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*. The special repeats Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m.



COURTESY PBS

Behind the Scenes of *Leonardo da Vinci* with Ken Burns

Monday, Dec. 2 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

A new special documentary explores the making of the two-part, four-hour film *Leonardo da Vinci*, the Florentine Films and WETA production about the work of the famous 15th-century polymath. In comprehensive interviews, directors and WETA partners Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and David McMahon reveal the challenges of telling this 500-year-old story for modern viewers. The discussions range from the creative choices made to fully represent this artist-scientist-genius to how best to bring his towering achievements to life on the screen. Leonardo is the first non-American subject for Ken Burns and the program marks a change in the team's filmmaking style, a topic explored in the special. The documentary goes behind the scenes, illuminating what goes into creating a film of this magnitude. WETA reprises *Leonardo da Vinci*, Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14.



EVAN BARLOW

All Creatures Great and Small: Tricki & Friends

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 8:30 p.m.
on WETA PBS

James Herriot wrote, "If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans." Perhaps the most endearing charm of beloved *Masterpiece* series *All Creatures Great and Small* is its ability to illustrate the special bond between humans and animals. The series' biggest scene-stealer is its smallest cast member — Tricki — the long-haired Pekingese who feasts on trifle and caviar and is the overindulged apple of Mrs. Pomphrey's eye. The program *Tricki & Friends* celebrates the animals in the drama, revisiting favorite scenes and spotlighting featured creatures. The special repeats Dec. 7 at noon on WETA PBS; and WETA reprises Season 4 of the drama Sundays at 9 p.m. starting Dec. 15.



PLAYGROUND ENTERTAINMENT/MASTERPIECE

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COURTESY MASTERPIECE

New season of *Miss Scarlet*: A special WETA Passport early streaming opportunity!

A new chapter begins for Victorian London detective Miss Scarlet as the series bids farewell to William “The Duke” Wellington, who in Season 5 has moved away to America. Eliza (Kate Phillips) must now contend with newcomer Alexander Blake (Tom Durant Pritchard, *The Crown*), a handsome former soldier and respected detective inspector who joins the force at Scotland Yard — and soon creates tensions with Eliza. Binge-watch all six episodes of the new season with WETA Passport as of December 8 before its broadcast premiere, Sunday, January 12 on WETA PBS.



WALTER PRESENTS

Hostage (Sweden; English-subtitled)

A Nordic Airlines Stockholm-to-San Francisco flight is hijacked by remote control and an investigative team must outwit the hijackers under time pressure. Binge-watch six episodes now with WETA Passport.



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Vienna Blood, Series 1-3

Before a new season premieres starting January 5, catch up on previous episodes (18) of the mystery series, set in 1900s Vienna and following Dr. Max Liebermann and DI Rheinhardt as they probe cases.



COURTESY WALTER PRESENTS/SIPBS

Private Detective Dengler (English-subtitled)

Georg Dengler, a former police officer turned private detective, is hired to investigate whenever there is more to a case than meets the eye. Along with hacker Olga Illiescu, Dengler probes political conspiracies. Binge-watch six episodes now with WETA Passport.



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The Savoy at Christmas

Follow the holiday season at The Savoy, Britain's top luxury hotel, as staff welcome residential guests and diners across Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Go behind the scenes during the holiday festivities as the hotel delivers glamour, elegance and character.

Also streaming with WETA Passport: Enjoy *Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas*, *Mary Berry's Highland Christmas* and other specials and series featuring the popular iconic chef, baker and food writer.

Primetime

WETA PBS in December



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
1 Sun	(from 6:30pm) Broadway's Leading Men: A Musical Celebration	All Creatures Great and Small: Tricky & Friends			Wolf Hall on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 6) (to 11:03pm)	
2 Mon	5 Minute Yoga Fix with Peggy Cappy		If You Lived Here, Season 4: Hill East, DC	Behind the Scenes of <i>Leonardo da Vinci</i> with Ken Burns		
3 Tue	How Great Thou Art: A Sacred Celebration				Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein (Episode: <i>The Gadsden Flag</i>)	
4 Wed	Nature: Attenborough's Life Journey			Broadway's Leading Men: A Musical Celebration (to 11:30pm)		
5 Thur	Sister Boniface Mysteries Christmas Special: Star of the Orient			Agatha Christie's Poirot: Hercule Poirot's Christmas		
6 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	60s & 70s Soul Celebration (to 11:30pm)				
7 Sat	WETA Cinema Classics: <i>A Christmas Wish</i>			Leonardo da Vinci (Pt 1 of 2. <i>The Disciple of Experience</i>) (to 12m)		
8 Sun	Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle (Ep 1 of 3. <i>Doctor and Detective</i>)			Sherlock on Masterpiece: The Abominable Bride (to 11:30pm)		
9 Mon	Rick Steves: Why We Travel		If You Lived Here, Season 4: Fairfax, VA	WETA Arts: Songs of the Season		Il Volo in the Valley of the Temples (to 12m)
10 Tue	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. – The Fabric of America			Rick Steves' European Festivals II	Frontline: Breakdown in Maine	
11 Wed	Il Volo in the Valley of the Temples			Ragtime, <i>The Musical</i> : All-Star Reunion Concert (to 11:30pm)		
12 Thur	Father Brown, Series 11 (Ep 5 of 10. <i>The Father, The Son</i>)		Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 5 of 8. <i>How to Murder a Tune</i>)		Professor T, Series 2 (Pt 5 of 6. <i>The Trial</i>)	
13 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD			Violent Femmes: 40th Anniversary with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra	
14 Sat	WETA Cinema Classics: <i>Scrooge</i>		Leonardo da Vinci (Pt 2 of 2. <i>Painter-God</i>) (to 11:30pm)			
15 Sun	Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle (Ep 2 of 3. <i>Fact and Fiction</i>)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (Pt 1 of 7. <i>Broodiness</i>)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (Pt 2 of 7. <i>Carpe Diem</i>)	
16 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 11		Get Out of Town Holiday Special		American Masters: Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around (to 11:30pm)	
17 Tue	Joy: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir			Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel <i>Messiah</i>		
18 Wed	The Earthshot Report		NOVA: Lost Tombs of Notre Dame		Secrets of the Dead: Eiffel's Race to the Top	
19 Thur	Father Brown, Series 11 (Ep 6 of 10. <i>The Quill of Osric</i>)		Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 6 of 8. <i>It's Just Not Cricket</i>)		Professor T, Series 2 (Pt 6 of 6. <i>Swansong</i>)	
20 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Nature: The Alps: The High Life		Nature: The Alps: Winter's Fortress	
21 Sat	WETA Cinema Classics: <i>The Bells of St. Mary's</i>					The Bells of St. Mary's (encore, to 1am)
22 Sun	Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle (Ep 3 of 3. <i>Shadows and Sleuths</i>)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (Pt 3 of 7. <i>Right Hand Man</i>)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (Pt 4 of 7. <i>By the Book</i>)	
23 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 12		WETA Arts: Songs of the Season		Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas	
24 Tue	Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel <i>Messiah</i>			Joy: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir		
25 Wed	Call the <i>Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2024				Call the <i>Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2024 (encore, to 12m)	
26 Thur	Father Brown, Series 11 (Ep 7 of 10. <i>The Word of the Condemned</i>)		Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3 (Ep 7 of 8. <i>A Beautiful World</i>)		Professor T, Series 3 (Pt 1 of 6. <i>Heir to the Throne</i>)	
27 Fri	Washington Week with <i>The Atlantic</i>	History with David Rubenstein, Season 5	Craft in America: Science		Craft in America: Collectors	
28 Sat	WETA Cinema Classics: "Holmes for the Holidays" (to 12:30am)					
29 Sun	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets: Queen Anne, The Mother of Great Britain		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (Pt 5 of 7. <i>Papers</i>)		All Creatures Great and Small, Series 4 on Masterpiece (Pt 6 of 7. <i>The Home Front</i>)	
30 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Let's Celebrate!		Get Out of Town Holiday Special		POV: Who I Am Not (to 11:30pm)	
31 Tue	Next at the Kennedy Center: Sara Bareilles: New Year's Eve with the National Symphony Orchestra and Friends			Next at the Kennedy Center: Sara Bareilles: New Year's Eve with the National Symphony Orchestra and Friends (encore)		

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)

For full schedules and program information, visit weta.org. 7

TV Listings

WETA PBS in December

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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.



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IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 4 A WETA PRODUCTION

Mondays, Dec. 2 & 9, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8 p.m. on WETA Metro
WETA house-hunting series *If You Lived Here* presents more new Season 4 episodes, visiting Hill East, DC and Fairfax, VA. Above: Hosts Jen and Ricardo with realtor Jay D'Alessandro in Fairfax.

reckoning on racial injustice that took place in the nation. **Repeats Wed 12/4, 3:30pm, 11:30pm; Tue 12/10, 8pm**

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

6:30 BROADWAY'S LEADING MEN: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION – Join the American Pops Orchestra to pay tribute to Broadway's leading men. The special program features performances with Christian Borle, Jacob Gutierrez, Christopher Jackson, Telly Leung, Norm Lewis, Alexis Michelle, Matthew Morrison, Nic Rouleau, André De Shields and Paulo Szot. **Repeats Mon 12/2, 3pm; Wed 12/4, 9:30pm**

8:30 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL: TRICKI & FRIENDS – Celebrate the funniest, most moving, and most unnerving moments with animals featured in the beloved *Masterpiece* drama. Meet Tricki, the biggest scene-stealer and smallest cast member. **Repeats Sat 12/7, noon**

10:00 WOLF HALL ON MASTERPIECE – Part 6 of 6. Henry's love for Anne Boleyn has given way to anger and distrust. Henry instructs Cromwell to rid him of his second queen. Sensing her loss of favor, the queen's enemies gather.

11:03 IL VOLO IN THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES – R
12:30AM BEHIND THE SCENES OF LEONARDO DA VINCI WITH KEN BURNS – R

1 Sunday

6AM MEXICO: MADE WITH LOVE – Explore Mexico's rich cultural landscape through the work of talented artisans who craft beautiful objects infused with warmth, color and soul. The program celebrates the artists' skills and showcases Mexico's captivating beauty. **Repeats Fri 12/6, 3:30pm; Wed 12/11, 11:30pm**

7:30 MARY BERRY'S HIGHLAND CHRISTMAS – Culinary arts icon Mary Berry spends Christmas in her mother's homeland of Scotland enjoying traditional festive delights and cooking up some of her own dishes. **Repeats Sun 12/29, 11pm**

9AM MY MUSIC: MOMENTS TO REMEMBER – Patti Page, Nick Clooney, Peter Marshall, Wink Martindale and *The Lawrence Welk Show's* Mary Lou Metzger co-host performances and celebrate archival classics from late 1950s, early 1960s pop. Musical acts include Frankie Laine, the Four Lads, Four Aces, Four Freshmen, Roger Williams, and the Platters – with archival performances from Rosemary Clooney, Perry Como and Nat King Cole.

11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

12N BEHIND THE SCENES OF LEONARDO DA VINCI WITH KEN BURNS – See the Monday, December 2, 9:30 p.m. listing. **Repeats 12:30am**

1:30 IL VOLO IN THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES – Acclaimed Italian vocal trio Il Volo presents a performance at the ancient Temple of Concordia in Sicily's spectacular Valley of the Temples. A celebration of Italian culture and history, the concert showcases beloved Italian classics, operatic arias and popular songs. **Repeats tonight; Mon 12/9, 10:30pm; Tue 12/10, 3pm; Wed 12/11, 8pm**

3:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S LIFE JOURNEY – See the Wednesday, December 4, 8 p.m. listing.

4:30 HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – THE FABRIC OF AMERICA – Celebrating the 10th anniversary of WETA co-production *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* and the 25th anniversary of the first PBS documentary produced by the renowned cultural historian, this special program explores Gates's works of the past 5 years and the historic events and cultural

2 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 – Repeat 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. Anna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett anchor. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**



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Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

WETA reprises *Nature: Attenborough's Life Journey*, chronicling natural history presenter David Attenborough's life and career. Above: Sir David on a volcano in the Galapagos Islands, 2013.



GARY KOVES/BBC STUDIOS/2023

Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

In *Sister Boniface Mysteries Christmas Special*, when a jewel is stolen from a snowbound train, the sleuthing nun (Lorna Watson) must investigate murder, ancient curses and dark family secrets.

8:00 5 MINUTE YOGA FIX WITH PEGGY CAPPY – Learn how to combat the effects of aging with stretching, breath work and strength-building to maintain the four pillars that support the structure of our bodies: strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. **Repeats Mon 12/9, midnight**

9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 4: HILL EAST, DC – In WETA's local house-hunting series, hosts Jen and Ricardo join realtor Joel Nelson in touring properties in Washington, D.C.'s Hill East neighborhood. Along the way, they explore the neighborhood's community hubs such as the Pretzel Bakery and visit Congressional Cemetery.

9:30 BEHIND THE SCENES OF LEONARDO DA VINCI WITH KEN BURNS – Learn about the making of the WETA and Florentine Films production about the work of the 15th-century polymath Leonard da Vinci. Directors Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and David McMahon discuss their creative process and reveal the challenges of telling this 500-year-old story.

11:00 WHITNEY HOUSTON: THE CONCERT FOR A NEW SOUTH AFRICA – In 1994, pop superstar Whitney Houston took the stage in Durban, South Africa, becoming the first major Western musical artist to visit the newly unified, post-apartheid nation following President Nelson Mandela's winning election. The performance was a celebration of freedom, hope, and unity. **Repeats Fri 12/13, 11pm**

1AM AMANPOUR AND COMPANY – **Repeats next weekday, 5pm**

3 Tuesday

8:00 HOW GREAT THOU ART: A SACRED CELEBRATION – Filmed at Washington, D.C.'s National United Methodist Church, this concert special features performances of uplifting music from across classical, pop, Motown and country genres. Join Kristin Chenoweth, Patti LaBelle, Will Liverman, Sandi Patty and others, a 25-piece ensemble of The American Pops Orchestra, and a robust combined choir from community groups and churches in the national capital area.

10:00 ICONIC AMERICA: OUR SYMBOLS AND STORIES WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN – In the documentary series, a WETA co-production, David Rubenstein explores America's history through examinations of iconic artifacts, places and archetypes. *The Gadsden Flag*. Discover how the "Don't Tread on Me" flag, a potent symbol of independence, has been co-opted by a variety of Americans over its history.

4 Wednesday

8:00 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S LIFE JOURNEY – Celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 98th year via unique highlights of his incredible life, from his boyhood days as a fossil hunter, through his early days as a BBC host, to his revered status as the foremost natural history presenter. **Repeats Thur 12/5, 3pm; Sat 12/7, 1:30pm**

9:30 BROADWAY'S LEADING MEN: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION – See the Sunday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. listing.

11:30 HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – THE FABRIC OF AMERICA – See the Sunday, December 1, 4:30 p.m. listing.

5 Thursday

8:00 SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: STAR OF THE ORIENT – It's Christmas and Britain is in the grips of the worst winter on record; crime-solving nun Sister Boniface and fellow travelers are stranded when a coupling snaps on their train. When a precious jewel is stolen from one of the snowbound railcars, Boniface must investigate murder, ancient curses and dark family secrets while trying to stay warm.

9:30 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT: HERCULE POIROT'S CHRISTMAS – The great Belgian detective, portrayed by David Suchet, is asked to spend Christmas with wealthy patriarch 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 a guest, Poirot is on hand when a killer strikes.

11:00 MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD – Psychiatrist, neuroscientist and *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen explains how to supercharge memory and remember what matters most to you. The process of strengthening memory is based on overcoming risk factors that destroy the brain's capacities. **Repeats Sat 12/7, 8am; Sun 12/8, 6am, 11:30pm; Wed 12/11, 3pm; Fri 12/13, 8:30pm**

6 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. **Repeats Sat 12/7, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/8, 10:30am; Mon 12/9, 7:30am**

8:30 60S & 70S SOUL CELEBRATION – A gathering of legends features all-original artists singing their greatest hits. Among those performing are the Commodores, Gloria Gaynor, the Chi-Lites, the Spinners, Thelma Houston, the Stylistics, Tavares, Yvonne Elliman, Heatwave, Billy Paul, Anita Ward, the Emotions, Peaches & Herb and many others. **Repeats Sat 12/7, 3pm**

11:30 THE WHO AT KILBURN 1977 – Enjoy the legendary rock band in top form in a 1977 concert featuring all their hits. This rare film captures the band in what turned out to be their final public performance with Keith Moon.

7 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R

6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER

7AM PBS NEWS HOUR – R

8AM MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD – R

10AM IT'S ACADEMIC – See 7 p.m.



LEONARDO DA VINCI, STUDY FOR ANSEL OF THE VIRGIN OF THE ROCKS, CIRCA 1479-1485. ©NPL-UDA PICTURE LIBRARY/BRIDGEMAN IMAGES

LEONARDO DA VINCI

A FLORENTINE FILMS & WETA PRODUCTION

Saturdays, Dec. 7, 9:30 p.m. & Dec. 14, 9 p.m. on WETA PBS

WETA reprises the documentary *Leonardo da Vinci*, a WETA and Florentine Films production directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and David McMahon that explores the life and work of the 15th-century polymath, set against the backdrop of Renaissance Italy.

- 10:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS** – To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the popular public television cooking show, the *America's Test Kitchen* cast hosts a party. Bridget Lancaster, Julia Collin Davison and the test cooks highlight the food, science, kitchen ingenuity and fun that have made the show a fan favorite for more than 600 episodes. **Repeats 1:30am**
- 12N ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL: TRICKY & FRIENDS** – R
- 1:30 NATURE: ATTENBOROUGH'S LIFE JOURNEY** – R
- 3:00 60S & 70S SOUL CELEBRATION** – R
- 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, now taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are Parkdale, Georgetown Day, and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.**
- 7:30 VARIETY STUDIO: ACTORS ON ACTORS, SERIES 20** – Episode 1. Robert Downey Jr. & Jodie Foster; Anthony Mackie & Tyler James Williams; and Emma Corrin & Elizabeth Debicki.
- 8:00 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.
- 9:30 LEONARDO DA VINCI** – WETA reprises the Florentine Films and WETA production directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and David McMahon, spotlighting the 15th-century polymath of soaring imagination who created some of history's most revered works of art. *Part 1 of 2. The Disciple of Experience.* Leonardo apprentices as an artist and craftsman in Florence, where the Renaissance is in full bloom. He shows extraordinary talent but struggles to finish commissions. Later, in Milan, he paints a monumental fresco of the Last Supper. **Repeats Sun 12/8, 8am, 1:30am**
- 12M 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 Mon 12/9, 3pm; Tue 12/10, 11pm.**

8 Sunday

- 6AM MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – R
- 8AM LEONARDO DA VINCI** – *Part 1 of 2. The Disciple of Experience.* R
- 10:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – R
- 11AM MISS SCARLET AND THE DUKE, SERIES 4 MARATHON** – WETA reprises Season 4 (2024) of the Victorian era mystery drama in its entirety. Kate Phillips and Stuart Martin star. In this season, private detective Eliza



COURTESY MASTERPIECE

Sunday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. on WETA PBS
WETA presents a marathon airing of *Miss Scarlet and The Duke, Series 4* on *Masterpiece*. A new season of the drama streams this month with WETA Passport and will broadcast starting January 12.



CHRISTEN HERNANDEZ

WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON A WETA PRODUCTION

Monday, Dec. 9, 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS; 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro
WETA Arts presents the choral special *Songs of the Season*, which showcases local vocal ensembles in concert. Above: Children's Chorus of Washington is among participating choirs.

- Scarlet has taken over Nash & Sons and faces a looming decision about her relationship with Scotland Yard detective William "The Duke" Wellington.
- 6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND** – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
- 6:30 SHERLOCK HOLMES: DRESSED TO KILL** – In Roy William Neill's 1946 mystery, Holmes is asked by Watson to investigate the theft of an inexpensive music box at the home of a friend who is later murdered. Holmes and Watson follow a trail of death to the killer. Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce star.
- 8:00 LUCY WORSLEY'S HOLMES VS. DOYLE** – Join British historian and lifelong Sherlock Holmes fan Lucy Worsley as she seeks to discover why Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle came to despise the character that made him rich and famous. *Episode 1 of 3. Doctor and Detective.* Worsley unearths Holmes' origins in Doyle's life as a young medical student in Edinburgh. In the early stories, she discovers the dark underbelly of late Victorian Britain and traces the author's growing disenchantment with his detective.
- 9:30 SHERLOCK ON MASTERPIECE: THE ABOMINABLE BRIDE** – Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman reprise their roles as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in a special Emmy Award-winning episode that visits 1890s London. Mary Morstan (Amanda Abbington), Inspector Lestrade (Rupert Graves) and Mrs. Hudson (Una Stubbs) also turn up at 221b Baker Street. **Repeats Thur 12/12, 11pm**
- 11:30 MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – R
- 1:30AM LEONARDO DA VINCI** – *Part 1 of 2. The Disciple of Experience.* R

9 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR** – Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
- 8:00 RICK STEVES: WHY WE TRAVEL** – Travel expert Rick Steves offers up a love note to travel, celebrating the value of exploring our world – whether as a tourist, traveler or pilgrim. **Repeats Tue 12/10, 4:30pm**
- 9:00 IF YOU LIVED HERE, SEASON 4: FAIRFAX, VA** – In WETA's local house-hunting series, hosts Jen and Ricardo join realtor Jay D'Alessandro in visiting properties in the heart of Fairfax. Along the way, they consider the historic importance of Blenheim House and the Civil War Interpretive Center – and another Fairfax institution: Woody's Ice Cream Shop. **Repeats Tue 12/10, 12:30am; Mon 12/16, 3:30pm**
- 9:30 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON** – Celebrate the holidays with the 5th annual WETA Arts presentation of *Songs of the Season*. A WETA holiday tradition, this hour-long program presents beautiful vocal performances of holiday music by 16 area choral groups. See page 2. **Repeats Sun 12/15, 11pm; Wed 12/18, 4pm; Sun 12/22, 4pm; Mon 12/23, 9pm; Tue 12/24, 1pm; Wed 12/25, 8am**
- 10:30 IL VOLO IN THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES** – See the Wednesday, December 11, 8 p.m. listing. R
- 12M 5 MINUTE YOGA WITH PEGGY CAPPY** – R



ANTONIO AGOSTINELLI/AND STILLIA AGENCY

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS

Il Volo in the Valley of the Temples features the internationally renowned vocal trio delivering Italian classics, arias and popular songs in concert at the ancient Temple of Concordia in Sicily.

10 Tuesday

- 8:00 HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. – THE FABRIC OF AMERICA** – Celebrating the 10th anniversary of WETA co-production *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* and the 25th anniversary of the first PBS documentary produced by the renowned cultural historian, this special program explores Gates's works of the past 5 years and the historic events and cultural reckoning on racial injustice that took place in the nation.
- 9:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN FESTIVALS II** – The travel expert explores how the Continent celebrates. He dances with Spaniards at Sevilla's April Fair, celebrates Bastille Day in Paris, runs with the bulls at Pamplona, and hoists a stein at Munich's Oktoberfest. He also celebrates a traditional family Christmas, browsing the holiday market in Nürnberg and sledding down alpine slopes in Switzerland. **Repeats Fri 12/13, 4:30pm**
- 10:00 FRONTLINE: LEWISTON, MAINE** – *Frontline* investigates the deadliest mass shooting in Maine history and the missed opportunities to prevent it, examining breakdowns with police, the military, and mental health care before the Lewiston shooting.
- 11:00 RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS – R**

11 Wednesday

- 8:00 IL VOLO IN THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES** – Acclaimed Italian vocal trio Il Volo presents a performance at the ancient Temple of Concordia in Sicily's spectacular Valley of the Temples. A celebration of Italian culture and history, the concert showcases beloved Italian classics, operatic arias and popular songs. **R**
- 9:30 RAGTIME, THE MUSICAL: ALL-STAR REUNION CONCERT** – Celebrate the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Ragtime* with this special reunion concert featuring original cast members, including Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Peter Friedman, joined by Kelli O'Hara. **Repeats Thur 12/12, 3pm**
- 11:30 MEXICO: MADE WITH LOVE** – Explore Mexico's rich cultural landscape through the work of artisans who craft beautiful objects infused with warmth, color and soul. This program celebrates the artists' skills. **R**

12 Thursday

- 8:00 FATHER BROWN, SERIES 11** – The BBC drama presents more mysteries featuring the charismatic clergyman sleuth. Mark Williams stars. *Episode 5 of 10. The Father, The Son.* At St Mary's, Flambeau is stunned to find his estranged father, who has a dangerous mission in mind.
- 9:00 SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** – Lorna Watson returns as the Vespa-driving, forensics-loving Cotswolds nun who cracks murder mysteries. *Episode 5 of 8. How to Murder a Tune.* The nuns are excited to be involved in a religious television show but a murder disrupts the proceedings.

- 10:00 PROFESSOR T, SERIES 2** – Ben Miller stars as a troubled Cambridge criminologist who helps the police unravel knotty crimes. *Part 5 of 6. The Trial.* As a big trial gets underway, Professor T presents the case to his students – a caretaker is accused of shooting dead his employer. It seems an open-and-shut case, but the Professor turns expert witness to prove otherwise.
- 11:00 SHERLOCK ON MASTERPIECE: THE ABOMINABLE BRIDE – R**

13 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 12/14, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/15, 11:30am; Mon 12/16, 7:30am**
- 8:30 MEMORY MAKEOVER WITH DANIEL AMEN, MD** – Psychiatrist, neuroscientist and *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen explains how to supercharge memory and remember what matters most to you. **R**
- 10:00 VIOLENT FEMMES: 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** – The rock band celebrates their iconic 1983 debut album with a special concert. **Repeats Mon 12/16, 4pm**
- 11:00 WHITNEY HOUSTON: THE CONCERT FOR A NEW SOUTH AFRICA – R**

14 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.
- 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, now taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are Magruder, St Johns College and Banneker high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at YouTube.com/wetapbs.**
- 7:30 VARIETY STUDIO: ACTORS ON ACTORS, SERIES 20 – Episode 2.** Jon Hamm & Kristen Wiig; Kim Kardashian & Chloë Sevigny; and Joey King & Taylor Zakhar Perez.
- 8:00 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: SCROOGE** – In Henry Edwards' 1935 drama, Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale of greed, ghosts, redemption and the Christmas spirit is brought to the screen with Seymour Hicks as the miser Ebenezer Scrooge.
- 9:00 LEONARDO DA VINCI** – The Florentine Films and WETA production continues. *Part 2 of 2. Painter-God.* Leonardo designs fanciful flying machines, studies light and shadow, investigates gravity, dissects cadavers, and pours the sum of his scientific and artistic knowledge into a portrait that would become the most famous painting on earth.
- 11:30PM-6AM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**



JENNY ANDERSON

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS

Ragtime, The Musical: All-Star Reunion Concert celebrates the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical in a special performance featuring original cast members, including Audra McDonald.

15 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 **HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – In this WETA presentation, Washington, D.C.-based author/interviewer, financier and philanthropist David Rubenstein talks with more of America's top scholars and writers, illuminating how history is made. *Episode 1 of 10. Beverly Gage. Author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century. Repeats Fri 12/20, 8:30pm; Sat 12/21, 10am*

7:00 **THE FIRST LADY** – A drama spotlights three of America's First Ladies, delving into their personal and political lives. Viola Davis stars as Michelle Obama, Michelle Pfeiffer portrays Betty Ford, and Gillian Anderson is Eleanor Roosevelt. *Part 5 of 10. See Saw. Eleanor holds the White House's first all-female press conference and grows closer to journalist Lorena Hickock. Betty publicly announces her breast cancer diagnosis. Michelle prompts new legislation with her healthy school lunch program. Repeats tonight, midnight*

8:00 **LUCY WORSLEY'S HOLMES VS. DOYLE** – *Episode 2 of 3. Fact and Fiction.* Explore Doyle's desire to distance himself from Sherlock after the detective's apparent death at the Reichenbach Falls, and discover how far Doyle went to make himself the hero of his own story, even taking on the role of detective himself. **Repeats 1am**

9:00 **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 4 ON MASTERPIECE** – WETA reprises the most recent season of the drama spotlighting James Herriot's adventures as a veterinarian in 1930s Yorkshire. New Season 5 episodes premiere in January. *Part 1 of 7. Broodiness.* Skeldale House is busier than ever while Tristan is away serving. James and Helen dream about the future, hoping that James will not be called up. When Mrs. Hall takes a leap of faith, Siegfried offers his support.

10:00 **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 4 ON MASTERPIECE** – *Part 2 of 7. Carpe Diem.* Siegfried has the bright idea of bringing in an experienced bookkeeper, Miss Harbottle, to bring method to their madness. James and Helen take inspiration from Siegfried's 'Carpe Diem' approach and make a long-awaited decision.

11:00 **WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON** – R

12M **THE FIRST LADY** – *Part 5 of 10. See Saw.* R

16 Monday

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

8:00 **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 11** – See all-new appraisals from *Roadshow's* Season 26, including an 1813 Jane Austen "Pride and Prejudice" 2nd edition; 1939-1940 baseball signatures and book; and a Jehan Georges Vibert oil. Guess the big find! **Repeats Fri 12/20, 3pm**

9:00 **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. See page 2. **Repeats Wed 12/18, 3pm; Sun 12/22, 5pm; Mon 12/30, 9pm; Tue 12/31, 3pm**

10:00 **AMERICAN MASTERS: BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN' AROUND** – Discover the story of singer Brenda Lee's life and explore how her early fame and experience of poverty shaped her music, including the classic "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and other hits spanning genres and decades. The film features interviews with Keith Urban, Pat Benatar, Neil Giraldo and others. (90 min.) **Repeats Sun 12/22, 2pm**

17 Tuesday

8:00 **JOY: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR** – Broadway star Michael Maliakel and actress Lesley Nicol (*Downton Abbey*) join the iconic Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in this holiday special



Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro

Joy: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir features Broadway star Michael Maliakel and actress Lesley Nicol (of *Downton Abbey*) in a holiday special that weaves Christmas music with a story of author Victor Hugo to explore the true meaning of the season.

that weaves French carols and Christmas classics with a story of author Victor Hugo. **Repeats Tue 12/24, 2pm, 9:30pm; Wed 12/25, 9am, 2pm; Mon 12/30, 3:30pm**

9:30 **TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH** – Handel's 18th-century masterpiece, *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 Tue 12/24, 8pm; Wed 12/25, 3:30pm; Sat 12/28, 12:30am; Sun 12/29, 4:30pm**

18 Wednesday

8:00 **THE EARTHSHOT REPORT** – Hannah Waddingham hosts a documentary review of the progress we have made in protecting and restoring the planet in 2024. Featuring messages from Prince William, the program presents global environmental good news stories, solutions and trends that show the progress the world is making toward a stable, thriving future. **Repeats Thur 12/19, 3pm**

9:00 **NOVA: LOST TOMBS OF NOTRE DAME** – After the Notre Dame fire in 2019, two mysterious coffins were found buried beneath its floor. Where did they come from and who was inside? Follow scientists and historians as they investigate what their stories reveal about the iconic cathedral. **Repeats Thur 12/19, 4pm**

10:00 **SECRETS OF THE DEAD: EIFFEL'S RACE TO THE TOP** – Learn the story behind Paris' most famous landmark and the race to build a monument 1,000 feet tall. Through dramatic recreations, official renderings and personal archives, see how the Eiffel Tower became an icon. **Repeats Fri 12/20, 4pm; Sun 12/22, 11pm**

19 Thursday

8:00 **FATHER BROWN, SERIES 11** – *Episode 6 of 10. The Quill of Osric.* Father Brown must discover the culprit when a novelist is attacked at a crime-writing festival.

9:00 **SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** – *Episode 6 of 8. It's Just Not Cricket.* A village cricket match provides an unlikely backdrop for embezzlement and murder.

10:00 **PROFESSOR T, SERIES 2** – *Part 6 of 6. Swansong.* After discovering the body of an undercover police officer in the trunk of a car, the CID team blunders into a Drugs Squad operation against a major trafficker that appears to implicate one of their colleagues.

20 Friday

8:00 **WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC** – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. **Repeats Sat 12/21, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/22, 11:30am; Mon 12/23, 7:30am**

8:30 **HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5** – *Episode 1 of 10. Beverly Gage. Author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century. R*

9:00 **NATURE: THE ALPS** – *Part 1 of 2. The High Life.* In the first installment of a two-part miniseries, experience the Alps in spring and summertime as newborn animals

grow up to face the coming brutal winter. **Repeats Sun 12/22, noon; Mon 12/23, 3pm**

10:00 NATURE: THE ALPS – Part 2 of 2. *Winter's Fortress*. Experience the hostile and bitter-cold ecosystems of the Alps, shaped by snow blizzards and avalanches. **Repeats Sun 12/22, 1pm; Mon 12/23, 4pm**

21 Saturday

6AM WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R
6:30 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER
7AM PBS NEWS HOUR – R
8AM JOURNEYS IN JAPAN
8:30 DINING WITH THE CHEF
9AM THIS OLD HOUSE + ASK THIS OLD HOUSE
10AM HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5
10:30 MOTORWEEK
11AM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED
11:30 KEVIN BELTON'S NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATIONS
12N IN JULIA'S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS
12:30 CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S MILK STREET TELEVISION
1:00 MILK STREET'S MY FAMILY RECIPE
1:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN
2:00 NEW SCANDINAVIAN COOKING
2:30 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS
3:00 HOMEMADE LIVE
3:30 FRENCH MAGNOLIA COOKS
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 – John Yang anchors.
6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R
7:00 A CHRISTMAS CAROL GOES WRONG – In this 2017 comedy-drama, the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society, blacklisted by the BBC, gets back on the air by hijacking the jewel of the Christmas schedule, a live production of *A Christmas Carol*. The ensemble tries to make the show work but falters, and guest star Sir Derek Jacobi endeavors to keep up. Dame Diana Rigg co-stars. **Repeats Wed 12/25, 1pm**
8:00 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 school run by Sister Benedict (Ingrid Bergman), where they have different ideas for turning the place around. **Repeats tonight**
10:30 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S – (encore) R
1AM BALL AND VASE – See the Sunday, December 22, 3:30 p.m. listing.

22 Sunday

6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING – See page 15.
9AM WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE
9:30 THIS IS AMERICA AND THE WORLD WITH DENNIS WHOLEY
10:00 DW EUROMAXX – LIFESTYLE EUROPE
10:30 MOTORWEEK
11:00 FIRING LINE WITH MARGARET HOOVER
11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R
12N NATURE: THE ALPS – Part 1 of 2. *The High Life*. R



NOVA/INHERIT

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 9 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro NOVA: Lost Tombs of Notre Dame explores how, after the 2019 fire at the cathedral, two mysterious coffins were found buried beneath its floor. Scientists and historians investigate.



COURTESY/LAKESHORE PUBLIC MEDIA

Saturday, Dec. 21 at 8 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 clash over how to save a soon-to-be closed parish school.

1:00 NATURE: THE ALPS – Part 2 of 2. *Winter's Fortress*. R
2:00 AMERICAN MASTERS: BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN' AROUND – R
3:30 BALL AND VASE – A short dramatic film follows an ailing elderly professor during the holidays. The widowed World War II veteran lives alone and is all but forgotten; what keeps him going is an upcoming visit by his grandson. When he finds himself alone, he discovers a last chance to reconnect with the world. Austin Pendleton stars.
4:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON – R
5:00 GET OUT OF TOWN HOLIDAY SPECIAL – R
6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 2 of 10. *Richard Haass*. Author of *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens*. **Repeats Fri 12/27, 8:30pm**
7:00 THE FIRST LADY – Part 6 of 10. *Shout Out*. Eleanor, Betty and Michelle's daring stances put them in the spotlight. **Repeats tonight, midnight**
8:00 LUCY WORSLEY'S HOLMES VS. DOYLE – Episode 3 of 3. *Shadows and Sleuths*. Join Worsley as she investigates the return of Sherlock. Doyle began the Edwardian age delighting in all it had to offer, but as the First World War approached, the darkness of his later stories mirrored the reality of his life. **Repeats 1am**
9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 4 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 3 of 7. *Right Hand Man*. Busy and exhausted, James and Helen cannot get any time together. James thinks he's found a solution when he hires a new trainee vet, Richard Carmody, but things don't quite work out as he expects.
10:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 4 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 4 of 7. *By the Book*. Carmody is challenged with learning how to be a vet. The new farmers have a worrying illness among their herd and James wants to help them. Helen rallies the community to help the newcomers while she waits for some personal news.
11:00 SECRETS OF THE DEAD: EIFFEL'S RACE TO THE TOP – R
12M THE FIRST LADY – Part 6 of 10. *Shout Out*. R

23 Monday

7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR – Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 12 – Experience never-before-seen treasures from *Roadshow's* Season 27 tour, like a 1791 Jane Young world map needlework; an Albert Einstein collection; and Carlo Giuliano earrings & necklace, ca. 1890. One treasure is up to \$120,000. **Repeats Fri 12/27, 3pm**
9:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON – R
10:00 MARY BERRY'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS – Join the beloved British home cook and special friends as they prepare her ultimate Christmas feast with all the trimmings, from the traditional turkey to her classic Christmas pudding.

24 Tuesday

8AM DREAMING OF A JEWISH CHRISTMAS – **Repeats Wed 12/25, noon**



NEAL STREET PRODUCTIONS AND BBC STUDIOS

Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 8 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
In this year's *Call the Midwife Holiday Special*, it is 1969 and the holidays are in full swing in the East End's Poplar neighborhood, but the flu and other challenges keep Nonnatus House on edge.

- 9AM 20 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR**
- 11AM A THRILL OF HOPE: A CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS**
- 12N CHRISTMAS WITH SIR JOHN RITTER AT PRESTON HOLLOW**
- 1:00 WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON – R**
- 2:00 JOY: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR – R**
- 3:30 THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON – Repeats Wed 12/25, 10:30am**
- 4:00 THE UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND: SOUND THE BELLS 2024 – Repeats Wed 12/25, 11am**
- 5:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY**
- 6:00 BBC NEWS THE CONTEXT + BBC NEWS AMERICA**
- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR**
- 8:00 TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH – See the Tuesday, Dec. 17, 9:30 p.m. listing. R**
- 9:30 JOY: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR – See the Tuesday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. listing. R**

25 Wednesday

- 8AM WETA ARTS: SONGS OF THE SEASON – R**
- 9AM JOY: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR – R**
- 10:30 THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON – R**
- 11AM THE UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND: SOUND THE BELLS 2024 – R**
- 12N DREAMING OF A JEWISH CHRISTMAS – R**
- 1:00 A CHRISTMAS CAROL GOES WRONG – R**
- 2:00 JOY: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR – R**
- 3:30 TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH – R**
- 5:00 AMANPOUR AND COMPANY**
- 6:00 BBC NEWS THE CONTEXT + BBC NEWS AMERICA**
- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR**
- 8:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2024 – It's Christmas 1969, and the funfair and carol concert add color to frosty Poplar, but the festive spirit at Nonnatus House is dampened by the spread of influenza alongside growing fears of an escaped prisoner after a spate of break-ins. Repeats tonight; Thur 12/26, 3pm**
- 10:00 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2024 – (encore) R**

26 Thursday

- 8:00 FATHER BROWN, SERIES 11 – Episode 7 of 10. *The Word of the Condemned*. Lady Felicia asks Father Brown to help prove a convicted serial killer didn't murder her beloved goddaughter.**
- 9:00 SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES, SERIES 3 – Episode 7 of 8. *A Beautiful World*. When a murder takes place at a make-up demonstration party, Sister Boniface strives to solve the mystery.**

10:00 PROFESSOR T, SERIES 3 – Ben Miller stars. The Professor, jailed, must find a way to get his old life and job back. Part 1 of 6. *Heir to the Throne*. Professor T awaits trial. He is not your typical inmate and the sights, sounds and smells of jail are difficult for him. Dan and Lisa try to distract him with a murder case involving two brothers.

27 Friday

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – Visit pbs.org/washingtonweek. Repeats Sat 12/28, 6am, 6:30pm; Sun 12/29, 11:30am; Mon 12/30, 7:30am**
- 8:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 2 of 10. *Richard Haass. Author of The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens. R***
- 9:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA – Learn about original hand-crafted works by the finest contemporary artists in the nation. *Science*. Explore the intersection between art and the sciences, spanning technology, engineering, biology, math, and the climate emergency.**
- 9:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA – *Collectors*. Learn about the essential role that craft appreciators play in the community. From Chicano art to teapots and wooden spoons, see what drives collectors and how their support furthers artists throughout their careers.**

28 Saturday

- 6AM-10AM See the Saturday, December 21 listings.**
- 10AM IT'S ACADEMIC – See 7 p.m.**
- 10:30AM-6PM See the Saturday, December 21 listings.**
- 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, now taped in WETA's television studio, showcases the academic achievements of D.C.-area students. Journalist Hillary Howard hosts. Competing this week are George Marshall, Falls Church and Bullis high schools. **Airs 10 a.m. Saturday, repeating 7 p.m. and Monday, 3 p.m. Stream on the PBS App and at [YouTube.com/wetapbs](https://www.youtube.com/wetapbs).****
- 7:30 VARIETY STUDIO: ACTORS ON ACTORS, SERIES 20 – Episode 3. Jennifer Aniston & Quinta Brunson; Nicholas Galitzine & Leo Woodall; and Jonathan Bailey & Naomi Watts.**
- 8:00 WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS – WETA presents four classic adaptations of Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 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**



MAURICIO CASTRO

Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 8 & 9:30 p.m. on WETA PBS & WETA Metro
Next at the Kennedy Center: Sara Bareilles: *New Year's Eve with the National Symphony Orchestra & Friends* presents the acclaimed artist and special guests in an evening of song and celebration.

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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 12/29, noon**

12:30AM TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH – R

29 Sunday

6AM-11:30AM See the Sunday, December 22 listings.

- 11:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH THE ATLANTIC – R**
12N WETA CINEMA CLASSICS: HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS – See the Saturday, December 28, 8 p.m. listing. **R**
4:30 TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE GOSPEL MESSIAH – R
6:00 PBS NEWS WEEKEND – John Yang anchors. **Repeats Monday, 7am**
6:30 HISTORY WITH DAVID RUBENSTEIN, SEASON 5 – Episode 3 of 10. Craig L. Symonds. Author of *Nimitz at War: Command Leadership from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay*. **Repeats Fri 1/3, 8:30pm**
7:00 THE FIRST LADY – Part 7 of 10. Nadir. Eleanor doubles down on her efforts to confront racism. Betty helps Jerry secure the Republican nomination while her problems with addiction worsen. Michelle grieves after gun violence tragedies and advocates for legislative action. **Repeats midnight**
8:00 LUCY WORSLEY'S ROYAL MYTHS & SECRETS – Join the British historian as she visits locations where royal history was made. *Queen Anne, The Mother of Great Britain*. Investigate why Queen Anne's powerful role in the forging of Great Britain has often been forgotten. Lucy Worsley shares the inside story of the gossip about Anne's love life that helped destroy her image and legacy. **Repeats 1am**
9:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 4 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 5 of 7. Papers. With the war feeling closer to home, James desperately wants things in order – including Carmody trained and ready to support Siegfried. A dinner with Gerald leaves Mrs. Hall with a dilemma.
10:00 ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SERIES 4 ON MASTERPIECE – Part 6 of 7. The Home Front. When Richard Alderson needs help, Helen returns to Heston Grange; however, buried family secrets threaten to tear their relationship apart. Gerald's beloved dog, Rock, needs veterinary help, but Gerald is too worried about the operation.
11:00 MARY BERRY'S HIGHLAND CHRISTMAS – Culinary arts icon Mary Berry spends Christmas in her mother's homeland of Scotland enjoying traditional festive delights and cooking up dishes with special guests.
12M THE FIRST LADY – Part 7 of 10. Nadir. R

30 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWS HOUR –** Weeknights. Visit pbs.org/newshour. **Repeats next day, 7am**
8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: LET'S CELEBRATE! – See objects that exude a celebratory spirit, including an Alexander Calder mobile; Tiffany iridescent vases; and a 1955 Picasso Madoura plate. Which has an updated appraisal of \$800,000-\$2,000,000? **Repeats Tue 12/31, 4pm**
9:00 GET OUT OF TOWN HOLIDAY SPECIAL – R
10:00 POV: WHO I AM NOT – A South African beauty queen faces an identity crisis upon learning she was born genetically male. Her path crosses with an intersex activist as they navigate a common journey marked by society's stigma and inner struggles. (90 min.)

31 Tuesday

- 8:00 NEXT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER: SARA BAREILLES: NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & FRIENDS –** Acclaimed Broadway singer, songwriter and actress Sara Bareilles performs at the Kennedy Center with the National Symphony Orchestra in an evening of song and celebration. Guests include Rufus Wainwright, Emily King, and David Ryan Harris. **Repeats tonight**
9:30 NEXT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER: SARA BAREILLES: NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & FRIENDS – (encore) **R**

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The WETA PBS Kids channel offers a safe haven for young viewers, presenting educational programming 24 hours each day, seven days a week.

WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS KIDS

- Clifford the Big Red Dog, 6am
- Sesame Street, 6:30am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 7am
- Mecha Builders, 7:30am
- Sesame Street, 8am
- Milo, 8:30am
- Work It Out Wombats!, 9am, 9:30am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 10am, 10:30am
- Carl the Collector, 11am
- Curious George, 11:30am
- Donkey Hodie, 12n, 12:30pm
- Elinor Wonders Why, 1pm
- Rosie's Rules, 1:30pm, 2pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 2:30pm
- Alma's Way, 3pm, 3:30pm
- Lyla in the Loop, 4pm
- Arthur, 4:30pm
- Odd Squad, 5pm, 5:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 6pm, 6:30pm
- Lyla in the Loop, 7pm
- Nature Cat, 7:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 8pm
- Hero Elementary, 8:30pm
- Cyberchase, 9pm
- Let's Go Luna! 9:30pm
- Rosie's Rules, 10pm

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WEEKDAYS ON WETA PBS, 8 AM – 3 PM

- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Carl the Collector, 8:30 am
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9am
- Rosie's Rules, 9:30am
- Sesame Street, 10am
- Work It Out Wombats!, 10:30am
- Donkey Hodie, 11am
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific, 11:30am
- Elinor Wonders Why, 12n
- Nature Cat, 12:30pm
- Molly of Denali, 1pm
- Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, 1:30pm
- Wild Kratts, 2pm
- Alma's Way, 2:30pm

SUNDAYS ON WETA PBS, 6 AM – 9 AM

- Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, 6am
- Arthur, 6:30am
- Wild Kratts, 7am
- Alma's Way, 7:30am
- Lyla in the Loop, 8am
- Carl the Collector, 8:30am

British Television at Its Best

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

DECEMBER P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK

VISIT WETA.ORG/SCHEDULE FOR A PROGRAM LINEUP

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12pm	• noon: Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3 (Still Open All Hours Christmas 12/22)	Call the Midwife, Series 13 starts 12/4; Series 10 starts 12/16; [Mary Berry 12/24-12/25]; Series 11 starts 12/30					Highclere: Behind the Scenes; All Creatures (12:30pm 12/21); Mary Berry's Highland Christmas (12/28)
12:30pm	• 1pm: Marlow Murder Club on Masterpiece (Poirt 12/22); Last Tango in Halifax, Series 1 (starts 12/29)	Miss Scarlet and The Duke on Masterpiece: Series 1 starts 12/2; Series 2 starts 12/10; Series 3 starts 12/18; [Mary Berry 12/24-12/25]; Series 4 starts 12/30					Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3 (Shakespeare & Hathaway, 1:30pm 12/21)
1pm	• 2-5pm, 12/1: Lucy Worsley Investigates	• Marlow Murder Club on Mast. • Madame Blanc Mysteries (starts 12/30)	Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3	Luna & Sophie, Series 3 (Mary Berry 12/25)	Highclere: Behind the Scenes; Savoy at Christmas (12/19); Mary Berry 12/26)	• Marlow Murder Club on Masterpiece • Madam Blanc Mysteries (starts 12/27)	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 3 (Rick Steves' European Christmas, 2:30pm 12/21)
1:30pm	• 2-5pm, 12/8-12/15: Death in Paradise, Series 11 • 2-3:30pm, 12/22: Mr. Bean + Miss Fisher • 3:30-6:30pm, 12/22: Vicar of Dibley holiday specials						
2pm	• 2-4pm, 12/29: Midsomer Murders, Series 1	Doc Martin, Series 10	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 3	Velvet (starts 12/4) (Mary Berry 12/25)	• Inside the House of Windsor • Lights Before Christmas (2/19-12/26)	Doc Martin, Series 10 (to 4:04pm 12/27)	Funny Woman (Vicar of Dibley Christmas, 3:30-5pm 12/21)
2:30pm	• 4pm, 12/29: Madam Blanc Mysteries, Series 1	World on Fire, Series 1	• Funny Woman • MaryLand on Masterpiece (starts 12/31)	British Antiques Roadshow (skips 12/25)	Father Brown, Series 9; Margaret: Rebel Princess (12/19); Lights Before Christmas (12/26)	World on Fire, Series 1	World on Fire, Series 1 (except 12/21)
3pm	• 5pm, 12/8-12/15: Death in Paradise, Series 11	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	BBC News: The Context	• Foyle's War, Series 1 & 2 (except 12/22)
3:30pm	• 2-4pm, 12/29: Midsomer Murders, Series 1	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	BBC News America	• Agatha Christie's Poirt on 12/21
4pm	• 4pm, 12/29: Madam Blanc Mysteries, Series 1	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours	
4:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	
5pm	• Wolf Hall on Masterpiece • from 6:30pm, 12/22: Sister Boniface Christmas • Mr. Bates vs The Post Office (12/29)	The Travelling Auctioneers	The Travelling Auctioneers (Mary Berry 12/24)	The Travelling Auctioneers (Mary Berry 12/25)	The Travelling Auctioneers	The Travelling Auctioneers	• Wolf Hall on Masterpiece • Doc Martin (12/21) • Mr. Bates vs The Post Office (12/28)
5:30pm		Sister Boniface Mysteries, Series 3	Foreign Favourites • 8pm: Luna & Sophie, Series 3 • 9pm: Velvet (starts 12/3) • 10:30pm: British Antiques Roadshow	• 8pm, 12/4-12/11: Highclere: Behind the Scenes • 8pm 12/18: The Savoy at Christmas • 8pm, 12/25: Mary Berry's Highland Christmas • 9pm, 12/4: The Real Crown: Inside the House of Windsor • 9pm, 12/18-12/25: Lights Before Christmas (8:59pm-11:31pm) • 10pm, 12/4-12/11: Father Brown, Series 9	• Marlow Murder Club on Masterpiece • Madame Blanc Mysteries, Series 1 (starts 12/26)	Masterworks Showcase • 8pm, Foyle's War, Series 2 • 10pm: Wolf Hall on Masterpiece • 10pm (starting 12/20): Mr. Bates vs The Post Office on Masterpiece	• 8-11pm, 12/7-12/14: Death in Paradise, Series 11 • 8-10pm, 12/21: Death in Paradise • 8pm, 12/28: Mme. Blanc Mysteries, Series 1 • 10pm-12m, 12/21: Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (two episodes) • 9-11pm, 12/28: Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2024
6pm		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 3			Doc Martin, Series 10 (to 10:04pm 12/26)		
6:30pm		• Funny Woman • MaryLand on Masterpiece (starts 12/30)			World on Fire on Masterpiece, Series 1		
7pm		BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	BBC News	• In Their Own Words: QEII (12/7)/ Princess Diana (12/14) • Mary Berry's Highland Christmas (12/28)
7:30pm		[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	[See 8pm]	
8pm	• 8pm, 12/1-12/15: Les Misérables on Masterpiece (runs past 10pm) • 8pm, 12/22: All Creatures Great and Small S4 finale • 8pm, 12/29: Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs Doyle • 9-10:30pm, 12/22: Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2023 • 9pm, 12/29: Gods of Tennis • 10pm, 12/1: Lucy Worsley Investigates • 10pm, 12/8: Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas • 10:30pm, 12/22: Agatha Christie's Poirt • 10pm, 12/29: Once Upon a Time in N. Ireland						
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WETA UK Highlights

Les Misérables on Masterpiece

Sundays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15 at 8 p.m.
on WETA UK

Victor Hugo's masterpiece of love, death and the struggle for social justice in early 19th-century France comes vividly to life in a faithful six-part BBC/*Masterpiece* adaptation by screenwriter Andrew Davies (*Pride and Prejudice*, *Bleak House*). The superb cast includes Dominic West as redemption-seeker Jean Valjean, the most famous fugitive in literature, with David Oyelowo as his relentless pursuer, Inspector Javert. Lily Collins appears as the tragic seamstress and luckless single mother Fantine; Ellie Bamber portrays her adolescent daughter, Cosette; Olivia Colman and Adeel Akhtar are Cosette's cruel overseers, the Thénardiens; and Josh O'Connor is the student and reluctant revolutionary Marius, who falls in love with Cosette at first sight. Also part of the extensive cast is Derek Jacobi as the kindly Bishop of Digne.



MASTERPIECE/PBS

Velvet

Tuesdays starting Dec. 3 at 9 p.m.
on WETA UK

A 16-episode Spanish series (English-subtitled) from curated international drama collection "Walter Presents" spotlights love and enterprise in a late-1950s Madrid fashion empire. Set in the golden age of *haute couture*, the story is set at a place where everyone would like to shop at least once in their lifetime: the Galerías Velvet. But among the luxury and glamour, the Art Deco palace hides family secrets and forbidden loves. As the drama opens, Alberto, heir to the Velvet empire, returns home from his studies abroad as his father, Don Rafael, presents his latest collection. Alberto doubts his father's business strategies and refuses to abandon his love for seamstress Ana.



COURTESY WALTER PRESENTS

Death in Paradise, Series 11

Saturdays, Dec. 7 & 14, 8-11 p.m.
on WETA UK

WETA UK reprises the eleventh season of the popular sun-soaked mystery series, featuring crime investigations with a light touch on the fictional Caribbean island of Saint Marie in the Lesser Antilles. DI Neville Parker (Ralf Little), having warmed to the island lifestyle despite an array of afflicting allergies, has more crimes to solve with his team, while he must also contend with emotional complications resulting from working at close quarters with DS Florence Cassell (Joséphine Jobert). Joining the squad in Season 11 is new character Sergeant Naomi Thomas (Shantol Jackson). This season of the drama premiered in 2022.



BBC/RED PLANET

Also this month: On Dec. 21-22, tune in for holiday-set or -themed episodes of *Vicar of Dibley*, *Agatha Christie's Poirot*, *Doc Martin*, *Death in Paradise*, *Miss Fisher*, *Sister Boniface*, *Call the Midwife* and more.

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 News Hour*, weekdays at 6 p.m./11 p.m.), and lifestyle and culture shows.

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Stream at weta.org/livestream or via the PBS app



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Shelved Voices: How Book Censorship & Bans Impact Everyone, Everywhere

Monday, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m. on WETA Metro

In a September 2024 event taped at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, D.C., the DC Public Library, in collaboration with The Aspen Institute, explored the history

of book banning, the state of literary access in the United States, and ways to inspire efforts to protect and expand access to the written word for all readers. Led by Kwame Alexander and W. Kamau Bell (above), the discussions featured conversations with policy experts, librarians, authors, students, and advocates on the frontlines, highlighting the impacts of censorship. The program repeats Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. on WETA Metro.



WETA

Washington in the 80s/90s/00s

Saturday, Dec. 7, 8-11 p.m. on WETA Metro

Three acclaimed WETA productions spotlight the national capital area in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s and feature the reflections of prominent local figures. The “Decades” series explores the years of Reagan and Barry, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, The Quilt, Go-Go and DC punk, the Air Florida crash, a golden age for local media and sports; the revitalization of downtown D.C. and the region’s emergence as a technology hub; and the 9/11 terrorist attack, the D.C. sniper, the return of Major League Baseball, the emergence of a local foodie scene, and much more. The programs repeat Dec. 12, 8-11 p.m. and Dec. 14, 2-5 p.m. on WETA Metro.



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Films Spotlight the Kennedys

Thursday, Dec. 5, 8-11 p.m. on WETA Metro

A trio of films — *JFK: The Making of a President*; *RFK: The Lost President*; and *Jackie: A Tale of Two Sisters* — explore the lives of the most famous members of the Kennedy family. The first film chronicles John F. Kennedy’s early life, military service and political career, following his path to the presidency. The second film asks a great historical “what-if”: what might have been

if Robert Kennedy had not been slain while campaigning for the presidency in 1968? The third program spotlights Jackie Kennedy Onassis and how her life was closely intertwined with that of her sister, Lee Radziwill. The three programs repeat Dec. 7, noon-3 p.m. on WETA Metro.

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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Free Exercise: America's Story of Religious Liberty

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

This month, WETA World presents a slate of films with themes of religion and spirituality, including the two-hour WETA presentation *Free Exercise*. The program explores development of religious freedom in the USA as told through the eyes of six American faith communities — Quakers, Baptists, Black churches, Catholics, Mormons and Jews. What does our Constitution's commitment to the free exercise of religion mean? Host and writer Richard Brookhiser presents a journey through 500 years and two continents. Brookhiser, a senior editor of *National Review* and a columnist for *American History*, is a 2008 National Humanities Medal recipient.



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Local, USA: Unveiled: Joyce Tenneson and the Heroine's Journey

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

Documentary series *Local, USA* presents an intimate journey with one of history's most influential female photographers, exploring the life and art of Joyce Tenneson, one of the most important photographers working today — and examining how she contends with fallout from a 45-year-old secret. In addition to spotlighting the artist's commitment to her work, the film *Unveiled* (Dec. 12) explores Tenneson's advocacy for, and support of, women in the arts and in broader society. Also on *Local, USA*, the film *With Peter Bradley* (Dec. 19, 8 p.m.), spotlights the New York abstract artist who is gaining wider recognition for his life's work.



JOYCE TENNESON: SELF PORTRAIT WITH LUT HANDS

Into the Night: Darkness and Light

Sunday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. on WETA World

A two-hour film explores the many ways we think about death. Across seven segments, the program shares the stories of people in various places in their lives — young and old, believers and unbelievers, dying and healthy — who grapple with mortality. Among the interviewees: a longevity scientist pushing back against death; a Native American physician with cancer who finds strength in her Comanche grandmother's rituals; an Orthodox Jewish scholar at Harvard facing cancer and reconsidering his relationship with God; a photographer who realizes that love, not art, will be his legacy; and two Buddhist monks who aim to be fully present to dying.



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The Gesualdo Six are among featured artists

Weihnachtsgeschichte, “The Christmas Story”; and *In Terra Pax, a Christmas Scene* by Gerald Finzi. Jakub Jan Ryba’s *Christmas Mass* is presented with Beethoven’s *Mass in C Major* on **December 15**; then it’s carols old and new with The Gesualdo Six and other ensembles on **December 22**. Last, on **December 29**, the program presents Bach cantatas composed for Christmas Day and Epiphany, plus the Christmas version of the *Magnificat*.

To learn about more holiday music on WETA Classical, see page 1 or visit weta.org/happyholidays.

Choral Showcase Features Christmas Music

Sundays in December at 9 p.m.

December on WETA Classical’s weekly program *Choral Showcase* means Christmas music, beginning with Advent carols and motets on **December 1**. Next, on **December 8**, are mid-20th-century Christmas stories: *A Christmas Cantata* by Arthur Honegger; Hugo Distler’s *Die*



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Conductor Fabio Biondi

on fire—with a chorus that felt as combustible as the orchestra...The chorus here felt like a true counterpart of the orchestra—a manifestation of divine symmetry.” Tune in December 4, or stream the program at wetaclassical.org.

NSO Showcase Presents *Messiah*

Wednesday, December 4 at 9 p.m.

Each December, WETA Classical program *NSO Showcase* presents a dose of holiday inspiration: a performance of Handel’s *Messiah* from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. This month’s offering is conducted by the acclaimed early music expert Fabio Biondi, joined by soloists Liv Redpath, Hannah Ludwig, Matthew Myers and Neal Davies, and the Choral Arts Society of Washington. *The Washington Post* called the 2022 performance incendiary: “This was a *Messiah*



COURTESY THE ARTIST

Christopher Schmitt

arrangement of this iconic ballet, which includes a particularly haunting ending. Also enjoy Frederic Chopin’s *Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Op. 35*, “Funeral March,” and an encore by Aram Khachaturian. Tune in to *Front Row Washington*, Mondays at 9 p.m. on WETA Classical.

Classical Arts Society of Washington on *Front Row Washington*

Monday, December 9 at 9 p.m.

On December 9 on WETA Classical’s local concert showcase *Front Row Washington*, hear the music of Sergei Prokofiev’s *Romeo and Juliet* like you’ve never heard it before, with the Classical Arts Society of Washington in their October 2024 concert at the Arts Club of Washington. Pianist Christopher Schmitt and violist Erika Gray perform their very own

Classical for Washington

Metropolitan Opera Returns for 2024-2025 Broadcast Season

By Linda Carducci, On-Air Host

The word “opera” is derived from the Italian phrase *opera in musica* — “work in music” — an apt description of an art form with roots in the Renaissance era that tells a story through music. WETA Classical’s *Opera Matinee* presents opera each Saturday, and we’re delighted to commence the Metropolitan Opera’s spectacular 2024-2025 broadcast season, which gets underway this month. Here are some upcoming highlights.

December Met Presentations

The season begins **December 7** with the Met’s Artistic Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducting Richard Strauss’s rarely heard *Die Frau ohne Schatten*, composed 1911-1915 and renowned for its lavish score in an allegorical tale of rebirth and human connection through marriage and children. On **December 14**, the Met premieres Jeanine Tesori’s *Grounded*, a thrilling 2023 adaptation of George Brant’s award-winning play of one woman’s journey from U.S. Air Force combat pilot to virtual drone operator, and the psychological tolls of modern warfare. Then, Mozart’s enchanting musical fairy tale *The Magic Flute* returns as a beloved holiday tradition on **December 21**. This abridged, English-language production beautifully depicts a rescue from darkness to light and enlightenment — and is perfect family entertainment. On **December 28**, the Met presents Engelbert Humperdinck’s *Hansel and Gretel*, a sweeping interpretation of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale. The archival performance from 1982 stars Frederica von Stade and Judith Blegen.

Old Favorites, New Premieres

The new Met season unfolds with perennial favorites — Mozart’s *The Marriage of Figaro*, Puccini’s *La bobème* and *Tosca*, and Verdi’s *Aida*, to name just a few. In March, the Met dips into its archives for a 1981 performance of Maurice Ravel’s fantastical *L’Enfant e les sortilèges* to commemorate that opera’s 100th anniversary. And the popular Listener’s Choice broadcast — an historical performance selected by listener votes — returns in May.

New this year is a February “Artist’s Choice” series that will showcase stellar past performances selected by current opera stars. This treasure trove includes notable achievements of Jessye Norman, Renée Fleming, Leonard Bernstein and George London. Additionally, three Met premieres are on tap: *Ainadamar (Fountain of Tears)* by Argentinian composer Osvaldo Golijov, based on the life of writer Federico García Lorca; John Adams’s *Antony and Cleopatra*, adapted from the Shakespeare play; and *Moby Dick* by Jake Heggie, based on Herman Melville’s classic novel.



Angel Blue in *Aida*, one of five Verdi productions this season

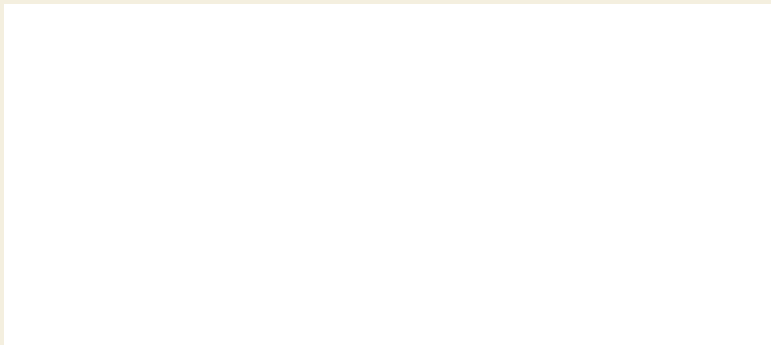


Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* airs Dec. 21

Experience *Opera Matinee* with us each Saturday! Check weta.org/fm for updated information, as start times vary and Met schedule adjustments may yet be made. Each week, Met commentators guide us through the broadcast with expert narratives and historical context. And be sure to check our blog, *Classical Score*, for my series of interviews with Washington, D.C.-based opera scholar Saul Lilienstein, providing in-depth analyses of the Verdi masterpieces scheduled this season.

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