

DECEMBER 2015  
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# WETA

## *Music for the Season*

Holiday Music and  
Metropolitan Opera on  
Classical WETA 90.9 FM

Holiday Specials  
and Much More on  
WETA TV 26/HD







**W**ith the arrival of the holidays, WETA celebrates the season with joyful, inspiring music programming throughout December. On Classical WETA 90.9 FM, Greater Washington's exclusive classical music radio service, our broadcasts feature sublime music and festive specials that will get you into the holiday spirit wherever you listen, whether at work, at home or during your commute. Likewise, WETA TV 26 and WETA HD feature holiday music programs, including concerts with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; the annual National Christmas Tree lighting and concert, taped in downtown Washington; and much more. See the page opposite this column for details of seasonal WETA radio and television programming.

We also continue our winter donor campaign this month, bringing you a slate of engaging television programming that includes entertaining music, celebrations of beloved dramas, and intriguing history and travel specials. Enjoy all that WETA has to offer in December, and thank you for your support, which sustains our vital services to the public.

From all of us at WETA to you, happy holidays!

*Sharon Percy Rockefeller*

Sharon Percy Rockefeller, President & CEO, WETA

## A Blockbuster January Coming on WETA TV 26/HD

*Sherlock* harkens, *Doc Martin* returns, *Downton Abbey* concludes, *Mercy Street* spotlights Civil War Alexandria, *Finding Your Roots* continues, *In Performance at the White House* dazzles, and a music icon receives the *Gershwin Prize*

**Y**ou're going to need a lot of popcorn. Mark your calendar for appointment viewing, because a remarkable slate of television programming is taking shape for January that will rivet fans of drama, history and the performing arts. On Friday, January 1, a new *Masterpiece* special, *Sherlock: The Abominable Bride*, features (at right) Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman reprising their roles as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, but this time conducting an investigation in 1890s London. Two days later, on Sunday, January 3 at 9 p.m., the much-anticipated, nine-part *Masterpiece* series *Downton Abbey*, *Season 6* gets under way to wrap up storylines in the beloved drama's swan song. But fear not, there is much more in store from *Masterpiece*: on Sunday, January 17 at 10 p.m., the engaging new production *Mercy Street* kicks off a six-part story set in Union-occupied Alexandria, Virginia, during the early years of the Civil War. January also heralds the return of the popular series *Doc Martin*, as Martin Clunes reprises his signature role in a new season of the quirky drama.

In other genres, January brings a new season of intriguing genealogy research, as Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s series *Finding Your Roots*, *Season 3* — a WETA co-production — begins Tuesday, January 5 at 8 p.m. In arts programming, the WETA series *In Performance at the White House* presents *A Celebration of American Creativity* on Friday, January 8 at 9 p.m., commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act [calling for the creation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)] with performances by a dazzling lineup of top musical artists. Then, on Friday, January 15 at 9 p.m., the WETA co-production *Willie Nelson: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song* features the iconic singer-songwriter receiving the honor amid musical tributes from top fellow artists at DAR Constitution Hall. Stay tuned!



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Sherlock

## WETA BROADCASTS AND SERVICES

### WETA Television

#### WETA TV 26

**26.4 Over the Air Via Antenna**  
**Cox 26, 802    Comcast 26**  
**Fios 26, 471    RCN 26**

#### WETA HD

**26.1 Over the Air Via Antenna**  
**Cox 1026, 1003    Comcast 800**  
**Fios 526    (in the D.C. area)**  
**DirectTV 26, 26-1    Comcast 219**  
**RCN 613    (Baltimore area)**  
**Dish 8076**

#### WETA UK

**26.2 Over the Air Via Antenna**  
**Cox 800    Comcast 265**  
**Fios 474    RCN 39**

# Seasonal Programming

## Holiday Music on Classical WETA 90.9 FM

**C**elebrate the spirit of the season with Classical WETA 90.9 FM as Greater Washington's exclusive classical music radio service adds holiday music into its broadcasts. Seasonal offerings increase substantially during the week before Christmas. Special programming begins with a "Home for the Holidays" Weekend, Friday-Sunday, December 18-20, which will include a broadcast of Handel's *Messiah* on the December 20, 9 p.m. broadcast of *Choral Showcase*. Holiday music on Classical WETA culminates with special programming on December 24-25.

Christmas Eve specials include the traditional broadcast of *Christmas Eve Carolfest* (10 a.m.); *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* from King's College, Cambridge (7 p.m.); and Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* (9 p.m.). On Christmas Day, Classical WETA presents *Christmas in Washington* (10 a.m.), featuring performances of holiday music by D.C.-area choral and instrumental ensembles; *Messiah* once more (3 p.m.); and Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (9 p.m.).

For complete WETA holiday programming details, visit [weta.org/happyholidays](http://weta.org/happyholidays).

## For the Holidays, on WETA TV 26 & WETA HD

Christmas in Harvard Square Wed 12/2, 12m;

Rpts Fri 12/11, 12m

National Christmas Tree Lighting 2015 Wed 12/9, 9:30pm

Rick Steves' European Christmas Wed 12/9, 10:30pm

Libera: Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland Thur 12/10, 8pm

Call the Midwife Holiday Specials: 2014 Fri 12/18,

9:30pm & 2015 Fri 12/25, 9:30pm

A Chef's Life Holiday Special Fri 12/18, 11pm

A Bucknell Candlelight Christmas Sun 12/20, 11pm

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (featuring):

Santino Fontana/Sesame Street Muppets Mon 12/21, 9pm;

Rpts Tue 12/22, 4pm; Thur 12/24, 8pm; Fri 12/25, 1pm

Alfie Boe/Tom Brokaw Mon 12/21, 10pm;

Rpts Tue 12/22, 5pm; Fri 12/25, 3pm

Deborah Voigt/John Rhys-Davies Thur 12/24, 9pm;

Rpts Fri 12/25, 2pm

Jane Seymour/Nathan Gunn Fri 12/25, 4pm

Christmas at Belmont 2015 Thur 12/24, 10pm;

Rpts Fri 12/25, noon

A Grand Mercer Christmas Fri 12/25, 9am

The Chef's Holiday Table Fri 12/25, 10am

Purdue 81st Anniversary Christmas Show Fri 12/25, 11am

Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays

Fri 12/25, 8:30pm

Visit [weta.org/happyholidays](http://weta.org/happyholidays) for details.

Marking the holiday season, WETA TV 26 and WETA HD present a slate of specials in December, featuring a new concert from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir with Santino Fontana and the Muppets, performances by college vocal ensembles, and WETA's presentation *National Christmas Tree Lighting 2015* in downtown Washington, D.C.



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

### WETA Kids

26.3 Over the Air Via Antenna  
Cox 801 Comcast 266  
Fios 472 RCN 38

### WETA Online

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

### Classical WETA

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

# WETA TV 26/HD December Specials

## Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli: Cinema

Wednesday, December 2 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD

**A** new *Great Performances* production, *Andrea Bocelli: Cinema*, features the international superstar tenor paying tribute to the silver screen in a concert that celebrates some of the greatest movie songs and scores of all time written by a varied range of Italian and Hollywood composers. Joined by Grammy-winning producer and music arranger David Foster in a concert filmed at the Dolby Theater in the heart of Hollywood, Bocelli performs memorable favorites — in five languages — from blockbuster classics including *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Doctor Zhivago*, *The Godfather*, *Il Postino*, *Once Upon a Time in America*, *Scent of a Woman*, *West Side Story*, and other films. Onstage guests include singer Nicole Scherzinger (with whom Bocelli sings a duet from *Evita*) and film luminaries Andy Garcia, Ali McGraw, Ryan O'Neal and John Travolta, who speak about the films from which the songs derive. With more than 80 million albums sold worldwide, Bocelli has been honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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NICK SPANOS

## My Music: Songbook Standards: As Time Goes By

Wednesday, December 2 at 10 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD

**A** new *My Music* special from impresario TJ Lubinsky presents a nostalgic hit parade of best-loved songs from the 1950s and 1960s by iconic popular composers of the era. Hosted by singer Jack Jones, *Songbook Standards: As Time Goes By* features favorite melodies that have become evergreen, embraced by the greatest entertainers of the past century and still performed by singers today. This all-star special offers rare footage of Judy Garland (at left), singing “Smile”; and Johnny Mathis (“On a Clear Day”) / “You Make Me Feel So Young”; Steve Lawrence (“As Time Goes By”); Eydie Gorme (“The Man I Love”); Rosemary Clooney (“Tenderly”); Nat

King Cole (“Stardust”); Bing Crosby and Patti Page (“True Love”), Ella Fitzgerald (“Just One of Those Things”); Perry Como (“Who Can I Turn To”); Frank Sinatra (“Fly Me to the Moon”) and many other musical artists. Host Jack Jones performs “Call Me Irresponsible” and “People Will Say We’re in Love.”



COURTESY TUL PRODUCTIONS

## Rick Steves Travel Specials

Throughout December on WETA TV 26/HD

**W**ETA presents a variety of specials this month that feature travel expert and author Rick Steves offering tips on destinations and exploring culture in Europe and beyond. Offerings include episodes of his popular series *Rick Steves' Europe* (on Saturday, December 5 at noon), in which he illuminates locations and attractions on and off the beaten track, and a reprised airing of his engaging program *Rick Steves' European Christmas* (Wednesday, December 9 at 10:30 p.m.), which spotlights holiday traditions throughout the continent. Also this month, WETA premieres *Rick Steves' Special: The Holy Land, Israelis and Palestinians Today* (Sunday, December 27 at 1:30 p.m.), which weaves together both the Israeli and the Palestinian narratives. Steves visits the major sights and delves deeper to better understand and empathize with both peoples. In Israel, he visits Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. In Palestine, he harvests olives near Hebron and visits a home in Bethlehem and a university in Ramallah. Along the way, he learns about the persistent challenges facing the region.



RICK STEVES/AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION



## The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross

Sunday, December 6, 12:30 p.m.-9 p.m.  
on WETA TV 26/HD



**W**ETA reprises a major six-part history series from Harvard scholar and filmmaker Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a WETA production partner. *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* recounts the full trajectory of African-American history, from the origins of slavery on the African continent through five centuries of historical events up to the present. The full series runs in back-to-back episodes on Sunday, December 6 (with a half-hour break for *PBS NewsHour Weekend* between Parts 4 and 5) and repeats on December 12. Presented and written by Gates, the series chronicles the evolution of the African-American people and spotlights the many cultural institutions, political strategies, and religious and social perspectives they developed as they forged their own history, culture and society. Interviewees include former school integration pioneers Ruby Bridges (above, with Gates) and Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Congressman John Lewis, civil rights activist Diane Nash, Black Panther Kathleen Cleaver, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Major corporate support for *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* is provided by Bank of America. Additional corporate funding is provided by The Coca-Cola Company and McDonalds. Leadership support is generously provided by the Abby and Howard Milstein Foundation, in partnership with HooverMilstein and Emigrant Bank. Major funding is also provided by the Ford Foundation; Dr. Georgette Bennett and Dr. Leonard Polonsky in Memory of Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum; Richard Gilder; the Hutchins Family Foundation; the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Support is also provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and PBS.

## My Music: Classical Rewind 2

Tuesday, December 1 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD



**I**n addition to *As Time Goes By: Songbook Standards*, the *My Music* series this month presents the program special, *Classical Rewind 2*. This engaging follow-up to the popular 2013 original features another sumptuous feast of more works by classical music masters. The production travels the centuries with delightful visual imagery accompanying playful dances, dynamic symphonic works and sublime melodies. Actor David Ogden Stiers (of *M\*A\*S\*H*), an accomplished orchestral conductor in his own right, hosts the program, bringing his unique perspective to the history of this eternal music — and having fun in the process. Surprises include classic clips from stars of the silent film era, and a musical interpretation from one of the Marx Brothers. Among the composers whose works are featured in the special are Bach, Beethoven, Bizet, Brahms, Copland, Dvořák, Gershwin, Grieg, Joplin, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov and Saint-Saëns. The program repeats Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m.

## Doc Martin: Seven Grumpy Seasons

Thursday, December 3 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD

**O**ffering a sneak peek at the much-anticipated seventh season of popular comic drama *Doc Martin*, premiering in January, WETA this month features a special that takes a new behind-the-scenes look at the international hit series. Celebrating the drama surrounding the irascible, urbane doctor who settles into a small English coastal village full of equally quirky characters, *Doc Martin: Seven Grumpy Seasons* was shot on location in the picturesque Cornwall community of Port Isaac during the filming of the upcoming season of the series. The special features interviews with cast members, producers and director Ben Gregor. In the new season beginning in January, Martin Clunes reprises his role as Dr. Martin Ellingham, the general practitioner with a brusque bedside manner and a phobia of blood. With the doctor suffering a romantic failure with Louisa (Caroline Catz) in Season 6, the new series finds Martin ready to make some changes and win his family back.





# WETA TV 26 & WETA HD

December primetime simulcast listings.

Weeknight primetime simulcast programming repeats the following weekday on WETA TV 26 starting at noon.

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
1 Tue	My Music: Classical Rewind 2			My Music: Close to You: Remembering the Carpenters		
2 Wed	Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli: Cinema				My Music: As Times Goes By: Songbook Standards (to 12m)	
3 Thu	Doc Martin: Seven Grumpy Seasons			Suze Orman's Financial Solutions for You (to 11:30pm)		
4 Fri	Washington Week with Gwen Ifill	A Salute to <i>Downton Abbey</i>			Alice's Restaurant 50th Anniversary Concert (to 11:30pm)	
5 Sat	My Music: Classical Rewind 2			Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli: Cinema (to 11:30pm)		
6 Sun	(from 12:30pm:) The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross		A Salute to <i>Downton Abbey</i>			Il Volo: Live from Pompeii (to 12m)
7 Mon	My Music: John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind				Brain Maker, with David Perlmutter, MD (to 11:30pm)	
8 Tue	Suze Orman's Financial Solutions for You				A Salute to <i>Downton Abbey</i> (to 11:30pm)	
9 Wed	Il Volo: Live from Pompeii			National Christmas Tree Lighting 2015		Rick Steves' European Christmas (to 12:30am)
10 Thu	Libera: Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland			The Jewish Journey: America		
11 Fri	Washington Week with Gwen Ifill	My Music: John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind				Il Volo: Live from Pompeii (to 12m)
12 Sat	WETA Viewer Favorites					
13 Sun	WETA Viewer Favorites					
14 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 4		Antiques Roadshow: Finders Keepers		Independent Lens: Muscle Shoals (& Waiting for a Train: The Toshio Hirano Story) (to 12m)	
15 Tue	Prohibition (Pt 1 of 3. <i>A Nation of Drunkards</i> )				Frontline: League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis (Pt 1 of 2)	
16 Wed	Nature: Honey Badgers: Masters of Mayhem		NOVA: Roman Catacomb Mystery		NOVA: Extreme Cave Diving	
17 Thu	The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 9 of 10. <i>All That Glitters</i> )		The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Series 1 (Ep 10 of 10. <i>Someone's Son, Someone's Daughter</i> )		Doc Martin, Series 2 (Pts 6 & 7 of 8) (to 11:30pm)	
18 Fri	Washington Week with Gwen Ifill	Off the Menu: Asian America		<i>Call the Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2014		
19 Sat	The WETA Movie: Only Angels Have Wings (to 10:01pm)				The WETA Movie: The Magnificent Seven (to 12:10am)	
20 Sun	(from 7pm:) Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series 3 (Eps 5, 6, 7 & 8 of 8)					
21 Mon	Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk 2		Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Santino Fontana and the <i>Sesame Street</i> Muppets		Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Alfie Boe and Tom Brokaw	
22 Tue	Prohibition (Pt 2 of 3. <i>A Nation of Scofflaws</i> )				Frontline: League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis (Pt 2 of 2)	
23 Wed	Nature: Magic of the Snowy Owl		NOVA: Building the Great Cathedrals		NOVA: Meteor Strike	
24 Thu	Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Santino Fontana and the <i>Sesame Street</i> Muppets		Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Deborah Voigt and John Rhys-Davies		Christmas at Belmont 2015	
25 Fri	Washington Week with Gwen Ifill	Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays		<i>Call the Midwife</i> Holiday Special 2015		
26 Sat	My Music: As Time Goes By: Songbook Standards				Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever (to 12m)	
27 Sun	(from 7:30pm:) Aging Backwards with Miranda Esmonde-White		A Salute to <i>Downton Abbey</i>			Doc Martin: Seven Grumpy Seasons (to 12m)
28 Mon	Dr. Wayne Dyer: I Can See Clearly Now					
29 Tue	Prohibition (Pt 3 of 3. <i>A Nation of Hypocrites</i> )				Suze Orman's Financial Solutions for You (to 12m)	
30 Wed	Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli: Cinema				A Salute to <i>Downton Abbey</i> (to 11:30pm)	
31 Thu	My Music: As Time Goes By: Songbook Standards				Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever (to 12m)	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30

PBS NewsHour airs weeknights at 7 p.m.

Charlie Rose airs late weeknights (check listings)

Denotes WETA productions, co-productions and presentations

For full schedules and program information, visit [weta.org](http://weta.org)



# WETA TV 26 & WETA HD

December simulcast primetime listings, plus weekends for WETA TV 26

- Programming on WETA TV 26 and WETA HD is exactly the same — simulcast — Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. through *Charlie Rose*, and weekend evenings, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturdays and 5:30 p.m. Sundays.
- Please note that Saturday and Sunday *daytime* listings that follow are for WETA TV 26 only unless otherwise indicated. For complete 24-hour schedules of programs on WETA TV 26 and WETA HD, visit [weta.org/tv](http://weta.org/tv).
- The weeknight primetime schedule on WETA TV 26 often repeats the next weekday afternoon on WETA TV 26.
- WETA TV 26 is devoted to children's programming 5 a.m.-noon weekdays and 6-9 a.m. Sundays. For 24 hours of children's programming each day, tune in to the WETA Kids channel. See page 13 for schedule information.

## Program Key

■ — WETA productions, co-productions or presentations. {DVI} — Descriptive Video Service. R — Aired within the month. Listings are accurate as of press time. For late-breaking program updates, call 703-998-2724 or visit [weta.org/tv](http://weta.org/tv).



COURTESY TJL PRODUCTIONS

**Tuesday, December 1 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**  
*My Music: Close to You: Remembering the Carpenters* chronicles the career of the superstar pop music duo, featuring their top hits.

WETA's winter membership drive airs December 1-13, 26-31 on WETA TV 26 and WETA HD. Please note that television listings during that period are subject to change.

## 1 Tuesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 MY MUSIC: CLASSICAL REWIND 2** — A new special, hosted by actor David Ogden Stiers (*M\*A\*S\*H*), an orchestral conductor, guides viewers through a tour of more of the works of the Great Masters. Featuring playful dances, dynamic symphonic works and inspiring melodic masterpieces, the program presents visual interpretations of these compositions. **Repeats Thur 12/3, 11:30pm; Sat 12/5, 8pm; Sun 12/6, 8am**

**9:30 MY MUSIC: CLOSE TO YOU: REMEMBERING THE CARPENTERS** — Between 1970 and 1984, the Grammy Award-winning duo achieved an astonishing run of hits with 17 singles in the *Billboard* Top 20 including three #1 songs and six songs at #2. This music-filled documentary traces the musical career of Karen and Richard Carpenter. **Repeats Wed 12/2, 1pm; Thur 12/3, 4:30pm**

**11:00 MOTOWN 25: YESTERDAY, TODAY, FOREVER** — A 1983 special hosted by comedian Richard Pryor celebrates the 25th anniversary of Motown with reunions of The Miracles, The Supremes, The Jackson 5, The Temptations, The Four Tops and more. The Emmy Award-winning show also features Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, Mary Wells, Martha Reeves, Jr. Walker, and the Commodores. **Repeats Sat 12/26, 10pm; Thur 12/31, 10pm**

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 2 Wednesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI: CINEMA**

— Joined by Grammy-winning producer David Foster, tenor Andrea Bocelli pays musical tribute to the silver screen in a lush concert of beloved songs from blockbuster movies. **Repeats Sat 12/5, 9:30pm; Mon 12/7, 4pm; Sun 12/27, midnight; Wed 12/30, 8pm**

**10:00 MY MUSIC: AS TIME GOES BY: SONGBOOK STANDARDS** — TJ Lubinsky's *My Music* series presents a nostalgic hit parade of the best-loved songs from the golden era of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Hosted by singer Jack Jones, this special presents rare footage featuring Judy Garland, Johnny Mathis, Rosemary Clooney, Nat King Cole, Patti Page, Bing Crosby, Perry Como and other legends singing favorites, from "Smile" and "Unforgettable" to "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "I'll Be Seeing You." **Repeats Sat 12/26, 8pm; Sun 12/27, 3:30pm; Wed 12/30, 2:30pm; Thur 12/31, 8pm**

**12M CHRISTMAS IN HARVARD SQUARE** — A special features classic songs for the holidays performed by the renowned vocal ensemble of the Saint Paul's Choir School at Saint Paul Church, Cambridge, in the heart of Harvard Square in Boston, Massachusetts. The boy choir is led by music director John Robinson. **Repeats Fri 12/11, midnight**

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 3 Thursday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 DOC MARTIN: SEVEN GRUMPY SEASONS** — Shot on location in the picturesque seaside village of Port Isaac during the filming of *Doc Martin*'s upcoming seventh season, a special offers a behind-the-scenes look at the international hit series. Featuring interviews with producers, cast members, and director Ben Gregor, the program presents a sneak peek at what Martin Clunes — the Doc himself — is calling the "best" series yet. **Repeats Tue 12/8, 11:30pm; Sun 12/27, 9am, 10:30pm; Mon 12/28, 1pm**



COURTESY TJL PRODUCTIONS

**Wednesday, December 2 at 10 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*My Music: As Time Goes By: Songbook Standards* presents classic songs of the '40s, '50s and '60s by artists such as Peggy Lee.





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**Friday, December 4 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*A Salute to Downton Abbey* celebrates the popular drama, featuring memorable moments from previous seasons, interviews with cast members, and sneak peeks at the upcoming final season.

- 9:30 SUZE ORMAN'S FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU** — In a program taped at American University, the personal finance expert presents advice on a broad set of financial issues, including: how to invest; whether to buy or rent a home; saving for retirement; what kind of life insurance to buy; wills and trusts; student loans and more. **Repeats Sat 12/5, 10am; Tue 12/8, 8pm; Thur 12/10, 11pm; Tue 12/29, 2:30pm, 10pm**
- 11:30 MY MUSIC: CLASSICAL REWIND 2** — **R**
- 1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 4 Friday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**
- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH GWEN IFILL** — In WETA's long-running production, moderator and managing editor Gwen Ifill leads a discussion by a panel of top journalists on the news events of the week.
- 8:30 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — Hugh Bonneville (Robert Crawley on *Downton Abbey*) hosts a special that combines clips, interviews, and "behind-the-scenes" footage to present fondly remembered moments from the first five seasons of this award-winning series, as well as previews of Season 6, premiering in January. Participants include Julian Fellowes, Gareth Neame and the whole cast of *Downton Abbey*. **Repeats Sat 12/5, 11:30pm; Sun 12/6, 9:30am, 9pm; Tue 12/8, 10pm; Thur 12/10, 1pm; Sat 12/26, 6:30pm; Sun 12/27, noon, 9pm; Wed 12/30, 4:30pm, 10pm**
- 10:00 ALICE'S RESTAURANT 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** — A performance celebrates the 50th anniversary of Arlo Guthrie's famous song and the humorous chain of events that took place when he was arrested for littering in 1965. Longtime band members join Guthrie onstage for this special concert. **Repeats Sat 12/26, midnight**
- 11:30 SUPER GENES WITH DR. RUDY TANZI** — A follow-up to the neurologist's *Super Brain* program, this new special features compelling stories, attributed scientific research and actionable wisdom about the revolution in genetics and what it means for our health. Among topics are how lifestyle changes can alter our gene activities; and genetic inheritances that we receive and can perhaps pass along. **Repeats Sun 12/27, 7:30am; Mon 12/28, 2:30pm; 11pm**
- 1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 5 Saturday

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6AM-1AM:**

- 6AM AGING BACKWARDS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE** — Former National Ballet of Canada dancer Miranda Esmonde-White provides insights on combating the physical signs and consequences of aging, motivating viewers to stretch and strengthen their way to feeling and looking younger. **Repeats Sun 12/6, 11am, midnight; Wed 12/9, 3pm; Sat 12/26, 7:30am; Sun 12/27, 10:30am, 7:30pm; Tue 12/29, 4:30pm**

- 7:30AM JJ VIRGIN'S SUGAR IMPACT SECRET** — Sugar can be the real cause of inflammation, bloating, metabolic disorders, fatigue and weight gain. Nutritionist JJ Virgin shows how to spot hidden sugars and retrain taste buds, restore sugar sensitivity, heal the digestive tract, and rev up the metabolism, turning sugar burners into fat burners and promoting rapid weight loss. **Repeats Thur 12/10, 2:30pm; Sat 12/26, 6am**

- 9AM EASTENDERS** — (two episodes)
- 10AM SUZE ORMAN: FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU** — **R**
- 12N RICK STEVES' EUROPE** — The travel expert tours Italy's Riviera, visits the Netherlands, makes side trips from Paris and explores Amsterdam. **Repeats Sat 12/26, 1pm**
- 3:00 DR. WAYNE DYER: I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW** — WETA reprises the late motivational speaker's intimate conversation about what his own experiences taught him about understanding life's purpose. Exploring the principles that guided his own choices, Dr. Dyer showed why it is important to have — and act on — a burning desire, why life's lowest moments can reveal our true purpose, and how the principle of love allows us to see our lives more clearly and reach greatest awareness. **Repeats Sat 12/26, 10am; Mon 12/28, 8pm; Thur 12/31, 3pm**
- 6PM PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**
- 6:30 JOSH GROBAN: STAGES** — The popular vocalist presents a performance based on his new CD, "Stages," exploring one of his earliest musical loves, Broadway. Recorded before a live audience at the Los Angeles Theater, the concert features iconic Broadway songs such as "All I Ask of You" (*The Phantom of the Opera*), "Bring Him Home" (*Les Misérables*), "If I Loved You" (*Carousel*), "Pure Imagination" (*Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*), "Try to Remember" (*The Fantasticks*), and more.
- 8:00 MY MUSIC: CLASSICAL REWIND 2** — See the Tuesday, December 1, 8 p.m. listing.
- 9:30 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI: CINEMA** — See the Wednesday, December 2, 8 p.m. listing.
- 11:30 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — **R**

## 6 Sunday

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6AM-1:30AM:**

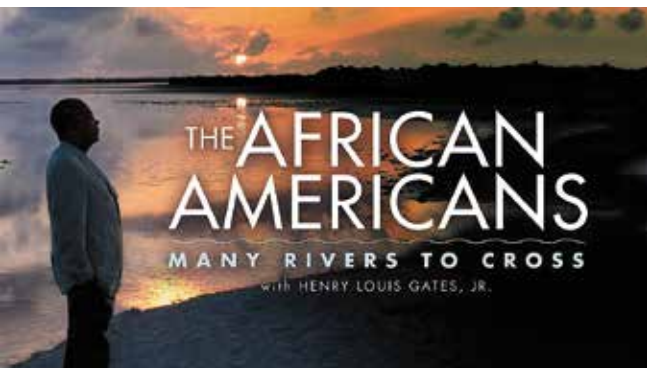
- 6AM HEALING A.D.D.** — Psychiatrist Daniel Amen and his spouse, nurse Tana Amen, take a look at Attention Deficit Disorder, exploring myths and misconceptions about A.D.D., examining hallmark symptoms; and suggesting lifestyle and natural treatment methods.
- 8AM MY MUSIC: CLASSICAL REWIND 2** — **R**
- 9AM A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — **R**
- 11AM AGING BACKWARDS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE** — **R**
- 12:30 THE AFRICAN AMERICANS: MANY RIVERS TO CROSS** — A six-hour series presented and written by Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. chronicles the full sweep of African-American history, from the origins of slavery on the African continent up to the present. *Episode 1 of 6, The Black Atlantic (1500-1800)*, explores the



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**Saturday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*Josh Groban: Stages* presents the acclaimed vocalist in a concert featuring Broadway favorites. Grammy-winner Kelly Clarkson (above) joins Groban to sing a duet from *Phantom of the Opera*.



**Sunday, December 6, 12:30 p.m.-9 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*, written and presented by Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., illuminates the history of African Americans from the origins of slavery to the present.

global experiences that created the African-American people. *Episode 2 of 6, The Age of Slavery (1800-1860)*, spotlights how black lives changed dramatically in the aftermath of the American Revolution. *Episode 3 of 6, Into the Fire (1861-1896)*, surveys a tumultuous period in African-American history: Civil War, slavery's end and Reconstruction. *Episode 4 of 6, Making a Way Out of No Way (1897-1940)*, examines the Jim Crow era, when African Americans struggled within the confines of segregation. [The series continues after *PBS Newshour Weekend*.] **Repeats Sat 12/12, 10am-6pm**

**5:30 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**

**6:00 THE AFRICAN AMERICANS: MANY RIVERS TO CROSS** — Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s series continues: *Episode 5 of 6, Rise! (1940-1968)*, spotlights the long road to civil rights, when the contradictions in American society became untenable. *Episode 6 of 6, It's Nation Time (1968-2013)*, reviews the many issues, including true racial equality, that remain unresolved. **Repeats 12/12**

**9:00 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — See the Friday, December 4, 8:30 p.m. listing.

**10:30 IL VOLO: LIVE FROM POMPEII** — A performance program features the perfect harmonies of the charming vocal trio as they pay homage to their home country. The young tenors sing classic Italian favorites and original compositions in this concert filmed in the spectacular ancient ruins of Pompeii. **Repeats Wed 12/9, 8pm; Fri 12/11, 10:30pm**

**12M AGING BACKWARDS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE** — R

## 7 Monday

**8:00 MY MUSIC: JOHN SEBASTIAN PRESENTS: FOLK REWIND** — A music special focuses on the folk singers and songwriters of the classic 1950s and 1960s folk era. Presented by John Sebastian of The Lovin' Spoonful, *Folk Rewind* features a trove of historical footage and concert performances by artists such as Pete Seeger, Judy Collins, Harry Belafonte, The Kingston Trio and others. **Repeats Tue 12/8, 4pm; Wed 12/9, 1pm; Fri 12/11, 3pm, 8:30pm**

**10:00 BRAIN MAKER, WITH DAVID PERLMUTTER, MD** — A health special explores the leading-edge science that reveals the connection between gut bacteria and the brain. This program explores dietary and lifestyle tools that can help people regain healthy gut bacteria, paving the way for optimal brain function and long-term brain health.

**11:30 DR. FUHRMAN'S END DIETING FOREVER!** — Break free from dieting with the help of Dr. Joel Fuhrman, a *New York Times* best-selling author and board-certified physician who specializes in the prevention and reversal of disease using nutritional solutions. The program includes cooking demonstrations; advice on staying active, vibrant and healthy later in life; and nutritional methods to combat obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and heart disease.

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 8 Tuesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 SUZE ORMAN'S FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU** — See the Thursday, December 3, 9:30 p.m. listing.

**10:00 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — See the Friday, December 4, 8:30 p.m. listing.

**11:30 DOC MARTIN: SEVEN GRUMPY SEASONS** — R

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 9 Wednesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 IL VOLO: LIVE FROM POMPEII** — See the Sunday, December 6, 10:30 p.m. listing.

**9:30 NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2015** — This holiday special, presented by WETA, features special guests Cosby, Stills & Nash and an array of other top entertainers at President's Park in the nation's capital. This year's evening festivities, taped December 3, are capped by the ceremonial lighting of the National Christmas Tree, traditionally by the President and First Family.

**10:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS** — Travel expert Rick Steves explores how diverse European cultures celebrate Christmas — in locations from England to Norway, Burgundy to Bavaria, and Rome to the Swiss Alps. **Repeats Thur 12/10, 4pm**

**12:30 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — R

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 10 Thursday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 LIBERA: ANGELS SING CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND** — The iconic St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh, Ireland, is the setting for a performance of traditional Christmas carols by the acclaimed boy choir, Libera, accompanied by a small Irish string and wind ensemble. The unique, pure sound of Libera has its roots in ancient monastic and Celtic tonalities.

**9:30 THE JEWISH JOURNEY: AMERICA** — A program traces Jewish immigration to the U.S. through the centuries. Top scholars, notable writers and immigrants themselves share stories of those who made a leap of faith to escape persecution or pursue opportunity. **Repeats Fri 12/11, 1:30pm**

**11:00 SUZE ORMAN'S FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU** — R

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 11 Friday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH GWEN IFILL** — In WETA's long-running production, moderator and managing editor Gwen Ifill leads a discussion by a panel of top journalists on the news events of the week.

**8:30 MY MUSIC: JOHN SEBASTIAN PRESENTS: FOLK REWIND** — See the Monday, December 7, 8 p.m. listing.



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**Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*The Jewish Journey: America* chronicles Jewish immigration to the U.S. through the centuries, featuring personal stories and history.



## A WETA CO-PRODUCTION



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## PROHIBITION

**Tuesdays, December 15, 22 & 29 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**  
*Prohibition*, a film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick and co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA, chronicles the story of America's 1920-1933 nationwide constitutional ban on alcoholic beverages.

- 10:30 IL VOLO: LIVE FROM POMPEII** — See the Sunday, December 6, 10:30 p.m. listing.  
**12M CHRISTMAS IN HARVARD SQUARE** — R  
**1AM CHARLIE ROSE** — [Repeats next weekday, noon](#)

## 12 Saturday

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6AM-6AM:**  
**6AM-9AM WETA VIEWERS FAVORITES**  
**9AM-10AM EASTENDERS** — (two episodes)  
**10AM THE AFRICAN AMERICANS: MANY RIVERS TO CROSS**  
 — See the Sunday, December 6, 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. listings for episode descriptions.  
**6PM PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**  
**6:30PM-6AM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**

## 13 Sunday

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6AM-5AM**  
**6AM-5AM WETA VIEWER FAVORITES**

## 14 Monday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**  
**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 4** — [Repeats Tue 12/15, 1:30pm; Wed 12/16, 1pm](#)  
**9:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: FINDERS KEEPERS** — [Repeats Tue 12/15, 2:30pm](#)  
**10:00 INDEPENDENT LENS: MUSCLE SHOALS /WAITING FOR A TRAIN: THE TOSHIO HIRANO STORY**— A film celebrates Muscle Shoals, the studio that helped create some of the most important and resonant songs of all time, uniting black and white musicians in Alabama's cauldron of racial hostility to create music for the generations. The short film *Waiting for a Train: The Toshio Hirano Story* follows, relating the experience of a Japanese emigrant who fell in love with American Bluegrass music.  
**12M CHARLIE ROSE** — [Repeats next weekday, noon](#)

## 15 Tuesday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**  
**8:00 PROHIBITION** — A film directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick and co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA explores the true story of America's "Great Experiment" outlawing alcohol, chronicling the rise, rule and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. *Episode 1 of 3. A Nation of Drunkards*. As alcohol abuse wreaks havoc on American families, temperance groups push for Prohibition. When America becomes officially "dry," Americans discover that making Prohibition the law of the land has been one thing; enforcing it will be another. {DVI} [Repeats Wed 12/16, 4pm](#)

- 10:00 FRONTLINE: LEAGUE OF DENIAL: THE NFL'S CONCUSSION CRISIS** — *Part 1 of 2.* Frontline investigates how the National Football League denied and worked to refute scientific evidence that violent collisions at the heart of the game are linked to long-term brain injuries. Drawn from a book by ESPN journalists Steve Fainaru and Mark Fainaru-Wada, the film tells the hidden story of the NFL's concussion crisis.  
**11:00 CHARLIE ROSE** — [Repeats next weekday, noon](#)

## 16 Wednesday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**  
**8:00 NATURE: HONEY BADGERS: MASTERS OF MAYHEM** — The honey badger, a creature of the savannah, is one the most fearless animals in the world, renowned for its ability to confront lions and buffalo and shrug off the toxic defenses of stinging bees, scorpions and snakes. Little is known about its behavior in the wild or why it is so aggressive. This film follows three badger specialists in South Africa who contend with these masters of mayhem. {DVI}  
**9:00 NOVA: ROMAN CATACOMB MYSTERY** — *NOVA* explores the city of the dead beneath the streets of Rome — a labyrinth of tunnels, hundreds of miles long, lined with tombs. Through forensic investigation, the program uncovers insights into the daily life of Roman citizens during the heyday of the empire. {DVI}  
**10:00 NOVA: EXTREME CAVE DIVING** — A *NOVA* film dives deep into the least explored and perhaps most dangerous of Earth's frontiers to investigate the hidden history of Earth's climate with a team of intrepid scientists. {DVI} [Repeats Sun 12/20, 3:30pm](#)  
**11:00 CHARLIE ROSE** — [Repeats next weekday, noon](#)

## 17 Thursday

- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**  
**8:00 THE DOCTOR BLAKE MYSTERIES, SERIES I** — Craig McLachlan stars as a general medical practitioner and sleuth in 1950s Australia. *Episode 9 of 10. All That Glitters*. A prospector strikes gold and later that night is found dead at the bottom of his mine shaft after showing off the nugget in the pub. The location of the murder triggers distressing war memories for Dr. Blake. [Repeats Fri 12/18, 1pm](#)  
**9:00 THE DOCTOR BLAKE MYSTERIES, SERIES I** — *Episode 10 of 10. Someone's Son, Someone's Daughter*. The police investigate the death of Dr. Hazel Mahoney, who appears to have committed suicide in her office at Ballarat Hospital. Dr. Blake has doubts about the police's conclusions, and makes a public accusation of wrongdoing directed at his prime suspect. Meanwhile, Blake receives news about his daughter. [Repeats Fri 12/18, 2pm](#)  
**10:00 DOC MARTIN, SERIES 2** — *Parts 6 & 7 of 8.* [Repeats Fri 12/18, 3pm & 4pm](#)  
**11:30 CHARLIE ROSE** — [Repeats next weekday, noon](#)

## 18 Friday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**



WILL BENSON/OXFORD SCIENTIFIC FILMS & THIRTEEN PROD. LLC

**Wednesday, December 16 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**  
*Nature: Honey Badgers: Masters of Mayhem* visits South Africa to spotlight these intriguing, fearless animals of the savannah.



ACORN MEDIA

**Sunday, December 20, 7 p.m.-11 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**  
Four episodes of *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries* air back-to-back, starring Essie Davis as the independent sleuth in 1920s Melbourne.

- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH GWEN IFILL** — In WETA's long-running production, moderator and managing editor Gwen Ifill leads a discussion by a panel of top journalists on the news events of the week. **Repeats Sat 12/19, 6:30pm**
- 8:30 OFF THE MENU: ASIAN AMERICA** — A program delves into a wealth of stories, traditions and unexpected characters that nourish our nation of immigrants, going into the kitchens, factories, temples and farms of Asian Pacific America to explore how the bond with food reflects an evolving community. **Repeats Sun 12/20, 4:30pm; Tue 12/22, 3pm**
- 9:30 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2014** — In the drama, the Nonnatus community celebrates the holidays and bids farewell to the 1950s: rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas concert are underway, creating inconvenience for the nuns and nurses; two unmarried patients are dispatched to a home for pregnant women where Chummy becomes manager; and Dr. Turner treats a destitute older couple, former residents of a mental hospital.
- 11:00 A CHEF'S LIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL** — American chef and television personality Vivian Howard explores tastes of the holidays as she serves up the best of her Southern heritage: simple corned ham, upscale oyster dressing, humble Hoppin' John, elegant red velvet cake and more.
- 12M CHARLIE ROSE** — **Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 19 Saturday

**ON WETA TV 26, 6AM-6PM.** See [weta.org/hd](http://weta.org/hd) for WETA HD listings.

- 6AM NEW SCANDINAVIAN COOKING**  
**6:30 CHEF JOHN BESH'S NEW ORLEANS**  
**7:00 CIAO ITALIA**  
**7:30 HUBERT KELLER: SECRETS OF A CHEF**  
**8:00 JOANNE WEIR'S COOKING CONFIDENCE**  
**8:30 RICK STEVES' EUROPE**  
**9:00 EASTENDERS** — (two episodes) **Repeats Fridays, 5pm**  
**10:00 A FEW GREAT BAKERIES**  
**11:00 A CHEF'S LIFE**  
**11:30 PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE**  
**12N THE MIND OF A CHEF**  
**12:30 JACQUES PÉPIN: HEART & SOUL**  
**1:00 ESSENTIAL PÉPIN**  
**1:30 SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS**  
**2:00 BAKING WITH JULIA**  
**2:30 LIDIA'S KITCHEN**  
**3:00 IN JULIA'S KITCHEN WITH MASTER CHEFS**  
**3:30 JACQUES PÉPIN: MORE FAST FOOD MY WAY!**  
**4:00 COOK'S COUNTRY FROM AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**  
**4:30 AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN FROM COOK'S ILLUSTRATED**  
**5:00 MARTHA STEWART'S COOKING SCHOOL**  
**5:30 MARTHA BAKES**

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6PM-12:10AM:**

- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**  
**6:30 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH GWEN IFILL** — **R**  
**7:00 SECRETS OF CHATSWORTH** — A program surveys the 500-year history of Britain's Chatsworth estate and explores its American connections. Chatsworth has been home to an array of intriguing notables.

- 8:00 THE WETA MOVIE: ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS** — In Howard Hawks' 1939 drama, a sassy chorus girl (Jean Arthur) falls in love with a seat-of-the-pants pilot (Cary Grant) in South America. Rita Hayworth and Thomas Mitchell co-star. (2:01) **Repeats Sun 12/19, noon**
- 10:01 THE WETA MOVIE: THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN** — John Sturges' 1960 blockbuster western stars Yul Brynner and Robert Vaughn and launched the careers of Steve McQueen, Charles Bronson and James Coburn — all portraying gunmen that help a Mexican peasant village battle a gang of marauding bandits led by an outlaw (portrayed by Eli Wallach). (2:09)

## 20 Sunday

**ON WETA TV 26, 6AM-12N.** See [weta.org/hd](http://weta.org/hd) for WETA HD.

**6AM-9AM WETA KIDS PROGRAMMING**

- 9:00 WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLES**  
**9:30 TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE**  
**10:00 THIS IS AMERICA WITH DENNIS WHOLEY**  
**10:30 RELIGION AND ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY**  
**11:00 THE OPEN MIND** — Alexander Heffner hosts a weekly excursion into the world of ideas, exploring issues of national and public concern with distinguished guests.
- 11:30 THE McLAUGHLIN GROUP** — The weekly public affairs series features a discussion by a group of pundits, led by John McLaughlin, of current political issues.

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 12N-12M:**

- 12N THE WETA MOVIE: ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS** — (2:01) **R**
- 2:02 RISING VOICES/HOTHANINPI** — Before Columbus and his fellow Europeans arrived in North America, there were nearly 300 native languages spoken north of Mexico. Today only half of those languages remain and experts say that by the year 2050, just 20 indigenous American languages will exist. This documentary spotlights how languages die — and how speaking them again can spark cultural and community restoration. The film focuses on the Lakota 'Sioux' language, history and culture.
- 3:00 HONORED TO SERVE: LOCAL HEROES 1** — Part of a WETA initiative exploring local stories surrounding America's Armed Forces, this WETA TV 26 program spotlights the U.S. Army Band, U.S. Army Artists, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and The National Park Service's Museum Resource Center (which preserves mementos left at the Wall), and the Warrior Canine Connection.
- 3:30 NOVA: EXTREME CAVE DIVING** — **R**  
**4:30 OFF THE MENU: ASIAN AMERICA** — **R**  
**5:30 SCI-TECH NOW** — A newsmagazine program hosted by Hari Sreenivasan, anchor of *PBS NewsHour Weekend* and a senior correspondent for the nightly program *PBS NewsHour*, explores topics including technology, scientific discovery and innovation.
- 6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**  
**6:30 HONORED TO SERVE: REMEMBERING VIETNAM** — A WETA TV 26 production spotlights the story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, those who care for the Memorial, what happens to items left at the Wall, and more.
- 7:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** — Essie Davis stars as detective Phryne Fisher, investigating crimes in 1920s Melbourne, Australia. *Episode 5 of 8. Death & Hysteria.* When Phryne's Aunt Prudence opens her home to a psychiatrist and natural healer to conduct his sanatorium for 'hysterical' women, Phryne takes on more than she bargained for.
- 8:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** — *Episode 6 of 8. Death at the Grand.* When a Hotel concierge is pushed from the rooftop with an empty bag "souvenired" from Phryne's house, Jack calls Phryne in to investigate what looks like a robbery gone wrong.
- 9:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** — *Episode 7 of 8. Game, Set & Murder.* Phryne hosts a tennis tournament to raise money for female tennis players, and the practice partner of a rising star dies. The murder investigation reveals Phryne's hidden fear.
- 10:00 MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES, SERIES 3** — *Episode 8 of 8. Death Do Us Part.* When a prize-winning scientist is found murdered on the same night the man intent on murdering Henry Fisher escapes police custody, Phryne must put all misgivings aside to protect her father.
- 11:00 A BUCKNELL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS** — The annual Christmas Eve candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols is a Bucknell University tradition. This program



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**Monday-Friday, December 21-25 on WETA TV 26/HD**

*Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir* concerts are among the holiday music programs airing this week. See page 1 for airtimes.

Above: Performers include Deborah Voigt and John Rhys-Davies.

presents the candlelight procession, Bible readings recounting the birth of Christ, and sacred music and carols from the renowned undergraduate musical ensembles, the Rooke Chapel Choir and Rooke Chapel Ringers. (60 min.)

## 21 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW: JUNK IN THE TRUNK 2 —**

*Repeats Tue 12/22, 1:30pm*

**9:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING SANTINO FONTANA AND THE SESAME STREET MUPPETS** — Stage and singing star Santino Fontana, the Muppets from *Sesame Street* and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square perform a concert that includes songs from *Sesame Street* and inspiring arrangements of sacred Christmas music. *Repeats Tue 12/22, 4pm; Thur 12/24, 8pm; Fri 12/25, 1pm*

**10:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING ALFIE BOE AND TOM BROKAW** — Recorded in Salt Lake City, this holiday performance features journalist Tom Brokaw and Tony Award-winning *Les Misérables* tenor Alfie Boe in a concert of holiday favorites with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square. *Repeats Tue 12/22, 5pm; Fri 12/25, 3pm*

**11:00 CHARLIE ROSE** — *Repeats next weekday, noon*

## 22 Tuesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 PROHIBITION** — The film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick and co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA continues. *Episode 2 of 3. A Nation of Scofflaws.* In 1920, Prohibition goes into effect, making it illegal to manufacture, transport or sell intoxicating liquor. This episode examines the problems of enforcement, as millions of law-abiding Americans become lawbreakers overnight. "Drys" had hoped Prohibition would make the country a safer place, but the law has many victims. {DVI} *Repeats Wed 12/23, 2pm [Part 3 airs 12/23, 4pm, repeating 12/30, 8pm]*

**10:00 FRONTLINE: LEAGUE OF DENIAL: THE NFL'S CONCUSSION CRISIS** — *Part 2 of 2.* *Frontline* investigates how the National Football League denied and worked to refute scientific evidence that violent collisions at the heart of the game are linked to long-term brain injuries. Drawn from a book by ESPN journalists Steve Fainaru and Mark Fainaru-Wada, the film tells the hidden story of the NFL's concussion crisis.

**11:00 CHARLIE ROSE** — *Repeats next weekday, noon*

## 23 Wednesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 NATURE: MAGIC OF THE SNOWY OWL** — *Nature* takes an intimate look at the snowy owl. "Snowies" stand out for their magical beauty and intelligence. Filmmakers spotlight the owls in their Arctic tundra home to observe the daily struggles involved in raising a family of owl chicks until they're able to fly. {DVI}

**9:00 NOVA: BUILDING THE GREAT CATHEDRALS** — Carved from millions of pounds of stone, soaring atop a spider web of masonry, Gothic cathedrals are marvels of human achievement and artistry. But how did medieval builders reach such spectacular heights? A team of engineers, architects, art historians and computer scientists searches the structures for clues to their construction. {DVI}

**10:00 NOVA: METEOR STRIKE** — Impact scientists hunt for space rock debris and clues to the origin and makeup of a massive meteor that crashed into Earth's atmosphere in 1930, exploding and showering fragments over a wide area.

**11:00 CHARLIE ROSE** — *Repeats next weekday, noon*

## 24 Thursday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING SANTINO FONTANA AND THE SESAME STREET MUPPETS** — See the Monday, December 21, 9 p.m. listing.

**9:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING DEBORAH VOIGT AND JOHN RHYS-DAVIES** — Soprano Deborah Voigt and acclaimed British actor John Rhys-Davies join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square for a Christmas concert of holiday favorites. *Repeats Fri 12/25, 2pm*

**10:00 CHRISTMAS AT BELMONT 2015** — Grammy-winning host Kathy Mattea and nearly 700 student musicians, the Belmont School of Music faculty and the Nashville Children's Choir perform traditional carols, classical masterworks, world music and light-hearted seasonal favorites. *Repeats Fri 12/25, noon*

**11:00 CHARLIE ROSE** — *Repeats next weekday, noon*

## 25 Friday

**6AM ARTHUR'S PERFECT CHRISTMAS**

**7AM WILD KRATTS: A CREATURE CHRISTMAS**

**8AM CURIOUS GEORGE: A VERY MONKEY CHRISTMAS**

**9AM A GRAND MERCER CHRISTMAS**

**10AM THE CHEF'S HOLIDAY TABLE**

**11AM PURDUE 81ST ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS SHOW**

**12N CHRISTMAS AT BELMONT 2015**

**1:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR FEATURING SANTINO FONTANA AND THE SESAME STREET MUPPETS** — See the Monday, December 21, 9 p.m. listing. **R**



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**Wednesday, December 23 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*Nature: Magic of the Snowy Owl* spotlights the distinctive raptors of the Arctic tundra, following their struggle to raise owlets.

- 2:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR** FEATURING DEBORAH VOIGT AND JOHN RHYS-DAVIES — R
- 3:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR** FEATURING ALFIE BOE AND TOM BROKAW — R
- 4:00 CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR** WITH JANE SEYMOUR AND NATHAN GUNN
- 5:00 EASTENDERS** — (two episodes) R
- 6:00 BBC WORLD NEWS**
- 6:30 NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT**
- 7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**
- 8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK WITH GWEN IFILL** — In WETA's long-running production, moderator and managing editor Gwen Ifill leads a discussion by a panel of top journalists on the news events of the week.
- 8:30 LIDIA CELEBRATES AMERICA: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** — Chef, author and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich celebrates the holiday traditions of her native Italy and those of six guests: Christopher Walken, Rita Moreno, Carlo Ponti, Jr., Ann Curry, Marcus Samuelsson and Padma Lakshmi.
- 9:30 CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2015** — The Poplar neighborhood readies itself for Christmas 1960. An unexpected surprise for a grieving mother brings the holiday magic home, while Nonnatus is rocked when one of its own disappears. A film crew promises to make the Christmas holiday memorable.
- 11:00 CRAFT IN AMERICA: CELEBRATION** — The series examines the role craft plays in our holiday customs, especially winter celebrations and traditions, observing the artisans who create holiday cards, ceramics for Christmas, candleholders for Kwanzaa and floats and dragons for Chinese New Year.
- 12M CHARLIE ROSE** — [Repeats next weekday, noon](#)

## 26 Saturday

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6AM-1:30AM:**

- 6AM JJ VIRGIN'S SUGAR IMPACT SECRET** — R
- 7:30 AGING BACKWARDS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE** — R
- 9:00 EASTENDERS** — (two episodes)
- 10:00 DR. WAYNE DYER: I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW** — R
- 1:00 RICK STEVES' EUROPE** — R
- 4:00 DISCOVERING ALEXANDRIA: THE EARLY YEARS** — A 2014 WETA film explores the story of Alexandria, Virginia, featuring the city's most noted historians and authors.



**Friday, December 25 at 8:30 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays* features Chef Lidia Bastianich celebrating holiday traditions with a group of celebrity guests that includes Christopher Walken, Rita Moreno, Ann Curry, Marcus Samuelsson, Padma Lakshmi and Carlo Ponti Jr.



**Friday, December 25 at 9:30 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

*Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2015* features the popular drama's Nonnatus House midwives as they celebrate Christmas in 1960.

Above: Charlotte Ritchie, Helen George and Emerald Fennell star.

**6:00 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**

**6:30 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — Hugh Bonneville (Robert Crawley on *Downton Abbey*) hosts a special that combines clips, interviews, and "behind-the-scenes" footage to present fondly remembered moments from the first five seasons of this award-winning series, as well as previews of Season 6, premiering in January. Participants include Julian Fellowes, Gareth Neame and the whole cast of *Downton Abbey*. [Repeats Sun 12/27, noon, 9pm; Wed 12/30, 4:30pm, 10pm](#)

**8:00 MY MUSIC: AS TIME GOES BY: SONGBOOK STANDARDS** — TJ Lubinsky's *My Music* series presents a nostalgic hit parade of the best-loved songs from the golden era of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Hosted by singer Jack Jones, this special presents rare footage featuring Judy Garland, Johnny Mathis, Rosemary Clooney, Nat King Cole, Patti Page, Bing Crosby, Perry Como and other legends singing favorites, from "Smile" and "Unforgettable" to "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "I'll Be Seeing You." [Repeats Sun 12/27, 3:30pm; Wed 12/30, 2:30pm; Thur 12/31, 8pm](#)

**10:00 MOTOWN 25: YESTERDAY, TODAY, FOREVER** — See the Thursday, December 31, 10 p.m. listing.

**12M ALICE'S RESTAURANT 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

## 27 Sunday

**SIMULCAST ON WETA TV 26 & WETA HD, 6AM-2AM:**

- 6AM DR. CHRISTIANE NORTHRUP: GLORIOUS WOMEN NEVER AGE!** — See description for 6 p.m. tonight
- 7:30 SUPER GENES WITH DR. RUDY TANZI** — R
- 9:00 DOC MARTIN: SEVEN GRUMPY SEASONS** — R
- 10:30 AGING BACKWARDS** — R
- 12N A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — R
- 1:30 RICK STEVES' SPECIAL: THE HOLY LAND, ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS TODAY** — The travel expert weaves together both the Israeli and the Palestinian narratives to better understand a place that is, for a third of humanity, literally holy land — the crossroads for three great religions. Steves visits the major sights, but delves deeper to better understand and empathize with both peoples. Along the way, he learns about the persistent challenges facing the region. [Repeats Mon 12/28, 4pm; Thur 12/31, 1pm](#)
- 3:30 AS TIMES GOES BY: SONGBOOK STANDARDS** — R
- 5:30 PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND**
- 6:00 DR. CHRISTIANE NORTHRUP: GLORIOUS WOMEN NEVER AGE!** — Wellness expert Dr. Northrup explores the subject of women and aging, replacing the notion of

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COURTESY TJL PRODUCTIONS

**Thursday, December 31 at 10 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

Ring in the New Year with *Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever*, a special 1983 concert that features top Motown acts including the Jackson 5 (above), the Supremes, Marvin Gaye and others.

decline with the profound understanding that growing older means an increase in wisdom and value. **Repeats**

**Tue 12/29, 1pm**

**7:30 AGING BACKWARDS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE** — Former National Ballet of Canada dancer Miranda Esmonde-White provides insights on combating the physical signs and consequences of aging, motivating viewers to stretch and strengthen their way to feeling and looking younger. **Repeats Tue 12/29, 4:30pm**

**9:00 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — See the Saturday, December 26, 6:30 p.m. listing. **Repeats Wed 12/30, 4:30pm, 10pm**

**10:30 DOC MARTIN: SEVEN GRUMPY SEASONS** — Shot on location in the picturesque seaside village of Port Isaac during the filming of *Doc Martin*'s upcoming seventh season, a special offers a behind-the-scenes look at the international hit series. Featuring interviews with producers, cast members, and director Ben Gregor, the program presents a sneak peek at what Martin Clunes — the Doc himself — is calling the “best” series yet. **Repeats Mon 12/28, 1pm**

**12M GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI: CINEMA — R**

## 28 Monday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 DR. WAYNE DYER: I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW** — WETA reprises the late motivational speaker's intimate conversation about what his own experiences taught him about understanding life's purpose. Exploring the principles that guided his own choices, Dr. Dyer showed why it is important to have — and act on — a burning desire, why life's lowest moments can reveal our true purpose, and how the principle of love allows us to see our lives more clearly and reach greatest awareness. **Repeats Thur 12/31, 3pm**

**11:00 SUPER GENES WITH DR. RUDY TANZI — R**

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE — Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 29 Tuesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 PROHIBITION** — The film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick and co-produced by Florentine Films and WETA concludes. *Part 3 of 3. A Nation of Hypocrites*. Gangsters make huge profits and wreak havoc in cities across the country as Prohibition gives rise to unintended consequences. By the late 1920s, many Americans believe that Prohibition — the “Noble Experiment” — has failed. After the election of FDR in 1932, Prohibition is repealed. {DVI}

**10:00 SUZE ORMAN'S FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU** — In a program taped at American University, the personal finance expert presents advice on a broad set of finan-

cial issues, including: how to invest; whether to buy or rent a home; saving for retirement; what kind of life insurance to buy; wills and trusts; student loans and more.

**12M DISEASE PROOF WITH DR. DAVID KATZ** — Discover how to develop “skillpower,” the secret to losing weight and protecting against disease. Dr. David Katz, the founding director of Yale University's Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center, and guest experts show how to avoid the sneaky obstacles in our path.

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE — Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 30 Wednesday

**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 GREAT PERFORMANCES: ANDREA BOCELLI: CINEMA** — Joined by Grammy-winning producer David Foster, tenor Andrea Bocelli pays musical tribute to the silver screen in a lush concert of beloved songs from blockbuster movies.

**10:00 A SALUTE TO DOWNTON ABBEY** — See the Saturday, December 26, 6:30 p.m. listing.

**11:30 THE POWER OF PURPOSE** — Life/Career Coach and bestselling author Richard Leider reveals the importance of identifying our individual purpose in life to provide our lives with meaning. Leider shows how understanding and acting upon our purpose is vital to happiness and fulfillment, and how our purpose often changes at key points in our lives. He reveals a system of key practices that help people define their purpose and match their gifts and passions in the service of a greater good.

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE — Repeats next weekday, noon**

## 31 Thursday

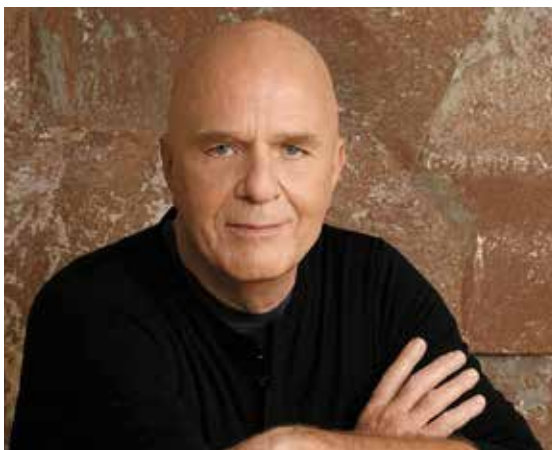
**7:00 PBS NEWSHOUR**

**8:00 MY MUSIC: AS TIME GOES BY: SONGBOOK STANDARDS** — See the Saturday, December 26, 8 p.m. listing.

**10:00 MOTOWN 25: YESTERDAY, TODAY, FOREVER** — A 1983 special hosted by comedian Richard Pryor celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Motown Records label with reunions of The Miracles, The Supremes, The Jackson 5, The Temptations, The Four Tops and more. The Emmy Award-winning show features virtually every major Motown recording artist, including Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, Mary Wells, Martha Reeves, Jr. Walker, and the Commodores.

**12M TRANSATLANTIC SESSIONS** — For more than 20 years Jerry Douglas — dobro master from Nashville — and Aly Bain — the Shetland fiddle virtuoso — have been inviting their friends from both sides of the pond to get together and play. In this program, Sam Bush, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Béla Fleck, Alison Krauss, James Taylor and more than 28 artists gather in the Scottish Highlands to perform folk favorites from the Americana and Celtic traditions.

**1AM CHARLIE ROSE — Repeats next weekday, noon**



**Monday, December 28 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26/HD**

WETA reprises *Dr. Wayne Dyer: I Can See Clearly Now*, the late motivational speaker's special about understanding life's purpose.

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## Providing a Safe Haven for Children

WETA Kids offers safe programming for our young viewers, presenting educational television broadcasts 24 hours each day, seven days a week. Below you can find weekday daytime listings for WETA Kids.

Note that children's programming also airs six days a week on WETA TV 26. Please visit [weta.org/kids](http://weta.org/kids) to find complete schedules of children's programs on the WETA Kids channel and WETA TV 26.

### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ON THE WETA KIDS CHANNEL

Peep/Pocoyo, 5:30am  
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, 6am  
Arthur, 6:30am  
Odd Squad, 7am  
Wild Kratts, 7:30am, 8am  
Curious George, 8:30am, 9am  
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9:30am, 10am  
Sesame Street, 10:30am  
Peg + Cat, 11am  
Dinosaur Train, 11:30am, noon  
Word World, 12:30pm  
Cyberchase, 1pm  
The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!, 1:30pm  
Super WHY!, 2pm  
Cyberchase, 2:30pm  
Thomas & Friends, 3pm  
Bob the Builder, 3:30pm  
Word World, 4pm, Mon-Thur  
Roey's Paintbox, 4pm, Fridays  
Martha Speaks, 4:30pm  
Word Girl, 5pm  
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 5:30pm  
Curious George, 6pm  
The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!, 6:30pm  
Arthur, 7pm  
Wild Kratts, 7:30pm  
Zula Patrol, 8pm  
Odd Squad, 8:30pm  
Biz Kids, 9pm  
Cyberchase, 9:30pm  
SciGirls, 10pm  
Maya & Miguel, 10:30pm



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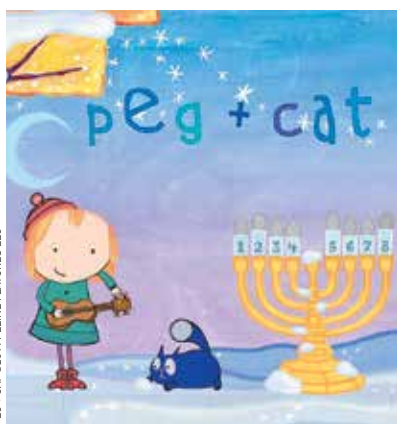
## Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas

airs Dec. 7, 24 & 25 at 7:30 a.m. on the  
WETA Kids channel; 7 a.m. on WETA TV 26

**W**ild Kratts: A Creature Christmas, a one-hour holiday special in the tradition of *Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas* (also airing this month) spotlights Kratt brothers Chris and Martin as they encounter wild animals and combine science education with fun and adventure. In the special, it is Christmas time and the Wild Kratts are taking a break to celebrate. When the brothers receive an alert that creatures are suddenly disappearing around the globe, their holiday party quickly turns into a rescue mission. The heroes must race against time to thwart their arch-rivals' scheme. Chris and Martin must travel the globe to return baby animal friends to their homes in time for the holidays.

The ongoing series *Wild Kratts* transforms the Kratt brothers, creators of the award-winning *Kratts' Creatures* and Emmy-winning *Zoboomafoo*, into animated versions of themselves, allowing the real-life zoologists to visit wild animals in their little-seen habitats and showcase age-appropriate key science concepts for 6- to 8-year-olds along the way.

Major funding for *Wild Kratts* is provided by Ontario Media Development Corporation, Bell Fund and Chuck E. Cheese's.



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The special *Peg + Cat + Holidays*, airing December 7 & 24, features segments on Hanukkah, Christmas and more.

Visit [weta.org/kids](http://weta.org/kids) for full listings of children's programs on WETA Kids and WETA TV 26.

### WEEKDAYS ON WETA TV 26

Super WHY!, 5am  
Cyberchase, 5:30am  
Arthur, 6am  
Odd Squad, 6:30am  
Wild Kratts, 7am, 7:30am  
Curious George, 8am, 8:30am  
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, 9am, 9:30am  
Sesame Street, 10am  
Peg + Cat, 10:30am  
Dinosaur Train, 11am, 11:30am

### DECEMBER HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Arthur's Perfect Christmas  
12/7 & 12/25, 6am on TV 26; 12/7, 6:30am, 7pm & 12/25, 6:30am on WETA Kids  
Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas  
12/7, 8:30am & 12/24 & 12/25, 8am on TV 26; 12/7, 9am & 12/24, 12/25, 8:30am, 6pm on WETA Kids  
Peg + Cat + Holidays  
12/7, 10am & 12/24, 10:30am on TV 26; 12/7, 10:30am, 1:30pm & 12/24, 11am, 3pm on WETA Kids



*British Television at Its Best*

The WETA UK channel is devoted to presenting the best in British television programming, broadcasting beloved classics and contemporary series around the clock, seven days a week. WETA UK offers a full schedule of great entertainment programming — featuring drama, mystery, comedy and documentary series — all delivered with an accent from the Isles. Visit [wetauk.org](http://wetauk.org) for a complete schedule and program descriptions.

**P.M. PROGRAMMING ON WETA UK IN DECEMBER**

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>12pm</b>	<b>12/27: Masterpiece: Downton Abbey V airs 12n-11pm</b> (Red Cap, Series II airs 12/6-12/20)	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	(from 11:30) Globe Trekker
12:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	• Masterpiece: Downton Abbey III (Series IV starts 12/19) • Agatha Christie's Poirot I starts 12/26, 1:30pm
<b>1pm</b>	Vera, Series I (except 12/27)	New Tricks	New Tricks	New Tricks	New Tricks	New Tricks	
1:30pm							
<b>2pm</b>		MI-5	MI-5	MI-5	MI-5	MI-5	
2:30pm	Prime Suspect, Series I (except 12/27)						Sherlock Holmes I
<b>3pm</b>		Waking the Dead	Waking the Dead	Waking the Dead	Waking the Dead	Waking the Dead	
3:30pm	BBC Antiques Rdshow (ex. 12/27)						Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries I
<b>4pm</b>	Foyle's War, Series III/IV (except 12/27)	Globe Trekker	Midsomer Murders VIII	BBC Antiques Roadshow	BBC Antiques Roadshow	Father Brown III	
4:30pm				Doc Martin I (Series II/III)	• Masterpiece: Endeavour, Series II • Lewis, Series I (12/31)		Pie in the Sky I/II
<b>5pm</b>	Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series I (except 12/27)	• Tales from the Palaces (12/7 & 12/14) • Diana vs. The Queen (12/21) • BBC Antiques Roadshow (12/28)				Rosemary & Thyme III/I	
5:30pm			BBC Antiques Roadshow				Are You Being Served?
<b>6pm</b>	Masterpiece: Downton Abbey III (Series IV starts 12/20) (Series V marathon on 12/27)	• Moone Boy II (12/7-12/21) • BBC Antiques Roadshow (12/28)	Pie in the Sky I/II	The Doctor Blake Mysteries I/II (Series II starts 12/16)	Inspector Morse III/IV	Sherlock Holmes I	As Time Goes By (starts 5:58pm)
6:30pm							Doc Martin II/III
<b>7pm</b>		Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	Are You Being Served?	
7:30pm		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	
<b>8pm</b>	Moone Boy, Series II (except 12/27)	Pie in the Sky, Series I/II	The Doctor Blake Mysteries I (Series II starts 12/15)	Inspector Morse, Series III/IV	Father Brown, Series III	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series I	Red Cap, Series II
8:30pm							
<b>9pm</b>	• Tales from the Palaces I (12/6-12/13) • Diana vs. The Queen (12/20)	Midsomer Murders, Series VIII	Doc Martin II/III	• Masterpiece: Endeavour, Series II • Lewis, Series I (12/30)	Rosemary & Thyme, Series III (Series I begins 12/10)	Foyle's War, Series III/IV	Vera, Series I
9:30pm							
<b>10pm</b>	Globe Trekker (except 12/27)				Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Series I	Masterpiece: Downton Abbey, Series III (Series IV begins 12/18)	
10:30pm		Father Brown, Series III	• Mr. & Mrs. Murder I (12/1-12/15) • Rosemary & Thyme I (starts 12/22)	The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Series I (Series II starts 12/16)			Prime Suspect, Series I
<b>11pm</b>	Doctor Who Pertwee Movies				Pie in the Sky, Series I/II	House of Cards: To Play the King (starts 12/25)	
11:30pm		BBC Antiques Roadshow	Hustle, Series I (to 12:30am)	BBC Antiques Roadshow			Dalziel & Pascoe IX (to 12:30am)
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>

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# WETA UK Highlights

## The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Series II

**Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on WETA UK, starting December 15**



**C**raig MacLachlan reprises his role as sleuthing surgeon Dr. Lucian Blake in Series II of the engaging Australian crime drama *The Doctor Blake Mysteries*, set in 1950s Ballarat (near Melbourne). For his performance as a general practitioner who doubles as the town's police surgeon, MacLachlan has earned critical acclaim, winning Australian Television's Logie Award for Most Outstanding Actor and Most Popular Actor. In the drama, Blake, a former World War II veteran, is haunted by the trauma of his wartime experiences, including his time as a POW and the loss of his Chinese wife and their child during the fall of Singapore. Blake is also a misfit in the environment of social conformity of his era and his small-town community. In Series II, among Blake's cases is an investigation into the murder of Ballarat's newly elected mayor. *The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Series II* repeats Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

## Masterpiece: Downton Abbey, Season V

**Sunday, December 27, noon-11 p.m. on WETA UK**



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**S**ettle in for a marathon presentation of Season V of *Masterpiece: Downton Abbey* to catch up on events in the highest-rated drama in PBS history before the much-awaited final season begins January 3 on WETA TV 26. Season V kicks off in 1924, when the United Kingdom has its first Labor Party prime minister, the radio is the latest miracle of the age, and Downton's traditional ways are besieged on all fronts. In Series V, the Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning drama follows Lady Mary's courtship contest, Lady Edith's trials as a secret single mom, Thomas's scheming against Bates, Robert's battles against modernity, Tom's quest to be true to his ideals, and much more. Guest stars include Richard E. Grant (left, with Elizabeth McGovern). For those following WETA UK's Friday-night, 10 p.m. presentations of consecutive series of *Downton Abbey*, airings continue in December with episodes from seasons III and IV.

WETA Television

## Vera, Series I

**Saturdays at 9 p.m. on WETA UK, starting December 5**

**W**ETA UK reprises the first season of the popular crime drama *Vera*, starring Academy Award-nominee and BAFTA-winner Brenda Blethyn (*Secrets and Lies*, *Atonement*, *Saving Grace*) as Chief Inspector Vera Stanhope, opposite David Leon as her trusted colleague Sergeant Joe Ashworth. Through five seasons, the character-driven drama's twists and turns of plot and moving performances have earned it a reputation as a classic crime series. Based on the Inspector Stanhope novels by best-selling author Ann Cleeves, the drama follows the murder investigator in the Northeast England county of Northumberland. Driven by personal demons, Vera is a kind-hearted loner who can become obsessed with her job. Ashworth is her right-hand man and surrogate son. Together, they approach their cases with gusto and professionalism. The programs repeat Sundays at 1 p.m. (except December 27, when preempted for a *Downton Abbey* marathon).



**Also on WETA UK in December:** *Prime Suspect, Series I*, starring Helen Mirren (left) in her signature role as police detective Jane Tennison, begins Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 p.m.; *Masterpiece Mystery!: Endeavour* continues Wednesdays at 9 p.m. with Series II; *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries* restarts with Series I, Thursday, December 3 at 10 p.m.; *Rosemary & Thyme* restarts with Series I on Thursday, December 10 at 9 p.m.; *Red Cap, Series II* begins Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m.; and comedy *Moone Boy* enters Season II, Sunday, December 6 at 8 p.m.



# Classical WETA 90.9 FM

*Classical for Washington*

## NSO Showcase Presents American Dance

Wednesday, December 2 at 9 p.m.

By Nicole Lacroix, Evening On-Air Host



From the mountains of Appalachia to New York City's West Side, December's NSO *Showcase* broadcast takes us on an exhilarating dance tour of the U.S., highlighting performances recorded during the National Symphony Orchestra's 2014 "New Moves: Symphony+Dance Festival." Thomas Wilkins leads the NSO in the Suite from Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Michael Daugherty's *Red Cape Tango*, Samuel Barber's *Souvenirs*, and William Schuman's *New England Triptych*. We've rounded out the program with the *Symphonic Dances* from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* from a May 2015 performance conducted by Manuel López-Gómez at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Our program begins with the suite of dances Copland fashioned from his ballet for Martha Graham, *Appalachian Spring*. The ballet was premiered right here in Washington, D.C., at the Library of Congress, in 1944. Next — "it's a bird...it's a plane...it's Superman!" The Man of Steel meets his fate in *Red Cape Tango*, the last movement of Michael Daugherty's *Metropolis* Symphony. Comic book heroes give way to pre-war socialites gliding to a different kind of tango at the Plaza Hotel's Palm Court circa 1914, the inspiration for Samuel Barber's ballet, *Souvenirs*. Nostalgia takes a more spiritual tone in William Schuman's best-known work, the *New England Triptych*, based on three hymns from 18th-century American composer William Billings, ending with *Chester*, a march popular with Revolutionary War-era troops.

Finally, our program takes us full circle to Washington, where Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* made its debut in 1957 — a social and artistic triumph. The concert version was first performed a few weeks after Kennedy's inauguration in February 1961, as part of a "Valentine" for Bernstein by the New York Philharmonic.

Tangos, two-steps, waltzes and marches abound in our great American dance festival, so put on your dancing shoes and get ready to tap your toes for December's NSO *Showcase*.

## Handel's *Messiah* on Choral Showcase

Sunday, December 20 at 9 p.m.

By David Ginder, Morning On-Air Host

Handel's *Messiah* does a great job telling a story, and the proof is that we never tire of hearing it. How the masterpiece came into being is a good story too. Since we've scheduled it on the December 20 broadcast of *Choral Showcase*, the time seems right for the backstory of this oratorio.

At age 27, German composer George Frideric Handel moved to England, where within a few years he was established as the premier composer of Italian opera — a craft he learned as a young man in Hamburg and Italy. That success continued for more than 20 years. In time, though, the public grew weary of opera, and Handel was forced to broaden his creative horizons. He turned to oratorio, which seems different from opera — using a sacred text, and no staging or costumes — but was essentially the same thing, telling a dramatic story with singers and instruments.

*Messiah* was Handel's sixth oratorio. The text was written and assembled by Charles Jennens, a wealthy land owner and arts patron. The two had collaborated previously, but Jennens seemed to know that this would be the big one. Indeed, Jennens may have known Handel better than the composer himself. The librettist wrote to Handel's strengths, knowing what would inspire the composer's best.

Handel wrote *Messiah* in 24 days, which was (unbelievably) about how quickly he needed to work on everything. It was premiered in Dublin when Handel was there for other performances, and the piece was a huge success. But not so in London. The big complaint was from the church, which didn't like having a work about Jesus Christ being performed outside the church — in the theater. Of course, that's been more than resolved over the years. Enjoy the *Messiah* on *Choral Showcase* on December 20.

# 2015-2016 Season of Met Opera Begins

Saturdays at 1 p.m. starting Dec. 5 on Classical WETA 90.9 FM

A new season of the *Metropolitan Opera Radio Broadcasts* gets under way on Saturday, December 5 on the weekly program *Classical WETA Opera House* with a performance of Puccini's beloved opera *La Bohème*. The season's 23 broadcasts air Saturdays at 1 p.m. through the May 7 performance of Mozart's *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*. The broadcasts feature the opera world's greatest performers singing in the Met's Saturday matinees, which this season present works ranging from repertory favorites to rarely performed masterpieces by composers Donizetti (5 operas), Puccini (4), Verdi (4), Mozart (2), Wagner and others. Mary Jo Heath is in the booth as host, alongside commentator Ira Siff.

December highlights include Piotr Beczala reprising his acclaimed role as the Duke in *Rigoletto* (December 12)

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| Nov. 28 | Wagner's <i>Tristan and Isolde</i> (schedule change); Bayreuth Festival |
| Dec. 5  | (Met Opera) Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>                                  |
| Dec. 12 | Verdi's <i>Rigoletto</i>  |
| Dec. 19 | Rossini's <i>La Donna del Lago</i>                                      |
| Dec. 26 | Rossini's <i>The Barber of Seville</i>                                  |
| Jan. 2  | J. Strauss's <i>Die Fledermaus</i>                                      |

## Front Row Washington Monday, December 14 at 9 p.m.

By Deborah Lamberton, Senior Producer

Here's the recipe for a memorable chamber music recital: Start with longtime professionals who just play good music. Add a generous dose of friendship, respect and admiration. Mix in solid repertoire with passionate performance, an appreciative audience and an intimate setting. Serve up with gusto. That pretty much describes *Front Row Washington*, and especially our December 14 program featuring the American String Quartet with celebrated pianist Menahem Pressler. Collectively, the ASQ and Pressler have more than 100 years of performance experience, so you know their Founder's Day recital for Chamber Music at The Barns at Wolf Trap was something extraordinary. Our broadcast begins with two celebrated works, both penned by 28-year-old composers who dedicated the quartets to their teachers: Mozart's lovely and lively "Hunt" quartet, which



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he dedicated to Haydn, and Maurice Ravel's only string quartet, the *Quartet in F Major*, dedicated to his teacher Gabriel Fauré.

Then, Mr. Pressler joins the Quartet for Dvořák's beloved *Quintet in A Major, Op. 81*. With an astonishing six-decades-long career playing and teaching piano, Pressler continues to delight audiences around the world, giving solo and chamber music performances even as he observes his 92nd birthday this month. And speaking of birth anniversaries, we'll offer a nod to Beethoven's 245th with a performance of his massive "Hammerklavier" piano sonata on December 28, featuring Argentinean pianist Nelson Goerner at The Phillips Collection.

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Joyce DiDonato in *La Donna del Lago*

and Joyce DiDonato returning to the role of Elena in *La Donna del Lago* (December 19). Among season highlights are Strauss's *Die Fledermaus* (January 2); the first Met production of Bizet's *Les Pêcheurs de Perles* (January 16) in nearly a century; a performance of Berg's *Lulu* (February 27); Jonas Kaufman and Kristine Opolais starring in Puccini's *Manon Lescaut* (March 5) in North American role debuts; Plácido Domingo singing the title role in Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra* (April 9); and Sondra Radvanovsky's feat of becoming the first singer in Met history to star as the three heroines of Donizetti's "Tudor Queens" trilogy, singing the roles of Anne Boleyn (*Anna Bolena*, January 9), Mary, Queen of Scots (*Maria Stuarda*, February 20), and Queen Elizabeth I (*Roberto Devereux*, April 16). For monthly opera details, visit [classicalweta.org](http://classicalweta.org).

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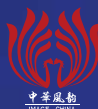


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