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DECEMBER 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

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It's a busy time of year for the reindeer at Prairie Moon Farm in Knoxville, Illinois as they welcome visitors on Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas! You can learn more about them at prairiemoonfarm.com.

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JENN GORDON
President and CEO

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

SONGS OF HOPE AND PEACE

On Christmas Day, 1863, acclaimed American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow penned the stirring poem "Christmas Bells." Our nation was two and half years into the Civil War, and like many families, Longfellow had suffered intense personal loss. The bells he heard ring out on Christmas morning were defiantly heralding "peace on earth good will to men" during one of the darkest seasons of our nation's history. Longfellow captures the anguish and despair of a broken nation, while somehow imparting a small but powerful message of hope for the future.

In 1872, John Baptiste Calkin further immortalized the poem by setting the words to music in the song, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." By this time, the dark days of the Civil War were long gone. By contrast, notable events that year included the opening of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and the establishment of Yellowstone as our country's first ever National Park. The long-awaited time of peace had come.

Perhaps it's only against this backdrop that Longfellow's heartfelt words about hope in the darkness could finally be set to music and welcomed by choirs and carolers across the country to sing and incorporate into their holiday merrymaking.

Revisiting carols and musical poems that have carved a path through time and history inspire us with gratitude, joy and the everlasting hope for "peace on earth." This is the reason why we at **WTVP** set aside time every December to bring you the very best in sacred choral concerts and holiday musical performances. *Hope College Christmas Vespers*, *Come and See! A Concordia Christmas* and *Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir* are just a few of the many musical offerings we are delighted to share with you and your loved ones this holiday season. And don't forget to watch our *2nd Annual WTVP High School Choral Showcase* featuring inspiring performances by Dunlap High School, Metamora Township High School and Washington Community High School!

It is an honor at **WTVP** to play a small part in your family traditions as you gather with loved ones to celebrate and enjoy the very best in holiday music and programming.

From all of us at **WTVP**, hope and peace to you and yours this holiday season.

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SATURDAYS AT 8:30 PM

A Shot of Ag with **Rob Sharkey** brings a fresh lineup of powerful stories showcasing the people, passions and innovations shaping agriculture across Illinois.



Christmas Music

LET YOUR HEART BE LIGHT: CHRISTMAS IN THE ADIRONDACKS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 8 PM

COME AND SEE! A CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10 PM

HOPE OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7 PM

GREAT PERFORMANCES: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7 PM

THE LAWRENCE WELK SHOW CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7 PM

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 8 PM

HOPE COLLEGE CHRISTMAS VESPERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6 PM

THE UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND: SOUND THE BELLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10 PM

HOLIDAY HANDBELLS: THE RALEIGH RINGERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8 PM

GEORGE PERRIS – THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8 PM

PURDUE 91ST ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS SHOW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 9 PM

A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS WITH THE BACH FESTIVAL SOCIETY: JOYFUL SOUNDS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 8 PM



**HELP SUPPORT
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE *December*

WTVP's Membership Drive is an opportunity to pause our normal programming to deliver special shows and talk about the importance of membership. You'll also find unique and exclusive thank-you gifts.

people

MISTER ROGERS: IT'S YOU I LIKE
Monday, December 1, 7 PM

**BECOMING THURGOOD:
AMERICA'S SOCIAL ARCHITECT**
Wednesday, December 3, 10 PM

**AMERICAN MASTERS:
BRENDA LEE: ROCKIN' AROUND**
Friday, December 5, 9:30 PM

**STEVE & EYDIE:
MEMORIES OF MY MOM AND DAD**
Saturday, December 6, 8 PM

local

MAIN STREET MEMORIES: 1950S
Monday, December 1, 8:30 PM

**WTVP'S HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL
SHOWCASE**
Thursday, December 4, 7 PM

VIBE 309 WITH BLAKE WIRTH
Thursday, December 4, 7:45 PM

health & wellness

**DESIGNING YOUR IDEAL FUTURE
WITH RAJIV NAGAICH**
Wednesday, December 3, 11:30 PM

**CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE
YOUR PAIN WITH DANIEL AMEN**
Friday, December 5, 11:30 PM

art & music

**RICK STEVES ART OF EUROPE:
MICHELANGELO TO MONET**
Monday, December 1, 10 PM

**BARBRA STREISAND:
BACK TO BROOKLYN**
Tuesday, December 2, 8:30 PM

**NEIL DIAMOND:
THANK YOU AUSTRALIA**
Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 PM

**MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER:
30/40 LIVE**
Wednesday, December 3, 8:30 PM

BROADWAY'S LEADING LADIES
Friday, December 5, 7:30 PM

**CHARLEY CROCKETT:
LIVE FROM THE RYMAN**
Saturday, December 6, 10 PM

SHERYL CROW IN CONCERT
Saturday, December 6, 11:30 PM

**THE TEXAS TENORS:
FAITH & INSPIRATION**
Sunday, December 7, 5:30 PM

**WHY YOU LIKE IT:
DECODING MUSICAL TASTE**
Sunday, December 7, 11:30 PM

food

**FAMILY RECIPE:
JEWISH AMERICAN STYLE**
Tuesday, December 2, 7 PM

**PRUE LEITH'S COTSWOLD KITCHEN:
CHARLOTTE CHURCH**
Thursday, December 4, 8:30 PM

**PRUE LEITH'S COTSWOLD KITCHEN:
RUBY WAX**
Thursday, December 4, 10 PM

behind the scenes

**NATURE: MUSEUM ALIVE WITH
DAVID ATTENBOROUGH**
Wednesday, December 3, 7 PM

**MARIE ANTIONETTE:
BEYOND THE PORTRAIT**
Thursday, December 4, 11 PM

**ALL CREATURES GREAT AND
SMALL: CHEERS TO THE YEARS**
Sunday, December 7, 7 PM

WE HEART PUBLIC TELEVISION
Sunday, December 7, 8:30 PM

WATCH, *enjoy*, PLEDGE!



Christmas Specials

RICK STEVES' EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6 PM

CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS IN NEW ENGLAND

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 10 PM

MARY BERRY'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 6 PM

HOLIDAY STORYBOOK: THEATER OF THE MIND

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 9 PM

AMERICA'S FORESTS WITH CHUCK LEAVELL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 10 PM

TWAS THE CHRISTMAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 10 PM

EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 10:30 PM

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THEATER OF THE MIND

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7 PM

CALL THE MIDWIFE HOLIDAY SPECIAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 7 PM

Enjoy the sights, sounds
and celebrations of the season
with these special shows.



INTRODUCING

Audrey KAMM

WTVP'S
**NEW CHIEF DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER**



In November, **WTVP PBS** welcomed Audrey Kamm as the new Chief Development Officer. As CDO, Audrey will lead **WTVP's** fundraising and community engagement efforts.

Audrey is no stranger to fundraising or central Illinois. Most recently, she served with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as an Advisor – Area Development for the Central/Southern Illinois and Iowa region. She has also held leadership roles at Midwest Food Bank and the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, launching initiatives that bring the community together and promote generosity.

Audrey is also a central Illinois native. She graduated from Metamora Township High School and can often be found at Metamora Grade School Redbirds games, cheering on her two sons. As a competitive skater, she spent many hours on the ice at the Owens Center in Peoria. "Central Illinois is where my husband and I grew up and it's the place we've chosen to raise our family," says Kamm. "This region holds a special place in our hearts and I'm truly committed to helping it thrive."

Jenn Gordon celebrated Audrey's arrival. "We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Kamm to the **WTVP** team during this historic time for our station and the entire PBS system. With the exodus of federal support from public broadcasting, the generosity of this community will singularly fund the station and keep us running as an essential resource for central Illinois for years to come. Audrey's expertise in nonprofit fundraising and commitment to the community uniquely suit her for this role and align perfectly with our mission to inspire and connect the communities of central Illinois through commercial-free, quality content that educates, informs, and entertains."

"I'm honored to begin my role at **WTVP** and contribute to the long-term vitality of this invaluable community resource," says Kamm. "I care deeply about this region and I'm excited to work together with our community to ensure **WTVP** continues to serve and inspire for years to come."

**PLEASE JOIN US IN
WELCOMING AUDREY KAMM TO THE WTVP TEAM!**

NEW

seasons

RFDS: ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE NEW SEASON!

STARTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 11 PM

Based on remarkable real-life stories, this gripping drama series follows the modern-day heroes of the *Royal Flying Doctor Service* as they navigate private lives as turbulent and profound as the heart-stopping emergencies they attend to across some of the most beautiful and inhospitable places in the Australian outback.



BEHIND THE WINGS NEW SEASON!

STARTING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10 PM

From flying into deadly storms to exploring deep space, Season seven dives into the people, aircraft and missions shaping aerospace — featuring the Hurricane Hunters, International Space Station, F-16 and OSIRIS-REx.



HAPPINESS NEW SHOW!

STARTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7 PM

After 20 years away, Broadway director Charlie Summers finds himself back in his childhood room, helping his mother at the local theater. The eclectic cast and crew there may lack professional skills but certainly don't lack passion.



NEW

shows

THE CAVERNS SESSIONS NEW SEASON!

STARTING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 8 PM

The Caverns Sessions is taped deep within The Caverns, an underground amphitheater in the Tennessee mountains. This 16-time Emmy winning "musical adventure" proudly features established & emerging artists across a broad spectrum of genres.



SEASIDE HOTEL NEW SEASON!

STARTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 10 PM

At Andersen's *Seaside Hotel* by the North Sea dunes, meet the chambermaid Fie, the merchant's daughter Amanda and the local fisherman Morten, whose fates are intertwined, as they seek to emancipate themselves from the plans other people have made on their behalf. From Walter Presents, in Danish with English subtitles.



SHORT FILMS ON NEW SEASON!

STARTING MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 10 PM

Short Films On is a film festival series dedicated to spotlighting award-winning and award-nominated short films. Each episode focuses on a collection of short films with a specific theme or topic, such as food, travel, fashion, adventure, music or health.





ORANGE BISCUIT TWISTS

A Recipe from the Bread Monk

DOUGH

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tbs. granulated sugar
1 tbs. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ cup (1 stick) butter
½ cup milk
1 egg

FILLING

Zest of a medium orange
½ cup granulated sugar

GLAZE

½ cup powdered sugar
juice of half an orange
¼ tsp. almond extract (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. In a medium-sized bowl, stir flour, sugar, baking powder and salt until thoroughly mixed. Using a pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Beat egg together with milk in a separate bowl, then add to dry mixture. Stir until dough clings together, then beat for about 1 minute by hand. Mix zest with ½ cup sugar for filling.

On a floured surface, roll dough into a rectangle 10 x 15 inches. Brush dough with melted butter; sprinkle orange sugar on the bottom half of the dough. Fold dough in half lengthwise, making a 5 x 15-inch rectangle. Using a rotary pizza cutter, cut into 1-inch strips (you may also use a sharp knife but wipe the blade clean between cuts to keep it from sticking). Twist strips three or four times, then place on a lightly greased 12 x 15-inch baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 12 to 14 minutes, or until very lightly browned.

Combine powdered sugar with juice (and almond extract if desired) and stir until smooth. Place in microwave on high for 15 seconds. Brush as a glaze on top of twists; serve twists warm.

NOTES:

My cousin Chris—an excellent baker in his own right—says his family uses this recipe all the time for breakfast and when he needs a last minute treat for a potluck. They can be ready to serve in about 30 minutes—perfect for holiday guests.

My original recipe for these twists said to set the oven at 450 degrees F. But when I made them in a different kitchen with a different kind of oven they burned on the bottom! You may need to experiment a bit on the temp. They only lightly brown on top when fully baked.

To make a special treat for Christmas morning, melt 4 oz. of chocolate chips with a teaspoon of shortening and drizzle over the twists. You can also use cinnamon sugar for the filling.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 8:30 PM

BRINGING YOU FRESH STORIES EVERY MONTH, THE DECEMBER EPISODE WILL FEATURE:

FATHER DOMINIC: Father Dominic Garramone, the Bread Monk, brings not only his remarkable baking skills but also his signature warmth, humor and heart. Get ready for a truly memorable cooking segment filled with delicious food, inspiring stories and plenty of cheerfulness.

RIVER BEND BRONZE: Enjoy the festive melodies of the River Bend Bronze Ensemble, a talented group of handbell musicians who bring holiday magic to every concert and event. They're sharing a special sneak peek of their beautiful performances, a joyful preview of the season's spirit!

WILLIS SNOWMOBILE MUSEUM: Two brothers turned their lifelong passion for snowmobiles into a dream come true by opening a museum that celebrates these machines from a variety of eras.

Don't miss these fascinating stories on You Gotta See This!, airing on Thursday, December 18, at 8:30 p.m.

PASSPORT EARLY ACCESS



With **Passport**, a benefit of membership, **WTVP** members get access to an incredible library of past, present—and future—shows on demand! This month, members get early access to a new season of *Miss Scarlet* and a new show, *Happiness*.

▶ MISS SCARLET ON MASTERPIECE SEASON 6

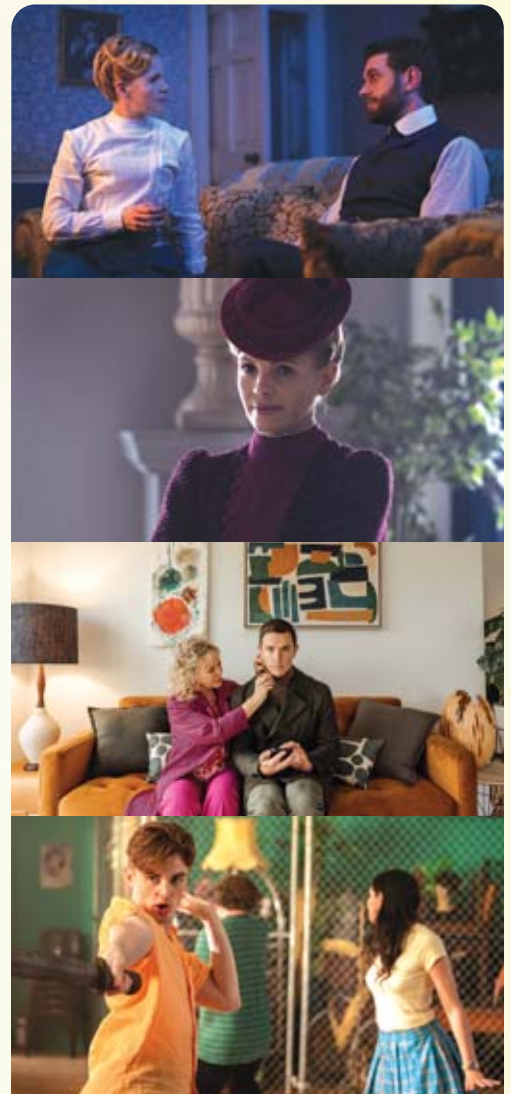
Miss Eliza Scarlet is doing her best to have it all. Her business is thriving, but her personal life enters new territory as she attempts to follow her heart and develop a relationship with Inspector Alexander Blake. Eliza may be an expert solving crimes, but she's very much a novice when it comes to love. Can Eliza juggle the twin demands of her personal and professional life?

Season six comes out on broadcast on January 11 but members can stream all five seasons, plus get early access to all six episodes of season six starting on December 7.

▶ HAPPINESS SEASON 1

Broadway director and golden boy Charlie Summers has come home to New Zealand. And he's devastated. After 20 years working his way up to the top of the musical theatre world, he has found himself back in his childhood bedroom and back helping his mother, Gaye, at the local community musical theater. The eclectic cast and crew there may lack professional skills but certainly don't lack passion.

Members can binge all six episodes of this series starting on December 14, the night of its broadcast premiere.



To become a member and enjoy these amazing shows on demand, make a qualifying donation to WTVP for at least \$60/year—that's only \$5/month. You can learn more and donate at www.wtv.org/passport.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



POV **BETWEEN GOODBYES**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9 PM

When a queer Korean adoptee reunites with her birth mother in Seoul, long-buried cultural misunderstandings and unspoken regrets surface. With tenderness, humor and determination, both mother and daughter navigate the heart-wrenching legacy of international adoption.



AMERICAN MASTERS **STARRING DICK VAN DYKE**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 8 PM

Celebrate the life and career of legendary actor Dick Van Dyke on his 100th birthday. Known for films like *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, TV show *Diagnosis Murder* and his classic CBS sitcom, Van Dyke has delighted audiences on screen and stage for eight decades. Featuring never-before-seen footage, photos and home movies that detail Van Dyke's extraordinary showbiz legacy.



A BRIDGE TO LIFE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 9 PM

A Bridge to Life is a moving portrait of an organization that for years has been working to change and save the lives of men dealing with life-threatening addiction issues. The men involved receive intensive job-training skills along with psychological and spiritual mentoring to give them a chance to return to society as successful community and family members. Interwoven throughout the film is the inspiring story of Pastor William Washington, the resilient founder and executive director of the Bridge Ministry, and his triumph over trauma, homelessness, and addiction.



AMERICAN MASTERS **TEN TIMES BETTER**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8:30 PM

The astonishing and heartwarming story of George Lee, a pioneering Asian dancer who originated a featured role in George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* 70 years ago as a teenage immigrant from China.

CRAFT IN AMERICA EAST AND WEST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 8 AND 9 PM

Craft in America explores the vitality, history and significance of the craft movement in the United States and its impact on our nation's rich cultural heritage.

EAST explores the intersection of history, culture and contemporary craft in the eastern region of the US.

WEST celebrates the continuum of heritage and the handmade, taking inspiration from the landscape, history and culture of the American West.



CROSSROADS OF A NATION MISSOURI'S RIFTS, ROADS AND CIVIL RIGHTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 6 PM

Crossroads of a Nation: Missouri's Rifts, Roads and Civil Rights traces Missouri's complex transformation from a battleground of Civil War loyalties to a keystone in America's mid-century modernization. Through archival images and expert commentary, the hour-long film explores how post-war reconstruction, the expansion of infrastructure and the long, unfinished fight for racial justice intersected across Missouri and helped shape American history.



HOLLYWOOD IN UTAH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 9 PM

Hollywood in Utah takes viewers on an unforgettable journey into the world of cinema, as it delves into the state's rich filmmaking history with amusing anecdotes and touching stories. Viewers are invited to join in this celebration of Utah's appearances in film and the innovative thinkers bringing the cinema industry to the American West.



COURTMAKER JOHN MARSHALL AND THE FORGING OF AMERICA'S SUPREME COURT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 8 PM

Filed across eleven states, *Courtmaker* explores the life of the greatest judge in American history, John Marshall, who as the fourth Chief Justice, built the Supreme Court into the third pillar of American government. Through in-depth interviews with scholars, judges and Supreme Court justices, the film sheds light on our democracy's foundational legal philosophies.





Big Brothers
Big Sisters.
HEART OF ILLINOIS



IT TAKES LITTLE TO BE BIG

For anyone thinking about becoming a Big Sister or Big Brother, just remember — "it's worth a shot."

- Little Brother Jakobi

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Ken Burns
Guest Curator

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SATURDAY | JANUARY 31, 2026



PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM

FRONTLINE

FRONTLINE
THE DEAL: TRUMP, BUKELE & THE GANGS OF EL SALVADOR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 9 PM



NATURE
CANADA: SURVIVING THE WILD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7 PM



NOVA
ICE AGE FOOTPRINTS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 8 PM



DOCS ON CALL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:30 PM

1 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Mister Rogers: It's You I Like
- 8:30 PM Main Street Memories: 1950s
- 10:00 PM Rick Steves' Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet

2 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Family Recipe: Jewish American Style
- 8:30 PM Barbra Streisand: Back to Brooklyn
- 10:30 PM Neil Diamond: Thank You Australia

3 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature Museum Alive with David Attenborough
- 8:30 PM Mannheim Steamroller 30/40 Live
- 10:00 PM Becoming Thurgood: America's Social Architect
- 11:30 PM Designing Your Ideal Future with Rajiv Nagaich

4 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM WTVP's High School Choral Showcase
- 7:45 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 8:30 PM Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen Charlotte Church
- 9:45 PM Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen Ruby Wax
- 11:00 PM Marie Antoinette: Beyond The Portrait

5 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Broadway's Leading Ladies
- 9:30 PM American Masters Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around

- 11:00 PM Market to Market
- 11:30 PM Change Your Brain, Change Your Pain with Daniel Amen, MD

6 SATURDAY

- 6:15 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show School Days
- 8:00 PM Steve & Eydie: Memories of My Mom and Dad (My Music Presents)
- 10:00 PM Charley Crockett: Live from the Ryman
- 11:30 PM Sheryl Crow In Concert

7 SUNDAY

- 3:30 PM Mary Berry's Highland Christmas
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM The Texas Tenors: Faith & Inspiration
- 7:00 PM All Creatures Great and Small: Cheers to the Years
- 8:30 PM We Heart Public Television!
- 11:30 PM Why You Like It: Decoding Musical Taste

8 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow The Gen X Years
- 8:00 PM Tony Bennett: Viva Duets
- 9:00 PM POV Between Goodbyes
- 10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show Inner Strength
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

9 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots Fighters
- 8:00 PM Finding Your Roots Forgotten Journeys
- 9:00 PM Frontline The Deal: Trump, Bukele & The Gangs of El Salvador

- 10:00 PM Your Fantastic Mind Silent Threats
- 10:30 PM Travel Detective Hidden Gems of Beverly Hills
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

10 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature Canada: Surviving The Wild North
- 8:00 PM NOVA Ice Age Footprints
- 9:00 PM NOVA Hunt for the Oldest DNA
- 10:00 PM Behind The Wings The Hurricane Hunters
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

11 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House Asheville I Community Carpenters
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House Sustainable Grass, Driveway Lights
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino First Impressions
- 10:00 PM Velvet Twelfth Night
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

12 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM American Masters Starring Dick Van Dyke
- 10:00 PM City of Songs Seoul
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

13 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' European Christmas
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show The Songs of Jimmy McHugh
- 8:00 PM Let Your Heart Be Light: Christmas in the Adirondacks
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife Episode 6
- 10:00 PM State & Water Phanierae & The Soul Shakers - Part 2
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits Jon Batiste
- 11:30 PM Music California

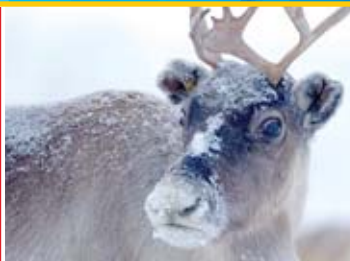
14 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails Backpacking Quebec, Part 3
- 3:30 PM America The Bountiful Taro In Hawaii
- 4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM A Celebration of Hanukkah
- 7:00 PM Happiness Episode 1
- 7:30 PM Happiness Episode 2
- 8:00 PM All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece To All Our Boys
- 9:00 PM All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece Holding The Baby
- 10:00 PM Come and See! A Concordia Christmas
- 11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service Sieve & Sort

Consider **THIS**
With Christine Zak-Edmonds



FRONTLINE



CONSIDER THIS
WITH CHRISTINE ZAK-EDMONDS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:30 PM

FRONTLINE
STRIKE ON IRAN: THE NUCLEAR QUESTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 9 PM

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15 MONDAY

7:00 PM Hope of the Season:
Christmas with the
Tabernacle Choir
8:30 PM Christmas on the Danube
9:00 PM A Bridge to Life
10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Re-Imagined Lives:
The Journey of
Transformation
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

16 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Great Performances
Nutcracker from English
National Ballet
8:30 PM American Masters
Ten Times Better
9:00 PM Frontline
Strike On Iran:
The Nuclear Question
10:00 PM A Celebration of Hanukkah
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

17 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Santa's Wild Home
8:00 PM NOVA
Polar Extremes
10:00 PM Behind The Wings
Building The International
Space Station
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

18 THURSDAY

7:00 PM This Old House
Asheville | Boulder Dash
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Seabees, Paint Galvanized
Railing
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM You Gotta See This!
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Lessons
10:00 PM Velvet
The Moment of Truth
11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

19 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
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Christine Zak-Edmonds
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East
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West
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20 SATURDAY

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The USAF Band of
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Special
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9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Episode 7
10:00 PM WTVP's High School
Choral Showcase
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Jacob Collier/Nickel Creek
11:30 PM Music California

21 SUNDAY

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7:30 PM Happiness
Episode 4
8:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
Homecoming

9:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
Uninvited Guests
10:00 PM The United States Army
Field Band: Sound
The Bells
11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying
Doctor Service
Separation Anxiety

22 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Wags to Riches
8:00 PM Holiday Handbells:
The Raleigh Ringers
9:00 PM Holiday Storybook: Theater
of the Mind
10:00 PM America's Forests with
Chuck Leavell: US Capitol
Christmas Tree
10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Courage Chapters
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

23 TUESDAY

7:00 PM American Masters
Brenda Lee: Rockin'
Around
8:00 PM George Perris - The Most
Wonderful Time of the
Year!
9:00 PM Purdue 91st Anniversary
Christmas Show
10:00 PM Twas The Christmas
That Changed The World
10:30 PM European Christmas
Markets
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

24 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Christmas Carol:
Theater of the Mind
8:00 PM Classic Christmas with
the Bach Festival Society:
Joyful Sounds
9:00 PM Great Performances
Nutcracker from English
National Ballet

10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

25 THURSDAY

7:00 PM Call The Midwife
Holiday Special
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Invitations
10:00 PM Velvet
Today Is Valentine's Day
11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

26 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
8:00 PM Great Performances
at the Met
Il Barbiere Di Siviglia
11:00 PM Market to Market
11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

27 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Scotland's Highlands
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
New Jersey:
Revolutionary Road Trip,
Part I
7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Those Were The Days
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Shakey Graves
8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Episode 8
10:00 PM State & Water
The Deep Hollow - Part 2
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Rodrigo y Gabriela
featuring the Austin
Symphony
11:30 PM Music California



AT ISSUE
WITH MARK WELP
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 8 PM



YOU GOTTA SEE THIS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 8 PM



A SHOT OF AG
WITH ROB SHARKEY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 8:30 PM



LAWRENCE WELK
A NORTH DAKOTA FARM BOY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 8 PM

28 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Call The Midwife
Holiday Special
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Crossroads Of A Nation:
Missouri's Rifts, Roads
and Civil Rights
- 7:00 PM Happiness
Episode 5
- 7:30 PM Happiness
Episode 6
- 8:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
Pair Bond
- 9:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
Glass Half Full
- 10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
Homesick
- 11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying
Doctor Service
Source Control

29 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Did Grandma Lie?
- 8:00 PM Lawrence Welk: A North
Dakota Farm Boy
- 9:00 PM Hollywood In Utah
- 10:00 PM Short Films On
Science Fiction
and Fantasy
- 10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Fresh Starts - Tales of
Resilience
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

30 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Cultural Expressions:
Kwanzaa
- 8:00 PM Courtmaker John Marshall
and the Forging of
America's Supreme Court
- 10:00 PM Your Fantastic Mind
Hope and Healing

- 10:30 PM Travel Detective
Hidden Gems of Montreal
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

31 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Great Performances,
Rodgers & Hammerstein's
80th Anniversary:
My Favorite Things
- 9:00 PM Anacostia Delta:
The Legacy of DC's
Telemasters
- 10:30 PM Soundwaves at the
Bandshell
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company



AT ISSUE

WITH MARK WELP

**THURSDAYS
at 8 PM!**

HOSTED BY
VETERAN BROADCAST
JOURNALIST
MARK WELP,
THIS WEEKLY PUBLIC
AFFAIRS PROGRAM
OFFERS AN IN-DEPTH
LOOK AT PEOPLE,
ISSUES AND
PERSPECTIVES
THAT ARE MAKING
NEWS, AND MAKING
A DIFFERENCE IN
CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

HOLIDAY SPECIALS

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DAYTIME schedule

DECEMBER 1 -31

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Yoga In Practice
5:30	Odd Squad ^{1, 4}				
6:00	Wild Kratts ^{1, 4}				
6:30	Weather Hunters				
7:00	Lyla In The Loop				
7:30	Carl The Collector				
8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood				
8:30	Rosie's Rules				
9:00	Sesame Street				
9:30	Work It Out Wombats!				
10:00	Donkey Hodie ²				
10:30	Pinkalicious & Peterrific ^{1, 3}				
11:00	Elinor Wonders Why ^{1, 3}				
11:30	Sara's Weeknight Meals	Joy Of Painting With Nicholas Hankins	Garden SMART	My Greek Table	Fit 2 Stitch
12:00	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Antiques Roadshow	Holiday Programs	Holiday Programs	Ancient Roads From Christ To Constantine
12:30	Cycle Around Japan Highlights				
1:00	Short Films On	Between The Covers	Lawrence Welk Show	Epic Trails	Lucky Chow
1:30	MotorWeek	Medical Frontiers		Painting and Travel with Roger & Sarah Bansemer	The Best of The Joy of Painting
2:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics				
2:30	Odd Squad ⁴				
3:00	Molly Of Denali ^{2, 3, 4}				
3:30	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum ^{2,3}				
4:00	Menghayati!/Into The Outdoors/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Woodsongs Kids/Biz Kid\$ ³				
4:30	Arthur ³				
5:00	WTVP BUSINESS BLOCK – DW News				
5:30	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack	A Shot of Ag	MotorWeek	Start Up	How Are We Today?
6:00	PBS NewsHour				

¹ The Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About Christmas! (60 minutes) on December 15, 25

² Peg + Cat + Holidays (60 minutes) on December 18, 22, 25

³ Arthur's Perfect Christmas (60 minutes) on December 5, 19, 24, 25, 26

⁴ Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas (60 minutes) on December 12

WEEKEND schedule

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
5:30	Arthur	Arthur
6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
7:00	Lyla In The Loop	Lyla In The Loop
7:30	Carl The Collector ²	Carl The Collector
8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood ²	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
8:30	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
9:00	Great Family Adventure ¹	Sesame Street
9:30	Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting ¹	Reading League's Reading Buddies
10:00	Quilting Arts ¹	Wimee's Words
10:30	Garden SMART ¹	Wordsville
11:00	America's Heartland ¹	Curious Crew

¹ Pledge Programming December 6-7

² Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:30	Family Plot: Gardening in the Mid-South ¹	Woodsongs Kids ¹
12:00	America's Test Kitchen ¹	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack ¹
12:30	This Old House ¹	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe ¹
1:00	Ask This Old House ¹	Market to Market ¹
1:30	American Woodshop ¹	CapitolView ¹
2:00	Woodsmith Shop ¹	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover ¹
2:30	Home Giagnosis ¹	People Of The North ¹
3:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street TV ¹	See WTVP-HD Daily Listings for Schedule
3:30	Dining with the Chef ¹	
4:00	Steven Raichlen's Planet Barbecue ¹	
4:30	Pati's Mexican Table ¹	
5:00	PBS NewsHour Weekend ¹	
5:30	MotorWeek/Weekend Discovery ¹	

DECEMBER

Celebrations

December is a time of many celebrations. Tune in to enjoy Hanukkah and Kwanzaa specials.

FAMILY RECIPE: JEWISH AMERICAN STYLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7 PM

Enjoy a feast for the soul in a culinary journey through the diaspora in homes across America. More than bagels and blintzes, every delicious dish is a story of resilience and resistance with a side of laughter and a generous slice of life.

A CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6 PM

In the heartwarming and nostalgic program, *A Celebration of Hanukkah*, host Geoffrey Baer takes viewers on a fun exploration of the time-honored traditions of this joyous Jewish holiday, sharing how Hanukkah came to be, the significance of the season's cherished dishes, and the ways families continue to celebrate together across generations.

CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS: KWANZAA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 7 PM

Honoring the heritage, unity, culture, and rich contributions of African Americans, Kwanzaa is more than just a celebration; it's a way of life. *Cultural Expressions: Kwanzaa* is an hour-long documentary that explores the seven principles that are the foundation of Kwanzaa by sharing seven real-life stories of impact.



HOW WTVP STAFF CELEBRATE

Christmas

We surveyed the WTVP staff to find out their household traditions for Christmas music, decorations and favorite Christmas movies. Which traditions do you share?

WHEN IS IT OK TO START LISTENING TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC?

"Whenever the mood strikes. Why not Christmas in July?"

– TODD PILON, SENIOR PRODUCER

"I only like instrumental Christmas music."

– BRIAN MARCHAND, TECHNICAL SPECIALIST

"I try to wait until after Thanksgiving but I always start in November!"

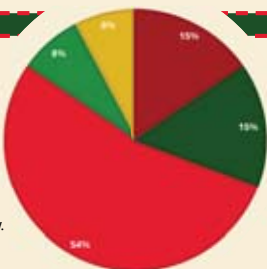
– AMY ARHART, PRODUCER/VIDEOGRAPHER

"In college I decided to hold off public displays of holiday cheer until after November."

– JENNIFER WIELAND, CREW AND WEB SUPPORT

WHEN IS IT OK TO START LISTENING TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC?

- Anytime! Christmas music is good year-round.
- In the -ber months: September, October, November, December.
- After Thanksgiving. One holiday at a time, please!
- December 1. Twenty-five days of Jingle Bells is plenty.
- Never. Christmas music is an assault on good taste.



WHEN DO CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GO UP IN YOUR HOME?

"I make my girlfriend wait until after Halloween but whenever she decides it's Christmas time, lol."

– BRYAN WOLFORD, TRAFFIC MANAGER

"Depends on the weather."

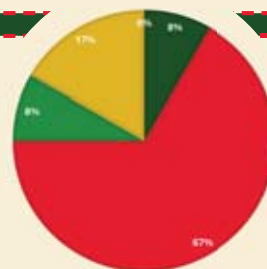
– AMY ARHART, PRODUCER/VIDEOGRAPHER

"Our neighbor puts up a very well-known light show while we put a single sign in our yard that reads 'Ditto.'"

– DENNIS SHANNON,
DIRECTOR OF BROADCAST OPERATIONS

WHEN DO CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GO UP IN YOUR HOME?

- They're still up from last year.
- After Halloween. We go straight from pumpkins to evergreens.
- After Thanksgiving. One holiday at a time, please!
- Whenever I get around to it.
- Never. The Grinch and I share a lot in common.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE?

"Elf!" – KACY MEISCHNER

"The Man Who Invented Christmas" – TODD PILON

"The Grinch, of course" – CALEB RAMSEY

"The Santa Clause 2" – MICAH SEWELL

"It's a Wonderful Life followed closely by White Christmas followed closely by 1947 Miracle on 34th Street."

– DON STEDMAN

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation was funny."

– BRIAN MARCHAND

"The Muppet Christmas Carol" – BRETT WAGNER

"A Christmas Story" – JED KLABUNDE

"Ernest Saves Christmas" – BRYAN WOLFORD

"Home Alone" – CHRISTIAN SAUDER

"1954's White Christmas" – MARK LASSWELL

"Christmas Vacation" – AMY ARHART

"Die Hard. Christmas setting, silly entertainment, happy ending and as much fun as the annual argument about whether or not Die Hard is a Christmas movie."

– DENNIS SHANNON

"The Grinch! Jim Carrey's version first. Then the OG animated one, and then Cumberbatch. All amazing."

– JENNIFER WIELAND

"Elf is an easy watch. But the Cumberbatch Grinch is creeping up my list."

– AMY WALTERS

"It's a Wonderful Life." – AUDREY KAMM

"Jim Carey Grinch. (It's joyful and triumphant!)"

– DAVID JOHNSON

DISCOVER PEORIA

YOUR DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR FROM DISCOVER PEORIA. FIND A FULL LIST AT [PEORIA.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.peoria.org/events)



FOLEPI's Winter Wonderland
123 Par 3 Lane, East Peoria
Every Night in December



Poinsettia Show
Luthy Botanical Garden
Every Day in December



11th Annual Veteran Art Exhibit
Peoria Public Library
Every Day in December



Bradley Men's Basketball Game
Peoria Civic Center
Dec 2



The Book of Mormon
Peoria Civic Center
Dec 2-3



Christmas in the Village: Tree Lighting
Peoria Riverfront Museum
Dec 3



Candlelight Stroll on Washington Square
Washington Square
Dec 4



Christmas in the Village
Peoria Riverfront Museum
Dec 5-6



Krampus Christmas: Holiday Hauntings
Vibe haunted House
Dec 6 + 13



Peoria Rivermen Hockey Game
Peoria Civic Center
Dec 12



Peoria Ballet's The Nutcracker
Peoria Civic Center
Dec 13-14



Music Bingo
Pour Bros. Craft Taproom
Dec 21



Catch Living It Up, **WTVP'S WEEKLY GUIDE TO WEEKEND FUN.**

The two-minute video posts each week on YouTube and WTVP's social media.



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Music

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS JON BATISTE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 10:30 PM

Jon Batiste makes his return to the ACL stage for the first time since his electrifying 2021 Season 47 debut.

GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 8 PM

Rossini's effervescent comedy retakes the stage in Bartlett Sher's madcap production.

GREAT PERFORMANCES RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 7 PM

Explore the vast repertoire of these musical theater pioneers in a star-studded concert from London.

ANACOSTIA DELTA THE LEGACY OF DC'S TELEMASTERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 9 PM

Thirty of DC's finest musicians celebrate their heroes and display the virtuosic, genre-blending music championed by the late guitarists, Danny Gatton and Roy Buchanan.

SOUNDWAVES AT THE BANDSHELL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 10:30 PM

Soundwaves at the Bandshell is a half-hour music special that welcomes two unique and captivating acts to Miami Beach's legendary Bandshell stage: Locos Por Juana and solo artist Kaylan Arnold.



IN CASE *you* MISSED IT

NOVEMBER WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR LOCAL CONTENT! Here are some highlights for you to check out again or for the first time. Just use your smartphone camera, point it at the QR code and a link will take you directly to each story!



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AT ISSUE | COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Learn more about a local organization that gives millions to non-profits.



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CONSIDER THIS | SANTA BILL

For 28 years, Santa Bill has brought joy to kids hospitalized during the holidays.



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DOCS ON CALL | BRAIN AGING

A Neurosurgeon discusses brain changes with age and signs of serious problems.



wtvp.tv/eco204



ECOWATCH | DATA CENTERS | CLINTON NUCLEAR REACTOR | ZERO-WASTE LIFESTYLE

We look into data centers, nuclear reactors, and how to live a zero-waste lifestyle.



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A SHOT OF AG | CATE MEADE | WILD WOODS CHEF

This Master Chef contestant loves hunting, foraging and growing her own ingredients.



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YOU GOTTA SEE THIS | RIVERBOAT | DRUMLINE HISTORY | PEDICAB

Journey down the river, around the sites, through rhythm and back in time.



Welcome to **WTVP's** new monthly article featuring a **WTVP** staff member reviewing a new-to-them show on **Passport**.

WTVP  **Passport**



AMY WALTERS WATCHES MR. BATES VS. THE POST OFFICE

On a rare evening when Amy Walters, wife and mother of two, had full control of the TV remote, she sat down to watch a show that had intrigued her for awhile. As the Marketing Copywriter, Amy spends a lot of time promoting the many wonderful programs **WTVP** has to offer. "I often find myself saying, 'Ooh, that looks really interesting!' as I write about new shows for social media or the weekly newsletter."

So on that special evening, with the remote in hand, Amy opened the PBS video app on her TV and searched for "*Mr. Bates vs the Post Office*." "I love shows based on true stories. And there's something about fighting against injustice that really draws me in," says Amy.

Mr. Bates vs. the Post Office fit that bill. It's the dramatized true story of hundreds of British subpostmasters who were harassed, accused of theft and fraud, and sent to prison based on computer system errors. For over two decades, Alan Bates has fought the injustice—a battle that continues to this day.

"I was immediately pulled into the story," says Amy, who watched the first two episodes that night and the next two episodes the following night. "I was both appalled at the injustice these real people suffered and warmed by their support of one another. Alan Bates' relentless enthusiasm was inspirational."

Amy would recommend this show to fans of true crime, history and current events. "Masterpiece does an incredible job connecting the audience with the characters and offering both heartache and hope in every episode."

Next up on Amy's watch list: **The Real Story of Mr. Bates vs. the Post Office**. "I just have to wait for my next turn with the remote!"



If you, too, are intrigued by this true story, point your phone camera at the QR code and follow the link. All four episodes are available on the PBS video app with **WTVP Passport**, a benefit of membership. To get Passport access, become a member starting at just \$60/year.



WATCH MR BATES



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There's a world of great content to see on **WTVP World 47.3**! World shares the best of public media in news, documentaries and programming. Below are just some of the highlights awaiting you this month.

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STORIES FROM THE STAGE

THE PERFECT GIFT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8:30 PM

Christine Gentry donates a kidney to a stranger; Stacey Bader Curry dreams of one gift but gets another; and on the night of her first big high school dance, Mary D'Alba gets an amazing gift from her dad.



MATERNAL INSTINCT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:30 PM

Joy Beaulieu proves that family is built through resilience as much as biology; Trish Keating becomes both Mum and Dad after the sudden loss of her husband; and Julia Lechner finds strength in letting go after a pregnancy heartbreak.



FINDING FAMILY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:30 PM

Betsy Komjathy helps her teenage son make contact with his birth mother; Dan Dahari describes being smuggled out as an infant from Mexico; and Paul Brouillette's relationship with his mom takes a twist when he adopts a baby boy.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:30 PM

Top storytellers share stories that conjure the holiday spirit. David Dean Bottrell discovers his passion after stealing the school play's spotlight; Andrea Kamen's bright menorah cuts through the darkness of anti-semitism; and Joe Charnitski tries to break a nightmare-before-Christmas bad luck streak.



TRANSFORMATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 8:30 PM

Jason Prokowiew discovers his voice and sees himself in a new light; Jackie Davis embarks on a daring career change that leads to joy; and Judah Leblang changes his name and learns to trust his inner voice.



Weekend MARATHONS



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FRIDAYS, 8 PM — 1 AM

SATURDAYS, 9 AM — 2 PM

SUNDAYS, 11 AM — 4 PM

Let **WTVP Create** spark your creativity with these engrossing marathons!

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Still need some holiday gifting inspiration? With tips and tricks from Create hosts, turn your next crafting, painting, turning or flower project into a handmade gift from the heart.



WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE: EDITOR'S CHOICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Picking the best of New England is nearly impossible, but the editors of Yankee magazine have curated a selection of *Weekends with Yankee* episodes that showcase the region's history, iconic beauty, outdoor activities and plenty of delicious foods! Get ready to enjoy a weekend up north.



JACQUES IS 90!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Birthdays are better with friends, and there's no exception for iconic chefs! Join Create in celebrating Jacques Pépin's 90th birthday with a marathon hosted by the man himself, along with some of the many chefs he has inspired along the way.



HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

One thing the house is sure to be full of right now: leftovers! Good thing we know a thing or two about creating something new out of what you've already got lying around. Make yourself a tasty bite or two with a little inspiration from the pros.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIFTS FROM WTVP

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It's never too early to start your holiday shopping! You can find great gifts and support your local public television station by shopping with **WTVP**. Choose from t-shirts, hoodies, tank tops, hats, tote bags and mugs.

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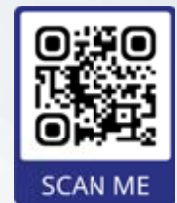
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