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See pages 6-7.

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As we wind down another busy year at Illinois Public Media, I am once again in awe of all that our staff, students, and volunteers do to provide public media to our local communities.

A few highlights from the last 12 months:

- We launched Illinois Soul, an already award-winning station focused on unapologetically providing our region with Black-focused media.
- Our newsroom covered issues important to Illinois and reported on a tumultuous election season with a focus on journalistic integrity and our role in a healthy democracy.
- We launched the second season of **Prairie Fire** while we also celebrated four regional Emmy awards for its first season (see page 18).
- We renewed our commitment to classical music with the hiring of our new manager, Max Ramirez.
- We hosted and attended dozens of events to engage with our community face-to-face.

This year also marked 50 years of the Friends of WILL, and I am reminded that all of this is possible because of your investment and trust. In the year ahead, Illinois Public Media will continue to be a dynamic local media station focused on providing everyone access to music, arts, entertainment, information, education resources, and stories that connect us to our shared human experience. I hope you'll consider making a year-end gift today to help us reach our goal and ensure local public media has a strong future here in central Illinois and beyond.

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Thank you for making all of this possible!



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FILMS FEATURE LOCAL HISTORY AND STORIES

The history, legacy of Memorial Stadium

A new documentary from the Big Ten Network delves into the rich history of Memorial Stadium. **A House of Brick: 100 Years of Memorial Stadium** will air on WILL-TV at 11:30 am Sunday, Dec. 1 and at 10:30 pm Monday, Dec. 30. Not just the home of Illinois football, Memorial Stadium was built as a tribute to those that gave their lives in World War I.

"When the university was given the green-light to build the stadium in the early 1920s, it had to be done without state funding," said Kaitlin Southworth, producer and editor of the film who is the director of video production for Strategic Communications and Marketing at the University of Illinois. "The stadium was made possible by donations from students, alumni, and friends of the university. They believed that this memorial would stand the test of time and they were right."

The documentary includes many remarkable moments within the stadium's walls, including the legendary 1924 game featuring Hall of Fame player Red Grange, the construction of a secret radar shack during the 1950s, the unforgettable Farm Aid concert in 1985, and the makeshift studios under the stands that housed WILL-TV in 1955.

In addition, WILL-TV will air **Red Grange Remembers** at noon Sunday, Dec. 1. The film features portions of the last significant video interview with Harold "Red" Grange (nicknamed the Galloping Ghost), a three-time All-American halfback from the University of Illinois who helped launch professional football as a player for the Chicago Bears. The interview is interspersed with photos and film of his career.



Credit: U. of I. Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

Red Grange carrying the football during U. of I.'s 1924 victory against Michigan on Oct. 18, 1924.



Wild horses featured

The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses, a feature documentary that tells the story of wild horses in the U.S., airs at 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 4. There are more than 80,000 wild horses on our federal lands and more than 50,000 in government custody. One of the places the film visits is Operation Wild Horse in Bull Valley, Illinois. This nonprofit organization provides a space where veterans, active-duty military, and family members can build community and form a bond with wild mustangs and burros. In addition, Operation Wild Horse was featured in a segment on **Prairie Fire** last year. You can stream the segment on the PBS App (or on IPM's YouTube channel).

Don't miss 'Prairie Fire' on Dec. 19



The second season of **Prairie Fire** is well underway. Don't miss a new episode at 7:30 pm Thursday, Dec 19. Although details were not available at press time, this season has already taken us on some wonderful adventures across the state, from visiting one-of-a-kind museums showcasing

hats and typewriters to learning more about the craft of making paper, hand dying yarn, and the legacy of the Black barbershop. Each month, **Prairie Fire** aims to bring audiences in-depth stories from all over the state with rich characters and visuals — with a dash of good humor and fun whenever possible. We are excited to see what our creative team has in store for us this month. And see page 18 to find out about the regional Emmys the team received and which segments were honored.



Although you'll find holiday programming sprinkled throughout our TV schedule this month, here are a few specials you may want to put on your watch list. Look for a bevy of specials the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 22 (see grid on page 9).

Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir

Above, Broadway star Michael Maliakel and beloved British actress Lesley Nicol join the iconic Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in this stunning theatrical program that illustrates the real meaning of Christmas is opening our hearts to all. Nicol and Maliakel join a cast of over 500 people, including the choir and orchestra, Bells at Temple Square, and the Gabriel Trumpet Ensemble. They create a rich and moving celebration of the season with French carols and cherished Christmas classics. **Joy – Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir** airs at 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 17 and at 9:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 24.

Purdue's holiday show

The Purdue Christmas Show is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. **Purdue 90th Anniversary Christmas Show**, from 2023, airs at 12:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 22. Featured are surprise appearances from Santa Claus and Purdue's "All-American" Marching Band. The night also brings passionate performances from All-Campus and Community Chorale, Heart and Soul, Purdue Bells, Purdue Varsity Glee Club, the Purduettes and the University Choir.



Ring in the new year

Acclaimed singer, songwriter, and actress Sara Bareilles takes the stage at the Kennedy Center with the National Symphony Orchestra for an enchanting evening of song and celebration in this New Year's Eve special. Bareilles' has been recognized with multiple Grammy and Tony awards and nominations. **Next at the Kennedy Center: Sara Bareilles: NYE with the National Symphony Orchestra & Friends** airs at 7 pm and 11:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 31.



Holidays with the midwives

Tune in at 7 pm Christmas Day for this year's **Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2024**, followed by **Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2023** at 9 pm. The series' holiday special is traditionally the last episode of each season. You can also watch other seasons airing on WILL-TV as well as with WILL Passport. The holiday specials for seasons 10-13 (2020-2023) are now available via WILL Passport for members. All of these *plus* season 14 (2024) will be free to all on Dec. 25.

Holiday specials on WILL-FM radio

Celebrate with a variety of music throughout the holiday season on Illinois Soul 101.1 and Classical FM 90.9.

Illinois Soul, FM 101.1

Illinois Soul will air uninterrupted 9 am-7 pm on Dec. 25, featuring new and classic holiday songs from your favorite R&B Artists, including Donny Hathaway, The Temptations, James Brown, and more.

Classical FM 90.9

We have highlighted a few holiday specials below, listed in order of when they air. See our listings, pages 4-5, for our full schedule, including many specials during our regular evening concerts.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Blending narration and song, **Three Tales of Christmas with Cantus** (8 pm) features Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Christine Lê's "The Hawai'i Snowman," and Mark Twain's "A Letter from Santa Claus."

Wednesday, Dec. 18

In **365 Holidays with the Canadian Brass** (7 pm), the group plays holiday favorites in new and classic arrangements, including a new arrangement of "Jingle Bells" in the style of Handel.

Carols as Home with the Imani Winds

(8 pm) features a modern take on classic Christmas carols, hosted by Imani Winds founding oboist, Toyin Spellman-Diaz, who coaxes stories of Christmas memories from the members of the ensemble.

Sunday, Dec. 22

All is Bright (6 pm), with host Lynne Warfel, offers an hour of gorgeous, contemplative choral music that tells the traditional Christmas story with songs about angels, the star, and the manger scene.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Welcome Christmas (8 pm) is a perennial Christmas favorite from VocalEssence. Join host Bonnie North for an hour of traditional carols and new discoveries, including the world premiere of three beloved Latvian carols by composer Ēriks Ešenvalds.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (7 pm) a worldwide Christmas Eve broadcast of a service of Biblical readings, carols, and related seasonal classical music will be presented by one of the world's foremost choirs of men and boys and performed in the 500-year-old Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England. (*Encore presentation at 7 pm Christmas Day*)

Thursday, Dec. 26

The Sounds of Kwanzaa (7 pm) offers a background on the history of Kwanzaa and its guiding principles, alongside musical selections that highlight the spirit of the celebration.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Candles Burning Brightly (6 pm) is a delightful hour for everyone to celebrate the Jewish Festival of Lights! Lots of music from Jewish communities around the world, plus a hilarious lesson on how to prepare a classic Chanukah dish and a timeless and touching holiday story that brings light into every home.

Join Jonathan Miller, artistic director of Chicago a cappella and longtime champion of Jewish choral music, for an inspiring and informative show featuring choral music set to Chanukah texts. **A Chanukah Celebration with Chicago a cappella** (7 pm) includes familiar tunes as well as heartfelt original compositions.



Specials from PBS KIDS

New Year, new PBS KIDS specials! Countdown to 2025 with your favorite little people with three new New Year's episodes from **Lyla in the Loop** (at right), **Alma's Way**, and **Donkey Hodie**. It's also time to celebrate the winter holidays with specials from **Nature Cat**, **Arthur**, **Let's Go Luna**, and so many more! Visit will.illinois.edu/tv/schedule for our online schedule for air dates and times for these specials and more.



WEEKDAYS

6 am

NPR Morning Edition with Leila Fadel, Steve Inskip, A Martínez, and Michel Martin

9 am

Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Noon

Anytime Classical with John Clare (See page 19.)

NPR News Headlines at 1:01, and 3:01.

1 pm

Afternoon Classics

5 pm

NPR All Things Considered with Ailsa Chang, Mary Louise Kelly, Ari Shapiro, and Juana Summers

6 pm

The 21st Show with Brian Mackey

7 pm Monday-Thursday

The Evening Concert

Monday-Friday at 7 pm and 6–9 pm Sundays.

Listings may change.

Monday:

The New York Philharmonic This Week

- 12/2 Dvorak: Cello Concerto in B Minor
Sheku Kanneh-Mason, cello
Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor
- 12/9 Lyadov: The Enchanted Lake
Tchaikovsky: Selections from Swan Lake
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10
- 12/16 Handel: Messiah
Westminster Symphonic Choir

12/23 Holiday Specials:

- A Chanticleer Christmas**
St. Olaf Christmas Festival 2024
- 12/30 Vaughan-Williams: Fantasia on Greensleeves
Poulenc: Gloria in G
Tchaikovsky: Selections from The Nutcracker

Tuesday:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

- 12/3 Massenet: Meditation from Thaïs
Debussy: Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun
Richard Strauss: Don Quixote, Op. 35
- 12/10 Schumann: Overture to Manfred, Op. 115
Brahms: Schicksalslied, Op. 54
Holst: The Planets, Op. 32

12/17 Holiday Specials

Winter Holidays Around the World with Bill McGlaughlin
Three Tales of Christmas with Cantus
(See page 3.)

12/24 Holiday Special

- A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**
(See page 3.)
- 12/31 Sibelius: Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47
Richard Strauss: Burleske in D Minor
Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104

Wednesday:

WFMT Orchestra Series: European Broadcasting Union

- 12/4 Stravinsky: Suite No. 2
Bartók: Violin Concerto No. 2
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 2, Op. 17
- 12/11 Mendelssohn: The Hebrides Overture
Grieg: Piano Concerto, Op. 16
- 12/18 **Holiday Specials** (See page 3.)
365 Holidays with the Canadian Brass
Carols as Home with the Imani Winds
- 12/25 **Holiday Special**
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
(See page 3.)

Thursday:

The Sound of 13 with Loki Karuna
12/5 **Black Futurism and Imagination**
A collection of 21st-century works.

12/12 **The Motherland**
Music of the sights and sounds of Africa.

12/19 **Holiday Special**
Jonathan Winters' "A Christmas Carol"

12/26 **Holiday Special**
The Sounds of Kwanzaa (See page 3)

8 pm Thursday

The Middle with Jeremy Hobson

A nonpartisan live call-in talk show that focuses on elevating the voices of the people in the middle of the country.

7 pm Friday

Early Music Now with Sara Schneider

- 12/6 **Most Excellent Music for the Doge**
A recreation of a Venetian coronation as it may have been celebrated at San Marco in 1595.
- 12/13 **Happy 80th, William Christie!**
Conductor and harpsichordist William Christie celebrates his 80th birthday.
- 12/20 **A Star in the East**
A pre-Christmas feast of Baroque music by Charpentier and others.
- 12/27 **A Child is Born in Bethlehem**
Renaissance and Baroque Christmas favorites.

8 pm Friday

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

- 12/6 **Cool Vibes** (encore)
A sampling of the great vibraphone players of the hi-fi era.
- 12/13 **Burt Bacharach** (encore)
Remembering the career and music of Burt Bacharach.
- 12/20 **Hi-Fi Christmas 2024**
Hang up your stockings for a selection of swinging holiday tunes!
- 12/27 **Standing Ovation for 2024**
A look back at the hi-fi artists we lost this year.

9 pm Friday

Night Music Andrea Blain, Scott Blankenship, and Steve Seel keep you company through the night and into the morning.

SATURDAYS

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition

with Scott Simon

9 am

Classics By Request

Send requests to Vincent Trauth at classreq@illinois.edu or leave a message at **217-265-5064**.

11 am

Classics of the Phonograph

John Frayne's weekly exploration of memorable recordings from the 20th century.

- 12/7 **Italian Baroque Christmas Music**
- 12/14 **Handel's "Messiah" of Yesterday and Today**
- 12/21 **Bach's "Christmas Oratorio"** (Day 1)
- 12/28 **Bach's "Christmas Oratorio"** (Day 2)

Noon**Afternoon at the Opera**

The On-Air Met season begins! All performances with the Met Ensemble.

- 12/7 **Die Frau Ohne Schatten** "The Woman Without a Shadow" (R. Strauss). Yannick Nezet-Seguin, cond., with Elza an den Heever (Empress), Lise Lindstrom (Dyer's Wife), and Michael Volle (Barak). Performance from Oct. 19, 2024.
- 12/14 **Grounded** (Jeanine Tesori). Yannick Nezet-Seguin, cond., with Emily D'Angelo (Jess) and Ben Bliss (Eric).
- 12/21 **The Magic Flute** (Mozart). Youth Version in English. J. David Jackson, cond., with Duke Kim (Tamino), Emily Pogoreic (Pamina), and Sean Michael Plumb (Papageno).
- 12/28 **Hansel and Gretel** (Humperdinck). Thomas Fulton, cond., with Frederica von Stade (Hansel), Judith Blegen (Gretel), and Rosalind Elias (Witch). Performance from Dec. 25, 1982.

4 pm**NPR All Things Considered****5 pm**

Performance Today Weekend with Fred Childs
Classical music in concert from American Public Media studios and sites across the nation and around the world, as well as classical music news, interviews, and features. **[Also Sundays at 2 pm]**

7 pm

The Midnight Special with Marilyn Rea Beyer
A lively potpourri of folk, Celtic and bluegrass, show and novelty tunes, and hilarious comedy routines.

9 pm

American Parlor Songbook with JP Houston and Julie Van Dusen features clever songs, charming stories, and hilarious sketches.

NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

10 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

11 pm

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft
(See Friday at 8 pm.)

midnight

Classics All Night

SUNDAYS**7 am**

NPR Weekend Edition
with Ayesha Rascoe

9 am

Sunday Baroque
Hosted by Suzanne Bona. **NPR News Headlines** at 9:01 and 10:01.

1 pm

Feminine Fusion
Host Diane Jones highlights the influence of women in classical music.

2 pm

Performance Today Weekend

4 pm

NPR All Things Considered

5 pm**Classical Music****6 pm****The Evening Concert****The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**

- 12/1 Reicha: Wind Quintet, Op. 91, No. 3
Mozart: Quartet in F Major for Strings, K. 590
- 12/8 Carlo Farina: Capriccio stravagante
Tomaso Antonio Vitali: Ciaccona
Bach: Cantata Ich habe genug, BWV 82
- 12/15 **Holiday Special**
Classical Christmas on the Third Floor With Bill Cromwell (3-hour special)
- 12/22 **Holiday Special**
All is Bright (See page 3.)
- 12/29 **Holiday Special**
Hanukkah Special: Candles Burning Brightly (See page 3.)

7 pm**Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari**

- 12/1 **Romantic Chamber Music from Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico**
Music by Glauco Velázquez, and others.
- 12/8 **Sephardic Music on both sides of the Atlantic**
Explore this valuable tradition of exile, longing, and intolerance.
- 12/15 **Holiday Special**
Classical Christmas on the Third Floor With Bill Cromwell (continues)
- 12/22 **Classical Christmas in Latin America**
- 12/29 **Holiday Special**
Hanukkah Special: A Chanukah Celebration with Chicago a capella (See page 3.)

8 pm**The Evening Concert**

- Gateways Radio** with Loki Karuna
- 12/1 Claude Debussy: Arabesque No. 1
Michael Abels: Dance for Martin's Dream
David Baker: Saxophone Concerto
- 12/8 Howard Swanson: The Cuckoo
J.S. Bach: Cello Suite No. 1
Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson: Lamentations (IV)-
- 12/15 **Holiday Special**
Classical Christmas on the Third Floor With Bill Cromwell (continues)
- 12/22 **Holiday Special**
Welcome Christmas (See page 3.)
- 12/29 **Holiday Special**
Hanukkah Special: Sound the Shofar: An Ancient Instrument in Modern Times

9 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

10 pm**Classical Music****11 pm**

Harmonia with Angela Mariani
Baroque and early music. **NPR News Headlines** at 11:01

overnight**Classical Music**

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Jazz Network	5:00	Jazz Network	Jazz Network
NPR Morning Edition with Kimberly Schofield	6:00	R&B	NPR Weekend Edition
	7:00		
	8:00		
	9:00		
R&B Smooth Jazz Neo-Soul	10:00	Dialogue with Kennedy Vincent	The Cut (featuring gospel music)
	11:00		
	Noon	Cafe Mocha Radio	Classic R&B
	1:00	R&B	
	2:00		
	3:00		
	4:00	The Wind Down with Will Downing	Jazz Night in America
	5:00		
1A	6:00	Cool Jazz Countdown	Roots of Smooth
It's Been a Minute (M) Dialogue (Tu) Reveal (W) Throughline (Th) Code Switch/Life Kit (F)	7:00	Catch the Flo	New Urban Jazz Lounge
	8:00		
Jazz Network	9:00	The Soul of Jazz	Pillow Talk
	10:00	Jazz After Hours	Jazz Network
	11 pm- 2 am		
	3-4 am		

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TOP 5 R&B Artists

Tying in to our on-air series, we feature the Top 5 R&B artists according to community members, staff members, and VIPs.



Lloyd S. Randle is a community advisory member with Illinois Soul. Now retired, he is a former member of the Danville City Council. He has been involved in his community for more than 50 years and is a two-time recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award, presented by two Danville churches. His top 5:

1. The Stylistics
2. The O'Jays
3. Four Tops
4. The Spinners
5. Frankie Beverly and Maze



MUSIC SPECIALS FEATURED ON WILL-TV

In addition to holiday specials on all our stations (see pages 2-3), there is an abundance of music specials on WILL-TV. Here are a few that fans of R&B and soul music will enjoy.

70s Soul Superstars, pictured above, is a once-in-a-lifetime gathering of legends of 1970s Motown, R&B, and soul — all original performers singing their greatest hits. Soul diva Patti LaBelle hosts the historic reunion of classic recording artists of the decade, including the Commodores, original lead Eugene Record reuniting with the Chi-Lites, the Stylistics, Yvonne Elliman, Heatwave, Earl Young's Trammps, the Emotions and the Manhattans. You may not remember all their names but you know each and every one of their songs as the music that defined the soul of the 1970s.

70s Soul Superstars airs at 1 pm Sunday, Dec. 1



In 1994, Whitney Houston took the stage in Durban, South Africa, becoming the first major Western musician to visit the newly unified, post-apartheid nation following President Nelson Mandela's election. This performance was more than a concert: it was a celebration of freedom, hope, and unity. **Whitney Houston — The Concert for a New South Africa (Durban)**, airing on WILL-TV at 10:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 1, immortalizes a night that transcended music and became a beacon of change and celebration.

Recorded on his 1994-1995 world tour, **Luther Vandross – Always and Forever: An Evening of Songs at Royal Albert Hall** features the true soul and R&B master at his most smooth and sensuous, performing his greatest hits and favorite covers. He is joined on stage by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and at times by the London Community Gospel Choir. From love songs to emotional numbers to party hits, Vandross belts out hit after hit. This concert special airs at 10 pm Friday, Dec. 6.



Sixty years after Quincy Jones first moved to Paris in his early 20s, he said that he still thought of the city as a second home. Filmed in front of a capacity crowd at Accor Hotels Arena, **Quincy Jones: A Musical Celebration in Paris** brings together nearly 100 world-class musicians, including a symphony orchestra conducted by Jules Buckley and a line-up of special guests. Songs include "Soul Bossa Nova," "Billie Jean," and "Let the Good Times Roll," and others. **Quincy Jones: A Musical Celebration in Paris** airs at 10:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Monday - Friday				Saturday		Sunday	
NPR Morning Edition with Kimberly Schofield				5:00	BBC World Service		BBC World Service
				6:00	Commodity Week		Inside Europe
				6:30	State Week in Review		
				7:00	NPR Weekend Edition		NPR Weekend Edition
1A				9:00	The Splendid Table		It's Been A Minute
				10:00	Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!		
The 21st Show with Brian Mackey				11:00	Statewide		Code Switch/Life Kit
Here & Now with Jason Croft				Noon	This American Life		Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!
				The Middle (F repeat)	1:00	The Moth Radio Hour	
						State Week in Review	
The Closing Market Report				2:00	Radiolab		Reveal
BBC Newshour	Commodity Week (F)			2:30			
Fresh Air				3:00	TED Radio Hour		On the Media
All Things Considered with Jim Meadows				4:00	All Things Considered		All Things Considered
				5:00	Hidden Brain		People's Pharmacy
				6:00	Big Picture Science		Travel with Rick Steves
The 21st Show (repeat)				7:00	Living on Earth		Throughline
Fresh Air (M-Tu)	Dialogue (W)	The Middle (Th)	Science Friday (F)	8:00	Latino USA		Special Programming
BBC World Service		Fresh Air (W-F repeat)		9:00	Alternative Radio		To the Best of Our Knowledge
				10:00	Science Friday (repeat)		
		11:00	Left, Right, and Center		Le Show		
		12:00-5 am	BBC World Service		BBC World Service		

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Todd Gleason, host, **Closing Market Report** and **Commodity Week**:

Opening Market Report: 8:55 am; **Market Update:** 10:58 am; **Midday Market Report:** 12:58; **Closing Market Report:** 2:06. **Fridays: Commodity Week:** 2:30; **Grain Market Summary:** 4:32.

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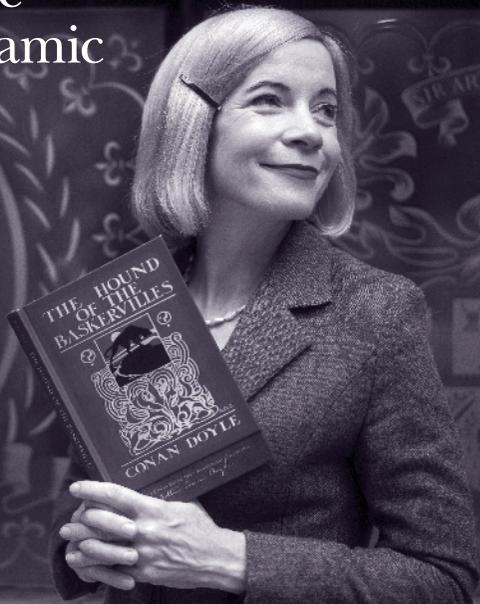
Monday-Friday

Weather forecasts from meteorologist Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.

Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (T, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
Alma's Way	6:30	Alma's Way	Alma's Way
Lyla in the Loop	7:00	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla in the Loop
Carl the Collector	7:30	Carl the Collector	Carl the Collector
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Rosie's Rules	8:30	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
Sesame Street	9:00	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
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Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	12/1 Market to Market 12/8 Rick Steves' Europe 12/15, 29 State of Change 2024 12/22 Prairie Fire
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Odd Squad 12/16 Father Brown	1:30	Milk Street's My Family Recipe 12/7 Am. Test Kitchen (25 Years)	12/8 Noon 5 Minute Yoga Fix with Peggy Cappy 1:00 Broadway's Leading Men: A Musical Celebration (p.13) 3:00 Ragtime, The Musical: All-Star Reunion Concert (p. 13) 5:00 PBS News Weekend 5:30 All Creatures Great and Small: Tricky & Friends (see p. 12)
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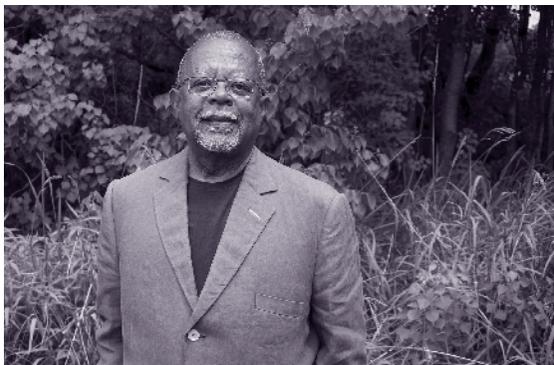
Worsley looks at the Doyle-Holmes dynamic

Lucy Worsley explores the most famous detective in the world, Sherlock Holmes, and the author that created him in a new special. For more than a century, Holmes has intrigued and excited his fans with his intellect and powers of deduction. He made his author, Arthur Conan Doyle, rich and famous. But the writer came to hate his fictional character. In this series, historian and lifelong Sherlock Holmes fan, Lucy Worsley investigates this curious relationship between Holmes and Doyle, detective and author. The three-part **Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle** begins at 7 pm Sunday, Dec. 8.



The life and work of Henry Louis Gates Jr.

A new special explores the scholarly works of Henry Louis Gates Jr., a leading figure in American cultural life and a renowned, respected, and popular cultural historian. On the 10th anniversary of **Finding Your Roots** and 25 years since Gates' first PBS documentary, a new retrospective program explores his scholarly works over the past five years and the historic events and national cultural reckoning on racial injustice that took place in the nation. In those five years, Gates has produced over 50 episodes of **Finding Your Roots** and released several multi-part documentaries, including **Gospel**, **Gospel Live!**, **Making Black America: Through the Grapevine**, and **The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song**. **Henry Louis Gates Jr. – The Fabric of America** airs at 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 3.



Are you ready for season 23 of 'Midsomer'?

Midsomer Murders returns with new mysteries in season 23 that premieres at 8 pm Saturday, Dec. 21. Set in the fictional picturesque English county of Midsomer, DCI Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon) and his trusty sidekick, DS Jamie Winter (Nick Hendrix), endeavor to solve perplexing crimes while also exploring the quirks of this delightful yet deadly county. They find themselves thrust into new weird and wonderful worlds — from doomsday prepping and police retirement villages to artisan bakeries and drag shows, where lurking beneath the surface are eccentric characters and peculiar murders.



Go behind the scenes with Ken Burns

Behind the Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns explores the making of the groundbreaking PBS film about the work of the 15th-century polymath Leonard da Vinci.

The documentary goes behind the scenes with footage filmed during the production to understand all the components involved in creating a four-hour documentary of this magnitude. Directors Ken Burns, Sarah Burns, and David McMahon reveal the challenges of telling this 500-year-old story for modern television viewers. The discussions range from the creative choices made to fully represent this artist-scientist-genius and how best to bring his towering achievements to life on the screen. It's also the first non-American subject for Ken Burns and the team discusses the change in the filmmaking style. **Behind the Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns** airs at 9 pm Wednesday, Dec. 4. In addition, celebrate the 1990 landmark documentary series **The Civil War with Ken Burns: The Civil War** at 8:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 3. The two-hour special features interviews and footage from the original series and how the film became a cultural icon of American storytelling.



From left, David McMahon, Sarah Burns, and Ken Burns.

Remembering Pearl Harbor



The sinking of the USS Arizona.

Narrated by veteran Hollywood actor Tom Selleck, **Remember Pearl Harbor** chronicles the personal stories of veterans and citizens who witnessed the surprise attack by the Japanese on the American Pacific Fleet on Dec. 7, 1941, launching the United States into World War II. Using archival footage and photos and graphics, the documentary shows in detail the bombings on Oahu, along with the fiery explosion of the USS Arizona, the sinking of the USS Oklahoma, and the attacks on Hickam Field, as well as on other parts of the island. The film includes first-

person accounts, including Barbara Kotinek, who was just six years old at the time and lived within view of Pearl Harbor. **Remember Pearl Harbor** airs at 9 pm Monday, Dec. 9.

Celebrate with Willie on his 90th birthday

The star-studded **Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration** lauds the country legend's milestone birthday and the 12-time Grammy Award-winner's contributions to popular culture and music. This historic concert event, recorded live on Willie's 90th birthday before a sold-out audience at the legendary Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, features unforgettable interpretations of many classics from the Nelson songbook. Performances include Beck, Gary Clark Jr., Sheryl Crow, Snoop Dogg, Norah Jones, Miranda Lambert, Dave Matthews, Nelson's sons (Lukas Nelson and Micah Nelson), Keith Richards, George Strait, Chris Stapleton, and Willie Nelson. Enjoy your front-row seat at **Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration** at 7 pm Monday, Dec. 2; 9:30 pm Monday, Dec. 16; and at 8 pm Friday, Dec. 20. In addition, fans will want to watch **Willie Nelson Live at Budokan** at 10 pm Friday, Dec. 20, and **The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum** at 9 pm Monday, Dec. 2.





Tricki Woo and other creatures big and small

Celebrate the animals we love from **All Creatures Great and Small** on **Tricki & Friends**. The special revisits favorite scenes and behind the scenes to learn more about the series' animal stars. The biggest scene stealer and smallest cast member is Tricki Woo, an overindulged long-haired Pekingese. Tricki's best moments are included as well as Susie having puppies on Christmas Eve, the birth of the foal to Alderson's mare, and more. **All Creatures Great and Small: Tricki & Friends** airs at 7:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 1 and 5:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 8.

1 Sunday

5:30 All Creatures Great and Small: Touring The Dales (TV-PG)

Celebrate the popular MASTERPIECE series and the beauty of the Dales by touring the actual locations where filming takes place, including the Skeldale House, Heston Grange, The Drovers Arms, as well as scenic vistas, bridges, and farms. *Repeated 12 am 12/4.*

7:30 All Creatures Great and Small: Tricki & Friends (TV-PG)

See above. *Repeated 2 am 12/4 & 5:30 pm 12/8.*

9:00 Wolf Hall on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)

Season 1, episode 6 of 6. Henry's love for Anne Boleyn has given way to anger and distrust. Henry instructs Cromwell to rid him of his second queen. Sensing her loss of favor, the queen's enemies gather.

10:30 Whitney Houston — The Concert for a New South Africa (Durban) (TV-G)

See page 7. *Repeated 3 pm 12/2.*

2 Monday

7:00 Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration (TV-PG)

See page 11. *Repeated 12:30 am 12/5, 12:30 am 12/7, 9:30 pm 12/16 & 8 pm 12/20.*

9:00 The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum (TV-G)

Join Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson for this live concert recorded in 1990. *Repeated 2 am 12/3 & 2:30 am 12/7*

10:30 Rick Steves' Festive Europe (TV-G)

This special captures Europeans doing what they do so expertly — celebrating the good life. *Repeated 2:30 am 12/5 & 4:30 am 12/8.*

11:00 Amanpour and Company

3 Tuesday

7:00 Henry Louis Gates Jr. — The Fabric of America (TV-G)

See page 10.

8:30 Ken Burns: The Civil War (TV-G)

See page 11.

10:30 Rick Steves Why We Travel (TV-PG)

11:00 Amanpour and Company

4 Wednesday

7:00 The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses

See page 1. *Repeated 2 pm 12/5 & 3 am 12/6.*

9:00 Behind The Scenes of Leonardo da Vinci with Ken Burns (TV-PG)

See page 11. *Repeated 1:30 am 12/6 & 2 pm 12/6*

10:30 Rick Steves' Heart of Italy (TV-G)

Rick Steves delves deep into the Italian heartland, the place where la dolce vita is a way of life. *Repeated 11 pm 12/8.*

11:30 Amanpour and Company

5 Thursday

7:00 Mid American Gardener

7:30 Il Volo in the Valley of the Temples (TV-G)

This performance showcases the powerful vocals of the acclaimed trio on a mix of beloved classics, operatic arias, and popular songs — all infused with their signature style. *Repeated 12 am 12/6 & 3:30 pm 12/6.*

9:00 Celtic Woman: Postcards from Ireland

Join the Grammy-nominated ensemble for a message of love, hope, and holiday joy in the form of musical postcards. Bringing a fresh approach to their performances, Celtic Woman takes viewers on a stunning journey across Ireland.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

6 Friday

7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 Hauser — Classic Gala Concert Live at the Royal Albert Hall (TV-G)

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable musical journey with global music superstar Hauser. His masterful cello performances transport audiences to new realms of emotion and beauty. Featuring guests Caroline Campbell, Lara Fabian, and Aida Garifullina.

10:00 Luther Vandross — Always and Forever: An Evening of Songs at Royal Albert Hall (TV-G)

See page 7.

11:30 Amanpour and Company

7 Saturday

- 7:00 Shamrock Tenors: Live from Belfast** (TV-G)
Take a musical journey through the Emerald Isle's most beloved songs with these exciting new artists who are shaping the future of Celtic Music.
- 8:30 Roy Orbison Forever** (TV-PG)
This special charts Roy Orbison's career and close relationships with other musicians through interviews and archive performances, some of them never before seen in America.
- 10:00 Simon & Garfunkel: The Concert In Central Park** (TV-G)
Join the iconic duo and more than 500,000 fans who came out for this once-in-a-lifetime 1981 benefit concert for the world's most famous urban park.
- 11:30 Concert for George** (TV-G)
In 2002, one year after the passing of music legend George Harrison, a performance tribute was organized in his honor at London's Royal Albert Hall.

8 Sunday

- 7:00 Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle** (TV-PG) (DVS)
See page 10. *Doctor and Detective*. Part 1 of 3. Repeated 12 am 12/9, 3:30 pm 12/9 & 2 am 12/10.
- 8:30 Vienna Blood: Analyzing The Hidden Truths** (TV-PG)
Go behind the scenes of this thrilling murder mystery series set in dangerous and dazzling Vienna in the early 1900s. Interviews with the cast and creators explore the fascinating cases, characters, and relationships featured in the series.
- 9:30 Classical Rewind (My Music Presents)** (TV-G)
From the romantic mood of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" to the dramatic emotions of Orff's "O Fortuna," this music special visits the greatest compositions and composers of all time.
- 11:00 Rick Steves' Heart of Italy** (TV-G)
See 10:30 pm 12/4.

9 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Junk in the Trunk 10.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Did Grandma Lie?
- 9:00 Remember Pearl Harbor** (TV-PG)
See page 11. Repeated 12:30 am 12/10.
- 10:30 The Last Ring Home** (TV-PG)
This film is the story of Lt. Minter Dial and his 1932 Annapolis Naval Academy ring that miraculously made its way home 17 years after he was killed as a POW of the Japanese in WW II.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

10 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)
The New World. Henry Louis Gates Jr. traces ancestors of actor John Lithgow and journalist Maria Hinojosa who thrived in North America long before the birth of the United States. Repeated 2 pm 12/11.
- 8:00 Finding Your Roots** (TV-PG)
On Broadway. Henry Louis Gates Jr. investigates the family histories of Broadway stars Audra MacDonald and Mandy Patinkin, discovering ancestors whose struggles laid the groundwork for their success. Repeated 3 pm 12/11.
- 9:00 Frontline**
Breakdown in Maine. This film investigates the deadliest mass shooting in Maine history and the missed opportunities to prevent it. With the Portland Press Herald and Maine Public, "Frontline" examines breakdowns with police, military, and mental health care professionals before the Lewiston shooting.
- 10:00 Frontline**
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

Two specials bring Broadway to you

Join the American Pops Orchestra to pay tribute to the male stars of Broadway in **Broadway's Leading Men: A Musical Celebration** at 1 pm Sunday, Dec. 8. The special includes Christian Borle, Norm Lewis, Matthew Morrison, Andre De Shields, Christopher Jackson, Paulo Szot, and appearances by Liev Schreiber, James Monroe Iglehart, and more. Conducted by Luke Frazier with the American Pops Orchestra.



Immediately afterward at 3 pm, **Ragtime, the Musical: All-Star Reunion Concert** celebrates the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "Ragtime" with a once-in-a-lifetime reunion concert. The special features original cast members, including Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell, and Peter Friedman, joined by Kelli O'Hara.



11 Wednesday

- 7:00 Nature** (TV-G) (DVS)
Portugal: Wild Land on the Edge. From forest to coast, witness the majesty of Portugal's wild horses, storks, monk seals and more. Repeated 2 pm 12/12, 3 am 12/13 & 3 am 12/15.
- 8:00 NOVA** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Rebuilding Notre Dame. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the challenges of restoring Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral after a devastating fire in 2019. Repeated 4 am 12/13, 2 pm 12/13 & 2 am 12/15.
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead** (TV-PG)
The Sunken Basilica. The 2014 unexpected discovery of the sunken remains of a fourth-century basilica in Turkey creates a new challenge for scientists. Repeated 1 am 12/12, 2 am 12/13, 3 pm 12/13 & 1 am 12/15.
- 10:00 Andes: Kingdoms of the Sky** (TV-G) (DVS)
Experience the astonishing natural life found in the world's longest mountain range. Repeated 4 pm 12/13.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

12 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30 State of Change 2024** (TV-G)
- 8:00 Father Brown**
Forensic Nun. Season 11, episode 2 of 10. Father Brown investigates when his friend Sister Boniface is implicated in the murder of an artist. Repeated 7 pm 12/14 & 1:30 pm 12/16.
- 9:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)
How to Murder A Tune. Season 3, episode 5 of 8. The nuns are excited to be involved in a religious TV show but a murder disrupts proceedings. Repeated 6 pm 12/15.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise** (TV-PG)
Season 13, episode 7 of 8. The team find themselves split between Saint Marie and the gorgeous island of Saint Auguste to investigate the mysterious death of a British tourist.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

13 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Violent Femmes 40th Anniversary with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** (TV-14)
Violent Femmes celebrate the 40th anniversary of their iconic 1983 debut album. Repeated 1 am 12/14.
- 9:00 Yacht Rock Revue: 70s and 80s Hits, Live from New York** (TV-G)
Set sail on the shimmering seas for a nostalgic musical journey through the late 1970s and early '80s, where soft rock and smooth grooves rule the waves. Repeated 3 am 12/16.
- 10:00 Cyndi Lauper Live ... at Last** (TV-PG)
In 2004, 20 years after her debut album made her an icon, singer Cyndi Lauper performed an intimate concert at New York's Town Hall.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

14 Saturday

- 7:00 Father Brown**
The Forensic Nun. See 8 pm 12/12. Repeated 1:30 pm 12/16.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
Dark Autumn, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 4, episodes 9 & 10 of 10. Postman Dave Cutler is murdered while on an early morning round.
- 10:00 Agatha Christie's Poirot**
The Peril at the End House, part 1 of 2. Season 2, part 1 of 10. Poirot meets a beautiful heiress whose life is in danger.
- 11:01 Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats/Adia Victoria.

15 Sunday

- 7:00 Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle** (TV-PG) (DVS)
See page 10. *Fact and Fiction.* Part 2 of 3. Repeated 4 pm 12/16.
- 8:00 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Broodiness. Season 4, episode 1 of 7. It's the spring of 1940 and change is on the horizon. Repeated 12:30 am 12/16 & 2 am 12/17.
- 9:14 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
Carpe Diem. Season 4, episode 2 of 7. Siegfried hires a bookkeeper to bring method to their madness. Repeated 1:30 am 12/16 & 3:14 am 12/17.
- 10:30 Luna & Sophie** (TV-14)
Loss. Season 3, episode 10 of 13. The son of a pharmacist is shot during a random break-in.
- 11:30 Miss Friman's War** (TV-14)
Season 1, episode 6 of 6. Lottie's marriage is at a breaking point.

16 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Junk in the Trunk 11.
- 8:00 American Masters** (TV-14) (DVS)
Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around. Discover the story behind singer Brenda Lee's iconic songs and how her early fame and poverty shaped her artistry across pop, rock 'n' roll and country. Repeated 1 am 12/17 & 2 am 12/18.
- 9:30 Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration** (TV-PG)
See page 11. Repeated 8 pm 12/20.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

17 Tuesday

- 7:00 Joy — Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir** (TV-PG)
See page 2. Repeated 3:30 pm 12/22, 9:30 pm 12/24 & 3:30 am 12/28.
- 8:30 Too Hot to Handel — The Gospel Messiah** (TV-G)
Handel's 18th-century masterpiece "The Messiah" reimagined by Conductor Marin Alsop. Repeated 12:30 am 12/18, 3 pm 12/18, 8 pm 12/24 & 2 am 12/28.
- 10:00 Christmas at Longleat** (TV-G)
The team of one of Britain's grandest estates prepares for the holiday season. Repeated 9 pm 12/23, 4 pm 12/24 & 2 am 12/25.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

18 Wednesday

- 7:00 The Earthshot Report**
- 8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Lost Tombs of Notre Dame. During restoration work after the devastating 2019 fire at Notre Dame de Paris, two lead sarcophaguses were discovered under the cathedral's stone floor. Repeated 4 am 12/20, 2 pm 12/20 & 2 am 12/22.
- 9:00 Secrets of the Dead (TV-PG)**
Eiffel's Race to the Top. Discover the untold story behind Paris' most famous landmark and the race to build a monument 1,000 feet tall. Repeated 1 am 12/19, 2 am 12/20, 3 pm 12/20 & 1 am 12/22.
- 10:00 Himalaya: Kingdoms of the Sky (TV-G) (DVS)**
Witness the extraordinary wildlife and remarkable people of Earth's highest mountain range. Repeated 4 pm 12/20.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

19 Thursday

- 7:00 Mid-American Gardener**
- 7:30 Prairie Fire 2024**
See page 1 and awards on page 18.
- 8:00 Father Brown**
The Hermit of Hazelnut Cottage. Season 11, episode 3 of 10. Brenda faces ghosts from her past and becomes embroiled in a dispute that ends in murder. Repeated 7 pm 12/21 & 1:30 pm 12/23.
- 9:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)**
It's Just Not Cricket. Season 3, episode 6 of 8. A village cricket match provides an unlikely backdrop for embezzlement and murder. Repeated 6 pm 12/22.
- 10:00 Death In Paradise (TV-PG)**
Season 13, episode 8 of 8. It's the team's most confounding puzzle yet when a passenger boards a flight to Dominica, vanishes mid-flight, then is found dead on Saint Marie oil.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

20 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00 Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration (TV-PG)**
See page 11.
- 10:00 Willie Nelson: Live at Budokan (TV-G)**
Grab a front-row seat to this 1984 Tokyo concert, one of Nelson's live legendary performances.
- 11:30 Amanpour and Company**

21 Saturday

- 7:00 Father Brown**
The Hermit of Hazelnut Cottage. See 8 pm 12/19. Repeated 1:30 pm 12/23.
- 8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)**
The Blacktrees Prophecy, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 23, episode 1 & 2 of 8. See page 10.
- 9:30 Agatha Christie's Poirot**
The Peril at the End House, Part 2 of 2. Season 2, part 2 of 10. See 10 pm 12/14.
- 10:30 The Caverns Sessions (TV-PG)**
Ozomatli.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG)**
Parker McCollum/Robert Earl Keen.

22 Sunday

- 7:00 Lucy Worsley's Holmes vs. Doyle (TV-PG) (DVS)**
See page 10. *Shadows and Sleuths.* Part 3 of 3. Repeated 4 pm 12/23.
- 8:00 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Right Hand Man. Season 4, episode 3 of 7. When James and Helen can't get any time together, a new trainee vet is hired, though things don't quite work out as expected. Repeated 1 am 12/23 & 2 am 12/24.
- 9:15 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)**
By The Book. Season 4, episode 4 of 7. Carmody is challenged with learning to be a vet outside of his books, and James helps new farmers with a worrying illness among their herd. Repeated 2:15 am 12/23 & 3:15 12/24.
- 10:30 Luna & Sophie (TV-14)**
False Shame. Season 3, episode 11 of 13. Found dead on a remote country road, Andreas looks like the victim of robbery gone wrong.
- 11:30 Velvet (TV-14)**
Butterfly Wings. Season 1, episode 1 of 15. When Don Rafael presents his latest collection, his son returns home from his studies abroad. Spanish with English subtitles.

23 Monday

- 7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**
Junk in the Trunk 12.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)**
Naughty or Nice.
- 9:00 Christmas at Longleaf (TV-G)**
See 10 pm 12/17. Repeated 4 pm 12/24 & 2 am 12/25.
- 10:00 The Savoy at Christmas (TV-PG)**
The holiday season has arrived at The Savoy and staff are pushed to the breaking point as they welcome hundreds of residential guests and diners across Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Repeated 3 am 12/25.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company**

24 Tuesday

- 7:00 Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) (DVS)**
Songs of the Past. Henry Louis Gates Jr. accompanies Broadway stars Leslie Odom Jr. and Nathan Lane as they meet a cast of inspiring ancestors hidden in the branches of their family trees. Repeated 2 pm 12/25.
- 8:00 Too Hot to Handel — The Gospel Messiah (TV-G)**
See 8:30 pm 12/17. Repeated 2 am 12/28.
- 9:30 Joy — Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir (TV-PG)**
See page 2. Repeated 3:30 am 12/28.
- 11:00 Crane Candlelight Concert: Celebrating a Miracle (TV-G)**
For more than 100 years, the Crane Candlelight Concert has ushered in the holiday season at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music.

25 Wednesday

- 7:00** **Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2024** (TV-14) (DVS)
See page 2.
- 9:00** **Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2023** (TV-14) (DVS)
See page 2. *Repeated 3 am 12/26.*
- 10:30** **Debbie Gibson Holiday: A Soundcheck Special** (TV-G)
Singer-songwriter, producer, and actress Debbie Gibson shares insight and inspiration about recording her first holiday album and performs some classic and new holiday hits. *Repeated 4:30 am 12/26.*
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

26 Thursday

- 7:00** **Mid American Gardener**
- 7:30** **State of Change 2024**
- 8:00** **Father Brown**
The Last Supper. Season 11, episode 4 of 10. A food fayre comes to Kembleford, bringing murder with it. *Repeated 7 pm 12/28 & 2 pm 12/30.*
- 9:00** **Sister Boniface Mysteries** (TV-PG)
A Beautiful World. Season 3, episode 7 of 8. When a murder takes place at a make-up demo party, Sister Boniface strives to solve the crime. *Repeated 6 pm 12/29.*
- 10:00** **Death In Paradise** (TV-PG)
Season 4, episode 1 of 8. When the owner of a rum distillery is murdered during a seance, all clues indicate a ghost as the prime suspect.
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

27 Friday

- 7:00** **Washington Week with the Atlantic**
- 7:30** **Firing Line with Margaret Hoover**
- 8:00** **Rick Steves European Festivals** (TV-G)
Travel throughout Europe, celebrating the top 10 festivals.
- 9:00** **Craft In America** (TV-PG)
Science. From the Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico to the computer science labs of MIT to NASA, explore the unexpected intersection between art and the sciences.
- 10:00** **Craft In America** (TV-14)
Collectors. The essential role of craft appreciators. *Repeated 1 am 12/28 & 4 am 12/30.*
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

28 Saturday

- 7:00** **Father Brown**
The Last Supper. See 8 pm 12/26. *Repeated 2 pm 12/30.*
- 8:00** **Midsomer Murders** (TV-PG)
The Debt of Lies, Part 1 & 2 of 2. See page 10. Season 23, episode 3 & 4 of 8. A new resident is found dead in a gated estate community for retired police officers.
- 9:30** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** (TV-PG)
The Veiled Lady. Season 2, episode 3 of 10. Poirot agrees to help a beautiful woman recover a letter being used to blackmail her.
- 10:30** **The Caverns Sessions** (TV-G)
Shane Smith & The Saints.
- 11:00** **Austin City Limits** (TV-PG)
Sylvan Esso/Lucius.

29 Sunday

- 7:00** **Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets** (TV-14) (DVS)
Queen Anne: The Mother of Great Britain. Lucy Worsley shares the inside story of the salacious gossip about Anne's love life that helped destroy her image and legacy. *Repeated 1:30 am 12/31.*
- 8:00** **All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE** (TV-14) (DVS)
Papers. Season 4, episode 5 of 7. With War feeling closer to home, James desperately wants Carmody trained up to support Siegfried. Carmody and Mrs. Pumphrey clash. *Reoeated 1 an 12.30 & 2L30 am 12/31.*
- 9:15** **All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE** (TV-PG) (DVS)
The Home Front. Season 4, episode 6 of 7. Richard Alderson needs some help, so Helen returns to Heston Grange. Mrs. Hall pushes Gerald to do the right thing by his beloved dog, Rock. *Repeated 2:15 am 12/30 & 3:45 12/31.*
- 10:30** **Luna & Sophie** (TV-14)
Hatred Is My Hobby. Season 3, episode 12 of 13. A young climate activist is murdered.
- 11:30** **Velvet** (TV-14)
The Seamstress. Season 1, episode 2 of 15. Ana and Alberto learn Don Rafael has died. Now the managing director of Velvet, Alberto, must share his inheritance with Dona Gloria and Patricia. *Spanish with English subtitles.*

30 Monday

- 7:00** **Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Let's Celebrate!
- 8:00** **Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G)
Body of Work.
- 9:00** **POV** (TV-14) (DVS)
Who I am Not. A South African beauty queen faces an identity crisis upon learning she's born genetically male.
- 10:30** **A House of Brick: 100 Years of Memorial Stadium**
See page 1.
- 11:00** **Amanpour and Company**

31 Tuesday

- 7:00** **Next at the Kennedy Center** (TV-PG)
Sara Bareilles: New Year's Eve with the National Symphony Orchestra & Friends. See page 2. *Repeated at 11:30 pm.*
- 8:30** **Next at the Kennedy Center** (TV-PG)
Cynthia Erivo & Friends: A New Year's Eve Celebration.
- 9:30** **Sinatra: A Man and His Music + Ella + Jobim** (TV-G)
Now in its third year, this truly historic and memorable event showcases iconic performances from Frank and Ella, while also documenting the only filmed meeting of Frank and Antonio Carlos Jobim.
- 10:30** **Quincy Jones: A Musical Celebration In Paris** (TV-G)
See page 7.
- 11:30** **Next at the Kennedy Center** (TV-PG)
Sara Bareilles: New Year's Eve with the National Symphony Orchestra & Friends. See page 2.

Get early access to season 5 of ‘Miss Scarlet’

We are excited to share a special holiday gift for Friends of WILL! With WILL Passport, you can watch season 5 of **Miss Scarlet on MASTERPIECE** (formerly titled **Miss Scarlet and The Duke**) starting on Dec. 8, more than a month before the broadcast premiere on Jan. 12.



Criminals have never stumped Miss Eliza Scarlet, but a new Detective Inspector...? As season 5 begins, Eliza’s agency is thriving and her professional life is on a successful path. On the personal side, however, Duke has now been away in New York for several months and she is forced to make a difficult decision. Kate Phillips returns as the headstrong Miss Eliza Scarlet. Durant Richard joins Alexander Blake, a handsome former soldier and respected detective inspector who joins the force at Scotland Yard to replace William “The Duke” Wellington.

Prepare yourself for the new season by streaming all four previous seasons of **Miss Scarlet and the Duke** now through WILL Passport via the PBS App.

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- Henry Mancini 100 at the Hollywood Bowl
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POV

- Twice Colonized

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- Black Forest Crime, season 1 (German)
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‘Prairie Fire’ awarded four regional Emmys

WILL-TV’s **Prairie Fire** has won four Mid-America Emmy Awards. Among them, the team took home Best Magazine Program for its first season at the 2024 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America Regional Chapter Emmy Awards Oct. 26 in Kansas City. The show also won in the following categories:

■ “Preston Jackson” won for Arts/Entertainment, Short Form. A profile of renowned artist and musician Preston Jackson from Peoria, whose works document the Black experience. Taylor Plantan, Isaac Musgrave
Watch: will.illinois.edu/prairiefire/story/preston-jackson

■ “Operation Wild Horse” won for Diversity-Equity Inclusion, Short Form. A visit to Operation Wild Horse, a nonprofit organization that partners wild mustangs and burros with U.S. military veterans. (See page 1.) Taylor Plantan, Isaac Musgrave
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■ “Susannah Scaroni” won for Human Interest, Short Form. The remarkable journey of Paralympian Susannah Scaroni — from her days growing up to adapting to life in a wheelchair to the winner’s circle of the 2023 Boston Marathon. Sarah Edwards, Daniel Clarke
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Watch **Prairie Fire** every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm on WILL-TV or on demand with YouTube, the PBS App or at will.illinois.edu/prairiefire.

‘Prairie Fire’ team members: front row, from left, Taylor Plantan, Sarah Edwards, and Tinisha Spain; back row, from left, Isaac Musgrave, Daniel Clarke, and DJ Roach.

Friends anniversary event hosts Scott Simon

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Friends of WILL, Illinois Public Media welcomed **NPR Weekend Edition** host Scott Simon to the Beckman Auditorium on Oct. 13 with an audience of WILL Friends. Brian Mackey, the host of Illinois Public Media’s **The 21st Show**, interviewed Simon about growing up in Illinois and his long and storied career in journalism. Simon also shared some personal stories about his experiences in war zones and the people he met there and gave a few hints on what may be included in an upcoming book. The audience listened to heartwarming



stories about adopting his children, his love of animals, and was regaled with a hilarious story of his first time meeting movie star Diana Rigg. Vision Circle members were invited to a special reception to meet Simon in person prior to the main event.

‘The 21st Show’ host Brian Mackey interviews Scott Simon, host of ‘NPR Weekend Edition’ at a recent event held at the Beckman Institute.

Meet John Clare, host of ‘Anytime Classical’

By Katie Buzard, ClefNotes editor

Anytime Classical with host John Nasukaluk Clare joined Classical FM's lineup in October airing weekdays at noon. From Classical Music Indianapolis, the program features classical favorites, new music, and occasional interviews with composers and artists performing in cities across the Midwest. Clare, the first Native American to lead an all-classical radio station, is equally at home behind the microphone, in front of the camera, and in the violin section of an orchestra. In addition to hosting **Anytime Classical**, he also is the weekday morning drive host on SiriusXM's "Symphony Hall."



John Nasukaluk Clare

Clare played the violin and listened to a variety of music growing up in south-central Kansas, but it was a recording of Aaron Copland's Third Symphony, performed by the Dallas Symphony under Eduardo Mata, that stopped him in his tracks. "I was helping my parents build their house, and one day I was listening to the radio and just had to stop working," he said. "I was so moved by the music."

While in college at Wichita State, Clare saw a posting in the School of Music for a job working in the music library of the local public radio station. "The rest is history, as they say. I got the bug, and a student job turned into a part-time job, which turned into a full-time job," he explained. He has since worked at 10 different radio stations across the country, earning the Deems Taylor Award from ASCAP for radio broadcasting in 2005.

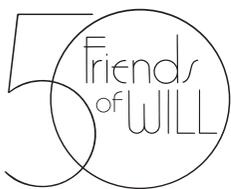
When asked how he approaches programming, Clare said he's constantly listening to new releases, be it new recordings of familiar favorites or new compositions by living composers. His programming can run the gamut, but finding the right flow between musical selections is crucial. To do this, Clare enjoys finding surprising connections or interesting juxtapositions between pieces and balancing calming and energetic works.

Clare is excited to bring **Anytime Classical** to WILL-FM 90.9 listeners and already has plans in the works to highlight some area musicians like Ian Hobson and other performers making their way through central Illinois. "I have grown to think that you want your classical music like your farmer's market — you want it fresh and local."

Read the full version of this story by visiting will.illinois.edu/clefnotes or scan the QR Code.



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Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Friends of WILL by sharing your favorite WILL memory or story. We want to demonstrate our gratitude to this group by preserving and sharing a WILL story or memory you hold dear. Perhaps you met a lifelong friend while volunteering at WILL. Maybe you realized a passion for a certain music genre while listening to WILL Radio. Or you could have watched coverage of a historic event on WILL TV. You can submit your story online. Be aware that your story may be shared across IPM's platforms. Members are welcome to submit multiple memories, including text and/or photos. To share, go to will.illinois.edu/friends50 or scan the QR Code.



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WELCOMING NEW STAFF TO ILLINOIS PUBLIC MEDIA

Thakkar joins IPM News as senior editor

A recent new hire will provide support for our IPM News team members. Arjun Thakkar joined Illinois Public Media in October as a senior editor for IPM News.

“Arjun will lead our day-to-day coverage at IPM News,” said Reginald Hardwick, IPM news and public affairs director. “He will work with our reporters on their general assignment stories that appear during WILL radio newscasts and online at IPMnewsroom.org. He also has extensive experience in data journalism and will track our stories.”

“I’m excited to join the IPM News team,” Thakkar said. “My journalism priorities align with the team’s vision for community-centered storytelling.”

“From diving into coverage of changing weather patterns to keeping up with the arts and issues in local government, our reporters, hosts, and student journalists are making sure that essential information reaches our listeners. I’m eager to use my experience with political reporting and data journalism to mentor the team and help them pursue the stories they want to tell in central Illinois.”

His primary focus will be to review the news team’s stories and ensure our on-air and online stories continue to be polished and accurate to best serve our audience. In addition, he said he wants to help the station explore long-term news projects to expand relationships with listeners and further develop our digital strategy. He also occasionally will report stories or fill-in as a local host on **Morning Edition**, **All Things Considered** or **Weekend Edition**.

“Journalism is a demanding profession, and I hope to be there to support our reporters and hosts whenever they need any help,” he said.

His journalism background includes working as a general assignment intern for a nonprofit news outlet called Bridge Michigan, and he learned more about digital storytelling and analytical thinking as a data journalism intern for the Detroit Free Press. The past two years, he was covering all things government and politics for WKAR Public Media in East Lansing, Michigan.

His efforts have not gone unrecognized. He has been honored with a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Sound and also was recognized with a first-place award by the Detroit Society for Professional Journalists for Breaking/Spot News Reporting.

He’s also a fan of public radio and television.

“Beyond listening to **Morning Edition** and **All Things Considered** every day, I love taking in the unique storytelling approach of NPR podcasts like **Throughline** or **Planet Money** while going on a long drive or train ride. I also enjoy watching investigative segments of **Frontline** that uncover new, meaningful perspectives, particularly with international news.”

Joining our news team means returning to his Illinois roots. He grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. His parents and extended family members still live all over Illinois.

“Moving back to the state has really felt like something of a homecoming to me,” Thakkar said.



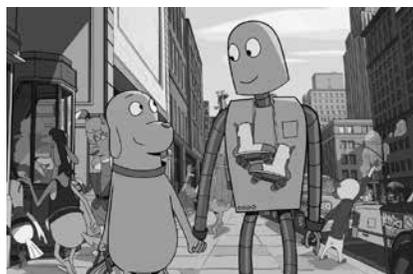
‘Robot Dreams’ featured Dec. 14

Arthouse EXPERIENCE

The Arthouse Experience Film Series will present “Robot Dreams” (2023) in a special matinee presentation at 2 pm

Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Virginia Theatre. In 1980s New York City, Dog assembles Robot as a companion, and they become best buddies. On a Labor Day outing to Coney Island, Robot’s metal parts rust, and he cannot move.

Illinois Public Media sponsors the film series that includes limited-release, high-quality titles that have captured the imagination of movie lovers. General admission tickets (\$7 per film) are available at the Virginia Theatre box office, online at thevirginia.org, or charge by phone at 217-356-9063.



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