

## **WSKG HD Primetime**

### **1 Tuesday**

#### **8:00pm** Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Live

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Live is a special featuring rare, one-of-a-kind performances from the induction ceremonies of the Rock Hall of Fame, shot during the last 24 years. The biggest names of rock 'n' roll perform in intimate settings, and jam in combinations not seen anywhere else, with exclusive, anything-goes induction speeches by rock royalty, along with behind-the-scenes footage.

#### **9:30pm** Great Performances Pete Seeger's 90th Birthday Celebration From Madison Square Garden

With a career spanning more than half a century, legendary folk artist and political activist, Pete Seeger turned 90 in May of 2009. Born to a large family of musicians, young Peter first learned to play the ukulele, graduating to the five-string banjo in the mid-1930s, ultimately mastering the instrument and in the process, galvanizing the American folk music movement. A pioneer of protest music, Seeger's anti-Vietnam War songs, including the now famous "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "Turn, Turn, Turn," as well his interpretation of the Civil Rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome," garnered mainstream attention in the 1960's, revitalizing the genre and paving the way for countless other activist musicians-including Bob Dylan-to achieve widespread acclaim. Joining Seeger for a once-in-a-lifetime concert event in celebration of his milestone birthday at Madison Square Garden are Bruce Springsteen, John Mellencamp, Arlo Guthrie, Joan Baez, Kris Kristofferson, Richie Havens, Emmylou Harris, Roger McGuinn, Ani DiFranco, Taj Mahal, Ben Harper, Peggy Seeger, Dave Matthews, and many others who perform songs inspired by his music and activism.

#### **11:30pm** Charlie Rose

#### **12:30am** Tavis Smiley

### **2 Wednesday**

#### **8:00pm** Great Performances Andrea Bocelli & David Foster: My Christmas In Concert

Everyone's favorite "Hitman" David Foster joins GP superstar Andrea Bocelli for a new Christmas concert of holiday classics as they share the stage to present an elegant collection of seasonal favorites. Showcasing Bocelli's unmistakable soaring vocals are lush new arrangements given the distinctive Foster touch for an inspiring concert performance. Recorded at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, the program also features special guests Natalie Cole, Mary J. Blige, Welsh mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins, and The

Muppets, as well as a visit with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Among the featured song highlights are "White Christmas," "Oh Holy Night," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," "The Christmas Song," "What Child Is This," and more.

**10:00pm** Salute to Vienna

SALUTE TO VIENNA, narrated by the late Academy Award-winning actor Gregory Peck, features an all-star cast of Austrian and American soloists and the inspired pairing of the Vienna Boys Choir and the Boys Choir of Harlem. Taped at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein in Vienna in 1999, the program marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Vienna's renowned "Waltz King," whose prolific library of music consists of over 400 compositions. In the spirit of the multicultural celebration, soloists perform some of the most beloved songs, including "The Watch Duet from Die Fledermaus," with tenor Herbert Lippert and soprano Martina Serafin, "Voices of Spring" a waltz for voice with soprano Eva Lind and "Dein is mein ganzes Herz" with tenor Paul Groves. Other highlights include the Vienna Boys Choir's exuberant "Chit Chat Polka" and the Strauss Festival Orchestra's "Thunder and Lightning" and "Radetzky March." SALUTE TO VIENNA also highlights some of the period's waltzes and lively polkas. In beautifully costumed dance segments, members of the International Ballroom Dance Champions, the Vienna Opera Ballet and the Hungarian National Ballet are featured and dance to Strauss' "Wine, Women and Song Waltz," "On the Beautiful Blue Danube Waltz" and "Eljen a Magyar."

**11:30pm** Charlie

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

**3 Thursday**

**8:00pm** Dusters

**9:15pm** The Flood of '35

The Flood of '35 recalls the events of Sunday evening July 7, 1935 when the skies north of the Southern Tier opened up, dumping more than 11 inches of rain in some areas and inundating the rivers, lakes and streams throughout the valley. The terrible chain of events that followed would devastate small towns and cities alike, destroying hundreds of homes and property and claiming more than 50 lives. It would become the worst natural disaster in the history of the Southern Tier. Utilizing hundreds of photographs and film footage and through first person accounts of the people who lived through it, The Flood of '35 tells the story of that horrible night and the days that followed, days that changed lives and the Southern Tier forever. Produced by WSKG's Brian Frey. The Flood of '35 received two 2004 NY State Emmys -- Best Documentary and Best Writer of a Documentary.

**10:30pm** Christmas with the Annie Moses

The Annie Moses Band is an eclectic blend of classical, jazz and pop music that draws from the family's four-generation musical journey. This all-sibling group makes it's debut on PBS this season with a mix of holiday classics, performed in a way that viewers have never heard before.

**12:00am** Charlie Rose

**4 Friday**

**8:00pm** Washington

**8:30pm** NOW on PBS

**9:00pm** Ed Slott's Stay Rich for Life

Renowned tax advisor and personal finance author Ed Slott, CPA, offers Baby Boomers - and anyone who wants to retire on their own terms despite America's monumental fiscal crisis - a step-by-step solution to create, manage and keep family wealth. Building on his first public television special, Stay Rich Forever & Ever, Slott explains how to grow and protect your money in turbulent times. ED SLOTT'S STAY RICH FOR LIFE features all new information and Slott's inviting blend of in-depth, real-world research, humor, and detailed facts from the tax code to make financial planning accessible.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

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**5 Saturday**

**8:00pm** Twilight Zone - The Monsters Are Due On Maple Street

A mysterious power failure causes paranoid suburban residents to suspect one another of being disguised creatures from outer space.

**8:30pm** Twilight Zone - Eye of the Beholder

**9:00pm** Twilight Zone - Walking Distance

A man's need to escape the pressure of his work is so great that he slips back 30 years into his own childhood.

**9:30pm** Twilight Zone - A Passage for Trumpet

A down-on-his-luck trumpet player is given a second crack at life after being struck down by a truck.

**10:00pm** Twilight Zone- The Night of the Meek

**10:30pm** Twilight Zone - Will The Real Martian Please Stand Up

**11:00pm** Doctor Who - Love & Monsters

An ordinary man called Elton becomes obsessed with the Doctor and Rose and their mysterious blue box. But when Elton's investigations bring him to the attention of the enigmatic, cold and powerful Victor Kennedy, his harmless hobby suddenly plunges him into a living nightmare.

**12:00am** Nature - The Desert Lions

The world's most extraordinary population of lions lives in the Namib Desert of Africa's wild and forbidding Skeleton Coast. Philip Stander, a Namibian carnivore specialist, first spotted these desert lions in the mid-1980s, watching in disbelief as a lioness killed a fur seal in the waves and dragged it five miles inland to feed her cubs. Before he had a chance to study them further, they disappeared, and Stander became obsessed with their fate and their story. Twenty years later, the lions reappeared, giving him a second chance to unravel their secrets.

## **6 Sunday**

**8:00pm** Members' Choice

**11:00pm** Austin City Limits - Aimee Mann/Iron & Wine

Singer/songwriter Aimee Mann debuts on the ACL stage with tunes from her latest album. Folk rockers Iron & Wine, showcasing their acclaimed The Sheperd's Dog CD, follow.

**12:00am** Nature - The Dragon Chronicles

Ancient maps, legends and fairy tales all tell of dragons in our world. In nearly every culture, children are taught that dragons are big and fearsome, that they fly, breathe fire, are found in caves and live nearly forever. Where did these stories come from? Are they based on real animals? And are there any dragons still to be found today? Romulus Whitaker, renowned reptile expert and conservationist, puts a bit of history together with documented science and some compelling contemporary reports, and sets off to find out. He encounters lizards large and small that can breathe life into medieval legends even today.

## **7 Monday**

**8:00pm** Antiques Roadshow - Mobile, AL, Part 3

In Mobile, Alabama, ANTIQUES ROADSHOW host Mark L. Walberg and appraiser Ken Farmer tour the Mobile Medical Museum, with its intriguing

medical instruments, quack devices and items devoted to medical history spanning three centuries. At Mobile's Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center, the excitement is contagious when ROADSHOW experts discover a highly desirable Confederate army belt buckle; an archive of letters and documents from Franklin Delano Roosevelt bought at an estate sale for \$5; and a beautiful circa 1850 Virginia painted chest, estimated to be worth \$60,000.

**9:00pm** Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil and the Presidency

A biography of America's seventh president, **ANDREW JACKSON: GOOD, EVIL AND THE PRESIDENCY** explores whether Americans should celebrate Jackson or apologize for him. Viewers discover that Jackson fought in the Revolutionary War when he was 13 years old and that he used the skills learned in battle to kill a man over a gambling debt; that Jackson led the American army to the most surprising victory in its history in the Battle of New Orleans, but that he also launched an unauthorized invasion of Florida; that Jackson was the first great champion of the common white man and owned more than a hundred black Americans; that Jackson dramatically expanded the United States and did so by brutally wresting vast regions of the south from Native Americans; that Jackson, in one of the boldest political strokes in history, founded the Democratic Party, yet was viewed by his enemies as an American Napoleon. The film concludes with the words of Jackson's first biographer, James Parton: "Andrew Jackson was a patriot, and a traitor. He was the greatest of generals, and wholly ignorant of the art of war. He was the most candid of men, and capable of the profoundest dissimulation. He was a democratic autocrat, an urbane savage, an atrocious saint." Martin Sheen narrates.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

**8 Tuesday**

**8:00pm** Nova - Volcano Above The Clouds

Just 200 miles south of the equator, Kilimanjaro has both equatorial and arctic conditions. Five distinct climatic zones inhabit the slopes of this 19,340-foot peak. It is a botanist's dream -rainforests rise out of the savanna, giving way to moorlands and alpine meadows where rare giant high-altitude plants thrive. Atop this peak, a young female geologist takes viewers back to the dawn of time and the formation of the African continent.

**9:00pm** Frontline - The Madoff Affair

In the mid-1960s, Bernard Madoff tapped money from Jewish businessmen at exclusive country clubs with the promise of steady guaranteed returns on their investments. He then set his sights on Europe and Latin America,

brokering deals with powerful hedge fund managers and feeder funds from Buenos Aires to Geneva. Billions of dollars were channeled to Madoff's investment firm, and his feeders became fabulously wealthy. The competition wondered how the man could produce such steady returns in good times and bad. There were allegations that Madoff was "front-running" or operating a Ponzi scheme, which the SEC investigated several times over the last two decades. But Madoff remained untouched until December 11, 2008, when he admitted it was all "one big lie." FRONTLINE producers Martin Smith and Marcela Gaviria unravel the story behind the world's first truly global Ponzi scheme—a deception that lasted longer, reached wider, and cut deeper than any other business scandal in history.

**10:00pm** Independent Lens - Between The Folds

Think origami is just paper planes and cranes? Meet a determined group of theoretical scientists and fine artists who have abandoned careers and scoffed at graduate degrees to forge new lives as modern-day paper folders. Together they reinterpret the world in paper, creating a wild mix of sensibilities towards art, science, creativity and meaning.

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**9 Wednesday**

**8:00pm** L.A. Holiday Celebration 2009

This program is a music and dance special highlighting the top performances from the LIVE 2008 Holiday Celebration at the Music Center of Los Angeles. The program reflects the cultural mosaic of Los Angeles and the broader "melting pot" of the United States as performers of African, Asian, European and Latino backgrounds join to express the joy of the season.

**9:00pm** Jerusalem: Center of the World

Jerusalem is arguably one of the most fascinating and complicated cities in the world. This program draws on religious texts, the science of archaeology and oral traditions passed on through millennia to try to determine why this small city has occupied the minds of so many for so long. Host Ray Suarez of THE NEWSHOUR leads viewers to the holiest sites of Judaism, Christianity and Islam - on the land, from the sky and underground.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

## **10 Thursday**

**8:00pm** Expressions - Kevin Dorsey Collective Trio & The Valley Chorus

**9:00pm** Midsomer Murders - Death In Disguise, Part One

One of the founders of a new-age commune, The Lodge of the Golden Wind Horse, dies in a fall down the stairs, apparently accidentally. But when the other founder is mysteriously murdered in front of a roomful of people, the first death looks like it may have been deliberate as well.

**10:00pm** Gift of Giving: The Crane Candlelight Concert 200

The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra come together to present a very special Holiday concert. Conducted by Rebecca Reames, Joshua Oppenheim, Heather Eyerly, and Christopher Lanz, and featuring over 300 carolers and musicians from the renowned Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, the concert includes traditional Christmas and seasonal hymns along with popular favorites. This year, the Men's Ensemble, the Phoenix Club, The Hosmer Choir, and the Children's Chorus perform alongside the Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra. Highlights of the hour-long performance include God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, Mbiri Kuna Mwari, The Boar's Head Carol, and Patapan.

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## **11 Friday**

**8:00pm** Washington Week

**8:30pm** NOW on PBS

**9:00pm** Bill Moyers Journal

**10:00pm** Story of India - Ages of Gold

The fourth episode is the story of India in the Middle Ages. At the time of the fall of the Roman Empire and the European Dark Ages, India experienced a series of great flowerings of culture, both in the north and the south. In this episode, Michael Wood shows viewers some of the amazing achievements of medieval India: In astronomy, Indians discovered the heliocentric universe, absolute zero and the circumference of the earth; they mastered the world's first large-scale wrought iron technology -- the Delhi iron pillar; and their courtly culture was the setting of the world's first sex manual, the Kama

Sutra. Meanwhile in the south, the rising power of the Cholan Empire spread Indian arts and culture to the Maldives, Sri Lanka and the Andamans and to Java and the Malay peninsula. Wood visits the Cholan capital at Tanjore and takes viewers inside the greatest temple of that time (founded in 1010) to see ancient rituals still being performed. In one sequence, viewers see traditional bronze casters making religious images for the temples, just as their ancestors did 1,500 years ago. The program visits a traditional Tamil family in the temple city of Chidambaram, goes with them on pilgrimage and witnesses the ancient mountaintop festival of fire that was already famous in 700 AD. The story ends in Multan (Pakistan) in the early 11th century, with the first invasions by Turks and Afghans bearing the Muslim faith that will turn the subcontinent into the largest Muslim civilization in the world.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

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## **12 Saturday**

**8:00pm** Twilight Zone - I Shot An Arrow Into The Air

A panicky astronaut traveler, believing his ship has crashed on a deserted asteroid, kills his two companions to save water, then discovers his shocking true location.

**8:30pm** Twilight Zone - The Hitchhiker

Driving cross-country, a girl keeps seeing the same hitch-hiker on the road ahead, beckoning her toward a fatal accident.

**9:00pm** Perry Mason - The Case of the Nervous Accomplice

**10:00pm** Allo, Allo

Helga informs the Colonel that Leclerc will be shot if the stolen money is not returned. So the Colonel sends Gruber to tell Rene to give back the money which is hidden in the café's oven. Meanwhile, Fanny decides to bake a potato.

**10:30pm** Fine Romance

Mike and Laura continue their difficult relationship. Someone is missing from the family lunch table, but why?

**11:00pm** Doctor Who - Fear Her

When the Tardis lands in 2012, the Doctor plans to show Rose the London Olympics. But on a nearby housing estate, a desperate mother is hiding her daughter's unearthly powers. Can the Doctor defeat the danger nestling at the heart of an ordinary British household?

**12:00am** Nature - The Dragon Chronicles

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**13 Sunday**

**8:00pm** Nature - Shark Mountain

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**9:00pm** Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution - The Rock and the River

With their Messiah executed, their dreams crushed and their cause deemed subversive by the strongest empire the world had ever seen, Jesus's followers faced a bleak future. Their movement seemed destined for extinction. Incredibly, though, Jesus's survivors turned defeat to victory; devastation to jubilation. By one account, it happened on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Simon Peter and others envisioned the risen Jesus. Re-refused with hope and determination, Peter became an indomitable figure who would unite his group into a tight community of ardent believers. Dark days were coming however -- days of persecution, imprisonment and dispersal. And when they arrived, Peter found support from an unexpected source. His name was Paul. Paul had a startling revelation that led him to embrace Peter's faith as his own. It was a turning point in history. For once inspired, Paul turned his formidable talents to the task of spreading his new cause around the Roman Empire. Paul was educated, passionate and determined. But he was also dogmatic. And soon, he would be at the center of the most divisive conflict yet to face the young Jesus movement.

**10:00pm** Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution - The Empire and the Kingdom

Spread outside Judea by missionaries like Peter and Paul, the Jesus movement caught on quickly among Jews and non-Jews around the Roman

Empire. With success, however, came challenges: challenges from hostile locals, imperial forces and from conflicting ideas within the movement itself. Paul -- adamant that there was no time for conversions -- fell into open and angry confrontation with some of the oldest Jesus followers. Peter, it seems, tried to mediate the conflict. "The Rock" became a stepping stone between the camps and, for a crucial period, helped keep the movement together. But the center could not hold. Paul struck out on his own, planting churches in his image around the Mediterranean and writing letters that would become central to all later Christian theology. Finally, in 70 AD, disaster struck the headquarters of the Jesus followers. After decades of rising tension, Judea erupted in revolt against Rome. War had been raging for four years. And when Rome finally established control, it destroyed much of Jerusalem; it torched the sacred Temple and enslaved the population. The scorched ground of Judea could no longer nurture a Jewish Jesus movement. And in the end, it was Paul's communities that would grow and change into the churches we know today.

**11:00pm** Austin City Limits - The Decemberists/Explosions in the Sky  
Indie rock stars the Decemberists showcase their latest album, *The Crane Wife*, and its distinctive storytelling prog-pop with their AUSTIN CITY LIMITS debut. Best known for scoring the film *Friday Night Lights*, instrumental quartet Explosions in the Sky affirms its power as a live act with tunes from its newest disk, *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*.

**12:00am** Nature - Shark Mountain  
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## **14 Monday**

**8:00pm** Antiques Roadshow - Roadshow Remembers  
ANTIQUES ROADSHOW lifts the lid on 10 years of treasures with this special edition designed to test the memory of hardcore fans and kindle the curiosity of newcomers. Do you recall the little 18th-century silver creamer from New York, worth a small fortune, or the matched pair of 19th-century America's Cup race paintings by a certain famous marine artist? Take a trip down memory lane filled with unbelievable objects, unforgettable stories and unimaginable price.

**9:00pm** Anatomy of a Pandemic

This program presents an examination of the overarching human dimension of a pandemic's impact on modern society and the science and history of these health crises, in response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus pandemic. Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for PBS NEWSHOUR, will report from the front lines of the effort to combat this outbreak; the program will contextualize the current outbreak with pandemics of the past, including the 1918 influenza pandemic that caused between 50 and 100 million deaths worldwide. The program Website, a co-production with the Online NewsHour, will feature up-to-date reporting.

**10:00pm** Secrets of the Dead - The Killer Flu

This encore program follows scientists, led by Jeffrey Taubenberger, who have been seeking to learn where the 1918 flu virus came from and what made it so deadly. Using fragments of undamaged 1918 virus found in lung tissue of a flu victim, Taubenberger and his team set out to map the genes of the killer flu. Since the original broadcast of this program, Taubenberger's team successfully created a genetic sequencing of the 1918 virus, resurrected the virus itself to study its effects on lung tissue and announced a striking similarity between the 1918 virus and the H5N1 avian flu virus. The updated episode includes new material and interviews with Taubenberger that reflect new findings.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

**15 Tuesday**

**8:00pm** Nova - The Spy Factory

For the first time on television, NOVA exposes the hidden world of high-tech, 21st-century eavesdropping carried out by the National Security Agency (NSA). Today, the NSA is the world's largest intelligence agency, three times the size of the CIA and far more secret. Its mission is to eavesdrop on the world - from cell phones in Europe to pay phones in Afghanistan to email messages from Pakistan to Baghdad. But since 9/11, it has also turned its giant ear inward, listening in without warrant on thousands of American citizens, many of whom are on the government's secret watch list, now more than half-a-million names long. Based on the latest best-seller by journalist James Bamford, "Inside the Spy Factory" is a gripping investigation of the NSA, from its tragic failures leading up to the 9/11 attacks to its secret listening rooms currently installed in the nation's telecom networks. The program presents groundbreaking new evidence about how the agency listened in to the phone calls of key 9/11 plotters, yet failed to realize they were located in the U.S. To show how current eavesdropping technology works, NOVA traces the path of an email sent from Asia to the U.S. via fiber

optic cables on the Pacific sea floor. From a beach in California, the email then travels to a telecom switching facility in San Francisco, where the cables are covertly duplicated, with one copy of everything - including the original email - going to the NSA's secret room and the other transmitted to its proper destination. This is a suspenseful and eye-opening report on the threat to privacy and the effectiveness of high-tech surveillance in the age of terrorism.

**9:00pm** Frontline - From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians - Pax Romana/A Light To The Nations

FRONTLINE presents the epic story of the rise of Christianity. Drawing upon new and sometimes controversial historical evidence, the series transports viewers back two thousand years to the time and place where Jesus of Nazareth once lived and preached and challenges familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity. Program 1 traces the life of Jesus of Nazareth, exploring the message that helped his ministry grow and the events that led to his crucifixion around 30 C.E. The film then turns to the period that followed Jesus' death, examining the rise of Christianity and concluding with the first revolt-the bloody and violent siege of Jerusalem and the beginning of a rift between Christianity and Judaism. The broadcast explores new evidence suggesting that Jesus' followers, because of their diversity and the differences in their cultures and languages, looked at and interpreted Jesus and his teachings in many different ways.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

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## **16 Wednesday**

**8:00pm** Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Brian Stokes Mitchell

Tony Award-winner Brian Stokes Mitchell joins the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in a magnificent Christmas celebration featuring some of the season's most beloved songs. Dubbed "The Last Leading Man" by The New York Times, Mitchell has enjoyed a rich and varied career on Broadway and television and in film, along with appearances in the great American concert halls. His musical versatility has kept him in demand by some of the country's finest conductors and orchestras. He headlined the Carnegie Hall concert presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific with Reba McEntire, which aired on PBS in spring 2006. This program also features a reading of "The Christmas Story" by actor Ed Hermann.

**9:00pm** Great Performances at the Met - Tosca

"Tosca combines Puccini's glorious musical inspiration with the melodramatic vitality of one of the great Hitchcock films," says Met Music Director James Levine, who conducts this new production. The opera tells the story of three people—a famous opera singer, a free-thinking painter, and a sadistic chief of police—caught in a net of love and politics. Soprano Karita Mattila, recently seen in last season's presentation of Salome, sings the title role for the first time outside her native Finland. Luc Bondy, acclaimed for his imaginative theater and opera productions, directs. The cast also includes Marcelo Alvarez as Cavaradossi and George Gagnidze as Scarpia.

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

## **17 Thursday**

**8:00pm** Expressions - Enchantment (Lisa Craig Fenwick and Melissa Collins) & Tabernacle United Methodist Church Choir

**9:00pm** Midsomer Murders - Death In Disguise, Part Two  
One of the founders of a new-age commune, The Lodge of the Golden Wind Horse, dies in a fall down the stairs, apparently accidentally. But when the other founder is mysteriously murdered in front of a roomful of people, the first death looks like it may have been deliberate as well.

**10:00pm** Mansfield University Holiday Concert - Love Came Down (2009)  
The Mansfield University Music Department invites you to celebrate the holiday season in a concert of choral music on the theme, "LOVE CAME DOWN." Almost 200 musicians will perform, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, on Saturday, December 5, at 7:30 pm in Mansfield University's Steadman Theatre in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and on Sunday, December 6, at 7:30 pm in the Troy High School Memorial Auditorium in Troy, PA. The concerts will feature a wonderful mixture of classical and popular pieces sung at times under the magic of candlelight. Selections by Bach, Mendelssohn, Bruckner, Howells, and Hogan as well as other familiar holiday favorites for men's, women's, and mixed choirs from the Renaissance period to the 21st century that describe love in the sacred and secular world will resound from Mansfield University's Steadman Theatre and Troy's Auditorium. Familiar carols and hymns for audience participation will add to the holiday spirit. The choirs will combine for a celebratory finale, entitled "Rejoice," written for voices, brass, organ, and percussion by Gwyneth Walker.

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## **18 Friday**

**8:00pm** Washington Week

**8:30pm** NOW on PBS

**9:00pm** Bill Moyers Journal

**10:00pm** Story of India - The Meeting of Two Oceans

The fifth episode takes viewers to the time of the Renaissance in Europe, when India was the richest, most populous civilization in the world. Michael Wood visits the desert cities of Rajasthan and travels among the fabulous Moghul cities of Delhi, Agra and Fatepur Sikri. At the Taj Mahal -- just voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World by 100 million voters worldwide -- Wood demolishes an old myth about the Taj and offers a new theory about its construction. Exploring the legacy of the Moghul empire that stretched across today's political borders, Wood tells the tale of the early Moghuls, starting with the redoubtable Babur, founder of the dynasty, and his grandson Akbar the Great, a Muslim king who tried to make India a multi-racial and multi-religious state. His aim was to achieve a Hindu-Muslim equilibrium based on the brotherhood of mankind. The Moghul story, which contains some of the most fascinating characters in all of history, ended in tragedy as two brothers fought over Akbar's legacy in a battle that destroyed Akbar's dream. Waiting in the wings to pick over the spoils were ... the British.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

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## **19 Saturday**

**8:00pm** Twilight Zone - The Fever

A man fanatically opposed to gambling battles a Las Vegas one-armed bandit with a malevolent will of its own.

**8:30pm** Twilight Zone - The Last Flight

Fleeing from a World War One dogfight, a cowardly British pilot lands his 1917 biplane at a modern jet air base in France ... in 1959.

**9:00pm** Perry Mason - The Case of the Drowning Duck

**10:00pm** Allo, Allo

Michelle tells Rene he must hide one thousand kilos of high explosive in the café. The materials will be brought in by Alphonse, Crabtree and "pregnant" resistance girls. The charges will be disguised as Christmas puddings.

**10:30pm** Fine Romance

Laura and Mike make a hotel booking under the guise of being a married couple. Will the staff find them out?

**11:00pm** Doctor Who - Army of Ghosts

Part 1 of 2. The human race rejoices as the ghosts of loved ones return home in the latest adventure from the nation's favorite time traveler. But as the Doctor, Rose and Jackie investigate the Torchwood Tower, the whole of modern-day Earth threatens to fall to an almighty invasion force.

**12:00am** Nature - Shark Mountain

Underwater filmmakers Howard and Michele Hall have spent 25 years diving and documenting the most remote and beautiful underwater locations, always learning something new about the fantastic creatures that live there. Yet even these remote places and creatures are at risk in today's world, and being able to share their experiences with the rest of us is increasingly important to the Halls, and to us. They take us along on the dive of a lifetime, to a tiny outpost 300 miles off the coast of Central American - Shark Mountain.

**20 Sunday**

**8:00pm** Nature - Christmas In Yellowstone

As snow falls and Christmas lights glow in Jackson Hole, a holiday season of a different sort settles in just beyond the town, in the great winter world of Yellowstone. Breathtaking landscapes frame intimate scenes of wolves and coyotes, elk and bison, bears and otters as they make their way through their most challenging season of the year. NATURE journeys in the footsteps of the men who first explored the park, and travels with their modern-day counterpart on his own journey of discovery. From the unique crystals of individual snowflakes to the grand sweep of Yellowstone's Hayden Valley, this is a Christmas like no other.

**9:00pm** Masterpiece Classic - Cranford, Part 1

Based on three serialized Elizabeth Gaskell novels "Cranford" chronicles the absurdities and tragedies in the lives of the people of Cranford during one extraordinary year. Cranford in the 1840s is a small Cheshire market town on the cusp of change. The railway is pushing its way relentlessly towards the town from Manchester, bringing fears of migrant workers and the breakdown of law and order. Starring Francesa Harris, Michael Gambon and Judi Dench as Miss Matty Jenkyns. In part one, Mary Smith flees a crisis at home in Manchester to stay with two spinster sisters, Deborah and Matty Jenkyns, in the small, rural town of Cranford. Deborah is the dominant force in Cranford

society, and the kind-hearted and eccentric Matty believes her to be the best judge in all matters. A handsome, new young doctor, Frank Harrison, is brought to Cranford, and his bachelor status is the talk of the town.

**11:00pm** Austin City Limits - Kings of Leon/Roky Erickson  
Nashville band of brothers Kings of Leon rocks the ACL studio in support of its latest record Because of the Times. Psychedelic innovator Roky Erickson demonstrates why he's a Texas rock & roll legend with songs from the length and breadth of his 40-year career.

**12:00am** Nature - Christmas In Yellowstone  
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## **21 Monday**

**8:00pm** Antiques Roadshow - Big & Little  
"BIG & Little" proves good things come in small - and gigantic -packages. ANTIQUES ROADSHOW looks high and low through its archive of appraisals for unusually teeny treasures and outsize objects, from an heirloom five-carat diamond ring valued at \$40,000 to \$50,000 to a wall-sized painting by noted American artist John Fery, estimated to be worth \$20,000 to \$30,000.

**9:00pm** Great Performances - Dance In America: San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker  
Since The Nutcracker's first production in St. Petersburg more than a century ago, its charming story, dazzling choreography and magnificent Tchaikovsky score have combined to make it one of the most popular and enduring ballets the world over. With its setting transposed to San Francisco's 1915 Pan-Pacific Exposition, SFB artistic director Helgi Tomasson's production features sets by Michael Yeargan and costumes by Martin Pakledinaz.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

## **22 Tuesday**

**8:00pm** Nova - The Last Great Ape

Deep in the Congo lives a little-studied group of apes called the bonobos. Like chimpanzees, bonobos are among humans' closest relatives. But unlike chimps, known for their violent behavior, bonobos are far more peaceful, even matriarchal. They embrace their neighbors and resolve conflict in an usual way -- by having sex. Much like humans, bonobos have sex not just to procreate, but also for pleasure. The discovery of these more gentle ape traits have fascinated scientists and led them to question our origins and the roots of human nature as a whole. But in 1997, just as research on these elusive apes was getting off the ground, civil war broke out in the Congo. Bonobo researchers were forced to evacuate immediately, leaving behind the astonishing apes they were studying. Now, years later, NOVA returns to the Congo with veteran bonobo researchers who are worried that war and the bush meat industry may have decimated the bonobo population. What they find gives them hope for the future of the species. The program tells the intimate, emotional story of these amazing apes, detailing their survival, and the experiences of the scientists who have followed them so closely for so long.

**9:00pm** Frontline - From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians, (Pt.2)

In program 2, FRONTLINE examines the period after the first revolt, tracing the development and impact of the Gospels and looking at the increasingly hostile relationship between the Christians and the Jews. The film looks at another bloody Jewish war against Rome, the second revolt, assessing its impact on the Christianity movement. The broadcast documents the extraordinary events of the second and third centuries in which Christianity grew from a small Jewish sect to an official religion of the Roman Empire.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

**12:30am** Tavis Smiley

**23 Wednesday**

**8:00pm** Christmas at Belmont

**9:00pm** Great Performances - La Boheme

Giacomo Puccini's enduring 1896 blockbuster now makes its way to the big screen in a lushly atmospheric movie adaptation directed by Robert Dornhelm. The operatic "dream couple" -- sensational Russian soprano Anna Netrebko and dashing Mexican tenor Rolando Villazon -- reunite as the doomed lovers Mimi and Rodolfo, joined by George von Bergen (vocals by Boaz Daniel) as Marcello, Adrian Erod as Schaunard, Vitalij Kowaljow as Colline, Tiziano Bracci as Benoit and Nicole Cabell as Musetta.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

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## **24 Thursday**

**8:00pm** Expressions - Binghamton Downtown Singers & Wyalusing Swing Choir

**9:00pm** Midsomer Murders - The Killings at Badger's Drift, Part One  
The peace of the seemingly idyllic village of Badger's Drift is shattered by the inexplicable murder of an old lady, Emily Simpson, found dead in her cottage after witnessing something unsettling in the woods. Her old friend, Lucy Bellringer, is convinced that Emily's death was not from natural causes. The investigation of DCI Barnaby and Detective Sergeant Troy of Causton CID uncovers a web of sinister events, some long buried in the past.

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## **25 Friday**

**8:00pm** Washington Week

**8:30pm** NOW on PBS

**9:00pm** Bill Moyers Journal

**10:00pm** Story of India - Freedom  
The final episode relates how a foreign multinational (the East India Company) thousands of miles away gradually and almost by chance took power over great swaths of the Indian subcontinent; how, after the horrendous shock of the 1857 "Mutiny," the British state took over and turned this supremacy into the Raj, the jewel in the crown of the greatest empire the world had ever seen; and how the Freedom Movement delivered

independence to India in 1947, albeit a divided India. The series ends by acknowledging the extraordinary achievements of Indian democracy over 60 years, and flags India's predicted rise to be the largest country and the second-largest (or even the largest) economy in the world in the next three decades. This epic journey "over 10, 000 years and 10,000 miles," as Wood puts it, ends overlooking the seven ancient cities of Delhi. India has been shaped and sustained by the deep-rooted equilibrium of its past, but do the ideas of the Buddha, Ashoka, Akbar, Gandhi and the rest still have lessons for India and the world today? On that question may depend not only India's future, but that of the rest of the world as well.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

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## **26 Saturday**

**8:00pm** Twilight Zone - The Purple Testament

A soldier unexpectedly acquires the power to recognize death in the faces of men about to die in battle.

**8:30pm** Twilight Zone - Elegy

Earth-like scenes from many historical periods greet three space travelers who land on a strange planet.

**9:00pm** Perry Mason - The Case of the Sulky Girl

**10:00pm** Allo, Allo

Helga has been spying on von Smallhausen and knows the land mines are in the builder's yard. When these are removed to the air base, Michelle tells Rene that the airmen will be smuggled in barrels disguised as beer for the Sergeant's mess.

**10:30pm** Fine Romance

Laura's plans for the perfect entertainment and dinner party end in disaster. Things never seem to go well when Mike and Laura are involved.

**11:00pm** Doctor Who - Doomsday

Continuing from Episode 12, it's the end of an epic journey as two mighty armies wage war across the Earth, with the human race caught in the middle. But as an unstoppable terror emerges from beneath Torchwood, the Doctor faces an even greater dilemma --does saving the world mean the death of Rose Tyler?

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## **27 Sunday**

### **8:00pm** Nature - Drakensberg: Barrier of Spears

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### **9:00pm** Masterpiece Classic - Cranford, Part 2

In episode two, as winter approaches, Cranford is beset by sorrows and struggles to re-gain its confidence. When Dr. Harrison's housekeeper discovers a leg of mutton has been stolen on the very same night that store owner Mr. Johnson is mugged, the ladies decide that a crime wave has hit Cranford.

### **10:00pm** Augustus Saint-Gaudens: Master of American Sculpture

During a career that spanned three decades, Augustus Saint-Gaudens created nearly 150 works of art, including a number of major public monuments to heroes of the Civil War. The story of his personal life is woven around in-depth studies of five of his major works of art, including the contemplative Standing Lincoln in Lincoln Park, Chicago; the moving Shaw Memorial on Boston Common; the powerful Sherman Monument in Central Park; the serene Diana in the Philadelphia Museum of Art; and the stirring Adams Memorial in Washington, DC. Actor Victor Garber narrates.

### **11:00pm** Austin City Limits - The Arcade Fire

Canadian indie rock marvel Arcade Fire brings its powerful artistic melodrama to the AUSTIN CITY LIMITS stage in celebration of its acclaimed second album, The Neon Bible.

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**28 Monday**

**8:00pm** Antiques Roadshow - Jackpot!

It's every collector's dream: turning a modest outlay into a staggeringly high return on investment. ANTIQUES ROADSHOW "Jackpot" rolls the dice on those heady moments when luck smiles on flea market mavens and yard sale savants. This special recalls such spectacular windfalls as a landscape painting acquired for \$1.50 at a Salvation Army "half price" sale and valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000; an art pottery vase, grabbed at a garage sale for less than five dollars and estimated to be worth \$13,000 to \$17,000; a 19th-century album of watercolor paintings, scooped up at a yard sale for a quarter, with an estimated value of \$20,000 to \$30,000; and a 1951 Minneapolis Millers baseball uniform worn by Willie Mays, scored at a sports collectibles show for \$50 and valued at \$60,000 to \$80,000.

**9:00pm** American Masters - Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women

The author of Little Women is an almost universally recognized name. Her reputation as a morally upstanding New England spinster, reflecting the conventional propriety of late 19th-century Concord, is firmly established. However, raised among reformers and Transcendentalists and skeptics, the intellectual protege of Emerson and Hawthorne and Thoreau, Alcott was actually a free thinker with democratic ideals and progressive values about women -- a worldly careerist of sorts. Most surprising is that she led, under the pseudonym A.M. Barnard, a literary double life, undiscovered until the 1940s. As Barnard, Alcott penned scandalous, sensational works with characters running the gamut from murderers and revolutionaries to cross-dressers and opium addicts -- a far cry from her familiar fatherly mentors, courageous mothers and appropriately impish children.

**10:30pm** Expressions - Art & Soul of the Southern Tier

Expressions features Kaskeset, Binghamton University's Jewish A Cappella group. Founded in 1996 as an offshoot and sub-charter of Hillel/The Jewish Student Union, Kaskeset has performed on campus and at temples,

community centers, weddings and festivals nationwide. The Binghamton University course "Techniques of Peking (Beijing) Opera" taught by visiting professors from China will also be highlighted.

**11:00pm** Worldfocus

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

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## **29 Tuesday**

**8:00pm** Nova - What Darwin Never Knew

On the 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin's famous *On the Origin of Species*, NOVA reveals answers to the riddles that Darwin couldn't explain. Stunning breakthroughs in a new science - nicknamed "evo devo" - are linking the enigma of origins to another of nature's great mysteries: the development of an embryo. To explore this exciting new idea, NOVA takes viewers on a journey from the Galapagos Islands to the Arctic, from the Cambrian explosion of animal forms half a billion years ago to the research labs of today. Here, scientists are finally beginning to crack nature's biggest secrets at the genetic level. And, as NOVA shows in this absorbing detective story, the results are confirming the brilliance of Darwin's insights, while exposing clues to life's breathtaking diversity in ways he could scarcely have imagined.

**10:00pm** Independent Lens - Scenes from a Parish

When a young, irreverent priest arrives at Saint Patrick Parish in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he discovers the unexpected -- boiling ethnic tensions in a changing working-class community. Filmed over four years, the program follows the wildly diverse personal stories of Father Paul O'Brien and his unruly flock, as they struggle to hold onto faith in the face of desperate circumstances.

**11:30pm** Charlie Rose

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## **30 Wednesday**

**8:00pm** Girl's Life

Girls entering adulthood in the next decade will see more opportunities than today's women ever imagined. Will these girls stride confidently through newly opened doors or are they destined to be stunted by societal messages that tell them females should be constantly agreeable, impossibly thin and sexy above all else? Researcher and author Rachel Simmons examines the

challenges facing young women as they surf the waves of 21st century adolescence. Simmons interviews parents, psychologists, teachers and social workers who are helping nurture girls into capable, resilient adults. She also talks with four very special girls who tell their own deeply personal tales of dealing with issues like cyber-bullying, body image and violence. With courage and determination, these girls reveal their hopes and dreams for their future.

**9:00pm** P.O.V. - Patti Smith: Dream of Life

Shot over 11 years by renowned fashion photographer Steven Sebring, this documentary is an intimate portrait of the legendary rocker, poet and artist. Following Smith's personal reflections over a decade, the film explores her many art forms and the friends and poets who inspired her -- William Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg, Bob Dylan, Robert Mapplethorpe and Michael Stipe. She emerges as a crucial, contemporary link between the Beats, punks and today's music. Shot in lush, dark tones, featuring rare performance clips and narrated by the artist herself, "Patti Smith: Dream of Life" is an impressionistic journal of a multi-faceted artist that underscores her unique place in American culture.

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