

Musical & Magical Times

With all good cheer this holiday season, we're celebrating with a stocking full of fantastic musical programs!

Don't miss a step or a beat, the Irish are dancing it up! In a *Christmas Celtic Sojourn*, radio host Brian O' Donovan's lively show brings some of Ireland's most talented instrumentalists, singers and dancers to the Cutler Majestic Theater in Boston to perform traditional Christmas music, songs, dances, poetry and stories. Enjoy performances by Robbie O'Connell, Navan, and Kieran Jordan's outstanding dance troupe.



Christmas Celtic Sojourn • December 1 at 4:30 PM

Libera will warm your heart and soul with the angelic voices of one of the world's most acclaimed boy choirs. They perform traditional Christmas carols infused with the musical sounds of Ireland, featuring virtuoso musicians like Irish flutist Brian Dunning and violinist Zoe Conway.



**Libera: Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland
December 8 at 6:30 PM on NHPTV PRIME**

Nashville shows why it's called Music City as acclaimed American mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves hosts *Christmas at Belmont*, an annual program of traditional carols, classical masterworks, world music and light-hearted seasonal favorites. It features 700 Belmont University students and faculty and the Nashville Children's Choir.



And, the *St. Olaf's Choir of Norway* is the delight of any choral music lover. From Trondheim's historic Nidaros Cathedral, comes the world-renowned *a capella* group singing classic Christmas carols and traditional Norwegian hymns and folk songs.

**Christmas at Belmont • December 20 at 10 & December 26 at 9 PM
Christmas in Norway with St. Olaf's Choir • December 23 at 9 PM**

Happy Holidays From NHPTV to You!



Because of your support for New Hampshire Public Television, families around New England can rely on award-winning television—filled with stories that capture the imagination, fill the spirit, expand the mind, and unite us as a community.

Because of your generosity, programs produced at NHPTV are shared with viewers across the region, including *Windows to the Wild*, *Counting on Birds*, and *Granite State Challenge*.

Because of your commitment, NHPTV can provide valuable resources to communities in the areas of literacy, education, and health, as well as online professional development for educators.

Looking ahead, we have some dramatic plans for the New Year. Be sure to mark your calendar for the return of two long-awaited favorites from *Masterpiece: Downton Abbey* and *Sherlock* will premiere on NHPTV PRIME next month!

As NHPTV serves more people in more ways than ever before, we're making one of our largest investments in programming.

Your increased support before December 31 is more than a vote of support for our public service mission: it will make a BIG difference in our ability to introduce you to fascinating neighbors, groundbreaking ideas and unforgettable places in the coming year.

NHPTV is proud to be your home for public television. You know you can count on us to bring you first-rate drama, world-class performances, independent news, unique local perspectives and more.

We look forward to a New Year with you, filled with ideas, music, art, nature, science and exploration.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season from everyone at New Hampshire Public Television. **And thank you for your support.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter A. Frid".

Peter Frid,
NHPTV President & CEO NHPTV
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Program Top Picks

Return To Downton Abbey



Get primed for the premiere of season 4 on January 5th by returning to past seasons at that stately Yorkshire manor, *Downton Abbey*. Relive the triumphs and tragedies of its most thrilling season, from the moment that Mary and Matthew finally tie the knot to shocking revelations which rock the Crawley family. All the while, Carson and Mrs. Hughes try to keep order downstairs.

Sundays • 9 PM on NHPTV PRIME

(additional dates & times on NHPTV EXPLORE)

GREAT PERFORMANCES

Barbra Streisand: Back To Brooklyn

The legendary Barbra Streisand makes a historic homecoming to Brooklyn, marking the superstar's first Brooklyn concert since her childhood years. Joined by special guests Il Volo and Chris Botti, Streisand performs an extensive selection of songs from throughout her five-decade career, including a touching duet with her son, Jason Gould.

December 4 • 7:30 PM on NHPTV PRIME



Silent Night

For one magical evening on December 24, 1914, French, German and Scottish soldiers laid down their arms and joined in a spontaneous celebration reflecting the peace, fellowship and humanity of the season. Based on the award-winning film, *Joyeux Noel*, the Minnesota Opera brings this remarkable story of kindness and humanity to the stage as a reflection of this season.

December 13 • 9 PM on NHPTV PRIME



How Sherlock Changed The World

The fictional Sherlock Holmes was a scientist who used chemistry, bloodstains and minute traces of evidence to catch criminals. His crime-scene methods were revolutionary

in an era when eyewitness reports and "smoking gun" evidence were all that was needed for conviction.

Forensic scientists, crime historians and Sherlockian experts reveal for the first time the astonishing impact Arthur Conan Doyle's creation had on the development of real-life criminal investigation and forensic techniques.

December 17 • 9 PM on NHPTV PRIME



Mr. Stink

Chloe sees Mr. Stink every day, but she's never spoken to him, which isn't surprising, because he's a tramp — and he stinks. But before she knows it, Chloe has an unusual friend hiding in her garden shed when it seems Mr. Stink and his stinky dog, Duchess, might be driven out of town.

As Chloe struggles to make sure no one sniffs out Mr. Stink, she also has to cope with troubles at home and school, but there may be more to all this than meets the eye...or the nose. Starring Hugh Bonneville as Mr. Stink.

December 22 • 8 PM on NHPTV PRIME



Call The Midwife Holiday Special

It's not the traditional Christmas at Nonnatus House. With the nuns and nurses adjusting to Sister Bernadette's new life, a strange discovery made near Nonnatus House turns out the nuns and dozens of local families become

homeless. Dr. Turner is in a race against time to immunize children against polio, but when the illness strikes close to home, he finds there's nothing he can do but hope. Can Chummy bring some cheer back to Poplar?

December 29 • 7:30 PM on NHPTV PRIME



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Downton Abbey Screening & Tea

Join NHPTV & Red River Theatres for High Tea and an exclusive free screening of the premiere episode of *Masterpiece Downton Abbey 4!*

The most-watched drama in PBS history enters its fourth gripping season January 5th. Replete with weddings, births, abandonment, financial reversal, sudden riches, and equally sudden deaths, Season 3 left



us spellbound. Season 4 opens six months later. Although it is the 1920s, Britain still observes mourning rituals that are almost Victorian in their solemnity.

Nonetheless, the Crawleys are beginning to snap out of it: Robert, Lord Grantham, must manage the estate without his canny son-in-law Matthew; Cora faces a staffing crisis; Violet, who has seen enough tragedy, knows how to recoup quickly; Isobel, Matthew's mother, may never recover; Edith, who was jilted at the altar, tempts scandal with a new beau; and Mary finds herself the most desirable widow in Yorkshire. The servants also pick up, buck up, and get on with it—with new arrivals, departures, rivalries, and betrayals among the downstairs staff. Life goes on at *Downton Abbey*, and we can't wait to watch it all happen!

December 15 at Red River Theatres in Concord
Tickets available at www.redrivertheatres.org

Holiday Treats For Kids!

Count down with *Elmo*, help a reindeer with *Cat in the Hat*, and search for the perfect gift with *Curious George* this holiday season!

In four fantastic programs, our favorite friends solve problems that arise as they try to make the perfect holiday.

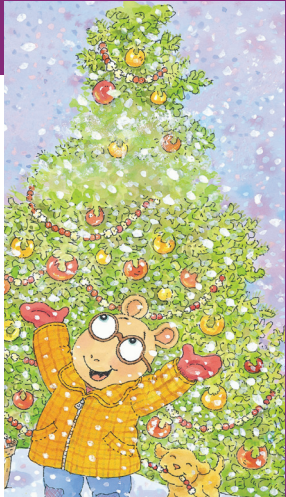
Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat are ready for Christmas, except for one thing... neither have found each other a present!

Arthur, D.W. and the gang make preparations for the perfect Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and even "Baxter Day," but their meticulous plans may go awry as the dates for their holidays draw nearer.



The Cat in the Hat and *Elmo* are both in the helping spirit this holiday season. They try to guide a reindeer home and aid an elf in his job of counting Christmas boxes, all with the help of special friends. Join *George*, *Arthur*, *the Cat*, and *Elmo* in discovering the meaning of the holidays!

Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas • 12/9 at 8 AM
Arthur's Perfect Christmas • 12/10 at 7 AM
Elmo's Christmas Countdown • 12/11 at 10 AM
Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About Christmas! • 12/13 at 8 AM
... all on NHPTV PRIME!



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	Over-the-Air	Comcast	Metrocast	Time Warner	DirectTV Dish	Verizon FIOS
NHPTV PRIME (SD)		2	11	11		11
NHPTV PRIME (HD)	11.1	702/802	711/11.1*		11	511
NHPTV EXPLORE (SD)	11.2	11	11.2*			
NHPTV EXPLORE (HD)		801/11.2*				
World	11.3	209/316, 11.3	11.3*			
Kids	11.4	217/318, 11.4	11.4*			
Create		237/316				

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A Christmas Celtic Sojourn
Dec 14, Stockbridge Theatre, Derry
Downtown Abbey Screening & Tea
Dec 15, Red River Theatres, Concord
LAS MARTHAS
Community Cinema
Jan. 14, Red River Theatres, Concord
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