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National Christmas Tree Lighting 2012

Celebrating its 90th year, the lighting of the National Christmas Tree signals the start of the holiday season across the country.

Taped at President's Park in Washington, D.C., this 60-minute special features performances and readings by top musical artists and actors. The evening's festivities will be capped off by the ceremonial lighting of the National Christmas Tree by a very special guest!



Airs Saturday, December 15, at 8 p.m

THE KENNEDY CENTER MARK TWAIN PRIZE for American Humor

The Mark Twain Prize recognizes people who have had an impact on American society in ways similar to the distinguished 19th-century novelist and essayist known as Mark Twain. As a social commentator, satirist and creator of characters, Samuel Clemens was a fearless observer of society, who startled many while delighting and informing many more with his uncompromising perspective of social injustice and personal folly. On New Year's Eve, WUSF-TV airs three specials from the series, honoring Ellen DeGeneres, Tina Fey and Will Ferrell.



ellen degeneres

Ellen DeGeneres' distinctive comic voice has resonated with audiences from her first stand-up comedy appearances through her work today on television, in film and in the literary world. **Airs Monday, December 31, 8 p.m.**



tina fey

Multiple Grammy, Golden Globe and Writers' Guild award-winner for her work as actor, writer and producer for *30 Rock*, *Saturday Night Live* and more, Fey is toasted by an A-list class of comedic talent, including Steve Martin. **Airs Monday, December 31, 9:30 p.m.**



will ferrell

Christina Applegate, Jack Black, Zach Galifianakis and others salute this popular comedian and comic actor. With music from Green Day. **Airs Monday, December 31, 11 p.m.**





NOVA "Mystery of Easter Island" Easter Island has mystified the world ever since the first Europeans arrived in 1722. How did the ancient islanders move nearly 900 giant statues weighing up to 86 tons? *NOVA* explores controversial claims that challenge decades of previous thinking. Airs Sunday, December 16, 8 p.m.



Antiques Roadshow "Cats & Dogs" Whether it's a ceramic dog or a painted cat, this special is chock full of appraisals featuring felines and canines — in sculpture, on canvas and in many other forms — including an original "Hush Puppy" mascot, dog portraits and one "naughty cat" bronze. Airs Friday, December 21, 8 p.m.



America's Children's Holiday Parade features characters from PBS KIDS, children's storybooks, movies and programs. Your children will love the colorful floats, marching bands, giant balloons, and such favorite stars as Garfield, Odie, Strawberry Shortcake and more. Airs Monday, December 24, 6 p.m.

Saturday 1st

8:00pm Moments To Remember (My Music)

10:30pm Celtic Thunder Christmas

Sunday 2nd



8:00pm Great Performances "Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park"

10:30pm Heart of Perfect Health with Brenda Watson

Monday 3rd

8:00pm Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (My Music)

10:00pm 3 Steps to Incredible Health! With Joel Furhman, M.D.

Tuesday 4th

8:00pm Il Volo Takes Flight

9:30pm Moments To Remember (My Music)

Wednesday 5th

8:00pm John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind (My Music)



10:00pm Use Your Brain to Change Your Age with Dr. Daniel Amen

Thursday 6th

8:00pm Nature "Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air"

9:30pm Great Performances "Jackie Evancho: Dream with Me in Concert"

Friday 7th

8:00pm - 12:00am Viewer Favorites

Saturday 8th

8:00pm Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (My Music)

10:00pm - 12:00am Viewer Favorites

Sunday 9th

8:00pm - 12:00am Viewer Favorites

Monday 10th

8:00pm Rick Steves' Europe "London: Historic and Dynamic"

8:30pm Smart Travels - Europe with Rudy Maxa "France's Champagne Region"

9:00pm Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope "Dreamin' California's Coast - Malibu to Big Sur"

9:30pm Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland

10:00pm Globe Trekker Special "The Making of Globe Trekker"

Tuesday 11th

8:00pm Ballykissangel "All Bar One"

9:00pm William and Mary

10:00pm MI-5 "Rain from Heaven"

Wednesday 12th

8:00pm New York Wine & Table "Niagara"



8:30pm Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom "Hanukkah"

9:00pm This Old House

9:30pm Hometown "Island Kitchen 2.0: Cabinets"

10:00pm History Detectives

Thursday 13th

8:00pm Nature "Is That Skunk?"

9:00pm Last Chance To See "Amazonian Manatee"

10:00pm Last Chance To See "Northern White Rhino"

Friday 14th

8:00pm Antiques Roadshow "Junk in the Trunk 2"

9:00pm Vera "Hidden Depths"

Saturday 15th

8:00pm National Christmas Tree Lighting 2012

Saturday 15th continued



9:00pm Saturday Night Movie "No Time For Sergeants" (1958)

Sunday 16th

8:00pm NOVA "Mystery of Easter Island"

9:00pm Secrets of the Dead "The Silver Pharaoh"

10:00pm Lost Treasures of the Ancient World "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World"

Monday 17th

8:00pm Rick Steves' Europe "North England's Lake District and Durham"

8:30pm Smart Travels - Europe with Rudy Maxa "France's Normandy"

9:00pm Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope "San Miguel De Allende, Celebrating in the Heart of Mexico"

9:30pm European Christmas Markets

10:00pm Globe Trekker "Mid-Atlantic States"

Tuesday 18th

8:00pm Ballykissangel "He Healeth the Sick"

9:00pm William and Mary

10:00pm MI-5

Wednesday 19th

8:00pm Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions "Winter in Lake Geneva Region, Switzerland"



8:30pm Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions "Christmas in Vienna, Austria"

9:00pm This Old House

Wednesday 19th continued

9:30pm Hometown "Island Kitchen 2.0: Countertops"

10:00pm Heirloom Meals' Christmas

Thursday 20th

8:00pm Nature "My Life as a Turkey"

9:00pm Last Chance To See "Aye-Aye"



10:00pm Last Chance To See "Komodo Dragons"

Friday 21st

8:00pm Antiques Roadshow "Cats & Dogs"

9:00pm Vera "Telling Tales"

Saturday 22nd

8:00pm Legendary Bing Crosby

9:00pm Saturday Night Movie "Soldier in the Rain" (1963)

Sunday 23rd

8:00pm NOVA "Ultimate Mars Challenge"



9:00pm Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam

Monday 24th

8:00pm Flight of Faith: The Jesus Story

9:00pm Christmas with Nathan Pacheco

10:00pm Tonic Sol-fa: Greatest Time of Year

Tuesday 25th

8:00pm Movie "No Time for Sergeants" (1958)

10:00pm Movie "Soldier in the Rain" (1963)

Wednesday 26th

8:00pm Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom "Kwanzaa"

8:30pm Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom "New Year's"

9:00pm This Old House

9:30pm Hometown "Island Kitchen 2.0: Appliances"

10:00pm History Detectives

Thursday 27th

8:00pm Nature "The Dragon Chronicles"

9:00pm Last Chance To See "Kakapo"

10:00pm Last Chance To See "Blue Whales"

Friday 28th

8:00pm Antiques Roadshow "Greatest Gifts"

9:00pm Vera "'The Crow Trap"

Saturday 29th



8:00pm Mike Douglas: Moments and Memories

9:00pm Saturday Night Movie "Dark Victory" (1939)

Sunday 30th

8:00pm NOVA "'Inside the Megastorm"

9:00pm Secrets of the Dead "Lost Ships of Rome"

10:00pm Titanic with Len Goodman

Monday 31st

8:00pm Ellen Degeneres: The Mark Twain Prize



9:30pm Tina Fey: The Mark Twain Prize

11:00pm Will Ferrell: The Mark Twain Prize

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