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### Hope of the Season: Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir

**Monday, December 15**  
**8 p.m. on CPTV**

The world-renowned Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square joins with Tony Award-winner Ruthie Ann Miles and Hollywood veteran Dennis Haysbert in this unforgettable holiday spectacular. Packed with classic carols and holiday favorites, this 90-minute concert features songs and stories of hope for all ages.



### Great Performances "The Nutcracker"

**Tuesday, December 16**  
**8 p.m. on CPTV**

Enjoy Tchaikovsky's holiday classic set in Edwardian-era London. Clara embarks on a fantastical adventure with her enchanted nutcracker featuring over 100 dancers and a magical, dreamlike realm. Choreographed by Aaron S. Watkin and Arielle Smith.



### Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2025

**Thursday, December 25**  
**8 p.m. on CPTV**

When senior members of the Nonnatus House staff head to Hong Kong on a mercy mission, the younger midwives are left to cope alone. As the Christmas action shifts between the sun-drenched Far East and a snowy East End, Sister Julienne suddenly finds herself excited about the Order's future.



# STARRING DICK VAN DYKE

**American Masters:  
Starring Dick Van Dyke**  
**Friday, December 12 at 9 p.m.**

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

# Prime Time | December 1-8

## Schedule Key

- CPTV Original, CPTV National Production or Presentation, or CPTV Co-production indicated in **red font**.
- Program or episode premiere indicated by a **P**. Live broadcasts indicated by an **L**.
- CPTV Local Acquisitions indicated in **blue font**. For the most up-to-date program schedule, visit [CPTV.org/schedule](https://www.cptv.org/schedule)

MON 1	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>France Made with Love P</b> Discover France's finest artisans, from bakers to glovemakers, keeping timeless traditions alive.			<b>Rick Steves Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet P</b> Celebrate Europe's creative geniuses, from Leonardo to Van Gogh, in a two-hour journey through art and innovation.			<b>Marie Antoinette: Beyond the Portrait</b>	
TUE 2	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Becoming Thurgood: America's Social Architect</b> Explore the rise of the nation's first Black Supreme Court justice.			<b>Ken Burns: The Civil War</b> Revisit a landmark series 25 years later through clips and conversations with Ken Burns, Geoffrey Ward and others.			<b>The Quilting Women of Gee's Bend</b>	
WED 3	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Nature - Hummingbirds of Hollywood</b> Follow Terry Maser's journey as she nurtures fragile hummingbirds back to health.			<b>Ken Burns: The National Parks</b> Explore America's national parks, from Acadia to the Grand Canyon, with insights from filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan.			<b>Nature - Attenborough's Life Journey</b>	
THU 4	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas in the Dales</b> Go behind the scenes of the <i>Masterpiece</i> holiday special.			<b>Rick Steves' European Christmas</b> Explore Europe's holiday traditions, from England's pudding to Tuscany's festive fires.			<b>Cozy Mysteries of Masterpiece Mystery!</b> Go behind the scenes of <i>Masterpiece</i> .	
FRI 5	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>American Masters - Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story</b> Explore the life and career of Liza Minnelli, from Cabaret to building her own showbiz legacy.			<b>Barbra Streisand: Back to Brooklyn</b> A dazzling concert with appearances by Chris Botti, Il Volo and Jason Gould.				
SAT 6	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Tommy Emmanuel P</b> (Starts at 7 p.m.)	<b>The Rolling Stones: Grrr Live!</b> Celebrate the band's 50th anniversary with Bruce Springsteen, Lady Gaga, John Mayer and more at a memorable 2012 concert at Newark's Prudential Center.				<b>Deconstructing the Beatles</b>	<b>Air Supply: 50th Anniversary Concert P</b> Relive timeless hits in this 2025 concert.	
SUN 7	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Celtic Thunder - Odyssey</b> A musical celebration of Irish songs and stories. (Starts at 7:30 p.m.)		<b>All Creatures Great and Small: Chapter Five</b> Go behind the scenes of Season 5 as Darrowby faces war, family and surprises.			<b>Marie Antoinette: Beyond the Portrait</b> The making of a dramatic royal series.		<b>France Made with Love</b>
MON 8	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Rick Steves Experiencing Europe</b> Rick Steves shares essential skills for stress-free, enriching European travel.			<b>England Made with Love</b> Explore craftsmanship and meet masters passing skills to the next generation of artisans.			<b>The Quilting Women of Gee's Bend</b> Explore African American quilting in Alabama.	



MASTERPIECE

# MISS SCARLET

Miss Scarlet returns for another scintillating season of sleuthing. Mark your calendars: **the new season will be streaming early with Passport beginning December 7** and will make its broadcast premiere on January 11 on CPTV.

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# Prime Time | December 9-16

TUE 9	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Mister Rogers: It's You I Like</b> Michael Keaton hosts a 50th anniversary tribute to <i>Mister Rogers' Neighborhood</i> .			<b>Ken Burns: America's Storyteller</b> Join Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep and others for a tribute and exclusive look at Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's <i>The Vietnam War</i> .			<b>Tommy Emmanuel: Live</b>	
WED 10	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Nature - American Horses</b> Follow the story of Mustang, Appaloosa, Morgan and Quarter Horse breeds that helped shape our nation.			<b>Tractor Wars</b> Discover how John Deere, Ford and International Harvester battled to mechanize farming.			<b>Rick Steves Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet</b>	
THU 11	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>All Creatures Great and Small: Cheers to the Years</b> Celebrate five seasons of memorable moments with the cast and show creators.			<b>Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen - Cat Among the Pigeons</b> The hidden life behind a woman's genius.			<b>Celtic Thunder - Odyssey</b> A musical celebration of Irish songs and stories.	
FRI 12	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Tony Bennett: Viva Duets</b> Classic songs brought to life with special guests.			<b>American Masters - Starring Dick Van Dyke</b> Celebrate Dick Van Dyke's 100th birthday with rare footage and a look back at his eight-decade career.			<b>Broadway's Leading Ladies</b> A 2025 musical tribute to Broadway's female legacy.	
SAT 13	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Carole King &amp; James Taylor: Just Call Out My Name</b> (Starts at 7 p.m.)			<b>Bruce Springsteen &amp; The E Street Band - No Nukes</b> Relive the 1979 "No Nukes" concerts with restored footage and iconic performances.			<b>I Want My '80s Tour Live</b> Celebrate the decade's biggest hits with 80s legends.	
SUN 14	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Happiness</b> Charlie returns home.	<b>Happiness</b> Charlie joins rehearsals.	<b>All Creatures Great and Small - To All Our Boys</b> James and friends face troubles.		<b>All Creatures Great and Small - Holding the Baby</b> Baby Jimmy joins daily rounds.		<b>Seaside Hotel - The World Has Now Hated More Than Enough</b>	
MON 15	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir</b> Classic carols and community spirit shine in this holiday special.			<b>Southern Celtic Christmas Concert</b> Celtic and Appalachian holiday music and dance.		<b>POV - Between Goodbyes</b> A queer Korean adoptee reunites with her birth mother, navigating adoption's complex legacy.		
TUE 16	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Great Performances - Nutcracker from English National Ballet</b> Tchaikovsky's holiday classic comes to life through dance.			<b>American Masters</b>	<b>Frontline</b> An investigation into Iran's nuclear program in the aftermath of the U.S. and Israeli strikes.		<b>Sultan and the Saint</b> How a friar and a sultan changed history 800 years ago.	

## The WHEELHOUSE LIVE

### The Year Political Satire Became Too Hot for TV

Free speech is in focus at this year's **Wheelhouse LIVE** amid significant shifts in the world of broadcast media. If free press is the cornerstone of American Democracy, what do the Trump administration's attacks on late night TV hosts – and Congress' claw back of funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting – tell us about the future of American politics and pop culture?

**Wednesday, Dec 10**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
(Doors open at 5:30 PM)




Connecticut Public, 1049 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT 06105



Host  
**Frankie Graziano**



# Prime Time | December 17-24

WED 17	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Nature - Santa's Wild Home</b> An intimate look at Lapland and its wild residents.		<b>NOVA - Polar Extremes</b> Follow fossils in unexpected places, from beech trees in Antarctica to Arctic redwoods, to uncover the bizarre history of the poles and ancient life.			<b>Beneath the Polar Sun</b> Researchers confront the vanishing ice of the Arctic.		
THU 18	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>A Celebration of Hanukkah P</b> Host Geoffrey Baer explores the traditions and treats.		<b>Father Brown - The Last Supper</b> A food fayre comes to Kempleford bringing murder.		<b>Brokenwood Mysteries - A Merry Bloody Christmas</b> Mike investigates the slaying of a man found in a Santa suit.		<b>European Christmas Markets</b>	
FRI 19	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Midsomer Murders - Tainted Fruit</b> Lies, betrayal and murder challenge Barnaby.		<b>Midsomer Murders - Tainted Fruit</b> Barnaby and Troy weed through a dark world of lies.		<b>Velvet - White Christmas P</b> Snow brings a Christmas celebration, but Rita is heartbroken by Pedro's news.		<b>Christmas in New England</b>	
SAT 20	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Public Television Feature Film Package-Emma P</b> Love is in the air. (Starts at 7 p.m.)		<b>Public Television Feature Film Package - Mansfield Park P</b> Born into poverty, Fanny is taken in by her wealthy uncle to prepare for society.			<b>Austin City Limits - Jon Batiste P</b> Vibrant jazz and soul light up the stage.		
SUN 21	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Happiness P</b>		<b>Happiness P</b> Rehearsals flourish.		<b>All Creatures Great and Small - Homecoming</b> Jimmy's christening brings surprises.		<b>All Creatures Great and Small - Uninvited Guests</b> James confronts his war trauma.	
MON 22	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Mark Twain's Neighborhood Nook Farm</b> Preserving Hartford's historic legacy.		<b>Mary Berry's Highland Christmas</b> Spend Christmas in Scotland with Mary Berry, festive delights and her indulgent dishes.			<b>Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas</b> Celebrate Christmas with a festive feast from a beloved British home cook and her friends.		
TUE 23	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>American Masters - Brenda Lee: Rockin' Around</b> The life and music of Brenda Lee.		<b>Great Performances - Nutcracker from English National Ballet</b> Experience the magic of <i>The Nutcracker</i> in Edwardian London.			<b>Too Hot to Handel - The Gospel Messiah</b> Marin Alsop leads a vibrant gospel, jazz and R&B <i>Messiah</i> at Royal Albert Hall.		
WED 24	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
 <b>cptv</b>	<b>Public Television Feature Film Package - The Bells of St. Mary's P</b> Friendly rivalry helps Father O'Malley and Sister Benedict expand their Catholic school.				<b>Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir</b> Miles and Haysbert present inspiring music and the true meaning of Christmas.		<b>Ball and Vase</b> Ed's last Xmas hope.	



## CRAFT IN AMERICA EAST

Sunday, December 21  
7 p.m. on CPTV
















Explore the intersection of history, culture and contemporary craft in the eastern region of the US. Featuring renowned tapestry artist Helena Hernmarck, from Ridgefield, Connecticut, who uses a weaving technique that manipulates colored weft threads to produce photo-realistic imagery.



**Clockwise:** Tapestry artist Helena Hernmarck at the loom Denise Kang photograph; Helena Hernmarck, Maple Tree Courtesy of the artist Norman McGrath photograph; Potter Roberto Lugo glazing Denise Kang photograph



# Prime Time | December 25-31



THU 25	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Call the Midwife Holiday Special</b>  Nonnatus House staff split between Hong Kong and London, as Sister Julianne embraces change, love and the promise of the Order's future.				<b>Call the Midwife Holiday Special</b> When senior members of the Nonnatus House staff head to Hong Kong on a mercy mission, the younger midwives are left to cope alone in London.			
FRI 26	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Midsomer Murders - Ring Out Your Dead</b> Revenge and murder hit Midsomer Wellow.		<b>Midsomer Murders - Ring Out Your Dead</b> Barnaby solves a villager's quest for revenge.		<b>Velvet - Twelfth Night</b>  Carlos and Ana grow closer while Clara takes driving lessons and Cristina celebrates Christmas.		<b>Ball and Vase</b> Ed's last Xmas hope.	
SAT 27	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Secrets of the Royal Palaces - Buckingham Palace</b>  Palace history and wedding chaos.		<b>Public Television Feature Film Package - My Week with Marilyn</b>  An assistant recounts tension between Olivier and Monroe during <i>The Prince and the Showgirl</i> (1957).			<b>Austin City Limits - Rodrigo Y Gabriela Featuring the Austin Symphony Orchestra</b>		
SUN 28	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Happiness</b>  Tensions flare at Pizazz.	<b>Happiness</b>  It's opening night!	<b>All Creatures Great and Small - Pair Bond</b> Opportunities and crises in Darrowby.		<b>All Creatures Great and Small - Glass Half Full</b> James falls ill, chaos ensues.		<b>Seaside Hotel - No Business Like Show Business</b>  Madsen plots; Kitty rehearses.	
MON 29	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>Antiques Roadshow</b> Finds include a Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner baseball.		<b>Prohibition: Connecticut Goes Dry</b> From temperance to rum-runners in Connecticut.		<b>Antiques Roadshow</b> Finds include a Tiffany vase, a Picasso plate and a Calder mobile.		<b>Antiques Roadshow</b> Finds include a Babe Ruth card and a Patek Philippe dress watch.	
TUE 30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>American Masters - Starring Dick Van Dyke</b> Celebrate Dick Van Dyke's 100th birthday with rare footage and a look back at his eight-decade career.				<b>Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip</b> In 1903, Horatio Nelson Jackson makes history as the first to drive an automobile across the U.S., fueled by a \$50 bet.			
WED 31	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	<b>New Year's Eve Special 2025</b>  Celebrate the coming of the year ahead and ring in 2026 with a lineup of special guests whose talents will make the new year a memorable event.				<b>New Year's Eve Special 2025</b> Celebrate the coming of the year ahead and ring in 2026 with a lineup of special guests whose talents will make the new year a memorable event.			

# MISTER ROGERS

## It's You I Like

**Tuesday, December 9**  
8 p.m. on CPTV

Join host Michael Keaton to celebrate "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," the pioneering children's series that premiered nationally over 50 years ago. Celebrities, cast members and Joanne Rogers reveal their favorite memories from the series.





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### CPTV PBS KIDS 24/7 CHANNEL Pre-K Focus

	Monday to Friday	Saturday/Sunday
6:00 AM	Clifford the Big Red Dog	The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That
6:30 AM	Sesame Street	Dinosaur Train
7:00 AM	Pinkalicious & Peterrific	Pinkalicious & Peterrific
7:30 AM	Curious George	Peg + Cat
8:00 AM	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
8:30 AM	Milo	Milo
9:00 AM	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
9:30 AM	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
10:00 AM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
10:30 AM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
11:00 AM	Carl the Collector	Carl the Collector
11:30 AM	Carl the Collector	Curious George
12:00 PM	Donkey Hodie	Donkey Hodie
12:30 PM	Donkey Hodie	Donkey Hodie
1:00 PM	Elinor Wonders Why	Elinor Wonders Why
1:30 PM	Rosie's Rules	SUPER WHY!
2:00 PM	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
2:30 PM	Xavier Riddle & the Secret Museum	Xavier Riddle & the Secret Museum

### CPTV PBS KIDS 24/7 CHANNEL After School (Older kids)

	Monday to Friday	Saturday/Sunday
3:00 PM	Molly of Denali	Molly of Denali
3:30 PM	Alma's Way	Alma's Way
4:00 PM	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla in the Loop
4:30 PM	Weather Hunters	Arthur
5:00 PM	Odd Squad	Odd Squad
5:30 PM	Skillsville	Skillsville
6:00 PM	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
6:30 PM	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
7:00 PM	Lyla in the Loop	PBS KIDS Family Night
7:30 PM	Arthur	
8:00 PM	Nature Cat	
8:30 PM	Hero Elementary	
9:00 PM	Cyberchase	Cyberchase
9:30 PM	Let's Go Luna!	Ready Jet Go!

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### Christmas in Africa Special

Premieres December 8 on CPTV and PBS KIDS

When Dot and Al announce the Hunters are spending Christmas in Nigeria, Corky worries about skipping their usual cold-weather traditions. But as they plan an exciting celebration, Corky wonders: can she have a fun Christmas without snow?

