A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 19, 7:30
I can’t believe how 2021 has flown by! It’s been an exciting year for your local public media station. This year, WHRO Public Media won 11 Telly Awards, 10 Virginia Association of Broadcasters Awards, four American Advertising Awards, three Salute to Excellence Awards from the National Association of Black Journalists, and one Public Media Award—all for outstanding TV and radio productions and marketing promotions. WHRO was also named once again as a Top Workplace in Hampton Roads by Inside Business.

Additionally, we continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary this year. We’ve received so many messages of support and congratulations throughout the year from our members, partners and other organizations throughout the region. As I reflect on this last year, as well as on our history in the region, I’m so proud to be a part of an organization that the community relies on for news, information and entertainment. If you haven’t visited our 60th anniversary web page, you should check it out. You’ll find a bit of the station’s history as well as some fun old photos. Find it at whro.org/60

As we head into the holiday season, we have some great programs lined up for this month. On WHRO TV 15 as well as our radio stations, you can enjoy poignant holiday stories, seasonal music, and uplifting programs like the Call the Midwife Holiday Special, 20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir, and The Nutcracker and the Mouse King. You can read about these upcoming shows throughout this guide.

We also have another Downton Abbey marathon coming during the first week of December. On Saturday and Sunday, December 4 & 5, you can watch all of season 4 on WHRO TV 15. Our television and radio membership drives are also taking place in early December. I hope you will join us and consider including WHRO in your holiday gift giving this year. Your additional contribution will help us continue to produce the engaging and educational programming you enjoy. Thank you in advance for your continued support. And from our family to yours, Happy Holidays!

Bert Schmidt
President & Chief Executive Officer

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One of the great resources that WHRO offers to teachers and families is our free digital media content library, eMediaVA. eMediaVA features tens of thousands of digital learning resources, including videos, games, interactives, images and lesson plans for use in the classroom or at home. The offerings range from Pre-K all the way to professional development and cover a wide variety of topics from science to personal finance. WHRO and the Virginia Department of Education work in partnership with several organizations including NASA, Sesame Workshop and The Chrysler Museum of Art to bring quality SOL-compliant content to all our divisions.

“eMediaVA is a great resource for exploring the history, traditions, and significance of the winter holidays, in addition to relevant and engaging activities, videos, and games to turn your classroom into a winter wonderland this holiday season! eMediaVA’s digital media collection is also filled with educational and entertaining resources to keep students learning over winter break,” says Lindsey Horner, WHRO’s eMediaVA manager.

If you’re a teacher searching for educational or entertaining resources to share with students and parents over winter break, eMediaVA has you covered with distance learning collections available at emediava.org/distancelearning. This assortment is categorized by subject in elementary and secondary levels, making it easy to find what content would best fit any student, from Bill Nye to PBS NewsHour. The page updates regularly with new content as resources become available.

Horner also has several recommendations for families who want an educational spin on their holidays. Have students learn about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa with eMediaVA’s “Winter Holiday Collection.” The “Celebrating Winter” playlist helps turn a virtual or physical learning space into a holiday haven. Students can also play “Grover’s Winter Games” where they can ice skate, snowboard and ski all while learning number recognition and patterns. Simply type the name of the collection into the “search” box on eMediaVA.org to find these resources.

So whenever you want to spend the day playfully expanding your child’s education, especially during this holiday season, eMediaVA is here to help.

By Kelsi Ponton
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- For the most up-to-date listing, visit whro.org/tvschedule.
Celebrating PBS NewsHour
Wednesday, December 1, 8:00 p.m.

Celebrating PBS NewsHour highlights the history and accomplishments of this groundbreaking public media news organization. From its creation in 1975 as The Robert MacNeil Report, the PBS NewsHour has set the standard for broadcast journalism and garnered more than 30 major awards for the program and its co-anchors.

Craft in America: Jewelry
Friday, December 10, 10:00 p.m.

Explore the history, artistry and impact of personal adornment. Featuring jewelers Tom Herman, Harriete Estel Berman, Art Smith, Gabrielle Gould and Jesse Monongya.

20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir
Monday, December 13, 8:00 p.m.

Tony Award winner Brian Stokes Mitchell joins the Choir and Orchestra for this two-hour 20th anniversary retrospective with performances from Audra McDonald, Kristin Chenoweth, Gladys Knight, Angela Lansbury, Hugh Bonneville, Renee Fleming and more.

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King
Tuesday, December 14, 9:00 p.m.

This film is a re-imagination of the classic Nutcracker story, featuring the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and narrated by Alan Cumming.
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**Independent Lens: Pipe Dreams**

Monday, December 20, 10:00 p.m.

Follow four ultra-talented young people from all over the world as they play to win the Canadian International Organ Competition, which is open to virtuosi under age 35. Who will master the “king of instruments” and come out victorious?

**Little Women on Masterpiece**

Saturday, December 25, 6:00 p.m.

With the help of their mother, Marmee—and while their father fights in the Civil War—the four March sisters navigate what it means to be young women, from sibling rivalry and first love to loss and marriage.

**In Their Own Words: Angela Merkel**

Tuesday, December 28, 8:00 p.m.

Follow Merkel’s meteoric rise from pastor’s daughter to *Time* Person of the Year. As a young woman emerging from East Germany, she successfully navigated the male-dominated sphere of German politics to become the first female Chancellor of Germany.

**Earth Emergency**

Wednesday, December 29, 8:00 p.m.

Explore how environmental feedback loops are amplifying global warming and what we can do about it. Narrated by Richard Gere, this revealing film asks whether we are approaching a point of no return or if we have the will and vision to act now.
WEEKDAYS

5-10am  Morning Classics with Dwight Davis
10am-3pm  Mid-Day Classics with Rebecca Weinstein
Noon-1pm  Fri: Show Tune Cafe
3-7pm  Afternoon Classics with Wayla Chambo
7-9pm  Performance Today
9pm-Mid.  Evening Classics with Raymond Jones
Mid.-5am 90.3 Overnight

SATURDAYS

Mid.-6am 90.3 Overnight
6-7am  Harmonia
7am-Noon  Car Tunes with Anthony McSpadden
Noon-1pm  From the Top
1-4pm  Intermezzo
4-6pm  Performance Today
6-8pm  This Just In with Raymond Jones
11pm-Mid.  Harmonia

SUNDAYS

Mid.-7am 90.3 Overnight
7am-Noon  Your Musical Brunch with Anthony McSpadden
Noon-1pm  With Heart and Voice
1-3pm  Performance Today
3-4pm  From the Parlor with Dwight Davis
4-7pm  Afternoon Classics with Raymond Jones
7-8pm  Classical Guitar Alive!
8-10pm  Pipedreams
10pm-Mid.  Evening Classics with Raymond Jones

Classical Music Public Radio on three great stations: WHRO 90.3 FM, serving Hampton Roads; WHRJ 89.9, serving the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck; and WHRF 98.3, serving the Eastern Shore.

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WEEKDAYS

5-8am  Morning Edition from NPR
9-10am  BBC Newshour
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Noon-1pm  Mon: Throughline
  Tue: Reveal
  Wed: On Being
  Thurs: Another View with Barbara Hamm Lee
  Fri: Watching America
1-2pm  Mon: The TED Radio Hour
  Tue: The Jefferson Hour
  Wed: The Moth Hour
  Thurs: Selected Shorts
  Fri: Radiolab
2-3pm  Here & Now (M-Th)
2-3pm  Science Fri (Fri)
3-4pm  Fresh Air with Terry Gross
4-6:30pm  All Things Considered
6:30-7pm  Marketplace
7-9pm  Out of the Box with Paul Shugrue (M-Th)
7-8pm  R&B Chronicles (Fri)
8-10pm  A Shot of the Blues (Fri)
9pm-1am  Sinnett in Session (M-Th)
10pm-11pm  Sinnett in Session (Fri)
11pm-1am  Mountain Stage (Fri)
1-5am  BBC World Service

SATURDAYS

Mid.-1am Mountain Stage
1-5am  Sinnett Overnight
5-7am  BBC News
7-8am  Left Right & Center
8-10am  Weekend Edition Saturday
10-11am  A Way with Words
11am-Noon  Wait, Wait! Don’t Tell Me!
Noon-1pm  This American Life
1-5pm  Out of the Box with Paul Shugrue
5-6pm  All Things Considered
6-7pm  Snap Judgment
7-8pm  The Arts Hour
8-10pm  Rhythm Lab Radio
10-11pm  Vocal Sound of Jazz
11pm-Mid.  Juke in the Back

SUNDAYS

Mid.-5am Blues Before Sunrise
5-7am  BBC News
7-8am  With Good Reason
8-10am  Weekend Edition Sunday
10-11am  On Being
11-noon  Fresh Air Weekend
Noon-1pm  The Splendid Table
1-5pm  Sinnett in Session
5-6pm  All Things Considered
6-7pm  Thistle & Shamrock
7-9pm  Pickin’ on WHRV
9-10pm  Acoustic Highway
10-11pm  Folk Alley
11pm-Mid.  Art of Song
Mid.-1am  Woodsongs

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Fans of Charlie Brown and the gang will once again be able to watch the beloved television special featuring the Peanuts characters this holiday season. For 20 years, the program aired on ABC and was carried on CBS for many years before that. When it was announced last year that the specials would be leaving network TV and heading to Apple TV+, some fans were disheartened—but PBS and Apple worked together to make the broadcasts available to PBS viewers. PBS will once again air the special this December.

The program that has become an annual tradition for many generations was originally commissioned by The Coca-Cola Company in 1965. The soda company wanted to sponsor a family-friendly Christmas special. Newspapers had been bringing the Peanuts characters into people’s homes for many years through the popular comic strip created by Charles M. Schulz, but this animated special would be the first time fans would see Charlie Brown, Lucy and the gang able to move and talk.

The duo tapped to bring the characters to life was television producer Lee Mendelson and former Disney animator Bill Melendez. Over a period of several weeks they wrote the story and then had only six months to create the half-hour animated special. Some decisions they made along the way were quite unconventional for the time—hiring child actors instead of trained adults, featuring jazz music, including a Bible passage and avoiding use of a laugh track. These elements combined with the idea of airing what television executives considered more along the lines of a Saturday-morning cartoon during a primetime slot made many predict the special would be a failure.

The special aired on December 9, 1965, on CBS and was immediately met with high ratings and praise from fans. In 1966 it was awarded both an Emmy and a Peabody Award. It quickly became an annual tradition and aired on CBS each year from 1966 until 2000, though some slight edits were made to remove references to Coca-Cola products. For many families, it has become one of the iconic television specials that ushers in the holidays.

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