Rhythm of the Dance

Witness a new era in Irish entertainment featuring champion dancers along with some of the finest traditional musicians and singers. A combination of live performers and the latest technology takes audiences on an exhilarating trip through the ages.

Monday, December 3 at 7pm
Also airs Saturday, December 8 at 3:30pm

Tune in for your opportunity to see them perform
Live in Grand Rapids, at the Reif Center, February 24, 2019
Sarah Brightman: Hymn
Sunday, December 2 at 8:30pm

Thrill to the exquisite voice of the world’s best-selling soprano in this concert filmed in a magical setting at the foot of the Bavarian Alps. Features beloved favorites from her career and enchanting songs from her much-anticipated new album.

Doo Wop Generations (My Music)
Saturday, December 8 at 5pm & 11:30pm

Celebrate the new generation of doo wop performers as the original legends reunite to pass the torch. Performers include Kenny Vance & the Planotones, The Duprees, The Whipsines, Charlie Thomas’ Drifters, The Modern Gentlemen and more.

Celtic Woman: Ancient Land
Saturday, December 1 at 1pm; Sunday, December 2 at 7pm

Filmed at the enchanting 19th century Johnstown Castle in Wexford, Ireland, this new special features stunning new music from Celtic Woman’s latest album Ancient Land, along with a few of their timeless classics. Showcasing the fiddle playing of Tara McNeill and the shimmering voices of Mairead Carlin and Eabha McMahon, this special introduces the newest member of Celtic Woman, 21-year-old Megan Walsh, making her debut. Celtic Woman will be accompanied by an orchestra and choir along with some of Ireland’s finest musicians on an array of Celtic instruments, including Uilleann pipes, whistles, percussion and bagpipes, along with a troupe of Irish dancers.

Joe Bonamassa - British Blues Explosion Live
Tuesday, December 4 at 8:30pm; Saturday, December 8 at 10pm

Joe Bonamassa’s love of the British Blues is at the heart of his musical inspiration and he is pleased to announce a special homage to the British blues rock guitarist that inspired him - Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page. Bonamassa pays tribute to these legends of the British Blues in this stunning live concert which was recorded at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, London in July 2016.

Great Performances
“Michael Bublé: Tour Stop 148”
Sunday, December 2 at 7pm; Wednesday, December 5 at 8:30pm

Experience superstar singer Michael Bublé’s visually thrilling and musically triumphant “To Be Loved Tour” featuring performances of his hits including “Home” and “Haven’t Met You Yet” along with exclusive footage of Team Bublé travels.
Happy Holidays!

I don’t know about you, but I’m not happy about the fact that Mother Nature decided to skip fall altogether this year. It seems that we went right from summer to winter in a few weeks time! I guess there’s nothing we can do about it, so we just have to move on.

As we enter the holidays, I’d like to wish you all a very happy holiday season and a very merry Christmas. As usual for this time of the year, we’ve got some great holiday programming in store for you this month. We always get very positive feedback over the holidays from folks who appreciate the wonderful college choir concerts we bring you from around the region. This December we’ll have many of these holiday choir concerts along with some great Christmas music specials, Christmas day in particular is packed with holiday music featuring many wonderful choir concerts from around the region.

As in past years, our December pledge drive begins Thanksgiving weekend. It’s important for you to know that your $36 or $66 contribution has much more impact than you might realize. Every dollar we raise locally helps raise additional federal and state matching dollars, so your contributions goes much farther than you think. Without sufficient local support, we could miss out on critically important matching government funding we rely on to pay our bills. Please consider making a generous contribution to help support the programs you enjoy this December. Thank you!

The past few months we’ve hosted many events and activities for our viewers in our Bemidji headquarters. We hosted many screenings of both local and national high profile programs and also hosted a sustainable facility tour in partnership with Otter Tail Power, BSU, the City of Bemidji, and the Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Team (CERTS). We had a great turn out of folks interested in learning more about all the energy saving initiatives we’ve done at Lakeland PBS including our geothermal heating and cooling system and our roof mounted 40kW solar PV array. If you live in the Bemidji region and haven’t attended any of our various events, please know that we’re planning to have more screenings and event coming up this winter. We hope that you’ll consider attending in the future. While you’re here, we’re also happy to give you a tour of our facility including the TV studio and control rooms. The best way to stay up to date regarding future events at Lakeland PBS is by going to lptv.org and signing up for email updates.

I’m also very happy to report that earlier this fall, federal legislators passed an FY19 federal budget that included funding for public media. I know that many of you took the time to let your legislators know that public media and Lakeland PBS is important to you. It’s important for you to know that this made a big difference and the strong outpouring of grass roots support helped greatly. Thank you so much for helping to secure this very important funding that funds the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). The CPB ultimate funds both public television and public radio stations nationwide. Without the annual community service grant we receive from the CPB, Lakeland PBS along with all the wonderful programming we provide that you rely on just wouldn’t exist.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and as always, thanks so much for your support!

Bill Sanford - CEO
Lakeland PBS

Join us for a prescreen of Victoria Season 3!

Season 3 of this popular series will be full of twists and turns as Victoria and Albert and their growing family face the challenges of a changing nation. Jenna Coleman, the talented actress who plays Victoria stated, “in season 3 we are coming to a place of instability with the monarchy, we take for granted that the monarchy was always secure, but wasn’t and Victoria will be at the center of it all!”

When: Friday, January 4, 2019, 1:30-3:00 pm
Where: Lakeland PBS Building, 108 Grant Avenue NE, Bemidji (right next to the Sanford Events Center)
Cost: None, the event is free! Light refreshments to be provided.
RSVP: Seating is limited, so please RSVP by calling Kathleen at 218-333-3018 or kmckinna@lptv.org

“Tate McLane”

Thursday, December 20 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 22 at 8:30pm

Tate McLane has been singing and playing his own brand of soulful American roots in the bars, coffee shops, and street corners of the upper Midwest for as long as he’s known how. He’s lived more than his share of life and you can hear it in every song.

“Mel Hunt”

Thursday, December 27 at 7:30pm; Saturday, December 29 at 8:30pm

I was born and raised on the LL Reservation, from a large family in the Walker area. I attended and graduated HS from Walker in ‘63 and moved to the Metro areas. My music sense was instilled in me at 10 years of age by my mother when she purchased an old used Sears Roebuck flattop guitar. I had it tuned by ear by an older fellow from the village here in Onigum. I bothered everybody around here to teach me everything they knew. I dropped it for a few years to raise children and picked it back up in again in 1985 and started playing it more seriously. My music was influenced by early R&Fers and Country artists.

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'Tis the Season for Holiday Specials...

Christmas with Daniel O'Donnell
Saturday, December 1 at 5pm
Join O’Donnell and special guests for a winter wonderland of yuletide carols and seasonal favorites in this concert filmed in Dublin. Guest is Maria Duff, the Billie Barry Kids and the renowned Kilkenny Presentation Choir.

Purdue 84th Anniversary Christmas Show
Saturday, December 15 at 9pm; Tuesday, December 25 at 12pm
The musical organizations of Purdue University perform great holiday favorites and sacred music.

Crane Candlelight Concert “Let Us All Be Merry”
Saturday, December 22 at 9pm; Tuesday, December 25 at 11am
The Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra come together to present a very special Holiday concert. 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. Conducted by Jeffrey Francom and Kenneth Andrews, this year features the six-part cantata Vom Himmel hoch; the capella hymn O Salutaris Hostia; two movements from George Whitefield Chavick’s inspiring Symphonic Sketches, the soulful One Sweet Little Baby: Jerusalem: A Meditation for Peace, a modern plea for world peace; a rousing rendition of Old American Carols; and the title track, Let Us All Be Merry.

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Featuring Sutton Foster and Hugh Bonneville
Monday, December 17 at 8pm
Join Tony Award-winning actress Sutton Foster and “Downton Abbey” actor Hugh Bonneville will star as guest musical artist and narrator for this year’s “Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.” They join the world- renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Orchestra at Temple Square, Bells on Temple Square handbell choir, Gabriel Trumpet Ensemble, dancers and actors in an elaborate, Victorian-themed program that celebrates the Christmas season through music, dance, storytelling and pageantry.

Christmas at St. Olaf:
Ris’n with Healing In His Wings
Monday, December 24 at 8pm; Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30pm
For many people, the celebration of the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season begins with the annual St. Olaf Christmas Festival, a century-old tradition at St. Olaf College. The first festival was a musical program for the college community, planned and directed by F. Melius Christiansen, founder of the St. Olaf Music Department. The festival continues as an expression of the College’s rich musical heritage. Recorded on campus, CHRISTMAS AT ST. OLAF: RIS’N WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS features lively and festive music, including “Cherub” by Andre J. Thomas - a work arranged for massed choir, soloists, and a full orchestra in a gospel musical style.

Christmas on the Danube
Monday, December 24 at 10pm; Tuesday, December 25 at 5pm
Christmas on the Danube is true holiday treat that will fill your senses with warmth, touch your heart, and provide your mind with geography and history, as well. Traveling the majestic Danube river as it passes through stunning European landscape, history and culture, this program visits these cities along the Danube, which are particularly spectacular at Christmas.

Live From Lincoln Center:
New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve
Monday, December 31 at 5pm
A New Year’s Eve tradition continues with the New York Philharmonic, led by new Music Director Jaap van Zweden, welcoming opera great Renee Fleming for an evening of elegance and sophistication celebrating the intersection of classical music and dance. From the great waltzes and pollkas of Johann Strauss II to musical pearls from composers like Stephen Sondheim, Kander & Ebb, and acclaimed film composer Alexandre Desplat ("The Shape of Water"), the Philharmonic conjures the splendor and sparkle of a night at the Ball.

Austin City Limits: ACL Hall of Fame New Year’s Eve 2018
Monday, December 31 at 9:30pm
Celebrate the induction of new Austin City Limits Hall of Famers Ray Charles, Los Lobos and Marcia Ball, with performances by Boz Scaggs, Gary Clark Jr., Norah Jones and more. Hosted by Chris Isaak.

Call The Midwife
Holiday Special 2018
Tuesday, December 25 at 8pm
The Christmas special will star Miranda Margoyles as Sister Mildred, who arrives unexpectedly at Nonnatus House, her hands full with four Chinese orphans. Having fled China, the child refugees were found abandoned in Hong Kong and are being adopted in the U.K. as part of the World Refugee Project. With Christmas preparations in full flow and the midwives busy caring for the expectant mothers of Poplar, these unexpected visitors cause joy and chaos in equal measure. The special also sees Trixie return to Poplar in time to cover for the Sisters as they leave for the Mother House. The Order’s Mother Superior has taken ill, and a new spiritual leader needs to be elected. It soon becomes clear, much to Sister Julienne’s horror, that she is the favored candidate.
Masterpiece: Little Women
Sunday, December 16, 23 & 30 at 7pm

Loved by generations of women worldwide, Little Women is a truly universal coming of age story. Set against the backdrop of the Civil War, the story follows sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March on their journey from childhood to adulthood. With the help of their mother, Marmee, and while their father is away at war, the girls navigate what it means to be a young woman: from sibling rivalry and first love, to loss and marriage. Based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott, this three-part adaptation will be directed by Vanessa Caswell.

Suze Orman’s Financial Solutions for You
Saturday, December 1 at 10am

We all have financial issues and problems. This Suze Orman special sharply focuses on her helping individual viewers “find financial solutions for you.” As always, Suze’s advice is based not just on numbers, but on a critical understanding of ourselves and our emotional needs. The special’s central theme is that our financial decision-making should be guided by an understanding of “the goal of money.” As Suze perceptively defines it: “The goal of money is to make you feel secure.” Our financial solutions should work to fulfill that goal. In addition, Suze stresses the importance of making financial decisions that you feel comfortable with. Financial problems are caused when you do things with money that do not seem “right” to you, despite pressures and advice from others.

Have you started your holiday shopping? I try to do mine throughout the year, my problem is when the holidays arrive I often forget where everything is stashed throughout my house. There has to be a better way to find that one of a kind, unique gift for that special person. I have a great idea and that is the gift of a Lakeland PBS membership. Annual membership at Lakeland PBS is only $36 a year and entitles the member to receive our Highlights publication. A Lakeland PBS gift membership shows that others appreciate how much the recipient values high quality television, television that covers events from around the world as well as those right here in our own backyard. In addition to a gift membership, a year-end donation to Lakeland PBS is a great way to insure that the best television shows, shows from Curious George to Common Ground, will continue for years to come. If you would like to give a gift membership to someone this holiday season, or make a year-end gift to support Lakeland PBS, I invite you to give me a call. I truly enjoy the opportunity to chat with our members, to find out the programs they enjoy watching and to get to know a bit better other members of the Lakeland PBS family. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday and a great start to the New Year!

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Masterpiece: Victoria, Season 2
Sundays at 8pm starting December 16

Jenna Coleman returns for a new season as the young queen who wants it all - romance, power, an heir, and personal freedom. Joining the cast in the new season is legendary actress Dame Diana Rigg, who plays the Duchess of Buccleuch, the court’s new Mistress of the Robes. Tom Hughes reprises his role as the queen’s dashing consort, Prince Albert, and Rufus Sewell returns as the smoldering Lord Melbourne.

Aging Backwards: 2: Connective Tissue Revealed with Miranda Esmonde-White
Saturday, December 1 at Noon; Sunday, December 2 at 4pm

Many people think that how they age - if they remain mobile, healthy, and pain free throughout their entire lives is simply the result of luck. As though there’s a randomness to it, or it’s a lottery in which only a few winners enjoy golden years of youthful vitality. But did you know that you actually have a choice in how you age? In this special, former professional ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White uses new and groundbreaking science to help put an end to this defeatist attitude towards aging. In her previous award-winning special Aging Backs, Esmonde-White revealed the power of our muscle cells. Now in AGING BACKWARDS 2, viewers discover the amazing clout of their connective tissue. This vital tissue surrounds every part of us and connects - every muscle, nerve, cell, bone and organ. Keeping it healthy is the secret to remaining youthful at any age. The human body is a powerful machine, but we must choose to keep it young. The fountain of youth is within each of us, and Esmonde-White teaches viewers how to access it.

Super Woman Rx with Dr. Taz
Sunday, December 2 at 1pm

Unlock the secrets for health, perfect weight, and increasing energy and passion. Modern womanhood means juggling multiple roles while being expected to look perfectly composed. Dr. Taz addresses these challenges in a frank, prescriptive way.

Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers
Live from Gainesville: The 30th Anniversary
Saturday, December 1 at 9pm

Grab a front-row seat for this 2016 concert as the iconic band performs for a hometown crowd as part of their 30th anniversary tour. Featuring special guest Stevie Nicks, this is an electrifying and emotional evening.

Also airs Tuesday, December 4 at 12am; Saturday, December 8 at 12am
Feel Better Fast and Make It Last with Daniel Amen, M.D.
Saturday, December 1 at 3pm; Monday, December 3 at 8:30pm

In this program, Feel Better Fast and Make It Last, neuroscientist, psychiatrist, and 10-time New York Times bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen will show you how to boost your mood and overcome anxiety and worry by giving you 7 simple brain-based strategies to feel better fast and make it last. Nearly all of us have felt anxious, sad, exhausted, or hopeless at some point in life... or we know someone who has. You are not alone. According to the National Institutes of Mental Health, 5% of the US population will have a mental illness at some point in their lives. Anxiety disorders are the most common, followed by depression, ADHD and addictions. It’s more normal to have a problem than not to have one. Many people want to get help, but feel embarrassed or ashamed, because of the stigma attached to mental health issues, so they end up suffering in silence or overeat, use alcohol, or reach to take the latest medications to try to make themselves feel better fast, but it often doesn't last. Feel Better Fast and Make It Last will show viewers the strategies taught to patients at Amen Clinics, where they have one of the highest published success rates for people who suffer from anxiety, depression, addictions and grief. The program set contains many time pieces to highlight to viewers that many of the techniques Dr. Amen will share literally take just a few minutes or even less.

Alan Jackson - Precious Memories
Saturday, December 1 at 6pm

Recorded to honor his mother’s request that he release an album of gospel classics, Alan Jackson's Precious Memories CD quickly made its way to the top of the sales charts and into the hearts of fans, selling over 1.8 million copies. The concert that followed was taped at the historic Ryman, known as “The Mother Church of Country Music” in Nashville, TN, and features signature renditions of traditional hymns and gospel favorites. Selections include: “When We All Get to Heaven,” “The Old Rugged Cross” and “How Great Thou Art.”
Also airs Saturday, December 1 at 12am; Saturday, December 8 at 1:30am

70s Soul Superstars (My Music)
Saturday, December 8 at 7:30pm

Original performers sing their greatest jammies’ hits. Soul diva Patti Labelle hosts the historic reunion of classic recording artists of the decade, including the Commodores, original lead Eugene Record reuniting with the Chi-Lites, the Stylistics, Yvonne Elliman, Heatwave, Earl Young’s Trammps, the Emotions and the Manhattans.

Chet Atkins: Certified Guitar Player
Saturday, December 1 at 10:30pm; Sunday, December 2 at 2:30pm & 11:30pm

On May 15, 1987, a group of A-list musicians gathered to celebrate the enormous influence of guitarist Chet Atkins on their lives and careers. Taped in Nashville just blocks from the famed Music Row that he’s largely credited with creating, this star-packeted program includes performances by Atkins with Mark Knopfler, the Everly Brothers, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Michael McDonald and a band of Music City’s finest players.

Peter, Paul and Mary at Newport 1963-65
Wednesday, December 5 at 7pm

This special captures the spirit of America’s Folk Renaissance at its zenith, when folk music dominated the Top 40 charts and songs written straight from the hearts of idealists, activists and poets provided the soundtrack for enormous, unprecedented changes in the American social-political landscape. The program presents songs filmed during the emergence of the group as the most honored folk trio in history including “The Times They Are A-Changin’,” “If I Had a Hammer,” “The Hour When the Ship Comes In,” “Blowin’ in the Wind,” and their only filmed renditions of such treasures as “Jesu’ Met the Woman at the Well,” “San Francisco Bay Blues,” “Rising of the Moon” and The Weavers’ iconic and powerful “Waltz That a Time.”

Healthy Brain - Happy Life with Dr. Suzuki
Sunday, December 2 at 11:30am

Meet Dr. Wendy Suzuki, a neuroscientist who transforms the way we think about our brain, health and happiness in an informative and inspiring special. She uses stories, science narrative and takeaways to bring the brain into focus as never before.

Retire Safe & Secure with Ed Slott
Saturday, December 8 at Noon

America needs Ed Slott now more than ever! Wall Street bankers and Congress have just upended 30+ years of the tax code - what does it all mean for you and your family? And more importantly, how can you protect your hard-earned savings?

Neil Diamond: Hot August Night III
Saturday, December 1 at 7:30pm; Tuesday, December 4 at 7pm

Celebrate the legendary singer-songwriter in this triumphant 2012 concert at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Hot August Night collection, this magical evening captures Diamond’s renowned musical prowess.
Also airs Saturday, December 8 at 2pm; Wednesday, December 5 at 12am

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Five Smart Year End Ways To Support Lakeland PBS!

3. Use your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA to make a direct gift to Lakeland PBS.

If you are age 70 1/2 and have an IRA you can direct all or a portion of your RMD to LPTV. This is sometimes called the IRA Charitable Rollover. In doing this, you will avoid having to pay income tax on the IRA distribution because it goes directly from your IRA to an IRS designated charity or nonprofit, such as LPTV. Using this technique can provide big tax savings for the donor since the amount directed to the nonprofit is not included in the donor’s taxable income in the year of distribution. Call LPTV for more details on this tax savvy strategy to support the high quality television you see daily on LPTV.

4. Name Lakeland PBS the beneficiary or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

This is very easy to accomplish using a beneficiary designation. Once you get the benefit designation form, review it and make sure you understand how to complete it. The forms ask you to provide the name of the person or organization you want to receive life insurance proceeds and the percent of proceeds you would like to leave. Other information is often requested as well. If you would like additional information email Kathleen at kmckinstra@lptv.org or call her at 218-333-3018.

5. Consider leaving a gift to Lakeland PBS in your estate plan.

Many people welcome this idea as they can support LPTV without opening their wallet. An estate gift is a wonderful way to make your wishes known about the people and organizations that were important to you during your life. Additionally, there can be significant estate tax advantages to using a planned gift to a favorite nonprofit. Even if your estate is not subject to any state or federal estate tax at death, a planned gift provides a legacy that will serve to honor the organizations that provided meaning to you during your life. Many people are worried about outliving their resources. Since a planned gift does not take effect until after your death, your resources (assets) remain available to you to use during your lifetime. Planned giving is a great way to leave a lasting legacy and many people are surprised to learn just how easy it is to incorporate an estate gift into their plans. If you would like additional information email Kathleen at kmckinstra@lptv.org or call her at 218-333-3018.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Lakeland PBS, consider having a conversation with LPTVs Development Specialist Kathleen McKinstra.

There is no cost or obligation to meet with Kathleen. She is a wonderful resource as she spent more than twenty years practicing law as an estate planning attorney. She is well versed in estate and charitable giving, techniques and would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about your ideas for supporting Lakeland PBS. You can arrange to visit with Kathleen at our office in Bemidji or alternatively at our office in Brainerd. Or if you would prefer, she can visit you in your home. Kathleen can be reached at kmckinstra@lptv.org or 218-333-3018.

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