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WGTE TV AND FM 91 TO BROADCAST HOLIDAY SPECIALS

TOLEDO, OH – WGTE TV and FM 91 will feature a wonderful lineup of holiday programming for the entire family to enjoy.

WGTE TV

HEIRLOOM MEALS ' THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Carole Murko, a culinary artist and public-radio personality, HEIRLOOM MEALS' THANKSGIVING explores America's diverse culinary history with the goal of preserving tried-and-true recipes and dining traditions. Shot in scenic Stockbridge, Mass., the one-hour special weaves together heartwarming stories to help viewers connect with their own memories of this beloved national holiday.

TOLEDO STORIES: Cornerstones - Holiday Special

Thursday, November 24 at 8:00 p.m.

An exploration of the holiday traditions shared by the many ethnic groups of Northwest Ohio. Whether celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa, the elements of food, family and festivity unite us all. Don't miss this memory-filled special, featuring local families who relate their own experiences.

CURIOUS GEORGE: "Holiday Spectacular"

Friday, November 25 at 7:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

The CURIOUS GEORGE Holiday Spectacular kicks off with the broadcast premiere of the original *Curious George* feature film, followed by encore presentations of "Curious George 2: Follow That Monkey" and "Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas."

TOLEDO STORIES: REVERENCE: The Toledo Ballet

Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 pm and Friday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Go behind the scenes to see countless hours of rehearsal that pushes dancers to their perceived limits, and then beyond, and experience how the Toledo Ballet's performances share their gift with us, and how their community outreach brings the arts to young people and opens doors of possibility.

DINOSAUR TRAIN: "Don's Winter Wish/Festival of Lights"

Monday, December 5 at 9:30 a.m.

On a return trip to the North Pole, the Pteranodon family is caught in a snow storm — but did one little Dinosaur's wish for snow make the storm happen?

STRAIGHT NO CHASER – SONGS OF THE DECADES: HOLIDAY EDITION

Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 p.m.

Filmed live at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, this holiday special is a journey through the decades of the pop songbook, including everything from doo-wop to contemporary pop done with the unforgettable Straight No Chaser twist.

LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER: “George Balanchine’s *The Nutcracker*”

Wednesday, December 14 at 9:00 p.m.

New York City Ballet’s beloved holiday favorite, George Balanchine’s *The Nutcracker*TM, airs live from Lincoln Center’s David H. Koch Theater.

LIDIA CELEBRATES AMERICA “Holiday Tables and Traditions”

Tuesday, December 20, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Celebrity chef, author and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich celebrates culture through food. Join her for an Italian Christmas Eve Feast of the Seven Fishes with actors Mo Rocca and Stanley Tucci.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. OLAF

Tuesday, December 20, 9:00-10:00 p.m.

This new production of one of the nation’s most highly acclaimed annual musical celebration marks the 100th anniversary of the annual Christmas Festival from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR WITH DAVID ARCHULETA AND MICHAEL YORK

Friday, December 23 at 9:00 p.m.

Award-winning pop sensation David Archuleta and actor Michael York join the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir in an energetic Christmas celebration of magnificent proportion. Recorded before audiences totaling 80,000 people, this spectacular event combines elegant dancing, masterful musical performances and storytelling.

L.A. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2010

Friday, December 23 at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 25 at 4:00 p.m.

This encore program is a highlight version of the six-hour Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration that took place in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center on Christmas Eve 2009.

LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER “Bernstein and Gershwin”

Saturday, December 31, 8:00-10:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

The New York Philharmonic’s New Year’s Eve Gala celebrates the music of American 20th-century composers Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin, conducted by Music Director Alan Gilbert, with star pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

FM 91

GIVING THANKS WITH JOHN BIRGE

Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 a.m.

A contemporary celebration of the spirit of Gratitude, featuring live classical music and stories told by Nora Ephron and Roy Blount, Jr.

A THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION WITH GARRISON KEILLOR

Thursday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.

VocalEssence’s celebration of all things Thanksgiving. Keillor performs his signature monologue and contributes comic new lyrics to familiar songs and hymns.



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WGTE IN CONCERT

Thursday, November 24 at 8:00 p.m.

The opening night of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra's new season, an all-Tchaikovsky celebration.

HANUKKAH LIGHTS 2011

Monday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

A perennial NPR favorite, Hanukkah Lights features Hanukkah stories and memoirs written by acclaimed authors expressly for the show, as read by NPR's Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz.

CHRISTMAS WITH MOREHOUSE AND SPELMAN GLEE CLUBS

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

One of the great holiday traditions in America, the choirs of Morehouse and Spelman Colleges -- two of the most prestigious historically black institutions in the nation -- get together to present a spine-tingling concert program.

A PAUL WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT

Wednesday, December 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Winter, the six-time Grammy-winning saxophonist, once again brings his ensemble and special guests to NPR in a performance from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, celebrating the Winter Solstice and the longest night of the year.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH WITH THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thursday, December 22 at 8:00 p.m.

The Toledo Choral Society, Bowling Green State University Chorus and special soloists join the TSO for an annual Holiday tradition.

JONATHAN WINTERS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Friday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Master comedian Jonathan Winters presents a distinctive reading of Dickens' holiday classic, with a special performing edition prepared by Dickens for his own presentations.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Saturday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m.

A live stereo music and spoken-word broadcast from the chapel of King's College in Cambridge, England. The 30-voice King's College Choir performs the legendary Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service of Biblical readings and music.

ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

A service in song and word that has become one of the nation's most cherished holiday celebrations, from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN.

A SEASON'S GRIOT 2011

Monday, December 26 at 7:00 p.m.

A Kwanzaa celebration in story and song, this year exploring the theme of peace through storytelling, music and voices from the streets.

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