

December 2025

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

SUN Dec 25 7 PM



The St. Olaf Christmas Festival: Our Hope For Years to Come

MON Dec 15 | 9:30 PM



Craft In America: East Craft In America: West

FRI Dec 19 | 8 & 9 PM



Clint Eastwood: The Last Legend

MON Dec 29 | 9 PM

Primetime Highlights

brand-new local specials — including four new Live on KUVO! holiday episodes. Our winter pledge drive ends December 14th, featuring We Heart Public Television, Neil Diamond: Hot August Night/NYC, Rick Steves' European Christmas, Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration, Mister Rogers: It's You I Like, and the BBC's Emma. PBS also premieres American Masters: Starring Dick Van Dyke as he celebrates his 100th birthday on December 13th. Holiday highlights include Hope of the Season: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir, Great Performances: Nutcracker, A St. Thomas Christmas: Love Divine, and the beloved Call the Midwife Holiday Special. Local programming shines with four new Live on KUVO! holiday specials, plus 2025 editions of Kantorei and The USAFA Band Presents Holly & Ivy. Favorites Railroad Stations in America and Steel Rails to Ski Trails also return. Enjoy even more with new episodes of Frontline, Craft in America, and the addition of The Madame Blanc Mysteries to our Saturday night lineup.

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Air Supply 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

FRI Dec 5 | 8 PM

Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock celebrate five decades of hits in this May 2025 concert. Songs include "Lost in Love," "All Out of Love," "Every Woman in the World," "The One That You Love," "Here I Am," "Sweet Dreams," "Without You" and more.



American Masters: STARRING DICK VAN DYKE

FRI Dec 12 | 8 PM

Celebrate the life and career of legendary actor Dick Van Dyke on his 100th birthday. Known for films like "Bye Bye Birdie," "Mary Poppins," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," TV show Diagnosis Murder 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.



Happiness

NEW 6-PART SERIES

SUN Dec 14 | 9:30 PM

Broadway director and golden boy Charlie Summers has come home to New Zealand. And he's devastated. After 20 years working his way up to the top of the musical theatre world, he found himself back in his childhood bedroom and back helping his mother, Gaye, at the local community musical theater. The eclectic cast and crew there may lack professional skills but certainly don't lack passion.

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Live on KUVO JAZZ!



Live on KUVO! A Jazzy Hanukkah FT. THE DOMI EDSON TRIO

THUR Dec 18 | 10 PM

The story of Hanukkah is interpreted through instrumental jazz music composed by Domi Edson and performed by The Domi Edson Trio. Domi Edson is an emerging force as a jazz bassist and composer originally from Seattle and now residing in Denver.



Live on KUVO! Allan Harris Sings A NAT KING COLE CHRISTMAS

FRI Dec 19 | 10 PM

This fun and warm holiday tribute, in the style of Nat King Cole was recorded before a live studio audience. The Allan Harris Band has mesmerized audiences in over 20 countries around the globe, 30 prestigious international jazz festivals, and many of the world's most famous music venues. Allan Harris is a Brooklyn-born, Harlem-based guitarist, singer, songwriter, and band leader.



Live on KUVO! A Very Parrisian CHRISTMAS NIGHT

WED Dec 24 | 3:00 PM

Parris Fleming, a seasoned musician and celebrated artist with over a decade of experience, has made an indelible mark on the global music stage. For the holidays, Parris Fleming and his guartet provide a new take on holiday classics for a KUVO audience.



Live on KUVO! Suite Kwanzaa BY STAFFORD HUNTER

FRI Dec 26 | 10 PM

5x-Grammy nominated, Stafford Hunter, has arranged an original tribute to Kwanzaa. Hunter, lived in NYC for almost 30 years and has performed and/or recorded with the likes of Clark Terry, McCoy Tyner, Roy Hargrove, Frank Foster, Lester Bowie, Amy Winehouse, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Dionne Warwick, Donald Byrd Dance Troupe, Lenny Kravitz, and was a member of the Duke Ellington Orchestra for 21 years.

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Local & Independent



Grassland Guardians

DOCUMENTARY

SUN Dec 14 | 5 PM

Grasslands are the world's most threatened habitat - less than 10% are protected globally. Grassland Guardians shares 5 stories of hope from one of North America's largest remaining intact grasslands, the Southern High Plains.



Kantorei 2024

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

THUR Dec 18 | 7 PM

Kantorei celebrates the season with carols old and new, including some of John Rutter's most famous settings, Candlelight and Angels Carols, and holiday standards infused with Alexander L'Estrange's colorful harmonies. Kantorei trebles also perform American composer Daniel Pinkham's Company at the Creche accompanied by tenors and basses on bells; a glorious way to ring in the holiday season!



Kantorei 2025

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

THUR Dec 18 | 8 PM

In December, Kantorei welcomes world-renowned guitarist (and Cherry Creek High School graduate) Aaron Larget-Caplan for seasonal works for choir and classical guitar. plus a world premiere by composer Zanaida Robles, commissioned by Kantorei members Scott Horwitz and Leah Weinberg.



The USAFA Band Presents

HOLLY & IVY 2025

THUR Dec 18 | 9 PM

The USAFA Band will present its annual "Holly & Ivy" holiday concert in 2025, which will feature a variety of musical styles and is free and open to the public. This festive concert celebrates holiday traditions with performances by the band's six different ensembles, ranging from classical chamber music to big band jazz, pop, and country, as well as classic sing-alongs and holiday favorites.

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Railroad Stations in American Life DOCUMENTARY

SUN Dec 28 | 9:30 AM

Railroad stations have historically played an important role in American life. Personal stories of experiences at stations and depots big and small, bring these transit hubs to life.

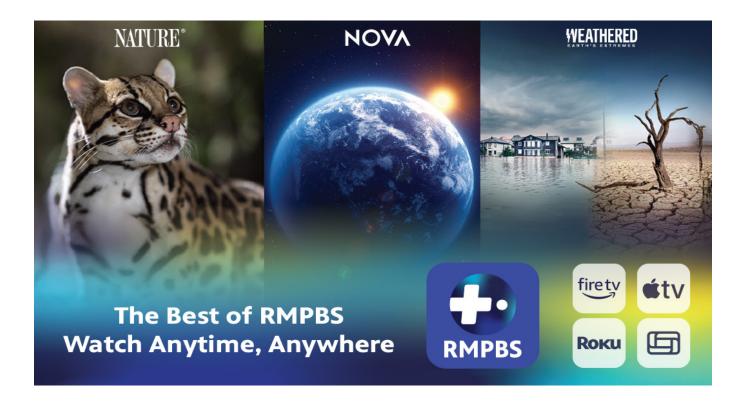


Steel Rails to Ski Trails

COLORADO'S WINTER PARK SKI TRAINS

THUR Dec 18 | 7 PM

75 years of Ski Train history, from its early days on the Denver & Salt Lake and Denver & Rio Grande Western railroads to its revival as the Amtrak Winter Park Express.



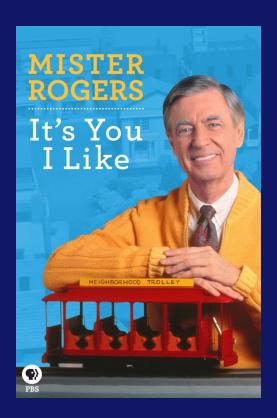




Dec 1 - 8

Mister Rodgers: IT'S YOU I LIKE THUR Dec 2 | 7 PM

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.







Emma

JANE AUSTEN CLASSIC

SAT Dec 7 | 6 PM

A vibrant new adaptation of Jane Austen's comic masterpiece follows Emma Woodhouse—beautiful, clever and rich—who fancies herself the perfect matchmaker. But when she guides her new friend Harriet to dismiss a solid marriage proposal in favor of the charming Mr. Elton, Emma's meddling sets off a chain of lessons that challenge her assumptions, her social views and her own understanding of love.









POV:

BETWEEN GOODBYES

MON Dec 8 | 10 PM

When a gueer Korean adoptee reunites with her birth mother in Seoul, long-buried cultural misunderstandings and unspoken regrets surface. With tenderness, humor, and determination, both mother and daughter navigate the heart-wrenching legacy of international adoption.

Dec 9 - 15



Ken Burns:

COUNTRY MUSIC

THUR Dec 11 | 9 PM

Join host Kathy Mattea to learn more about the making of the epic documentary series devoted to the history of this truly American art form. Features interviews with Rosanne Cash, along with Ken Burns and other members of the filmmaking team.









Foo Fighters

LIVE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM

SAT Dec 13 | 11 PM

Filmed over two sold-out nights at England's largest arena, FOO FIGHTERS -LIVE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM features classic Foo Fighters hits, from "Everlong" to "The Pretender," plus special guest appearances by Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin.

Hope of the Season: CHRISTMAS WITH THE TABERNACLE CHOIR

MON Dec 15 | 8 PM

Tony Award-winner Ruthie Ann Miles and iconic actor Dennis Haysbert inspire in this holiday special that combines classic Christmas carols with a contemporary story of how giving back and uplifting communities is the true meaning of the season.

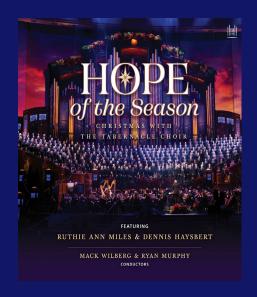


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Dec 16 - 22

Great Performances: NUTCRACKER FROM ENGLISH BALLET

TUE Dec 16 | 8 PM

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.





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FRONTLINE: Strike on Iran THE NUCLEAR QUESTION

TUE Dec 16 | 10 PM

Investigating Iran's nuclear program in the aftermath of the U.S. and Israeli strikes. Using rare on the ground access in Iran and in-depth forensic analysis, an immersive investigation with the Washington Post, Evident Media, and Bellingcat.





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Madame Blanc Mysteries

NEW SERIES

SAT Dec 20 | 6 PM

Antiques dealer Jean White (Sally Lindsay, Coronation Street) is nearly bankrupt after her husband's sudden death, and so she heads to their one last asset: a cottage in antiques hub Sainte Victoire, France. There, Jean begins investigating his death, aided by sympathetic taxi driver Dom (Steve Edge). She soon finds the colorful locals have a treasure trove of other mysteries for her to assess, too.



Dec 23 - 31



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FRONTLINE: The Deal:

TRUMP. BUKELE & THE GANGS OF EL SALVADOR

TUE Dec 23 | 10 PM

The Salvadoran president's deal with Trump to imprison deportees, and what each stood to gain. With the Salvadoran news outlet El Faro, now reporting from exile, President Nayib Bukele's tangled history with the gangs the U.S. says it is fighting.





A St. Thomas Christmas:

LOVE DIVINE

WED Dec 24 | 10 PM

This annual St. Thomas Christmas concert, now in its 39th year, celebrates the Advent and Christmas season with traditional carols and contemporary works. Nearly 270 musicians from four choirs, a string orchestra, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform, including the premiere of "Love Divine," a new commissioned piece by composer James Stephenson.

Call the Midwife HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2025 THUR Dec 25 | 7 & 9 PM

The Call the Midwife 2025 Christmas Special will feature a two-part story split between Poplar and Hong Kong, with senior members of Nonnatus House traveling to the latter on a mercy mission.

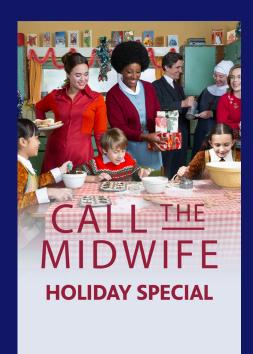


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