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Once Upon a Sesame Street Christmas
Monday, Dec. 11 @ 11 am
(Re-airing throughout the month.)
FAMILY TIES

Click here to visit TwistedStrings.org
Like a flower that pops up out of scorched earth, the indie rock band The Family Crest is alive with hope. As the divisions among us as a country and world seem more pronounced every day, there is a musical force seeking to unify.

A discussion with Ian McCormick, frontman for the band that headlines WGCU’s Twisted Strings Music Festival on Saturday, Jan. 27, is warm sunshine in a climate that today feels like global cooling.

McCormick writes the songs for The Family Crest and as such is its spiritual center. The circle is very wide: The group consists of seven principal members and hundreds of others considered “family.” An “open-door policy” makes them all collaborators. “We don’t have talent limitations,” McCormick said. “Some of them are people who have never performed in front of anyone. They maybe only sang in the shower. And then we have people who have performed with symphonies.”

The result is a community based on the universal language of music. McCormick is just 33 but seems to draw from the vintage well dug by folk singer Pete Seeger. Months after Seeger’s death in 2014, NPR correspondent Eric Westervelt recalled how his own father dragged him to folk festivals to hear Seeger, and he didn’t appreciate until later what a unifying experience it was. “For me, at a Pete Seeger concert, I started to feel that maybe music could actually help create community — just might bring people together, and foster change,” Westervelt wrote.

The San Francisco-based “extended family” in The Family Crest includes about 200 instrumentalists and another 100 vocalists and others, McCormick said. “There’s nothing more humbling than working with this many people. … Anyone who wants to work with us can. And our lives are so much more enriched because we’re able to do that.”

So is the group’s music.

McCormick attended the University of the Pacific for a year, studying opera vocals. “I love opera, but I didn’t really love singing opera,” he said. “So I left to start a band, and started composing, and just had this feeling about orchestral sounds.”

He had been playing with bassist John Seeterlin and the two reached out to Craigslist, emailed friends and posted flyers for a recording project in 2009 that would bring together a diverse group of people and then disband. It succeeded in gathering 80 people featured on the EP Falling Off the Wagon, which drew attention from all over the Bay Area — so much so that Seeterlin and McCormick decided to keep a good thing going. “Then the first person to sign on was (violinist) Owen Sutter,” said McCormick, who plays guitar and piano and sings. “Through him, he was kind of a gateway to a lot of friends and extended family we’ve come to know from the Conservatory in San Francisco.” Principals now include cellist Charly Akert, trombonist George Mousa Samaan, drummer Anthony Franceschi and

Twisted Strings festival headliner creates a community through music  By Dayna Harpster
With whom do you want to celebrate the holidays? The reunited sweethearts from Last Tango in Halifax? The women of Nonnatus House in Call the Midwife? Or perhaps you’d like to see Tom and Kevin exchange gifts on a holiday-themed episode of Ask This Old House.

Maybe it just doesn’t seem like Christmas without seeing and hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

If any of those scenarios describe you, you’re in luck. And if they don’t, there are others. This month, WGCU HDTV has a wealth of ways to observe the holidays. Here are some of them.

**Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas**  
Monday, Dec. 11 @ 3:30 pm  
The sound of jingle bells is replaced by alarm bells as the team discovers that Donita, Gourmand, and Zach are capturing baby animals from around the globe. Can Martin and Chris rescue their baby animal friends and return them to their homes in time for the holidays?

**The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas**  
Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 2 pm  
The holiday special follows the Cat and Nick and Sally on a journey around the world to help a lost reindeer find his way home in time for Christmas.
Rick Steves Special European Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 3 pm
After producing a hundred of his travel shows, Rick Steves and his public television crew finally celebrated Christmas in Europe. In 2015, Rick and his gang brought home a vivid and intimate look at how seven diverse cultures celebrate Christmas.

Happy Holidays from Ask This Old House
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Jordan Smith: ‘Tis the Season
Sunday, Dec. 24 @ 6 pm
Season nine winner of The Voice Jordan Smith stars in a one-hour concert program taped on the Evergreen Stage at Diadan Studios. The special features guest David Foster, the legendary composer, songwriter and producer. Jordan performs with his core band, led by musical director Cheche Alara.

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Last Tango in Halifax holiday special
Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 8 pm
Part 1 - Caroline’s new headship involves moving the family to a ramshackle farmhouse in time for Christmas. Alan has a difficult conversation with Gillian, who’s consumed by thoughts of the afterlife, convinced she’s being haunted by Eddie.

Sunday, Dec. 24 @ 8 pm
Part 2 - Caroline tells Gillian the truth about why she took the new headship. Gillian’s mounting guilt drives her to make a life-changing decision. On the night of Celia’s play, Alan is forced to confront his fears.

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Live from Lincoln Center New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve: Bernstein on Broadway
Sunday, Dec. 31 @ 9 pm
A tribute to the composer features Aaron Tveit, Christopher Jackson, Annaleigh Ashford and Laura Osnes.

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“At the heart of Lidia Celebrates America is my own immigrant experience. When I came to this country at the age of 12, I had already spent two years in a political refugee camp. Whenever I meet American families with roots in other countries I know immediately that we have something in common.” — Chef Lidia Bastianich

It’s safe to expect a very entertaining experience from Lidia Celebrates America: Homegrown Heroes, airing on WGCu HDTV on Monday, Dec. 18. Last year, the Italian chef won the James Beard Award for Best Special for Lidia Celebrates America: Home for The Holidays.

That was the fifth in her Celebrates America series. In it, she honored the cultural traditions of six celebrity guests: Christopher Walken, Rita Moreno, Padma Lakshmi, Marcus Samuelsson, Carlo Ponti and Ann Curry.

The Emmy-winning TV host is best known not only for her PBS specials but also her cookbooks and restaurants – four in New York City, one in Pittsburgh and one in Kansas City. She is also one of the principals behind Eataly, an Italian food and wine marketplace in two New York City locations. The team also opened Eataly marketplaces in Chicago, Sao Paolo, Boston and Los Angeles, with one planned for Toronto in 2018.

She also has a line of pastas and sauces called Lidia’s.

Bastianich was born in what is now Croatia but once was a part of Italy. When it came under Communist rule, she fled with her family to neutral territory until they could emigrate to the United States. She was then 12. Bastianich opened her first restaurant in her new country about 10 years later and has been so successful that she has won several James Beard awards and was chosen to cook for Pope Benedict XVI in 2007.

She’ll be cherishing those Italian roots on a visit here Saturday, Feb. 3. In support of WGCu and her most recent book, Celebrate Like an Italian, WGCu will host Bastianich for two events – at The Club at Mediterra for a VIP event that includes lunch, and at the Naples Hilton Ballroom for a meet-and-greet and book signing. (For more details, go to wgcu.org/events/.)

She takes a broader focus in her Celebrate America documentaries, exploring not only her native Italian...
was approaching a milestone birthday about five years ago. Which one? It doesn’t matter, really, because each of us has our own OMG birthday, right? Or maybe several.

I couldn’t afford cosmetic surgery — and cringe at the idea of surgery anyway, having lived through a friend’s facelift. And all those creams and potions for anti-aging cost a fortune, even at Costco.

The cheapest, and also the most foolproof solution, it seemed, would be to visit St. Augustine and drink from the fountain of youth. The beauty of that plan was that I could get younger while taking a mini-vacation to a place I had never visited. Perfect.

St. Augustine has capitalized on this fountain of youth asset — supposedly not the only one in the world, but whatever — with the 15-acre, waterfront Ponce de Leon’s Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park. I researched and made plans. There would be cannon firings! A blacksmith! People dressed in old-timey costumes pretending to be
settlers! And of course the fountain. It would be worth the nearly five-hour drive from Fort Myers to lose a few years here and there and enjoy some historic surroundings.

St. Augustine doesn’t commonly get as much credit for its age as it should. The first Europeans to settle in the United States were Spanish explorers. In St. Augustine.

In fact, St. Augustine contains the oldest fort partially standing in North America, the Castillo de San Marcos. It housed the first governor of St. Augustine and then citizens and weapons while a lot of European vs. European fighting went on over who claimed the New World.

Regardless, Jamestown wasn’t settled first. That city declares itself the first English settlement, so you assume it was just plain first in 1607.

But Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon landed at St. Augustine and claimed La Florida for the King of Spain in 1513. According to legend, he was searching for the fountain of youth. The Fountain of Youth park contains the 1565 landing site of Pedro Menendez de Aviles, who was sent by the Spanish to set up a colony to dissuade the French from claiming the territory. Some say the French already had set up a territory, so there still are details about who was first that remain elusive — sort of. This whole European settler mess completely ignores the fact that there were Native Americans all over the place, of course.

The archaeological park does pay tribute to the native Timucuan with a reconstructed village.

But there’s no dispute about credit for the fountain of youth. The Spanish discovered that.

Once in town, I made a first, obligatory stop at the St. Augustine Lighthouse, the city’s oldest surviving brick structure restored to colors and materials used in 1888.

It’s 165 feet above sea level and contains 219 stairs, which visitors can walk. I did, and it made me feel old and tired.

So it was on to Ponce de Leon’s Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park and the Spring House, a building where the Floridan aquifer is tapped, the same spring that was recorded in a 17th century Spanish land grant.

The water of the Floridan aquifer, which lies under the entire state and parts of four others, contains more than 30 minerals.

Manning the rock fountain was a young man around high school or college-age (hard to tell at my age). I declared that it was my birthday and I needed that fountain of youth water.

He gave me a paper cup that held about two shots’ worth of water and I pressed it to my lips.

Sulfur! The first sip tasted of it and so did the second. But I drank it all.

I can’t say I felt or looked much younger right away. Or even after a while. But I’ve nearly always been a cup-half-full person. So who knows how old I would look or feel today if I hadn’t made that birthday pilgrimage.
Sustainers give and receive

In October I celebrated my nine-year anniversary as general manager of WGCU Public Media. October also marks my 39th year working in public media. That means I’ve participated in more than 200 public TV and radio fundraising campaigns in one capacity or another. As you can imagine, over that many years, I’ve been on the receiving end of every imaginable complaint from viewers and listeners about fundraising programs and program interruptions “begging” for donations.

There is a constant thread of discussion within the public media system with ideas on how to change the way we raise the dollars necessary to keep stations afloat. Annual donations from viewers and listeners account for roughly half of the average station’s operating budget.

At WGCU we have worked over the past five years to pare down the number of days we interrupt regular programming to ask for your help. We’ve been very successful on the radio side and concluded our third Radio UNinterrupted campaign this fall with only 2 days of live pledging.

One way that you can help us continue to cut back on live fundraising breaks is to become a WGCU Sustainer. A monthly donation of an amount you choose for as long as you choose goes a long way to helping us plan ahead, knowing that those dollars of support will be there month in and month out.

In this season of giving please consider giving yourself a gift that you’ll enjoy all year and become a WGCU Sustainer by calling our Membership Services department at 239-590-2591 or going online to www.wgcu.org and click on Donate.

Thanks and happy holidays!

Plan your year-end giving

You can always count on WGCU to share a world of wonder and wisdom with you. And with only weeks remaining in 2017, it’s essential that WGCU can count on you to meet its year-end goals in order to bring you all the news, ideas, culture and intelligent entertainment you’ll need in 2018.

Please help WGCU bring you more worthwhile programs with your important year-end donation today. Give before December 31 to ensure the best benefits for tax season.

Now hear this!

Five upcoming chances to enjoy a concert and support WGCU:

- **A Salute to Vienna**
  - Tuesday, Jan. 2
  - Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall
  - Tickets are $200 per pair

- **Moody Blues**
  - Sunday, Jan. 14
  - Germain Arena
  - Tickets are $200 per pair

- **Daniel O’Donnell**
  - Tuesday, Feb. 13
  - Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall
  - Tickets are $225 per pair

- **Wild Kratts Live**
  - Saturday, Feb. 25
  - Germain Arena
  - Tickets are $120 per pair

- **Celtic Woman**
  - Tuesday, Mar. 6
  - Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall
  - Tickets are $250 per pair

For information, go to wgcu.org/events or call 800-809-9428.
Goodbye and good luck to Barbara Linstrom

WGCU bid farewell last month to Barbara Linstrom, who was an integral part of WGCU’s operations for 11 years.

A veteran journalist, Linstrom began to teach writing at FGCU in 2003. She continued as a journalism instructor when such a curriculum was initiated, which led to her meeting the WGCU TV production staff and becoming a freelance producer.

A couple of years later she was onboard full time for WGCU as multimedia director and executive producer of television. Among her many accomplishments during the next decade were overseeing four seasons of the magazine program Connect and initiation of the local iteration of the PBS Makers series with Makers: Women Who Make Southwest Florida. Linstrom also was instrumental in the forming of WGCU’s Diversity Advisory Group, which met twice annually to ensure that public media is for all Southwest Floridians.

She was executive producer of more than 30 documentaries during the past decade, including a two-part look back at the civil rights movement in schools in South Florida. She also launched WGCU’s Sustainable Seafood series and oversaw the production of 15 episodes of WGCU’s Emmy Award-winning Curious Kids TV show.

The mother of a 15-year-old daughter with developmental disabilities, Linstrom left to become communications and program director of the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled in Naples.

New threads for Twisted Strings

WGCU invites you to celebrate the 2018 Twisted Strings Music Festival with the Twisted Strings commemorative T-shirt. The T-shirt is now on sale at wgcu.org/support/shop. This dark gray T-shirt features a unique art design by Southwest Florida artist Steven Bufter.

Order your T-shirt today and wear it to the 2018 Twisted Strings Music Festival Saturday, an. 27 at Six Bends in Fort Myers. Gates open at 4 pm and the main stage music starts at 5 pm.

The opening act is Southwest Florida’s own Laura’s Auras. Reshaping your mind with genre hopping sounds from Puccini to Coldplay will be Simply Three. The headliner is The Family Crest. With lead vocalist Liam McCormick, The Family Crest blends classical romantic music with horn-laden Roaring ’20s sounds. Tickets start at $35. And there will plenty of food trucks and beverages for sale, too.

Feed Public Radio Feed a Family

On December 9, WGCU FM kicks off the 2017 Feed Public Radio ... Feed a Family campaign, when for six days we ask you to support the radio programming you depend on. Simultaneously, your donation helps support food insecure people in Southwest Florida. Thanks to The Al & Nancy Burnett Charitable Foundation, a portion of every pledge made during the campaign will be matched by 6 percent, with that match benefitting the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

It’s simple. Donate $250 to WGCU and The Al & Nancy Burnett Charitable Foundation will donate $15 to the food bank – enough food to feed a family of four for more than five days.

When we reach our campaign goal, we’ll also support a mobile pantry through the Harry Chapin Food Bank in an area hit hardest by Hurricane Irma. The success of Feed Public Radio … Feed a Family is up to you. Donate today at wgcu.org/donate or at 800-533-9428.
1 FRIDAY
8 pm E The Beatles: Eight Days A Week - The Touring Years (at 7 pm)
From June 1962 to the time the band quit touring in August 1966, The Beatles performed 815 times in 15 different countries around the world.

9 pm HD Ethan Bortnick: Generations of Music
Join the talented young virtuoso for a concert spanning generations and genres. Featuring guests Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul and Mary), Bethany Yarrow and cellist Rufus Cappadocia, this concert will appeal to audiences of all ages and musical tastes.

10:30 pm HD ‘70s Soul Superstars (My Music)
Join Patti LaBelle for an all-star reunion of the legends of 1970s Motown, R&B and soul, including the Commodores, original lead Eugene Record reuniting with the Chi-Lites.

2 SATURDAY
8 pm HD Great Performances The Moody Blues – Days of Future Passed Live
This concert special showcases the band in performance for the first time with a full orchestra.

10 pm HD David Gilmour: Live in Pompei
Join the Pink Floyd singer-guitarist for a spectacular concert in the legendary Roman amphitheatre.

11:30 pm E Heart: Live at Royal Albert Hall with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Sisters Ann and Nancy Wilson are the creative spark behind Heart, a hard rock group that initially found success in the mid-’70s, only to reach greater heights after engineering a major comeback a decade later.

3 SUNDAY
7 pm HD Grantchester Season 3 Christmas Special
Celebrate the season with James Norton as the handsome, jazz-loving vicar Sidney Chambers, with Robson Green as his law-enforcement ally, Inspector Geordie Keating, in Grantchester, a mystery series based on the acclaimed novels by James Runcie.

9 pm HD Celtic Woman – Homecoming: Ireland
With its Homecoming tour, Celtic Woman continues to transcend national and cultural boundaries to celebrate the timeless emotion of Ireland’s centuries-old heritage.

11 pm HD Memory Rescue with Daniel Amen MD
Amen has developed the mnemonic “Bright Minds” to help you remember the 11 risk factors that steal your mind.

4 MONDAY
8 pm HD The Big Band Years
This retrospective features the biggest songs that got us through World War II and kick-started the baby boom with brassy legends that will take you on a Sentimental Journey.

10 pm HD Great Performances Hitman – David Foster & Friends
Recorded live in performance at Las Vegas’ Mandalay Bay Events Center, the show features Foster himself presiding center stage at the keyboard.

11:30 pm E 2 Cellos Live at the Sydney Opera House
Themes that drove some of the biggest epics in movie history are featured in concert.

5 TUESDAY
8 pm E Big Band Years
See Dec. 4 for show details.

9 pm W Age Reversed with Miranda Esmonde-White
Scientific, yet entertaining and accessible, the three-part special shares practical information on slowing down and potentially reversing the aging process through exercise and other lifestyle choices.

6 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD Magic Moments: The Best of ’50s Pop
The show brings back the happiest hits from the days of poodle skirts and penny loafers with a concert featuring singing sensations from a kinder and gentler time.

10 pm HD HD ‘70s Soul Superstars
Join Patti LaBelle for an all-star reunion of the legends of 1970s Motown, R&B and soul.

11 pm E Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas
The concert stars vocalists Lisa Lambe, Susan McFadden, Meav Ni Mhaolchatha and Celtic violinist Mairead Nesbitt, performing holiday favorites with their signature Celtic twist under the distinct musical direction of Emmy-nominated music producer David Downes.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 @ 10 pm E American Masters Bob Hope
Explore the entertainer’s life with unprecedented access to his personal archives including writings voiced by Billy Crystal, clips from his body of work, and interviews with Woody Allen, Margaret Cho, Conan O’Brien, Tom Selleck and Brooke Shields.

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DECEMBER TV HIGHLIGHTS

8 FRIDAY
7:35 pm W Africa’s Great Civilizations The Cross and the Crescent
Henry Louis Gates charts the rise of Christianity and Islam, whose economic and cultural influence stretched from Egypt to Ethiopia. Learn of African religious figures like King Lalibela, an Ethiopian saint, and Menelik, bringer of the Ark of the Covenant.

8:30 pm HD Washington Week
Journalists weigh in on the issues of the week at this PBS roundtable.

9 SATURDAY
7:18 pm W Africa’s Great Civilizations The Atlantic Age/Commerce and the Clash of Civilizations
See Dec. 8 for show details.

10 pm W America Reframed Good Luck Soup
For 29-year-old filmmaker Matthew Hashiguchi, growing up half-Japanese American in an Irish-Catholic neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio, was a difficult experience.

11 pm W Mindfulness Goes Mainstream
Explore the power of mindfulness meditation—now embraced by millions of ordinary people—through expert opinions and interviews.

10 SUNDAY
8 pm HD The Best of WGCU
See what’s hot on public television.

10 pm W Doc World Finding Samuel Lowe
Retired NBC Universal executive Paula Williams Madison and her brothers, Elrick and Howard Williams, were raised in Harlem by their Chinese Jamaican mother, Nell Vera Lowe.

11:30 pm W Crisis of Faith
Narrated by Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Amy Grant, the film examines how slavery and biblical interpretations on its morality divided religious denominations and ultimately, the nation, in the Civil War era.

11 MONDAY
8 pm W Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine The Great Missionary
Meet the man whose transformation is one of the most compelling in history, the Apostle Paul. Journey with Jonathan Phillips as he re-traces Paul’s bold quest to bring the Christian message to Asia and Europe, a quest that would see him imprisoned, beaten and on the brink of death.

9 pm W Local USA Finding America I
Show organizers move into communities large and small to invent new storytelling models with citizens who help tell a new story of the rich diversity of America today.

9:30 pm W Stories from the Stage Chance
Three storytellers, three interpretation of chance, hosted by Wes Hazard.

12 TUESDAY
8 pm W America Reframed Enter The Faun
Tracing the unlikely collaboration between a veteran choreographer and a young actor with cerebral palsy, this story challenges the boundaries of medicine and art to prove that everybody is capable of miraculous transformation.

9 pm HD The Best of WGCU
See what’s hot on public television.

11:30 pm W Focus on Europe
What drives people in Europe politically, socially and culturally? How do Europeans lead their lives? What are their views, hopes and fears? Focus on Europe provides the answers.

13 WEDNESDAY
7:30 pm W Independent Lens Newtown
The lives of several people profoundly affected by gun violence interconnect and propel the town toward introspection and action.

8 pm W Supernature - Wild Flyers Defying Gravity
Explore the basic principles of flight to see how animals become airborne in the first place.

9 pm W Quietest Place On Earth
Explore Maui’s geological and spiritual birthplace, a two-mile-high volcano.

11:30 pm W Scully/ The World Show
Host Robert Scully conducts one-on-one interviews with some of the world’s most significant and famous personalities.
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DECEMBER TV HIGHLIGHTS

15 FRIDAY
8 pm W Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler Shikoku
The Island of Shikoku in Japan is the birthplace of the most revered figure in Japanese Buddhism, the monk and teacher Kobo Daishi, who brought a populist form of Buddhism to Japan from China in the 9th century.

8:30 pm HD Charlie Rose - The Week
Tune in to The Week for the defining moments in - and conversations about - the news, the sciences, the arts and entertainment.

9 pm W Adventists
Historical re-enactments offer a glimpse into the church’s beginnings, including its defining moment: the mid-19th century event known as the Great Disappointment.

16 SATURDAY
8 pm W Buddha
Two and a half millennia ago, a new religion was born in northern India, generated from the ideas of a single man, the Buddha, a mysterious Indian sage who famously gained enlightenment while he sat under a large, shapely fig tree.

9 pm E Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops
See the best of the New England holiday season with the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus, under the direction of Keith Lockhart, performing beloved classics, including “Christmas Canticles” and “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah.

10 pm W America Reframed
Enter The Faun
See Dec. 12 for show details.

17 SUNDAY
9 pm HD Victoria on Masterpiece Season 1, Doll 123
As a new queen, the young Victoria struggles to take charge amid plots to manipulate her.

11 pm HD Rick Steves Special European Christmas
Rick and his gang bring home an intimate look at how diverse cultures celebrate Christmas.

18 MONDAY
9:30 pm W Stories from the Stage Holiday Horror
Three storytellers share their tales, from epic blunders and celebrations gone wrong to unforgettable errors, unexpected consequences, and touching human connections.

10 pm HD Lidia Celebrates America Homegrown Heroes
Join Lidia Bastianich to celebrate our homegrown heroes – veterans who now farm the land they fought for.

11 pm E Call the Midwife
Join the revels as Poplar readies itself for Christmas 1960. An unexpected surprise for a grieving mother brings the holiday magic home, while Nonnatus is rocked when one of its own disappears.

19 TUESDAY
8 pm HD Finding Your Roots Southern Roots
DJ and producer Questlove, talk show host Dr. Phil and journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, find astonishing tales of bondage in their family histories.

9 pm HD Finding Your Roots Funny Business
Comedic guests Garrison Keillor, Amy Schumer and Aziz Ansari take a serious look at their family trees, learning stories of assimilation, independence, hardship, and success all over the globe.

10 pm E American Masters Bing Crosby Rediscovered
Explore the life and legend of this iconic entertainer through never-before-seen footage and interviews with his immediate family and Tony Bennett. Narrated by Stanley Tucci, this documentary reveals a man far more complex than his public persona.

10 pm HD Supernature Wild Flyers Masters of the Sky
Explore the extremes of true flight: power, acceleration, top speed, maneuverability and endurance.

21 THURSDAY
8 pm HD Joyful & Triumphant
See the FGCU choirs perform in a concert taped in November at the Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples. WGCU

9 pm W Let There Be Light
Narrated by Garrison Keillor, the show follows the grand masters of stained glass art.

11 pm E Nature
The Cheetah Children
For two years in the forested hills of Zimbabwe, wildlife cameraman Kim Wolhuter shadowed a wild cheetah family on foot, to reveal in detail the cubs’ remarkable journey to adulthood and their mother’s dedication in raising them.
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DECEMBER TV HIGHLIGHTS

22 FRIDAY
9 pm HD Christmas at Belmont
Join host Sheryl Crow for a concert of carols, classical works, world music and seasonal favorites.

11 pm HD Eric Idle’s The Entire Universe
Explore the universe in this comedic musical extravaganza.

23 SATURDAY
8 pm W Tolkien & Lewis: Myth, Imagination & The Quest for Meaning
Scholars challenge viewers to draw their own conclusions about the meaning of life and the role that mythology and imagination play in faith.

9 pm HD Call the Midwife Holiday Special 2017
Join the midwives as they strive to provide patient care during the coldest winter in 300 years.

10:30 pm HD The Making of a Lady
Based on the novel by writer Frances Hodgson Burnett (“The Secret Garden”), this is the story of the educated but penniless Emily. During her duties as a lady’s companion for Lady Maria (Joanna Lumley), she meets her employer’s wealthy widower nephew, Lord James Walderhurst (Linus Roache).

24 SUNDAY
8 pm HD Last Tango in Halifax Christmas Special Part 2
See why Gillian makes a life-changing decision and how Alan confronts his fears.

9 pm HD Victoria on Masterpiece Season 1, The Clockwork Prince
Against the queen’s wishes, Albert pays a visit and meets royal disdain.

25 MONDAY
7 pm E Joyful & Triumphant
See the FGCU choirs in concert, taped in November at the Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples. WFGCU

9 pm HD Call the Midwife
Join the midwives as they strive to provide patient care during the coldest winter in 300 years.

26 TUESDAY
8 pm HD The Sultan and the Saint
Explore how St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt risked it all to end the Crusades. A simple Christian friar and a mighty Muslim leader met on a bloody battlefield 800 years ago. What happened next changed world history.

9 pm HD Secrets of Spanish Florida - A Secrets of the Dead Special
Long before the settlement of English colonists at Jamestown, Spanish settlers made their homes in St. Augustine.

9:30 pm E Anne of Green Gables (2016)
Savor a new adaptation of the classic novel about the orphaned Anne, placed in the care of upright Marilla and her brother Matthew, played by Martin Sheen. Neither Anne nor Marilla could predict the profound effect they’d have on each other’s lives.

27 WEDNESDAY
8 pm HD Nature The Story of Cats Part 2, Into the Americas
Follow cats into the Americas, from the lynx and the mountain lion, to the rise of the domestic cat.

9 pm HD NOVA The Day the Dinosaurs Died
Investigate how an asteroid vanquished the dinosaurs 66 million years ago. Join scientists as they drill into the impact crater and, for the first time, reconstruct the hell on Earth that unfolded in the minutes, hours and months after the impact.

28 THURSDAY
8 pm E Year In Space
Follow astronaut Scott Kelly’s 12-month mission on the International Space Station, as NASA charts the effects of long-duration spaceflight by comparing him with his twin on Earth, astronaut Mark Kelly.

9 pm E Beyond a Year in Space
Picking up where the first film left off on Scott Kelly’s last day in space and return to Earth - the final installment also introduces viewers to the next generation of astronauts training to leave Earth’s orbit.

10 pm E Remembering Leonard Nimoy
See an intimate journey into Leonard Nimoy’s personal life, featuring stories from his childhood growing up in Boston, his early career in Hollywood, his big breakout role on the Star Trek series and afterward.

Friday, Dec. 22 @ 10 pm HD Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Celebrate the holidays with the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The cross-cultural spectacular features the world’s leading tenor, Rolando Villazon, and seasonal favorites.
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### DECEMBER TV HIGHLIGHTS

**29 FRIDAY**
8 pm W Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler Osun-Osogbo
Feiler travels to Nigeria with a group of African-American pilgrims who are attending an annual festival in honor of the Yoruba goddess Osun.

9 pm HD American Masters Bob Hope
See Dec. 5 for show description.

11 pm E Miss Fisher’s Murder Mysteries Murder in the Dark
Phryne’s cousins and Aunt Prudence's entire household come under suspicion when a young girl is found drowned in her aunt’s fountain on the eve of a lavish fancy dress party.

**30 SATURDAY**
8 pm W American Masters Bob Hope
See Dec. 5 for show description.

10 pm W America Reframed Deej
Once a “profoundly disabled” foster kid on a fast track to nowhere, DJ is now a first-year college student who insists on standing up for his peers: people who are dismissed as incompetent because they are neurologically diverse.

11 pm W Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer
Learn about the ancient and obscure Christian prayer first recited by the Apostles more than 2,000 years ago in the Egyptian desert.

**31 SUNDAY**
8 pm HD Victoria on Masterpiece Season 1, An Ordinary Woman
Victoria on Masterpiece Season 1, An Ordinary Woman
Will Victoria and Albert marry? Will the queen promise “to obey” her foreign prince?

9 pm HD Live from Lincoln Center New York Philharmonic New Year’s Eve: Bernstein on Broadway
Ring in 2018 with a celebration of Leonard Bernstein’s best-loved works for Broadway, including West Side Story, featuring the New York Philharmonic and special guests.

10:30 pm HD Great Performances Irving Berlin’s “Holiday Inn” – The Broadway Musical
In the classic musical, Jim leaves the lights of Broadway for a country inn, which becomes a seasonal hot spot.

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**LIDIA**

1993 Christmas Special
Bastianich travels to the southern end of the Silk Road to investigate samosas and their history in Central Asia.

1998 Passover: A Highland Feast
Celebrates the conclusion of the Passover seder with Jewish deli food from New York State.

2000 In the Heart of Italy
Journeys to the heart of Italian cuisine on the Amalfi Coast.

2001 Holiday Thyme
A Christmas Eve celebration of food, family and warmth is the backdrop for a否则 holiday table.

2002 From My Kitchen Table
The art of the holiday table is celebrated with Jewish, Italian and Mexican foods.

2003 Food of the Italian Americans
Traveling to Italy to explore the rich variety of cuisines and cooking traditions in the Italian-American community.

2004 From My Kitchen Table
A food festival in every Italian-American community.

2005 Lidia Celebrates America: Past Specials
In Lidia Celebrates America: Past Specials, Bastianich explores the varieties in food but also many other cultures in this country and their relationships to food.

The first in the series, Holiday Tables & Traditions, shows Bastianich attending an Italian Christmas Eve, a Mexican-American Christmas Day, a Chinese New Year and a Passover Seder.

In Weddings: Something Borrowed, Something New, a New Orleans bride wears a gold-trimmed red sari and along with her groom, clad in jewel-toned robes, jumps the broom to tie the knot. She attends a Punjabi and Sri Lankan wedding in Chicago, a Korean wedding in Queens and the Irish-American wedding of her niece. In each, she zeroes in on the food that brings the party together.

In other Celebrate America shows, Bastianich attends a Bastille Day event with chef Jacques Pepin, a Juneteenth gala in Galveston and gives thanks for Filipino independence; in Life’s Milestones, she celebrates rites of passage with four cultures and their food ways.

For more about the series, go to www.pbs.org/food/features/lidia-celebrates-america-past-specials.

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29, 30, 31 December 2017
What a Ride!

Three great reasons to tune in for *Thomas & Friends* this month:

1. The show is ending its run on PBS at the end of the year, so this is your last opportunity.


2. This is your chance to reflect on the eclectic list of narrators who have lent their voices to the show, both before and after its debut on PBS. Ringo Starr (1984–90), George Carlin (1991–96), Alec Baldwin (1998–2003) and Pierce Brosnan (2008).

3. Holiday specials run on Saturday, Dec. 2 (Winter Delights) and Saturday, Dec. 16 (Snow Stops Play), both at 6:30 am.

Change is good

The lineup of kids’ shows on WGCU will be changing in January. Final details were being worked out at press time, but check back in this space for new lineups for both the WGCU HDTV channel and the 24/7 kids channel next month. As always, go to wgcu.org/tv/schedules and check out WGCU’s page for kids at wgcukids.org.
Artisans’ holiday

Craft in America is a place to explore and follow your interest in the handmade. Objects made of clay, glass, wood, metal, fiber and alternative materials represent cultural traditions as well as innovations in technology, social function and personal expression.

Featured artists are from across North America. Episodes contain stories from diverse regions and cultures, blending history with living practice and exploring issues of identity, ritual, philosophy and creative expression.

This month, a holiday edition features:

- Harley Refsal, a wood carver and Nordic folk artist who explains that many holiday traditions including Santa and the Christmas tree come from the winter solstice, the pagan holiday that marked the start of the solar year.
- The grand prize awarded at the annual National Gingerbread House Competition.
- A visit to the Biltmore House, where the Christmas decorations and mementos hint at the timeless holidays of a glorious bygone age.
- Colorado artist Susan Garson, who hand paints fanciful designs on menorahs that she molds from clay. She takes us to her congregation for a special Hanukkah celebration.
- The colorful Mexican influence on Christmas in San Antonio, Texas. Watch Dora Garcia and Gerardo Muñoz of Garcia Art Glass blow glass ornaments; see ceramic artist Veronica Castillo make a vibrant Navidad Tree of Life; cook traditional tamales with Isabel and Enrique Sanchez; and create luminaries with papel picado artist Kathleen Trenchard.

Tune in to Create @ 7 am Saturday, Dec. 9 and go to www.pbs.org/craft-in-america.

How to get Twisted

The Twisted Strings Music Festival, a concert fusing classical with jazz, blues, soul, hip hop, rock and world music – and all on stringed instruments – will be held outdoors on Saturday, Jan. 27 at Six Bends, Fort Myers. The event benefits WGCU Public Media and is sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Stock Development, Lee County Sheriff’s Office and Six Bends.

The headliner is The Family Crest. The lineup also includes Simply Three, Laura’s Auras and Hot Buttered Nuggets.

Gates open at 4 p.m. A variety of food and beverages will be sold (cash only) as will band merchandise (credit cards accepted).

Presale tickets are $35 general admission for one or $60 general admission for two. For more information, go to twistedstrings.org.

Tickets for a VIP section hosted by David and Gail Hall are $150 each and include VIP parking, exclusive seating, a catered meal by Artichoke and Company, upgraded restrooms, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages (cash bar with beer and wine) and a meet-and-greet with the bands. VIP tables for 10 are also available. Contact Gina Dengler at 239-590-2328 or gdengler@wgcu.org.

fLUTIST Laura Bergmann, who is McCormick’s wife.

Still today, if he wants to compose for a certain instrument and doesn’t have experience with it, he’ll meet with someone who plays that instrument to learn and collaborate. He described doing so with a new family member who plays French horn. The two began meeting over coffee.

Two of The Family Crest recordings began as Kickstarter projects. It was the second, Beneath the Brine, “that helped pull our careers up,” McCormick said.

The group’s third recording, Prelude to War, was released in May. Next up is The War, Act I. “What war?” McCormick asked rhetorically. “The last thing I’d ever thought I’d be releasing is something called The War, which is pretty ominous at this time. It’s about struggle. A metaphor for all the different battles we go through in life. Everything we do drastically informs things we do later in life. They can be negative or positive. Each song represents a different challenge.”

One of McCormick’s personal challenges was growing up in rural California looking different from most of his peers. His mother is Chinese, his father of white European ancestry. He experienced racism, which he defines as occurring in two types. One is malicious and based on hate, the other mostly fear of the unknown, informed not by personal experience but by images seen on television or attitudes absorbed from others.

“I feel there is a lack of experience when it comes to people’s exposure to the full spectrum of cultures,” McCormick said. But at least one diverse community of peaceful, creative people is growing up around The Family Crest.
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### December Radio Specials @ 8 pm Sundays

#### Naples Council on World Affairs

**Dec. 3**  *How Should We Respond to North Korea’s Nuclear Challenge?*

Features Evans J.R. Revere, Senior Director, Albright Stonebridge Group.

**Dec. 17**  *“The Eagle and the Trident, the U.S. and Ukraine”*

Featuring Ambassador Steven Pifer, Brookings Institution.

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#### Intelligence Squared US

**Dec. 10**  *Is the U.S. Healthcare System Terminally Broken?*

Criticized by patients, providers and politicians alike, the United States health care system is hardly a crowd-pleaser. Is the most expensive health care system in the world beyond repair?

**Dec. 24**  *Is Western Democracy in Danger?*

Do populist and nationalist uprisings signal Western democracy’s certain decline? Or can recent events be seen as part of a healthy and regenerative antidote to policies that have challenged liberal institutions and marginalized the middle class? Some predict that a resilient liberal world order will rally to triumph over fear, xenophobia and fractured political parties – others say that support for autocratic alternatives is on the rise. Four leading thinkers debate the future of Western democracy.

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#### KQED

**Dec. 31**  *Truth, Politics and Power*

Host Neal Conan conducts in-depth conversations that help listeners learn the history, politics and risks of the new administration’s decisions.

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### Opera season is upon us

Launched in 1931, the Met’s Saturday matinee broadcasts are the longest-running continuous classical radio series in American broadcast history. The 87th season of Saturday broadcasts will once again be heard over WGCU’s Classical Music HD radio station at 90.1-3 or 91.7-3 on your HD radio.

**Dec. 2**  *Requiem* Verdi  1 pm

**Dec. 9**  *The Magic Flute* Mozart  12:30 pm

**Dec. 16**  *Norma* Bellini (new production)  1 pm

**Dec. 23**  *Le Nozze Di Figaro* Mozart  1 pm

**Dec. 23**  *The Merry Widow* Lehár  1 pm

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Radiolab M 8 pm / TED Radio Hour Tu 8 pm
Travel with Rick Steves W @ 8 pm
On the Media Th 8 pm / Milk Street F 8 pm

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