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National Christmas Tree Lighting 2012
Celebrating its 90th year, the lighting of the National Christmas Tree signals the start of the holiday season across the country. Taped at President’s Park in Washington, D.C., this 60-minute special features performances and readings by top musical artists and actors. The evening’s festivities will be capped off by the ceremonial lighting of the National Christmas Tree by a very special guest!

Airs Saturday, December 15, at 8 p.m.

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Ellen DeGeneres

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Will Ferrell

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or a painted cat, this special is chock full of appraisals featuring Antiques Roadshow “Cats & Dogs” decades of previous thinking. Airs Sunday, December 16, 8 p.m.

NOVA

the ancient islanders move nearly 900 giant statues weighing up

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Easter Island has mystified

NOVA “Mystery of Easter Island”

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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

America’s Children’s Holiday Parade features characters from PBS KIDS, children’s storybooks, movies and programs. Your children will love the colorful floats, marching bands, giant balloons, and such favorite stars as Garfield, Odie, Strawberry Shortcake and more. Airs Monday, December 24, 6 p.m.

Saturday 1st
8:00pm Moments To Remember (My Music)
10:10pm Celtic Thunder Christmas

Sunday 2nd
9:00pm Great Performances “Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park”
10:30pm Heart of Perfect Health with Brenda Watson

Monday 3rd
8:00pm Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (My Music)
10:00pm 3 Steps to Incredible Health! With Joe Futfman, M.D.

Tuesday 4th
8:30pm Volo Takes Flight
9:30pm Moments To Remember (My Music)

Wednesday 5th
8:30pm John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind (My Music)
9:00pm Use Your Brain to Change Your Age with Dr. Daniel Amen
10:10pm Great Performances “Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air”

Thursday 6th
8:00pm Nature “Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air”
9:30pm Great Performances “Jacker Evancho: Dream with Me in Concert”

Friday 7th
8:00pm Country “Cats & Dogs”
10:00pm Keep It In The Family: The Wanton Wonders

Saturday 8th
8:30pm Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (My Music)
10:00pm - 12:00am Viewer Favorites

Sunday 9th
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8:00pm Rick Steves’ Europe “London: Historic and Dynamic”
8:30pm Smart Travels - Europe with Rudy Maxa “France’s Champagne Region”
9:00pm Joseph Rosendo’s Travelscope “Dreamin California’s Coast - Malibu to Big Sur”
9:30pm Travelscope: Christmas in Switzerland
10:00pm Globetrekker Special “The Making of Globetrekker”
10:30pm New York Wine & Table “Nagpur”

Wednesday 15th
9:00pm Saturday Night Movie “No Time For Sergeants” (1958)
9:30pm NOVA “Mystery of Easter Island”
10:00pm Last Treasures of the Ancient World “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”
11:00pm Rick Steves’ Europe “North England’s Lake District and Durham”
11:30pm Smart Travels - Europe with Rudy Maxa “France’s Normandy”
12:00am Joseph Rosendo’s Travelscope “San Miguel De Allende, Celebrating in the Heart of Mexico”
1:00am European Christmas Markets
10:00pm Globetrekker “Mid-Atlantic States”
11:00pm Ballykissangel “A Bar One”
12:00am History Detectives
1:00am Ballykissangel “He Heals the Sick”
2:00am William and Mary
11:00pm MI-5: “Rain from Heaven”

Tuesday 25th
8:00pm Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom “Harukkah”
9:00pm This Old House
9:30pm NOVA “Inside the Megastore”

Wednesday 26th
8:00pm Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom “Kwanzaa”
9:00pm Burt Wolf: Taste of Freedom “New Year’s”
9:00pm This Old House
9:30pm NOVA “Island Kitchen 2.0: Appliances”
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