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# 2021 Holiday Specials

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**First Official Thanksgiving****Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.**

Tells the story of what some historians might call the first "official, English-speaking" Thanksgiving held in the Americas.

**A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving****Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

Peppermint Patty invites everyone to Charlie Brown's for Thanksgiving, even though he's going to see his grandmother. Snoopy decides to cook his own version of a Thanksgiving meal with help from his friends.

**NATURE: My Life as a Turkey****Nov. 24 at 8 p.m.**

Deep in the wilds of Florida, writer and naturalist Joe Hutto raised wild turkeys from chicks.

**Streit's: Matzo & the American Dream****Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.**

Streit's factory in New York is a fifth-generation family business that stays true to tradition.

**Ornament of The World****Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.**

The Ornament of the World tells the story of a remarkable time in history when the Muslims, Christians and Jews forged a common cultural identity that frequently transcended their religious differences.

**College Christmas Festival: Through His Own Redeeming Love****Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.**

Featuring choral and instrumental pieces performed by talented musicians of the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music ensembles.

**Chef's Life Holiday Special****Dec. 12 at 8 p.m.**

Join Vivian Howard as she serves up the best of her Southern cooking heritage and the Chanukah traditions of her husband Ben. From humble Hoppin' John to elegant red velvet cake, sample a charming and delicious holiday celebration.

**20 Years of Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir****Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 24 at 9 p.m.**

Tony Award winner Brian Stokes Mitchell joins the Choir and Orchestra for this two-hour 20th anniversary retrospective.

**Nutcracker and The Mouse King****Dec. 14 at 9 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.**

This is a re-imagination of the classic Nutcracker story, featuring the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and narrated by Alan Cumming. Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's 1816 book. Music from Tchaikovsky's lesser-known works, as well as from The Nutcracker ballet.

**America's Forests with Chuck Leavell: US Capitol Christmas Tree****Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.**

Follow from selection and cutting to ornament making and community celebrations – of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree as it makes its way from Colorado to Washington, D.C.

**NATURE: Santa's Wild Home****Dec. 15 at 8 p.m.**

Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and the actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, brown bears and more.

**A Charlie Brown Christmas****Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

Feeling down about the commercialism of Christmas, Charlie Brown becomes the director of the gang's holiday play. Can he overcome his friends' preference for dancing over acting, find the "perfect" tree, and discover the true meaning of Christmas?

**Lucy Worsley's****12 Days of Tudor Christmas****Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.**

Join Lucy Worsley on a 12-day extravaganza as she discovers that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas - from carols to turkey, gift-giving to mistletoe and mulled wine has surprising Tudor origins, rooted in devotion and charity.

**Antiques Roadshow****Dec. 20 at 8 p.m.**

Antiques Roadshow's special edition, "Naughty or Nice," makes a list and checks it twice. Enlivening the year-end holiday season, this lineup of favorite appraisals from past seasons will satisfy everyone's wish list.

**Christmas At Belmont****Dec. 20 at 9 p.m.**

"Christmas at Belmont" is an annual Belmont University tradition celebrating the holiday season and the musical diversity and rich talent of the university's School of Music. More than 400 student voices join with School of Music faculty to present the annual holiday production.

**Rick Steves European Christmas****Dec. 25 at 7 p.m.**

From manger scenes and mistletoe to wintry wonderlands, celebrate the Christmas season throughout the European continent with Rick Steve.

**Little Women on Masterpiece****Dec. 25 at 8 p.m.**

The story follows sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March on their journey from childhood to adulthood. With the help of their mother, Marmee, the girls navigate what it means to be a young woman.

**River City Drumbeat****Dec. 26 at 4 p.m.**

A powerful story of music, love, and legacies set in the American South. Follows this creative community of mentors, parents, and youth making their way in a world where systemic forces raise obstacles to the fulfillment of their dreams.

**United in Song: Celebrating the American Dream****Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.**

Ring in the New Year with an all-star concert performed on location at Philadelphia's historic Independence Hall. Chita Rivera hosts, joined by Luke Frazier and the American Pops Orchestra.