

## Connecting Us All

On January 10, WGBY debuts *Connecting Point*, a new half hour nightly magazine-style program that will focus on of-the-moment topics of interest to viewers in western New England. Interviews, analysis, field reports, commentary and other segments will cover topics in science, health and

fitness, the arts, social issues, and the environment, among others.

Friday night's program will focus on public affairs under the auspices of *The State We're In*. "*The State We're In* has been looking at Massachusetts and national politics and current events for more than 30 years and we will continue that tradition within the Friday night edition of *Connecting Point*," said the public affairs program's longtime host Jim Madigan.



"Viewers will still see state and local leaders and political candidates and commentators discussing all the hot issues."

*Connecting Point's* first season of programs will include a preview of the 2011 regional economic outlook, a look at Springfield's 375th anniversary, and an assessment of the knowledge corridor rail project.

*Connecting Point's* host and writer, Carrie Saldo, will be familiar to western new England audiences. A local journalist for a decade, she most recently was the host and writer of *Only in the Berkshires*, an original webisode series. Prior to that she was Berkshire Bureau chief at WAMC Northeast Public Radio, where she earned awards from the Associated Press and the Edward R. Murrow Foundation. She cut her teeth as a general assignment reporter at the Berkshire Eagle and the North Adams Transcript.

"I am honored to be among the team that is launching *Connecting Point*," Saldo said. "It seems cliché to say I am honored... but this truly is an outstanding honor."

Saldo is hard at work helping to map out the show's first season.

"Substantive, lively discussion about important issues facing the residents of western Massachusetts, as well as the inside scoop on how you can spend your free time in the area—that's what viewers can expect from *Connecting Point*," she said.

*Connecting Point's* website will include additional content from local bloggers, interactive polls, and other ways for viewers to participate in the conversation.

### *Connecting Point*

**Mondays through Fridays at 7:30pm, beginning January 10**  
[www.wgby.org/connectingpoint](http://www.wgby.org/connectingpoint)

## Manager's Message



Welcome to 2011. While that number may not have the cachet of Y2K, it is a very important and exciting year for WGBY.

First, it's WGBY's 40th Anniversary. While the precise date is not until next fall, we'll be rolling out a number of special events, activities and remembrances over the next few months to remind us all how much our

world and our region have evolved in that time and the role public media has played in that transformation.

And speaking of evolutions, this January we will launch a new approach to local programming. It's hard to believe that it's been 9 years already since we launched our weeknight lineup, adding *Making It Here*, *On The Menu*, *Reflections Through Watercolor*, *Making It Here Teenstyle*, *Watercooler* and *As Schools Match Wits* to our long-standing shows *Doctors On Call* and *The State We're In*. On January 10th, we begin *Connecting Point*, with our new host Carrie Saldo. Airing nightly at 7:30, it will have interviews, analysis, field features, commentary and some elements of our current programs. Our goal is to include timely, relevant local subject matter, provide needed context for important issues and work with as many partners as possible. *Connecting Point* will also evolve, and I hope you help in that process with comments and contributions of ideas and issues for consideration.

Finally, at the beginning of the month we bid at least a formal farewell to two terrific longstanding employees of WGBY. (You can never truly leave the public TV family!) Chief Engineer Ray Miller and Director of Production Services Bill Rhodes have truly earned their retirements. Joining WGBY in March 1981, Ray is our longest-serving staffer. Recently, he led our transition to DTV and HD production, but in the course of his time at WGBY, he has not only guided our technology, but has personally taken countless late-night calls to head up to the top of Mount Tom to repair one problem or another. After some time as a distinguished filmmaker and commercial producer, Bill Rhodes joined WGBY in December 1990. Since then, he has shepherded an untold number of productions large and small, from teleconferences broadcast to three continents to his recent documentation of the rebirth of State Street in Springfield. Bill is almost always the first person here in the morning, among the last to leave and can build ANYTHING.

All of us, WGBY members and staff, owe them a lot. I know you join me in wishing them the best!



Russell J. Peotter, General Manager

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**Free Admission for WGBY Members and their Families**

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Saturday  
January 22

Proof of membership required

**WGBY 57**

[www.wgby.org](http://www.wgby.org)

## Stay in Touch!

Questions or Comments?

Call 800-781-WGBY or email us at [feedback@wgby.org](mailto:feedback@wgby.org)

# WGBY Highlights

## Sparkling Comic Opera



Anna Netrebko revives her sensational turn in the sophisticated bel canto comedy *Great Performances at the Met: Don Pasquale* opposite Matthew Polenzani, Mariusz Kwiecien, and John Del Carlo in the title role. Met Music Director James Levine conducts Otto Schenk's acclaimed production of Donizetti's sparkling comic opera.

***Great Performances at the Met: Don Pasquale***  
Wednesday, January 5 at 9 pm  
[www.pbs.org/gperf](http://www.pbs.org/gperf)

## Nova's New Night

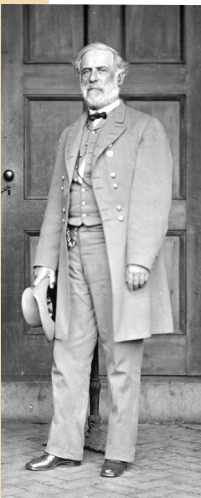


*NOVA* marks a new night and time by launching a new four-part special, *NOVA: Making Stuff*. *NY Times* technology reporter David Pogue takes viewers on a thrilling tour of the material world we live in, and the one that may lie ahead, one with invisibility cloaks, spider silk that's stronger than steel, plastics made of sugar

that dissolve in landfills and self-healing military vehicles. Wednesdays are now Science Night with the addition of *NOVA: Science Now* at 8 pm.

***NOVA***  
Wednesdays at 9pm, beginning January 19  
[www.pbs.org/nova](http://www.pbs.org/nova)

## Epic American Stories



In its 2011 season, television's most-watched history series continues its tradition of bringing to life incredible characters and epic stories that have shaped America's past and present. New episodes include a new perspective on the life and career of Robert E. Lee, an in-depth look at the human drama behind the building of the Panama Canal, and an examination of the tragic Triangle Fire on its 100th anniversary.

***American Experience***  
Mondays at 9pm  
[www.pbs.org/amex](http://www.pbs.org/amex)

## A Doc on 'The Dude'



*American Masters' Jeff Bridges: The Dude Abides*, profiles the Oscar-winning actor who is also an exceptional vintner, a photographer, an occasional musician, a storyteller. His casual, easy-going air has endeared him to audiences for almost 40 years, starting with *The Last Picture Show* in 1971, reinforced in *Starman* in 1984 and in his role as "The Dude" in the cult classic *The Big Lebowski* in 1998.

***American Masters – Jeff Bridges: The Dude Abides***  
Wednesday, January 12 at 8 pm  
[www.pbs.org/americanmasters](http://www.pbs.org/americanmasters)

## Television History Revealed



Little-known facts about beloved series and stars in television history are revealed when *Pioneers of Television* returns for its second season. The science-fiction-themed premiere includes such pioneers as Gene Roddenberry, Rod Serling, Irwin Allen (*Lost in Space*), William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and Nichelle Nichols. Next up is TV Western pioneers, including Fess Parker, James Garner, Barbara Stanwyck and James Arness. Kelsey Grammer narrates.

***Pioneers of Television***  
Tuesday, January 18 & 25 at 8pm  
[www.pbs.org/pioneersoftelevision](http://www.pbs.org/pioneersoftelevision)

## Cartoon Kratts

The Kratt Brothers, creators of the award-winning *Kratts' Creatures* and *Zoobooafooo*, "get animated" in their new series *Wild Kratts* to take 6- to 8-year-olds and their families along on extraordinary animal-powered adventures. Transformed into animated versions of themselves, the real-life zoologists are free to unveil amazing and rare wildlife behavior while showcasing key science concepts along the way.



***Wild Kratts***  
Weekdays at 5pm, beginning January 3  
[www.pbs.org/wildkratts](http://www.pbs.org/wildkratts)

For complete listings, previews and more visit [wgby.org](http://wgby.org)

# January's Best Bets

All programs are on WGBY and WGBY-HD unless otherwise noted

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Use this calendar to discover the best of this month's schedules on all of our channels:



**1**  
Great Performances – From Vienna: New Year's Celebration, 8pm



**2**  
Global Voices, 9-11am, 3-4pm & 10pm-12am  
WORLD



**3**  
**SERIES PREMIERE**  
Wild Kratts, 5pm



**4**  
Independent Lens: Men Who Swim, 10pm



**5**  
Great Performances at the Met: Don Pasquale, 9pm



**6**  
Journey To Palomar, 8:30am & 2:30pm  
WORLD



**7**  
On The Menu: Gideon's Restaurant, 5:30pm  
CREATE



**8**  
Ladies Stir It Up Marathon, All Day  
CREATE



**9**  
Masterpiece Classic: Downton Abbey, 9pm



**10**  
**SERIES PREMIERE**  
Connecting Point, 7:30pm



**11**  
Frontline: Battle for Haiti, 9pm



**12**  
American Masters – Jeff Bridges: The Dude Abides, 8pm



**13**  
Zula Patrol, 8am & 5pm  
KIDS



**14**  
P Allen Smith's Garden Home, 4 & 10pm  
CREATE



**15**  
Independent Lens: Chicago 10, 1 & 9pm  
WORLD



**16**  
**SERIES PREMIERE**  
The Aviators, 2:30pm



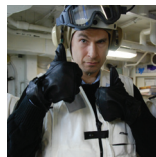
**17**  
After The Wall – A World United, 10pm



**18**  
**SERIES PREMIERE**  
Pioneers of Television: Science Fiction, 8pm



**19**  
NOVA: Making Stuff Stronger, 9pm



**20**  
Martin Yan's Hidden China, 8am & 8pm  
CREATE



**21**  
Cyberchase, 8:30am, 9am & 5:30pm  
KIDS



**22**  
**NEW SEASON**  
All Creatures Great and Small, 8pm



**23**  
Nature: Birds of Paradise, 8pm



**24**  
Panama Canal: Am Experience, 9pm



**25**  
Hands On Crafts for Kids, 6am & 3pm  
KIDS



**26**  
Making It Here, 11:30am & 5:30pm  
CREATE



**27**  
PBS Newshour, 10pm  
WORLD



**28**  
Afropop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange, 11am  
WORLD



**29**  
**NEW SEASON**  
Waking The Dead, 9pm



**30**

Invitation To World Literature, 11pm

**31**

The Greely Expedition Am Experience, 9pm

## Where to Find Digital WGBY

	DTTuner	Comcast	Charter	Time Warner
WGBY-DT	57.1	2	7	12
WGBY Create	57.4	237	223	1899
WGBY Kids	57.3	217	153	1897
WGBY World	57.2	209	222	1898
WGBY-HD	57.1	857	782	1807

## Programmer's Pick

Neil deGrasse Tyson hosts NOVA's fast-paced science magazine series, featuring provocative new stories from the frontlines of science, technology and medicine.

**NOVA ScienceNOW**  
Wednesdays at 8pm, beginning January 19  
[www.pbs.org/novasciencenow](http://www.pbs.org/novasciencenow)



**WGBY 57** *26th Annual* wine weekend

**Friday & Saturday,  
February 25 & 26, 2011**

Evening of Wine Tasting  
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January 2011

C O N N E C T I N G P O I N T

Beginning Monday, January 10 at 7:30pm



### WGBY MemberCard Perks

**The Wizard of Oz!**  
Amherst Leisure Services Community Theater  
Bowker Auditorium, UMass Amherst  
January 14 – 23

Fridays at 7:30pm; Saturdays at 1pm and 7:30pm; Sundays at 1pm

**WGBY Members Receive \$2 Off Adult Tickets**

One of the most famous and beloved musicals comes to Amherst! Experience the magic of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, Toto, flying monkeys, ruby slippers, and more. Present your WGBY Membercard at the box office or mention promotion #235.

Call 413-259-3065 or visit [www.alsct.org](http://www.alsct.org) to order tickets.

**Volkswagen of Northampton**  
968 Bridge Rd, Northampton MA

**WGBY Members Receive \$25 off any VW service through February 2011**

Calling all Volkswagen owners! Volkswagen of Northampton supports WGBY community members through February by offering \$25 off any service performed on VWs at their state-of-the-art facility. Or stop by for a free car wash during business hours. Mention WGBY when making your appointment. All Volkswagens welcome!

For more information, visit [www.vwofnorthampton.com](http://www.vwofnorthampton.com) or call 866-271-0908.

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