



OWN: OPRAH WINFREY NETWORK DECEMBER 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW SERIES

(P) Denotes: Premieres

“The Ambush Cook”

Series Premiere - Saturday, December 3 at 12 p.m. ET/PT (30 minutes)

Kristina Kuzmič, co-winner of “Your OWN Show: Oprah’s Search for the Next TV Star,” has been passionate about cooking her entire life. In her new series, “The Ambush Cook,” Kristina ambushes people and takes them to her kitchen for an intervention in home cooking. From married moms addicted to frozen foods and take-out, to single bachelors who still go to mom’s house for dinner every single night, Kristina’s guests all have one thing in common: they fear the kitchen! Kristina takes a no-nonsense approach to tackling the many issues that cause people to give up on cooking. Her recipes are tasty enough to satisfy the most discerning palate, yet simple enough for anyone to follow. Failure is not an option in Kristina’s kitchen. Her goal is to fill the world with better cooks, one ambush at a time.

(P) Saturday, December 3 (12-12:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Take-Out Mom

Host Kristina Kuzmič takes Shania, a mom who’s more comfortable picking up take-out than a whisk, into her kitchen to make Mongolian beef and vegetable fried brown rice.

(P) Saturday, December 3 (12:30-1 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Momma’s Boy

Host Kristina Kuzmič tries to keep momma’s boy Caesaray out of the nest every time hunger hits when she teaches him to make pistachio crusted tilapia, goat cheese bruschetta and mocha bread pudding.

(P) Saturday, December 10 (12-12:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Freezer Fanatic

Host Kristina Kuzmič takes Monica out of the freezer section and into the kitchen when she teaches her to make spicy peanut butter chicken with basmati rice and molten chocolate lava cakes.

(P) Saturday, December 10 (12:30-1 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Caveman Cook

Host Kristina Kuzmič shows Brent, a musician with zero confidence in the kitchen, that cooking doesn’t have to end with the house almost burning down. She shows him how to make braised short ribs and sautéed sweet corn.

(P) Saturday, December 17 (12-12:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Social Butterfly

Host Kristina Kuzmič shows new mom-to-be Leslie that she can still be social at home with her friends and together they make asparagus salmon salad and guiltless chocolate mousse.

(P) Saturday, December 17 (12:30-1 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Restaurant Regular

Host Kristina Kuzmič teaches restaurant addict Carmel, who admits to never having ever used a stove, that cooking is actually fun, as she teaches her to make mustard crusted chicken and crispy nutella cookies.

“Rollin’ with Zach”

Series Premiere - Monday, December 12 at 8 p.m. ET/PT (30 minutes)

Zach Anner, co-winner of “Your OWN Show: Oprah’s Search for the Next TV Star” is obsessed with travel. In his new series, “Rollin’ With Zach,” Zach takes an authentic and often humorous approach to seeing the country. He may have cerebral palsy, but that’s never stopped him! In every episode, Zach explores a new city and conquers his “top five” list traveling from coast-to-coast. Each episode is filled with humor and emotion, as Zach meets new people, indulges in his favorite treats and attempts new and exciting experiences he never thought possible. From surfing to sailing, rock climbing to water-skiing, he challenges himself to try the unexpected, and at times - the seemingly impossible. When things don’t go as planned, Zach embraces the problem with his sharp sense of humor and a positive attitude, because travel is an adventure and sometimes you just have to “roll with it.”

(P) Monday, December 12 (8-8:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Los Angeles

Zach is in Los Angeles where he counts down the top five things he’s always wanted to do, from trying out to be a contestant on “The Price is Right,” to learning to dance like a pop star, to surfing the Southern California waves.

(P) Monday, December 12 (8:30-9 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Chicago

Zach is rollin’ into Chicago where he takes a spin on classic waterfront rides at Navy Pier, joins in some summer festival fun at the Taste of Greece, and straps on his first ever pair of water skis on beautiful Lake Michigan.

(P) Monday, December 19 (8-8:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: New York

On this trip, Zach is in New York City where he’ll tour Manhattan 2,000 feet above the ground, try his luck at speed dating, and fulfill a lifelong dream of doing stand-up at world-famous Caroline’s Comedy Club.

(P) Monday, December 19 (8:30-9 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: San Francisco

Zach is getting an insider’s look at San Francisco, where he’ll catch his very own crab on Fisherman’s Wharf, feed his sweet tooth with a tour of the Jelly Belly factory, and fulfill his father’s lifelong dream of sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge.

(P) Monday, December 26 (8-8:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Las Vegas

All bets are off when Zach hits Las Vegas! He tries his luck at gambling for the first time, samples a famous Vegas buffet, and catches a glimpse of some showgirls. Zach is feeling lucky, but will his luck last as he takes flight Sin City style?

(P) Monday, December 26 (8:30-9 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Portland

From biking to brewing, food carts to coffee tasting, Zach is exploring Portland, Oregon where the city motto is “Keep Portland Weird!” It is here that he will conquer his biggest challenge yet – rock climbing in Mount Hood National Forest.

“Facing Trauma”

Network Premiere - Tuesday, December 13 at 10 p.m. ET/PT (60 minutes)

“Facing Trauma” follows the work of Dr. Andrew Jacono, a world-class facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, who has made it his mission to serve the victims of devastating acts of domestic violence and crime as well as senseless accidents. Part case study, part survival journey, “Facing Trauma” chronicles the harrowing stories of women who have been left disfigured from violent circumstances, as they struggle to reconstruct their lives both physically and emotionally.

(P) Tuesday, December 13 (10-11 p.m. ET/PT)

Facial reconstructive surgeon Dr. Andrew Jacono, a world-class facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, who has made it his mission to serve the victims of devastating acts of domestic violence, helps two women move on from tragedy.

CONTINUING SERIES (New Episodes)

“The Rosie Show”

Monday-Friday (7-8 p.m. ET/PT)

A daily talk show hosted by Emmy Award®-winning actress and comedian, Rosie O'Donnell. The show features Rosie's hilarious take on current events, celebrity and human interest guests, comedy and games, live performances by top artists and a behind the scenes look at Rosie - and her staff - as she settles into a new city and embarks upon a new chapter in her life.

For additional show information and content, please visit: www.rosie.com

“Don't Tell the Bride”

Thursdays (9-10 p.m. ET/PT)

What happens when you give a cash-strapped couple \$25,000 to create their dream wedding? A lot of drama when the bride and groom are separated three weeks leading up to the nuptials, and the groom must plan the wedding with no help from his fiancée. The bride won't see the invitation until it arrives in the mail; she'll try on her dress just prior to walking down the aisle, and will see the reception for the first time with the other guests. “Don't Tell the Bride” promises tantrums and tears of joy before the “big day” is done. Narrated by Caroline Rhea (“Sabrina, the Teenage Witch”).

(P) Thursday, December 8 (9-10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Cody & Joanna

Hipster musician, Cody, struggles to hit the right notes when he plans his veracious bride's dream wedding. But, when he chooses a wedding dress that Joanna hates, will her tears drown out their love song?

(P) Thursday, December 15 (9-10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Tedric & Alfreda

Tedric must plan a spectacular wedding for his demanding bride, Alfreda, who hopes her fiancé will remember to honor her recently departed father, but without any concept of time or money, the task at hand may prove more daunting than Tedric expected.

(P) Thursday, December 22 (9-10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Joe & Cristin – Finale

Joe, a big-time Boston fanatic, wants to plan the ultimate sports themed wedding, in spite of the fact his bride-to-be, Cristin is rooting for a traditional ceremony - in a chapel, and not on a baseball field.

**“Welcome to Sweetie Pie’s”
Saturdays (9-10 p.m. ET/PT)**

When Robbie Montgomery – one of the original back-up singers for 1960s soul duo sensation Ike and Tina Turner – toured with the band, she poured her creative gifts into her cooking as much as her singing. After the singing stopped, Robbie took her mother’s soul food recipes, passed down through generations, and created the empire known as “Sweetie Pie’s,” St. Louis’ iconic and wildly popular soul food restaurant run by Miss Robbie and her dynamic family. With two successful locations, Miss Robbie is upping the ante and preparing to open a third restaurant with the help of her son and business partner, Tim. While Tim and his girlfriend, Jenae, also prepare for the birth of their first child – and their wedding – Miss Robbie, who has never been married, continues to look for love at the age of 71. “Welcome to Sweetie Pie’s” follows the loud, loving and still very musical Montgomery family as they struggle with the demands of expanding their family-owned business, one soulful dish at a time.

(P) Saturday, December 3 (9-10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Hopes & Dreams – Finale

In the season finale, Robbie finally gets the loan to start construction on her dream restaurant. Meanwhile, Charles plans for college, Tim stokes the fires of romance with his fiancé Jenae, and the family throws Jenae a baby shower.

**“Super Soul Sunday”
Sundays (8 a.m.-11 a.m. ET/PT)**

*Please note: Repeats at 12 p.m. on Sundays

Designed to help viewers awaken to their best selves and discover a deeper connection to the world around them, programs featured in “Super Soul Sunday” will include never before seen episodes of “Oprah’s Soul Series,” a series of in-depth, one-on-one conversations between Oprah and some of the most fascinating authors, thinkers and spiritual leaders of our time, uplifting feature-length documentaries, short-form content from Soul Pancake (the production company co-founded by “The Office’s” Rainn Wilson) and more. Exploring themes and issues including happiness and personal fulfillment, wellness, spirituality and conscious living, these programs present an array of perspectives on what it means to be alive in today’s world.

**“Home Made Simple”
Sundays (11 a.m.-12 p.m. ET/PT)**

Each week host Paige Davis (“Trading Spaces”) and her team of experts meet a couple who find themselves stuck in their quest of making over a room, tackling a big party or planning a once-in-a-lifetime event. Whether our couples are married, best friends, sisters or mother/daughter, our host and experts guide them through a series of projects and recipes as they build to the big reveal. With the clock ticking as they try to complete their transformations, our dynamic team is there to help simplify tasks and show our couples short cuts so they can live their best lives.

(P) Sunday, December 4 (11 a.m.-12 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Facing Fears and Conquering Clutter

Ariste is making that transition back into the work force but her home office is a cluttered catastrophe. Paige and the experts transform the clutter into an organized office oasis and surprise her with a patio perfect for her book club meetings.

**“Our America with Lisa Ling” Season 2
Sundays (10-11 p.m. ET/PT)**

The new season of "Our America with Lisa Ling" delves into some of the most challenging, thought-provoking issues in society today. With stories ranging from polygamy and amateur porn, to sex trafficking and veterans with PTSD, Ling immerses herself into the lives of everyday Americans and captures their in-depth experiences firsthand. These stories provide viewers a window into worlds largely unseen and a deeper understanding of what's really going on in subcultures of "Our America" today.

(P) Sunday, December 4 (10-11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: The Stories Continue...

In this season two update special, Lisa Ling explores some of the most powerful stories told, from polygamous households to prison cells, pageants and more, we'll see how lives have changed.

OWN DOCUMENTARY CLUB

**“One Lucky Elephant”
Premieres - Thursday, December 1 (9-11 p.m. ET/PT)**

“One Lucky Elephant” follows circus producer David Balding as he struggles to find a nurturing permanent home for Flora, the orphaned baby African elephant he lovingly raised as a “daughter” and made the star of his circus. As Flora approaches adulthood, David realizes that she is no longer happy performing and needs to be with other elephants. The road to Flora’s retirement, however, is a difficult and emotional journey that tests their bond in unexpected ways. The film is both a touching account of a man’s incredible love for a wild animal and a poignant exploration of the critical issues about the future of elephants in captivity and how these issues have affected the life of one very lucky elephant.

SNEAK PEEK

“Extreme Clutter”

Sneak Peek - Monday, December 12 at 9 p.m. ET/PT (60 minutes)

In each episode of “Extreme Clutter” (formerly titled, “Enough Already! with Peter Walsh”), acclaimed organization and clutter expert Peter Walsh helps a family get rid of the overwhelming clutter that is taking over their home and impeding them from living the life they want. In just days, Peter will help each family understand the underlying reasons why clutter has crept into their lives and teach them how to relinquish their emotional attachment to the things surrounding them so they can move forward clutter-free.

(P) Monday, December 12 (9-10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Declutter Team Invasion

It’s a race against the clock as Donna Kimura and her daughter, Kaili, rush to organize her massively cluttered house in time for Kaili’s new family to move in.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL & MARATHON

“Becoming Santa”

Wednesday, December 7 (9-11 p.m. ET/PT)

In the film, “Becoming Santa” one man enters the culture and character of Santa Claus for a single holiday season. We follow Jack as he bleaches his hair and goes to Santa School. He tries to do everything that Santa is asked to do. He works as a sidewalk Santa, does home visits, a Polar Express Train and a parade. Along the way, Jack collects children’s wishes, learns about the benefits of belief, the history and origin of Santa and the ordinary people keeping the spirit alive.

Repeats:

Wednesday, 12/7 at 1 a.m. ET/PT

Saturday, 12/10 at 9 a.m. ET/PT

Friday, 12/23 at 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. ET/PT

“The Oprah Winfrey Show” – The Last Three Episodes Marathon

Saturday, December 31 (9 p.m.-12 a.m. ET/PT)

9 p.m. – “Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular” Part 1: Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, Madonna and some of the biggest stars on the planet participate in a star-studded farewell to “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

10 p.m. – “Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular” Part 2: Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, Jamie Foxx, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jordan, Aretha Franklin and more participate in a memorable, star-studded farewell to “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

11 p.m. – “The Oprah Winfrey Show” Finale: After 25 years of history-making television, Oprah hosts the “Oprah” show finale.

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