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WEDU Announces Downton Abbey, Season 3 Sneak Preview to be Held at Tampa Theatre on Jan. 3rd



DECEMBER 4, 2012, Tampa, FL — The Great War is over and a long-awaited engagement is on, but all is not tranquil at **Downton Abbey** as wrenching social changes, romantic intrigues and personal crises grip the majestic English country estate for a third thrilling season. The show returns with its all-star cast plus guest star Academy Award-winning actress Shirley MacLaine.

WEDU, West Central Florida's leading PBS station and source for public media, will host a special preview screening of the upcoming third season of the immensely popular BBC drama "**Downton Abbey**" at **7 p.m. January 3rd** at the historic **Tampa Theatre**, located at 711 Franklin

Street in Tampa. Guests can participate in *Downton Abbey* inspired raffle to benefit WEDU and door prizes will also be given away during the screening event.

The preview screening at the Tampa Theatre is **free and open to the public**, but seating is limited and registration is requested. To register, visit www.wedu.org/downtonabbey or call 813-254-9338 ext 2241.

The special screening comes ahead of the show's debut on WEDU on Jan. 6. New episodes will air Sunday nights at 9 p.m. as part of "Masterpiece Classics."

ABOUT WEDU

WEDU is west central Florida's leading PBS station and public media company reaching 16 counties through media platforms including on-air programming and online experiences that broaden horizons, transport and transform and open gateways to new ideas and new worlds. Financially supported by the community, the organization offers a wealth of award-winning inspirational, educational and enlightening content over a variety of multi-media platforms including: television programming, station's website, www.wedu.org and various social media platforms, monthly member magazine *Premiere*, educational outreach activities and a myriad of special events. WEDU's focus on the local community has resulted in the station being regarded as a beacon of trust for men, women and children of every walk of life no matter their age, ethnicity or socio-economic status. WEDU is a treasured community resource; a window to the world for the homebound and a vital educational source for the youngest members of society. WEDU prides itself on its position in the Tampa Bay community as a leader, partner, informed citizen and a member of PBS, the most trusted institution in America (Harris Interactive Trust QuickQuery, February 2012).

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