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***Downton Abbey* Inspired Dinner Hosted by Café L'Europe of Sarasota in Early January to Benefit WEDU PBS**



CAPTION: Lesley Nicol, as Mrs. Patmore in the kitchen, oversees the artful preparation of dinner for the Lord and Countess of the manor and their guests.

Tampa, FL – Sarasota is in for “a meal fit for the British aristocracy” of the 20’s era, when the **Café L’Europe** hosts a period-themed meal inspired by ***Downton Abbey* on Masterpiece** seen on **WEDU PBS**, West Central Florida’s primary PBS station.

The charitable event, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 3, will feature a five-course wine-paired dinner, mimicking the confections prepared by the program’s fictional *Mrs. Patmore*.

Even the cocktails, lavish décor and entertainment provided by Sarasota Opera will be reflective of the era and the Crawley family traditions. In keeping with the fun spirit of the night, attendees are encouraged to dress in the attire of the 1920’s era.

Reservations are \$250 per person includes a one-year subscription to WEDU’s monthly member magazine, service gratuity and a \$50 tax deductible donation to WEDU PBS, courtesy of Café L’Europe, Sarasota.

Seating will be extremely limited and those interested are encouraged to sign on to www.wedu.org/downtonabbey/Sarasota for more details and reservations. Reservations and also be made by calling Meagan Willoughby at 813-739-2909. Café L’Europe is located at 431 St. Armand’s Circle.

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Downton Abbey on Masterpiece premieres Season 4 on Jan. 5 at 9 p.m on WEDU PBS.

ABOUT WEDU PBS

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 media platforms including: television programming, station's website, 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, January 2013). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter or call 813.254.9338.

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