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## MASTERPIECE™ *Classic*

THE 2012 CLASSIC SEASON\*

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DEC 18 – JAN 1

**Downton Abbey Season One** (Encore Presentation)

A stately country house, a noble family and a succession crisis are the backdrop for this Primetime Emmy® Award winning drama by Julian Fellowes (*Gosford Park*). Starring Hugh Bonneville, Maggie Smith, Elizabeth McGovern and others. (4 parts aired over three nights, 90 min each)

JAN 8 – FEB 19

**Downton Abbey Season Two**

Multiple Primetime Emmy® Award winner (including Outstanding Miniseries) *Downton Abbey* resumes the story of aristocrats and servants in the tumultuous World War I era. Hugh Bonneville, Maggie Smith, Elizabeth McGovern and others. (7 parts, 60 – 120 min each)

JAN 15 – 29  
(10pm)

**Sherlock** (A Masterpiece Mystery Encore Presentation)

Sherlock Holmes stalks again in this contemporary thriller starring Benedict Cumberbatch (*War Horse*) as the go-to consulting detective in modern-day London, with Martin Freeman (*The Hobbit*) as Dr. John Watson. (3 episodes, 90 min each. Limited airings; check local listings.)

FEB 26

**The Old Curiosity Shop** (Encore Presentation)

A teenage girl and her grandfather lose everything to a maniacal moneylender and flee his relentless pursuit. Derek Jacobi (*I, Claudius*) stars as Grandfather, with Sophie Vavasseur (*Northanger Abbey*) as Nell and Toby Jones (*Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*) as Quilp. (90 min)

APR 1 – 8

**Great Expectations**

The story of Pip, the battered orphan boy, who rises from blacksmith's apprentice to gentleman under the patronage of a mysterious benefactor. Gillian Anderson (*Bleak House*), David Suchet (*Hercule Poirot*) and Ray Winstone star. (2 episodes, 60 and 120 min)

APR 15

**The Mystery of Edwin Drood**

An adaptation and completion of Charles Dickens' last novel left unfinished at his death, *The Mystery Of Edwin Drood* is a psychological thriller about a provincial choirmaster's obsession with 17-year-old Rosa Bud. Cast includes Matthew Rhys (*Brothers & Sisters*) and Julia MacKenzie (*Miss Marple*). (120 min)

APR 22 – 29

**Birdsong**

Based on Sebastian Faulk's novel about lovers torn apart by World War I. Eddie Redmayne (*My Week with Marilyn*) plays Stephen Wrayford, whose pre-war affair with Isabelle Azaire (Clémence Poésy, *Harry Potter*) has an enduring effect on him as he fights in the trenches. (2 episodes, 90 min each)

\*Watch episodes online for a limited time beginning the day after national broadcast (pbs.org/masterpiece)