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V-me Celebrates Christmas with Music, Film, Arts and Kids Specials, December 24 and 25

Highest-quality holiday programming for the whole family

NEW YORK, DECEMBER 9, 2009 — V-me, America's 4th-largest Spanish network, celebrates the holiday on December 24 and December 25 with engaging family entertainment featuring two days of specials, concerts, and a kids marathon. Highlight programs include:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00pm (ET) ***NATURE presents Christmas in Yellowstone*** -- Breathtaking winter scenes filmed deep within America's first national park from the acclaimed NATURE series. Follow in the snowy footprints of red foxes, witness the predatory struggle between wolves and elk, and climb into the den of a mother grizzly bear who gives birth to two cubs while deep in hibernation.

7:00pm (ET) ***Renee Fleming: Sacred Songs And Carols (Renee Fleming: Música Sacra y Villancicos)*** - Beloved American soprano **Renée Fleming** inspires critics and audiences alike with her musicianship, artistic versatility, and a voice considered by many to be the gold standard. In concert from Germany's historic Mainz Cathedral, Fleming performs a lush selection of sacred Christmas music, accompanied by the esteemed Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen.

8:00pm (ET) ***Andrea Bocelli and David Foster: My Christmas*** -- Superstar tenor **Andrea Bocelli** joins legendary producer/composer/singer **David Foster** and a host of special guests for a concert of Christmas classics showcasing Bocelli's soaring vocals in new arrangements. This inspiring special, recorded at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, blends classical, opera, and pop, with performances by **Natalie Cole, Mary J. Blige, Reba McEntire, Welsh mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins, The Muppets** and the **Mormon Tabernacle Choir**.

10:00pm (ET) ***Picturing Mary - (Retratando a María)*** - A journey through history and around the world explores the artistic interpretations of this most influential figure. Stunning highlights include the Cathedral of Mexico City, the Assumption and the Coronation of the Virgin by Juan Correa, and the **Basilica of Guadalupe** with its spectacular collection of religious garments and artifacts. The tour moves to Belgium and the exquisite paintings of **van Eyck**, and then on to masterpiece of the Italian Renaissance including **Titian's** "Assumption" and **Michelangelo's** "Madonna of the Steps."

12:00am (ET) ***The Face: Jesus in Art (El rostro: Jesús en el arte)*** - For two thousand years, one face has inspired some of the world's greatest art. High-tech visuals and narration by Oscar-nominee **Adriana Barraza** take viewers around the globe for an in-depth, up-close look at **Michelangelo's** "Pietà", the "Mandylion of Edessa," the treasures of Chartres Cathedral, enigmatic Byzantine icons, and much more.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30am (ET) V-me starts the day with a ***V-me Niños Morning Marathon*** of popular kids'

programs, finishing with the holiday movie **Pororo y El Castillo de Galletas** - 2:00P (ET) - where Pororo, the mischievous penguin, and his adorable friends undertake an important mission to help save Christmas.

5:00pm (ET) **KAROL II - Parts I & I** -- This highly-acclaimed feature biography of **Pope John Paul II**, filmed on location in Italy and Poland, follows the life of one of history's most recognized and beloved Popes. The four-hour film opens with his historic election; and covers the 1981 assassination attempt against his life; his role in the fall of communism; his relationship with Mother Teresa; his social activism in Africa, India and Latin America; and his long struggle against the crippling disease that slowly took his life. The beautiful musical score is by legendary film composer Ennio Morricone.

9:00pm (ET) **Fiesta Latina en la Casa Blanca - President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama** host *In Performance at the White House: Fiesta Latina*, a celebration of Hispanic musical heritage, featuring artists such as **Marc Anthony**, **Gloria Estefan**, **Thalia**, Chicano rockers **Los Lobos**, and comedian **George Lopez**.

10:00pm (ET) **In the Heights: La produccion de un sueno** - Follow the uplifting personal stories of composer/lyricist **Lin-Manuel Miranda** and the largely Hispanic cast of the Tony-award winning musical **In the Heights** through unprecedented access to workshops, read-through, rehearsals, and on-stage performances.

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About V-me

V-me, one of America's largest Spanish networks, entertains and informs Latino families in Spanish with primetime drama, music, sports, current affairs and Latin cinema, along with world class kids, food, lifestyle and nature. The 24-hour network, partnered with public television stations, is currently available in over 70% of all Hispanic homes. V-me is the first venture of the media production and distribution company, V-me Media Inc. To find out more visit www.VmeTV.com

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