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**SEATTLE IS #1 IN U.S. FOR *DOWNTON ABBEY* VIEWERSHIP**

KCTS 9 invites fans to a *DOWNTON ABBEY* Grand Finale Celebration & Advance Screening

**SEATTLE**—KCTS 9 announced today that the Seattle-based public media station is #1 in the U.S. for *Downton Abbey* ratings, followed by San Francisco’s KQED at #2, and Portland’s OPB at #3.

KCTS 9 invites all *Downton Abbey* fans to attend the ultimate farewell celebration as the most successful PBS drama of all time draws the curtain on its final episode. On March 6 at Marion Oliver McCaw Hall in Seattle Center, KCTS 9 is hosting a “Going Out in Style” reception including tea and refreshments, a live jazz band, an advance screening of the entire *Downton Abbey* Season Six finale, plus a photo booth with *Downton Abbey* characters and a number of *Downton Abbey* surprises and giveaways. Guests are encouraged to wear 1920s attire. Fans will have the opportunity to meet **Jessica Fellowes**, the world’s foremost *Downton Abbey* expert and best-selling author. Ms. Fellowes will speak about the real-life inspirations for *Downton Abbey*, both historical and characters from her family (Jessica is the niece of series’ creator Julian Fellowes). The tea reception begins at 12:00 pm, followed by the discussion and screening at 1:00 pm. The cost of admission is a tax-deductible \$50 donation to KCTS 9. Click [here](#) for more information and to reserve a ticket. All tickets are General Admission and will be available for pick up on the day of the event starting at 11:30 a.m. To get tickets over the phone, call **800.706.1999**.

*Downton Abbey* is one of the most honored series on television. It earned the most nominations of any international television series in the history of the Primetime Emmy Awards, and has captured numerous Emmys®; three Golden Globes® including a Golden Globe Award for Best Miniseries or Television Film; four Screen Actors Guild Awards including a 2016 Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series; a Producers Guild Award; and three BAFTAs plus a 2015 BAFTA Special Award in recognition of the series’ outstanding global success.

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**About KCTS 9**

KCTS 9 brings quality public media programming to the public when and where they need it—on the air, online, and in our communities—serving more than 2.2 million viewers each week in Western and Central Washington State, British Columbia and across Canada. To learn more about our programs and initiatives, visit [KCTS9.org](http://KCTS9.org).

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