

The Lawrence Welk Show 2016-17 Season

Some program numbers intentionally out-of-order due to holidays.

#1501: "Hawaii"

Guest: Charlotte Harris

Airs: August 27, 2016

OAD: Week of 9/7-9/13, 1972

Soft winds, dreamy songs, catamarans skimming over blue waters, and the haunting music of Hawaii permeates this outstanding show. The whole gang flew to Hawaii and spent a week on location in some of the most beautiful spots on the Island. This show features Guy and Raina on the "Hawaiian Wedding Song", Clay Hart, Sandi & Salli sing "Pearly Shells", and Mary Lou and Gail enlist Charlie Parlato's help on "The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai".

#1502: "Occupations"

Guest: Jack Imel

Airs: September 3, 2016

OAD: March 8, 1969

Lawrence and his Musical Family go to work! This charming show features the various occupations that keep us busy, ranging from Sandi & Salli as a couple of astronauts singing "We'll Make It To The Moon Tonight", Larry Hooper digging deep in a coal mine singing "Sixteen Tons", and Jack Imel as "The Sound Effects Man".

#1503: "School Days"

Guest: Myron Floren & Family

Airs: September 10, 2016

OAD: September 18, 1971

Myron Floren hosts "School Days" and enjoys hearing the special memories of his four Burgess grandchildren who coax him to play their favorite songs. Joe Feeney remembers "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi", Tanya sings "Autumn Leaves", and Myron plays a rousing "Shall We Dance".

#1504: "Big City, U.S.A."

Host: Bobby Burgess

Airs: September 17, 2016

OAD: Week of January 7-13, 1982

Favorite songs that represent cities, states and other geographical sites are featured in "Big City, U.S.A.". Spotlighting the East coast, Lawrence and the band swing out to "Manhattan", Bobby and Elaine keep those "City Lights" aglow, and Jimmy Roberts sings his signature song "I Left My Heart In San Francisco". Kathie Sullivan tells us that "Everything's Up To Date in Kansas City", and the band and singers take us all to "Chicago".

#1505: "Fashions and Hits Through the Years"

Guest: Mary Lou Metzger

Airs: September 24, 2016

OAD: October 22, 1971

This show chronicles the changes in fashions coupled with the changing musical styles from the 20's through the '50s with songs like "Alice Blue Gown" sung by Norma Zimmer, Bobby and Cissy dance that Big Band classic, "In The Mood", Guy and Raina perform "True Love" and Bob Lido and the Hotsy Totsy Boys are "Runnin' Wild".

#1506: "The French Show"

Guest: Janet Lennon

Airs: October 1, 2016

OAD: February 15, 1964

This black and white classic features Aladdin giving Janet Lennon a "French Lesson" and Jimmy Roberts asking "Where Is Your Heart". Larry Hooper sings "Just A Gigolo" and all the Champagne Music Makers take a trip down the "River Seine".

#1507: "The Songs of Jimmy McHugh"

Guest: Raina English

Airs: October 8, 2016

OAD: Week of February 14-20, 1980

A 1980 salute to the songs of Jimmy McHugh includes Lawrence leading the band on "I Feel A Song Coming On", Raina sings "Don't Blame Me", Arthur Duncan taps his way through "Doin' The New Lowdown" and the band and cast discovers "A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening".

#1508: "Musical Memories"

Guest: Kathy Lennon

Airs: October 15, 2016

OAD: January 27, 1968

On this musical memory filled show Andra Willis sings "Love Me With All Your Heart", Bob Ralston plays a classic arrangement of "I Will Wait For You", and the Lennon Sisters ask "Where Are The Words". The Three Steppers (Bobby, Art, and Jack) bring a unique interpretation to "Team Work", and Dick Dale "Never Sees Andra Alone"!

#1509: "Musical Tour of Europe"

Guest: Guy Hovis

Airs: October 22, 2016

OAD: Week of December 27-January 2, 1973

Lawrence and the gang take a musical trip to Europe. Things get going with "Around The World" and Bobby and Cissy do a paso doble to "Espana Cani". Norma takes us to "Copenhagen" while Ken takes us to Paris with "Gigi". Myron leads the cast in the "Lichtensteier Polka" and everyone bids farewell to Europe with "Auf Wiedersehn".

#1510: "Halloween Party"

Host: Bobby Burgess

Airs: October 29, 2016

OAD: Week of October 23-29, 1975

On this Halloween night, "Mr Ghost Comes To Town" with the help of Myron Floren & Bob Ralston, the Semonski Sisters "Whistle A Happy Tune", and some dancing skeletons entertain the cast with "Dry Bones" Be sure to watch for Bobby's wardrobe changes on his intros—notice the neckties!

#1511: "The California Show"

Guest: Margaret Heron

Airs: November 5, 2016

OAD: June 1, 1968

This show pays tribute to the amazing vacation destinations in California. Norma Zimmer is truly a Disney princess when she sings "When You Wish Upon A Star", Natalie Nevins sings "When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano", and JoAnn Castle and Bob Lido perform a rousing "San Francisco". Along the way Dick Dale takes us to the "San Fernando Valley" and Steve Smith makes a stop in "Avalon".

#1512: "Salute to Famous Musical Families"

Host: Anacani

Airs: November 12, 2016

OAD: Week of October 17-23, 1974

While hosting this "Salute to Famous Musical Families", Anacani also shares some of her own family's favorite foods. The Everly Brothers are saluted in the opening number, "Bye-Bye Love", Tanya remembers the Carpenters with "We've Only Just Begun", and Gail and Dale pay tribute to the Sinatras with "Something Stupid". Anacani's mother joins her from the audience for "You Belong To My Heart".

#1513: "Thanksgiving • America, The Melting Pot"

Hosts: Clay and Salli Hart

Airs: November 19, 2016

OAD: Week of November 16-22, 1972

This show is a tribute to the native countries of the many immigrants that settled in this country. Ken Delo does an English Music Hall version of "I've Got A Lovely Bunch of Coconuts", Dick Dale sings the classic German song, "Du, Du Liegst Mir Im Herzen", and Clay Hart salutes Australia with "Waltzing Matilda". By the show's end we all seem to agree "There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays" and how important it is at this time of year to "Be Thankful".

#1514: "U.S. Tour"**Guest: Tanya Roberts****Airs: November 26, 2016****OAD: June 21, 1969**

As Lawrence says in his opening remarks, he's played almost every small town in the United States - and every state but Alaska, so he takes special interest in this musical tour of the country. Things get underway with "This Land Is Your Land", Raina sings "By The Time I Get To Phoenix", Bob Ralston delights with a medley of New York songs, and Sandi and Salli ask "Do You Know The Way To San Jose?". JoAnn Castle does a rollicking version of "On The Beach At Waikiki", and Myron Floren provides an infectious version of "Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania".

#1515: "Rhythm Is Our Business"**Host: Bobby Burgess****Airs: December 3, 2016****OAD: Week of January 31-February 6, 1980**

Lawrence kicks off this show with an aptly titled "Rhythm Is Our Business" and to add a blazing blonde streak of excitement, presents super-talented Barbara Mandrell as his guest star. She sings a show-stopping "I Can't Stop Loving You" with Neil LeVang underlining every nuance. She encores with "Country Roads", and the band plays "Crazy Rhythm", Anacani gives her own touch to the "Sweet and Gentle Cha Cha", Guy and Raina do a spectacular version of "Orange Blossom Special" and Bobby and Elaine join Myron for the "Village Inn Polka".

#1516: "Southtown, U.S.A"**Guest: Barbara Boylan****Airs: December 10, 2016****OAD: February 22, 1964**

The Mills Brothers guest on this classic black and white show from 1964, and of course they delight with their hit, "Paper Doll". The lovely Lennon Sisters sing "Hummingbird", Norma sings the "Wayward Wind", and Barbara & Bobby dance to "Buttons and Bows".

#1519: "Pleasant Dreams"**Guest: Big Tiny Little****Airs: December 17, 2016****OAD: January 11, 1958**

This black and white classic opens with Lawrence and the Band performing "Cheek To Cheek", the Lennon Sisters sing "Til The End Of Time", and Dick Dale wants "One Dozen Roses". Big Tiny Little tickles the ivories with the "Spaghetti Rag" and then surprises us.

#1517: "Christmas"

Guest: Norma, Randy, and Mark Zimmer

Airs: December 24, 2016

OAD: Week of December 21-27, 1972

This program opens with Lawrence joining the gang for "Jingle Bells". Norma and the group sing "Silent Night" and Arthur Duncan shows us how to "Ring Those Christmas Bells". "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" is performed beautifully by Guy and Raina and Joe Feeney captures the true spirit of the season with "Oh Holy Night".

#1518: "New Years"

Guest: Bob Ralston

Airs: December 31, 2016

OAD: December 31, 1966

Bob Ralston makes New Year's Eve a family affair with his wife, daughter and grandson. The Welk Band plays the "Champagne Waltz" while Lawrence dances with Norma Zimmer. The Lennon Sisters reminisce with "May You Always", and JoAnn Castle gets the party going with "Happy Days Are Here Again".

#1520: "Transportation"

Guest: Ken Delo

Airs: January 7, 2017

OAD: October 14, 1972

The Musical Family has fun paying tribute to various forms of transportation, from the opening number "Gotta Travel On" with everyone on three wheeled bikes! Tanya is "Walkin' The Floor", and Bob Lido and his Hotsy Totsy Boys celebrate "Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines".

#1521: "This Colorful World"

Guest: Sandi Griffiths

Airs: January 14, 2017

OAD: Week of January 23-29, 1975

This light-hearted show features songs with "colors" in their titles. Larry Hooper and Sandi, Gail, and Mary Lou sing about the "Red, Red Robin", Clay Hart salutes Roger Miller with "Little Green Apples", and the Band plays "Deep Purple". "Scarlet Ribbons" gets a lovely treatment by Sandi Griffiths and the girls and Bob Havens and the whole gang wrap things up with a rousing "Blue Skies".

#1522: "Indiana"

Guest: Norma Zimmer

Airs: January 21, 2017

OAD: May 27, 1967

This week's show, hosted by Champagne Lady Norma Zimmer, features a special salute to the "Indianapolis 500", the exciting and popular auto race. The show opens with some of

the cast driving around in little cars, singing "Indiana" and then bounces along the road with "Tico, Tico" by Myron Floren. The Lennon Sisters sing "There's A Kind Of Hush" and Norma joins Jim Roberts to sing "Make Believe", the classic duet from "Showboat".

#1523: "Musical Masterpieces"

Guest: Johnny Zell

Airs: January 28, 2017

OAD: Week of October 16-22, 1975

This show opens with an undisputed masterpiece—George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue". Tom Netherton's romantic baritone soars on "Stranger in Paradise", and Sandi, Gail and Mary Lou sing "Baubles, Bangles, and Beads" from *Kismet*.

#1525: "Songs By Johnny Mercer"

Guest: Guy Hovis

Airs: February 4, 2017

OAD: Jan. 20-Feb. 4, 1976

Lawrence and the gang salute the genius of Johnny Mercer on this show from 1976. You can't go wrong with an opening number like "Moon River" and the good music continues with Anacani singing "Autumn Leaves". Along the way Guy and Raina perform "Tangerine", Bobby & Cissy dance to the haunting "Charade", and Ava Barber asks if you'll "Pardon My Southern Accent". When the entire cast and band close the show with "And The Angels Sing", you'll be sorry to see this program end.

#1527: Love Songs

Host: Mary Lou

Airs: February 11, 2017

OAD: Week of February 7-13, 1980

This show is all about L-O-V-E! Bobby & Elaine dance to "Amor", Anacani sings "Secret Love" and Kathie Sullivan asks "Why Do I Love You?" By the end of this delightful program, I think you'll agree that "Love Makes The World Go Round".

#1526: "Tribute to the Swing and Sweet Bands"

Guest: Ava Barber

Airs: February 18, 2017

OAD: Week of December 11-17, 1980

On this show the Aldridge Sisters and the Otwell Twins delight with "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree", Ava gives us her own rendition of "Heartaches", and Tom Netherton reminds us "You're Nobody Til Somebody Loves You". Gail, Ron, and Michael sing a memorable "In The Mood", and Jack Imel joins Paul Humphrey on drums for a show stopping "St. Louis Blues March".

#1524: "The Southern Show"

Guest: Kathy Lennon

Airs: February 25, 2017

OAD: February 4, 1967

From the "Are You From Dixie" opener to the "Way Down Yonder In New Orleans" closing, this week's program celebrates songs from the South. Dancers Jack Imel, Bobby Burgess, and Arthur Duncan take you aboard the "Chattanooga Choo Choo", Dick Dale celebrates the "Mighty Mississippi", and Jo Ann Castle plays a rousing version of "Down Yonder". Joe Feeney sets a wistful mood with "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny".

#1528: "Top Songs From Broadway Musicals"

Host: Mary Lou

Airs: March 4, 2017

OAD: Week of September 19-25, 1974

On this salute to the "Great White Way", Norma sings "Til There Was You" from *The Music Man*, Arthur makes "Hello Dolly" come alive, and Joe Feeney sings the haunting "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler On The Roof*. Tom Netherton salutes *My Fair Lady* with "On The Street Where You Live", and the band, under the direction of George Cates plays a memorable medley from *Roberta*.

#1529: "Tribute to Jerome Kern"

Host: Mary Lou

Airs: March 11, 2017

OAD: Week of January 9-15, 1975

You'll have a renewed appreciation for the beautiful melodies of Jerome Kern when you hear the band play "Old Man River", "I've Told Every Little Star", and "All The Things You Are". Raina's voice soars on "Bill" and Clay Hart charms with "Long Ago And Far Away".

#1530: "Songs of the 70's"

Host: Mary Lou

Airs: March 18, 2017

OAD: Week of December 7-13, 1978

The 1970's come to life with "Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree". "I Write The Songs" is done so beautifully by Guy and Raina, and Ava Barber gives "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" all she's got. Ken Delo delights with "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" and the theme from *Mahogany*, "Do You Know Where You're Going To" is a real treat when sung by Kathie Sullivan.

#1532: "Farm"**Guest: Dick Dale****Airs: March 25, 2017****OAD: December 11, 1971**

The Welk Stars have fun down on the farm as they open this show with "Surrey With The Fringe On Top". The band plays 'Goofus', Guy Hovis says "Thank God I'm A Country Boy", and Clay Hart is "Grazin' In Greener Pastures". Sandi and Salli get together for "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and Guy and Raina sing "In The Garden".

#1533: "America At Play"**Host: Gail Farrell****Airs: April 1, 2017****OAD: Week of April 8-14, 1976**

When "Ain't We Got Fun" opens the show, you know you're in for a fun time! The Semonski Sisters invitation to "Let's Go Fly A Kite" continues the carefree mood. Tanya's just "Breezin' Along With The Breeze" and Norma and Jim have fun on a "Bicycle Built For Two". Ava issues a warm "Y'All Come" and Ken and the gang decide to "Take Me Out To The Ball Game".

#1534: "Backstage With Our Musical Family"**Host: Mary Lou****Airs: April 8, 2017****OAD: Week of April 2-8, 1981**

"Teamwork", the show's opening number defines what it takes to create a Lawrence Welk television show. The pretty girls sing "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down And Write Myself A Letter", Anacani is "The Lady In Red", and Myron dazzles us with his "Dizzy Fingers".

#1531: "Easter"**Host: Raina****Airs: April 15, 2017****OAD: Week of April 3-9, 1980**

Raina hosts the annual Easter show surrounded by flowers, plants and evergreen entertainment. Guy and Raina swing to "Do Lord" on this 1980 program and in a host segment Raina sings one of her favorite hymns, "Mary, Did You Know". "Easter Parade" opens the show, Ava Barber sings "A Tisket, A Tasket", Mary Lou and Jack "Tiptoe Through The Tulips", and Norma Zimmer sings "The Old Rugged Cross".

#1535: "Keep A Song In Your Heart"**Host: Bobby****Airs: April 22, 2017****OAD: January 13, 1968**

This show from 1968 is guaranteed to put a song in your heart with music like "Easy To Love" by the band, "The Song Is You" as sung by Joe Feeney, and a toe-tapping "Stephen

Foster Medley". Lynn Anderson sings her new record "Walkin' On New Grass" and Arthur Duncan is truly "Runnin' Wild".

#1536: "Show Stoppers"

Hosts: Elaine and Bobby

Airs: April 29, 2017

OAD: Week of November 8-14, 1979

Bobby and Elaine's family members join them in hosting this 1979 show. "That's Entertainment" opens the show and along the way Henry Cuesta and the band play the "St. Louis Blues", Anacani adds her own special touch to "Eres Tu", and Kathie Sullivan sings that guaranteed show stopper, "Over The Rainbow".

#1537: "25th Anniversary"

Host: Bobby

Airs: May 6, 2017

OAD: Week of March 13-19, 1980

Lawrence has a dance with his Champagne Lady, Norma Zimmer on the opening song which couldn't be more appropriate - "The Anniversary Song". "Say It With Music" is next on the bill—the very song that opened his first national television broadcast on July 2, 1955. In a salute to the maestro's home state, George Cates, the band and singers provide a tender "My North Dakota Home". The final song celebrates Lawrence Welk's gratitude for his audience—"Thank You Very Much".

#1538: "Tribute to Bing"

Guest: Anacani

Airs: May 13, 2017

OAD: Week of January 12-18, 1978

On this 1978 program we find Sandi, Gail, and Mary Lou "Swingin' On A Star" and the band and singers are "On The Road To Morocco". Hoopie and the quartet give us a lively "Mississippi Mud" and Joey Schmidt guests with the "Happy Yodeler Polka" on the accordion.

#1539: "Songs From The Classics"

Guest: Jim Turner

Airs: May 20, 2017

OAD: Week of March 6-12, 1980

The Aldridge Sisters and Otwell Twins sing "Hot Diggity, Dog Ziggity", and Jim Turner, the special guest on this show adds his rich baritone to "The Twelfth of Never". Kathie Sullivan sings "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" and Myron makes "The Dance of the Comedians" a classic.

#1540: "America's Wonderland"

Host: Dick Dale

Airs: May 27, 2017

OAD: Week of October 9-15, 1975

Things get rolling with "This Land Is Your Land". Guy and Raina sing the "Hawaiian Wedding Song", Arthur Duncan dances to "Mountain Greenery", and Norma Zimmer & Jim Roberts enjoy "Springtime In The Rockies".

#1541: "Can't Help Singing"

Host: Mary Lou

Airs: June 3, 2017

OAD: November 12, 1966

Natalie Nevins and Jim Roberts "Cuddle Up A Little Closer" and Norma just "Can't Help Singing." The Lennon Sisters sing "Just A Little Street" and Bob Lido decides he's "Just Lucky, I Guess." Jack Imel and JoAnn Castle (and a few cohorts) make "Lulu's Back In Town" a real production!

#1542: "Movie Songwriters"

Host: Bobby

Airs: June 10, 2017

OAD: Week of November 5-11, 1981

"Moon River", one of the most loved songs from the movies opens this 1981 program. Henry Mancini is recognized again with "Charade", danced by Bobby and Elaine, the theme from Mr. Lucky performed by Bob Ralston, and of course, the "Theme from the Pink Panther". Needless to say, Henry Mancini is our special guest on this show.

#1543: "The New York Show"

Host: Big Tiny Little

Airs: June 17, 2017

OAD: August 2, 1958

This is the only show ever taped in New York City, so what could be a more perfect opener than "Manhattan"! Along the way we see some old friends—Alice Lon sings "More Than You Know", Maurice Pearson sings "Galway Bay", Aladdin delights with "Blue On Blue", and Jack Imel dances to "The Sidewalks of New York".

#1544: "Caribbean Cruise"

Guest: Arthur Duncan

Airs: June 24, 2017

OAD: Week of October 2-8, 1980

The whole gang climbs aboard an ocean liner for a cruise through sunny southern waters with Ava Barber singing "Love Boat" and Bobby and Elaine dancing to the Love Boat Theme. The Aldridge Sisters and Otwell Twins are "Feelin' Groovy" and Kathie Sullivan sings

a soulful 'How Deep Is The Ocean'. Arthur Duncan is "Drifting and Dreaming" and Lawrence conducts the band on "The Isle of Capri".

#1545: "The Vacation Show"

Host: JoAnn Castle

Airs: July 1, 2017

OAD: August 5, 1967

JoAnn Castle hosts this lively 1967 salute to vacation songs. She is seen in one of her all-time favorite numbers, dressed in an elaborate mermaid costume, with Larry Hooper in a diving suit, singing "Minnie The Mermaid". She sings, dances and plays the piano on "Thoroughly Modern Millie" as well. Norma delights with "Summertime", the Lennon Sisters are "Sittin' On Top of the World", and the whole group closes the show by "Cruising Down The River".

#1546: "Big Bands"

Host: Johnny Zell

Airs: July 8, 2017

OAD: Week of September 14-20, 1978

Lawrence Welk never forgot his roots in the Big Band Era and "Big Bands" was the very special season kickoff show in 1978. Johnny Zell solos on "Chiribiribin". The band is featured on "Begin the Beguine", "Panama", and "Cumana" and Guy and Raina sing "Tangerine" as a special tribute to Helen O'Connell and the Jimmy Dorsey Band.

#1547: "County Fair"

Host: Rose Weiss

Airs: July 15, 2017

OAD: September 2, 1967

Wardrobe shares center stage with the music in this County Fair show hosted by Welk costumer, Rose Weiss. Her talents are evident starting with the opening number, "Cotton Candy and a Toy Balloon". The Lennon Sisters sing "Something Stupid" and Lynn Anderson gives a country touch to "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'". Aladdin leads the band through the County Fair on "Home Town Band".

#1548: "America On The Move"

Host: Bobby

Airs: July 22, 2017

OAD: Week of October 30 - November 5, 1975

This show spotlights the ways we get around. Henry Cuesta joins the band for "Stranger On The Shore", Guy and Raina are "Leavin' On A Jet Plane", and Mary Lou and Jack choose the "Chattanooga Choo Choo". Arthur Duncan "Takes the A Train", while Bob Lido and his Hotsy Totsy Boys become "Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines" right before our eyes.

#1549: Tribute to Irving Berlin**Guest: Ken Delo****Airs: July 29, 2017****OAD: Week of November 30-December 6, 1978**

Lawrence and the band kick off this Irving Berlin show with "Alexander's Ragtime Band". Bobby and Cissy dance to "Let's Face The Music And Dance", and Kathie Sullivan and Jack Imel are "Doin' What Comes Naturally". We couldn't salute Irving Berlin without his signature song "God Bless America" and Norma Zimmer and the cast give it the reverence it's due.

#1550: "Salute to the Swing Bands"**Host: Bobby****Airs: August 5, 2017****OAD: Week of February 22-28, 1979**

From the opening number "String Of Pearls" through the closing "In The Mood" you'll feel like you've taken a trip back in time to the 1940's. Songs like "Sentimental Journey" by Guy and Raina, "I'll Never Smile Again" by Tom Netherton, and "Sophisticated Lady" by the great Welk saxophone section only add to the wonder and nostalgia of one of the richest musical eras we've ever known. Join us for a trip down memory lane!

#1551: "Salute to Disney"**Host: Bobby****Airs: August 12, 2017****OAD: Week of September 20-26, 1973**

How many wonderful songs Walt Disney has given us! The band makes a "Snow White Medley" come alive, Norma Zimmer is our very own fairy princess when she sings "When You Wish Upon A Star", and Bobby and Cissy take us back to the days of the Mickey Mouse Club with the "Mickey Mouse Mambo". This all makes for a "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" show!

#1552: "Great Entertainers"**Host: Mary Lou****Airs: August 19, 2017****OAD: Week of October 8-14, 1981**

From the opening salute to Al Jolson with "Swanee" to the closing "George M. Cohan Medley", this show is filled with great performances. Gail, Ron, & Michael pay tribute to the Andrews Sisters with "Glow Worm" while the great George Gershwin is honored with his "Rhapsody In Blue". "Sophisticated Lady" salutes Duke Ellington, "You Made Me Love You" gives Judy Garland her due, and Raina's version of "Stormy Weather" would thrill Lena Horne.