

The Lawrence Welk Show Schedule

8/19/23 - 8/10/24

#1901 Salute to Nashville (Jim Turner & Ava Barber)

Airs: 8/19/23 OAD 1/14/82

Two Tennessee natives, Jim Turner and Ava Barber are the hosts of this Salute to Nashville, a fun filled romp through the Country Music capitol of the USA. Ava sings "Can I Have This Dance" and Jim's solo is "Smoky Mountain Rain." As a special treat, on one of the host segments they perform together "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma". The program ends with the entire cast singing and dancing to "Orange Blossom Special."

#1902 Academy Awards (Tanya Roberts)

Airs: 8/26/23 OAD: 4/3/71

Jack Benny plays first fiddle with the Welk band! Benny's hilarious monologue and violin solo highlight a show which features great movie songs like Guy and Ralna singing "Buttons and Bows", Bobby and Cissy dance to the "Theme from Love Story", and other winners on the list include major hits such as "Never on Sunday", "Georgy Girl", and "Born Free".

#1903 Salute to the Working People (Ken Delo)

Airs: 9/2/23 OAD: 3/4/76

Hosted by Ken Delo, this program features a lively selection of songs that celebrate occupations. Ken sings "Casey Jones" saluting railroad workers, Guy and Ralna sing "Let Me Be There", Anacani serenades the "Peanut Vender", and Larry Hooper performs his ever-popular hit, "The Auctioneer". Bobby and Cissy, Ken and Anacani, and Jack and Mary Lou honor dance instructors with "Six Lessons from Madame LaZonga".

#1904 Salute to Kathy Lennon (Kathy Lennon)

Airs: 9/9/23 OAD: 3/5/66

This Lawrence Welk Show from 1966 is a salute to Kathy Lennon and what better host than Kathy herself, sharing her interesting family history and her collection of antiques. The cast opens the program with "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody" and Kathy follows with "Secret Love". The Lennon Sisters sing "Blue Moon" and Arthur Duncan dances to "Give My Regards to Broadway".

#1905 Music, Music, Music (Big Tiny Little)

Airs: 9/16/23 OAD: 1/4/58

This joyful hour opens with Lawrence leading the band through Vincent Youmans' "Bambalina" followed by Alice Lon "Singin' in the Rain". Highlights include "Melodie d'Amour" by the four Lennon Sisters, Big Tiny Little performing "Dill Pickles", and Jack Martin singing "Somebody Stole My Gal".

#1906 California (Arthur Duncan)

Airs: 9/23/23 OAD: 7/17/71

Agile and ageless dancer, Arthur Duncan, hosts a salute to his native state of California. West coast classics include "California Here I Come", "I Left My Heart in San Francisco", "Do You Know the Way to San Jose", "Red Sails in the Sunset", and "San Fernando Valley". Arthur dances to "Avalon" and "Route

66" on this 1971 program and includes plenty of dancing on his host segments. Guy and Ralna sing "My Blue Heaven".

#1907 Tribute to Disney (Bobby Burgess)

Airs: 9/30/23 OAD: 5/31/2003

Former Mousketeer and Welk star, Bobby Burgess, hosts this week's Tribute to Disney, with stories from the unique perspective of someone who worked for both iconic men. The program includes medleys from "Mary Poppins", and "Snow White", "When You Wish Upon A Star" from Pinocchio, and other Disney hits such as "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah", "It's A Small World", and "Lavender Blue".

#1908 Salute to Male Singers (Tom Netherton)

Airs: 10/7/23 OAD: 11/13/80

Tom Netherton hosts a "Salute to Male Singers" and celebrates the work of Nat King Cole with his own version of "Mona Lisa". Kathie Sullivan salutes Johnny Mathis with "Chances Are", Jim Turner remembers Hank Williams with "Jambalaya", Ken Delo tips his hat to Frank Sinatra with "My Way", and the band pays tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr. with "The Candyman".

#1909 Morning-Noon-Night (Otwell Twins)

Airs: 10/14/23 OAD: 1/28/82

The Otwell Twins host this show celebrating songs with a solar/lunar theme. They join the Aldridge Sisters for "Walkin' in the Sunshine", Bobby & Elaine dance to "Night and Day", and the band plays "Moonlight in Vermont", "Canadian Sunset", and "Carolina in the Morning".

#1910 Island Show (Jim Hobson)

Airs: 10/21/23 OAD: 1/20/68

Jim Hobson, Producer/Director of the Lawrence Welk Show hosts this beautiful "Island Show", a tribute to the Hawaiian Islands. We open "On the Beach at Waikiki", Tanya sings "Hukilau", Dick Dale and Andra Willis delight with "The Hawaiian Wedding Song", and Lynn Anderson and Buddy Merrill get together for "Tiny Bubbles".

#1911 Halloween Party (Ken Delo)

Airs: 10/28/23 OAD: 10/25/1979

"Jeepers Creepers" opens this Halloween Party. Highlights of the show include "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" sung by our host, Ken Delo, "Alley Cat" is Myron Floren's choice, Anacani sings "The Moon Was Yellow", and the entire cast comes together for "This Old House".

#1912 Time Was (JoAnn Castle)

Airs: 11/4/2023 OAD: 4/29/67

Charley Pride is our special guest on this show about "Time". Larry Hooper and the gang get things going with "Grandfather's Clock", the band plays "One O'Clock Jump", and Myron Floren gets into the mood with the "Tick Tock Polka". Norma Zimmer and Jimmy Roberts sing "Now Is The Hour", and the entire group wants just "Five Minutes More".

#1913 Music of Harry Warren (Mary Lou Metzger)

Airs: 11/11/23 OAD: 11/22/79

On this program Bobby and Elaine dance to "Forty Second Street", the Aldridge Sisters and the Otwell Twins sing "I Found A Million Dollar Baby", Kathie Sullivan delights with the haunting "I Only Have Eyes for You", and Jim Turner puts a country spin on "September in the Rain".

#1914 Thanksgiving (Norma Zimmer)

Airs: 11/18/23 OAD: 11/16/78

Our Champagne Lady, Norma Zimmer hosts this beloved Thanksgiving holiday show. Guy and Ralna remind us to "Count Your Blessings", Tom Netherton celebrates "The House I Live In", Henry Cuesta and the band swing out on "In the Sweet Bye and Bye", and Jimmy Roberts and Norma Zimmer lead the cast in a loving rendition of "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You".

#1915 Strike Up The Band (Myron Floren)

Airs: 11/25/23 OAD: 1/1/76

Master accordionist, Myron Floren, hosts this week's salute to the world's musicians and the dozens of instruments they play. Vocal numbers include "Hey Mr. Banjo" with Tanya, the girls, and Neil Levang, "I Love A Piano" with Gail Farrell, and Jack and Mary Lou bring a bit of comedy to "Piccolo Pete". The band shines on "The Bells of St. Mary's", "Trumpeter's Lullaby", and the show's theme "Strike Up the Band". The Polka Festival at the Welk Resort in Branson is the perfect backdrop for Myron's host segments as he entertains hundreds of polka band members from all across the United States.

#1916 Weather Show (Gail, Ron, & Michael)

Airs: 12/2/23 OAD: 2/25/82

This program opens with "Button Up Your Overcoat" and ends by reminding us to "Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella". Along the way Anacani sings about "The Wayward Wind", the Aldridge Sisters and the Otwell Twins insist "It Never Rains in Southern California", Skeets Herfurt plays "Misty", and Gail, Ron, and Michael, our hosts for this program sing "I Get the Blues When It Rains". In their host segment the treat us to an encore with "On the Sunny Side of the Street".

#1917 50th Anniversary Special (Rocky Rockwell)

Airs: 12/9/23 OAD: 1/25/58

This black and white special from 1958 gives us a fascinating look at the early days of the show. Rocky sings "That's My Girl", Pete Fountain plays, "Wolverine Blues", and Alice Lon and Buddy Merrill cut up on "Ain't We Got Fun". Don't miss "The Covered Wagon Rolled Right Along", an old West costumed production number with Alice Lon, Larry Hooper, Big Tiny Little, and the Lennon Sisters – fun for all!

#1918 Christmas (Sandi Griffiths)

Airs: 12/16/23 OAD: 12/18/80

Sandi Griffiths hosts this Christmas favorite that opens with the classic "Jingle Bells". Bobby and Elaine dance to "The Carol of the Bells", Joe Feeney's family celebrated "Christmas in Killarney", and Myron Floren, Bobby Burgess and his daughter, Becki dance to "Here Comes Santa Claus". "The Hallelujah Chorus" is the perfect highlight of the show right before the arrival of Santa Claus.

#1919 Roses (Ralna English)

Airs: 12/23/23 OAD: 6/12/71

The Band and singers open this show and set the theme with "Everything's Comin' up Roses". Ken Delo sings "Red Roses for a Blue Lady", Guy and Ralna take us down "Primrose Lane", our fabulous saxophone section plays "Rose of Washington Square", and Bob Lido and the Hotsy Totsy Boys celebrate "Rose of the Rio Grande".

#1920 Themes from the Classics (Charlotte Harris)

Airs: 12/30/23 OAD: 2/8/73

Charlotte, the longtime cellist of the Lawrence Welk Band hosts "Themes from the Classics", a salute to classical compositions that have been adapted into hit songs. The show opens with "Tonight We Love",

Bobby and Cissy dance to "The Warsaw Concerto", and Sandi, Gail, and Mary Lou sing "Glow Worm". Clay Hart and the singers delight with "Hot Diggity, Dog Ziggity".

#1921 We Believe in Music (Mary Lou & Richard Maloof)

Airs: 1/6/24 OAD: 2/28/74

"We Believe in Music" is the perfect theme for hosts Mary Lou Metzger and her husband, Richard Maloof, a longtime member of the Welk Band. This program includes a rare 1974 duet by the twosome on "The Music Goes Round and Round", and a brand new one, "Them There Eyes". The Band plays the beautiful "Sound of Music" medley, Myron plays his often requested "The Lost Chord", Arthur Duncan and Henry Cuesta team up for "Sing, Sing, Sing", and Tom Netherton makes "Without A Song" a memorable moment.

#1922 A Pretty Girl (Janet Lennon)

Airs: 1/13/24 OAD: 5/27/61

This show opens with a lively version of "A Pretty Girl". Myron Floren and JoAnn Castle and their flying fingers play the "Hot Foot Polka". The Lennon Sisters are featured in "Darlin' Maggie", and Larry Hooper sings his hit song "Oh Happy Day". "The Music Lesson" is pure delight when taught to the Lennon Sisters by their favorite teacher, Aladdin.

#1923 Country Hoedown (Sally and Clay Hart)

Airs: 1/20/24 OAD: 3/21/70

Clay and Sally Hart host this show with a Country-Western Theme. Clay and the band kick it off with "Wabash Cannonball", followed by the Glen Campbell hit, "Gentle On My Mind" to set a charming country mood. Norma Zimmer sings "My Heart Cries for You", Sandi and Salli ham it up with "Cotton Fields", and Ken D elo sings "Shenandoah", while Ralna gives a memorable rendition of the "Tennessee Waltz".

#1924 Songs of the South and Mardi Gras (Ava Barber)

Airs: 1/27/24 OAD: 2/26/76

"Are You From Dixie" opens this lively show and Anacani invites us to "Come to the Mardi Gras". Ken Delo struts to "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans", Charlotte Harris accompanies Norma on "My Own True Love", Ava celebrates "Jambalaya", and the whole cast gets together for a show stopping "South Rampart Street Parade".

#1925 Favorite Love Songs (Anacani)

Airs: 2/3/24 OAD: 9/26/74

"Favorite Love Songs", one of the most popular themes of the Lawrence Welk Show, is hosted by the lovely Anacani. She sings "Amor", and joins the other girls swooning over Tom Netherton's rendition of "Love Me Tender". Tanya sings "Somebody Loves Me", and Arthur Duncan and the girls dance to "L-O-V-E". Ralna sings the beautiful "You'll Never Know", and Guy joins her for "I Can't Stop Loving You".

#1926 Salute to the Big Bands (Rocky Rockwell)

Airs: 2/10/24 OAD: 5/8/1960

"Heartaches", "Minnie the Moocher", "When My Baby Smiles at Me", and "Who Wouldn't Love You" are just a few of the 22 band leaders saluted in this classic show from 1960. See if you can match the band leaders with their theme songs.

#1927 Tribute to Irving Berlin (Cissy King)

Airs: 2/17/24 OAD: 2/27/75 Cissy King hosts this "Tribute to Irving Berlin". Bobby and Cissy dance to "Cheek to Cheek", Guy and Ralna sing "You're Just In Love", and Henry Cuesta is featured on "Blue Skies". The cast sings "Always" as Cissy dances with Mr. Welk and the show ends with George Cates conducting a concert arrangement on "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody".

#1928 Lawrence Welk Family of Nations (Tim Padilla)

Airs: 2/24/24 OAD: 11/27/75

Accordionist Tim Padilla, one of the members of the Champagne Theatre band in Branson, MO hosts this week's "Family of Nations" show. The program opens with "It's a Big, Wide, Wonderful World", Tom sings "Danke Schoen", Sandi, Gail, and Mary Lou sing the praises of "Wonderful Copenhagen", and the Semonski Sisters charm us with "My Melody of Love".

#1929 Gold Record Hits (Michael Redman)

Airs: 3/2/24 OAD: 9/24/81

Get ready for an hour of nothing but "Gold Record Hits" hosted by Michael Redman. "Hello Dolly", "New York, New York", "Close to You", and "The Way We Were" are featured and the band plays a medley of four of Lawrence Welk's own golden hits - "Moon River", "Yellow Bird", "Winchester Cathedral", and "Calcutta".

#1930 History of the Lawrence Welk Musical Family (Larry Welk & Sons)

Airs: 3/9/24 OAD: 3/10/77

Larry Welk and his three sons host this interesting and unique program recalling how each performer joined the show. Some songs include "Oh Happy Day" by Larry Hooper, "After You've Gone" by Jack Imel and Bob Havens, "Take the "A"Train" by Arthur Duncan and "Country Roads" by our country gal, Ava Barber.

#1931 Behind the Scenes with Our Musical Family (Jack Imel)

Airs: 3/16/24 OAD: 4/13/78

Jack Imel, longtime associate producer of the Welk Show, hosts a laugh filled program. This is a tongue in cheek look at how the show was put together every week. A production meeting leaves Joe Feeney "Without A Song" and Ava Barber and Charlie Parlato somehow manage to make it through "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" in spite of the comic antics of the "stagehands". Twenty years later Jack is seen working with the Branson ensemble and then dances with them to "Singin' in the Rain".

#1932 Easter (Tom Netherton)

Airs: 3/23/24 OAD: 3/23/78

Tom Netherton celebrates Easter and Spring with this very special show from 1978 that combines classic popular songs and traditional hymns. The program begins with a colorful "Easter Parade" and features hits like "Red, Red Robin", and "It's a Lovely Day Today". The beloved hymns include "Abide With Me", "Peace in the Valley", "Holy City", and "God Is Alive".

#1933 Tribute to the Sweet Bands (Barney Liddell and Henry Cuesta)

Airs: 3/30/24 OAD: 2/13/1975

Barney and Henry, along with musician friends at an informal jam session, host this week's "Tribute to the Sweet Bands". Tunes include "Three Little Fishes " by Sandi, Gail, & Mary Lou, "Who Wouldn't Love You" by Guy and Ralna, and "For You" by Joe Feeney. The Band delights with "Four Leaf Clover", "When Day Is Done", "Josephine", and "Does Your Heart Beat For Me".

#1934 Season Premiere (Arthur Duncan

Airs: 4/6/24

OAD: 9/16/76

This is the first program that aired on the newly formed Welk Syndication after ABC cancelled the show. Big hair, mini-skirts, and hot pants – after all, it was the 70s. Lawrence thanks his audience for their years of loyalty and support and ends by paying tribute to this great country.

#1935 Songs of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (JoAnn Castle)

Airs: 4/13/24 OAD: 10/23/65

This program, hosted by JoAnn Castle, celebrates the celestial with songs such as "Keep Your Sunny Side Up" and "Destination Moon". JoAnn plays "I Want A Girl", Larry Hooper sings "That Lucky Old Sun", and the Lennon Sisters harmonize by the banks of "Moon River". Natalie Nevins and the Blenders sing "By the Light of the Silvery Moon",

#1936 Springtime in the Rockies (Kathy, Janet, and Mimi Lennon)

Airs: 4/20/24 OAD: 3/14/66

This salute to Spring goes International! Barbara and Bobby dance to "Zorba the Greek", the Lennon Sisters and Dick Dale sing "Bonaparte's Retreat", Natalie Nevins plays the flute on the "Emerald Hop". The Lennons "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" and Myron, JoAnn Castle, Little Wally and Barbara & Bobby close this Spring program with "The Springtime Polka".

#1937 Musical History Makers (Clay and Sally Hart)

Airs: 4/27/24 OAD: 3/6/71

On this program Clay sings "Gentle On My Mind", Glen Campbell's big hit; Sandi and Salli sing "I'd Rather Be Blue" as a tribute to Fanny Brice, Jimmy Robert's salutes Tony Bennett with "I Left My Heart In San Francisco", and Norma Zimmer sings Kate Smith's signature song, "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain". Guy and Ralna salute the Everly Brothers with "Bye Bye Love".

#1938 Salute to the Ladies (Myron Floren)

Airs: 5/4/24 OAD: 11/1/73

Myron is the perfect host for this salute to the ladies. He plays "Lady of Spain", and is featured with the band in "Lovely to Look At" and "Til I Waltz Again with You". Joe Feeney sings "Girl of My Dreams", Arthur Duncan dances to "Margie", and Ken Delo and the girls sing "Every Day is Ladies' Day". This program closes with "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World".

#1939 Music in the Skies (Kathy Sullivan)

Airs: 5/11/24 OAD: 3/30/78

Filled with elaborate costumes and scenes, this week's Lawrence Welk Show celebrates "Music in the Skies". From the "Swingin' On A Star" opening to the "Stormy Weather" closing the program features songs that float in the outer atmosphere. Bobby and Cissy dance to the theme from "Close Encounters", Tom Netherton sings "Fly Me to the Moon", and Kathie Sullivan encourages the audience to dream with "When You Wish Upon A Star".

#1940 America the Beautiful (Dick Dale)

Airs: 5/18/24 OAD: 3/31/77

Favorite songs that represent cities, states, and other geographical sites (and sights!) are featured in "America the Beautiful". Spotlighting the East Coast, Art Duncan taps to "Give My Regards to Broadway" and Tanya takes center stage to sing "California Dreamin" to represent the West Coast. Jimmy Roberts remembers "My Old Kentucky Home" and Sandi, Gail, and Mary Lou swing into "Chicago".

#1941 The Songs of Cole Porter (Anacani)

Airs: 5/25/24

OAD: 4/10/80

Anacani hosts this week's show celebrating the music of Cole Porter. Kathie Sullivan and Myron team up for "I Love Paris", Henry Cuesta and the band play "I've Got You Under My Skin", and Arthur Duncan dances to "From This Moment On". The show opens with "It's Delovely" and closes with "Anything Goes". Guy and Ralna treat us to "Let's Do It".

#1942 Salute to Gershwin (Ralna)

Airs: 6/1/24 OAD: 1/17/80

One of the great singers today, Ralna English, hosts a Salute to Gershwin, one of the finest composers of the 20th Century. Bobby and Cissy dance to "An American in Paris", Tom Netherton sings "Our Love is Here to Stay", and Guy and Ralna perform "They Can't Take That Away from Me". Ralna sings a tender rendition of "Embraceable You" and the program ends with everyone performing "S'Wonderful".

#1943 Father's Day (Myron Floren)

Airs: 6/8/24 OAD: 6/15/68

Myron and his five daughters host a special Father's Day program that features favorites such as "Sunrise, Sunset" by Joe Feeney, "You're An Old Smoothie" danced by Bobby and Cissy, "My Guy", sung by Sandi and Salli, and Dad's Waltz played by our host – Myron Floren.

#1944 Summer Sounds (Peggy Lennon)

Airs: 6/15/24 OAD: 7/23/66

On this summer show the Lennon Sisters sing "Tumblin' Tumbleweeds" and join Dick Dale for an upbeat version of "Marianne". Jack Imel, Arthur Duncan, and Bobby Burgess are at their dancing best with "I Got Rhythm" and Larry Hooper sings his classic 1950s hit "Minnie the Mermaid".

#1945 Thank You, America (Bobby Burgess)

Airs: 6/22/24 OAD: 11/21/70

Lawrence presents a loving tribute to the United States in this program which was the most requested, highly acclaimed Welk Show to air on commercial television. An all out unabashed tribute to America and all the things that are right with it, the show features the band and chorus in several patriotic numbers. Guy and Ralna sing "America the Beautiful" and gospel singer Willa Dorsey sings a spine tingling rendition of "God B less America".

#1946 Songs of the 40s (Ralna English)

Airs: 6/29/24 OAD: 1/28/72

This program is filled with the classic hits that were popular during the Big Band Era and the years of World War II. Ralna sings "You'll Never Know", Norma Zimmer was never better than on "My Foolish Heart", and the band plays Glenn Miller's "String of Pearls". This show ends with a medley from the 1943 Broadway hit "Oklahoma!". Ralna is joined by Guy for "Mockingbird Hill".

#1947 Harvest on the Farm (Bobby Burgess)

Airs: 7/6/24 OAD: 9/11/75

A square dance opens this Harvest show, called by none other than the host, Bobby Burgess. Guy Hovis sings "Thank God I'm a Country Boy", the band plays "Wabash Cannonball", and Ken Delo sings "The Chicken Song" to Tanya – our "Chicken". Anacani sings "Rancho Alegre", the Semonski Sisters are "On the Top of the World", and Jim Roberts leads a sing along on "Shine On Harvest Moon".

#1948 Big Band Memories (Elaine Balden)

Airs: 7/13/24 OAD: 1/3/80 From the moment the show opens with the band and singers performing "Chattanooga Choo Choo" to the rousing "Panama" at the show's end, the days of the Big Band will come alive for you. Guy and Ralna sing "Green Eyes", the twin pianos play the "Concerto in B Flat Minor" as a tribute to the late Freddy Martin, and Bobby and Elaine dance to "Opus One". The lovely Anacani adds her Latin flair to "Perfidia".

#1949 County Fair (Jack Imel)

Airs: 7/20/24 OAD: 8/28/71

Jack Imel leads us down the musical midway on this "County Fair" show. The program begins with "Make 'Em Laugh" and Bobby and Cissy have "Fun Goin' to the County Fair". Jack plays "Professor Spoons" and Guy and Ralna sing "The Tom Green County Fair". The Hotsy Totsy Boys enjoy "Cotton Candy and a Toy Balloon", and everyone agrees "There's Something About A Hometown Band".

#1950 Hits by Famous Groups (Kathie Sullivan)

Airs: 7/27/24 OAD: 1/24/80

On this show from 1980 Kathie Sullivan salutes Peter, Paul, and Mary with "Puff the Magic Dragon", Ken Delo and Arthur Duncan recall the Mills Brothers with "GlowWorm", Sandi,, Gail, and Mary Lou remember the McGuire Sisters with "Sugartime" and the band salutes the Platters with "My Prayer"

#1951 Concert in the Park (Guy Hovis)

Airs 8/3/24 OAD: 10/4/79

In a romantic outdoor setting Guy and his wefe, Sis host this week's show. It opens with "In the Good Old Summertime", and features songs from "The Music Man" including "Goodnight My Someone" and "Lida Rose". Johnny Zell plays "Sleepy Lagoon", the Aldridge Sisters and Otwell Twins sing "Southern Nights", and Skeets Herfurt and the band take a trip "On Moonlight Bay". Lawrence has a dance with the ladies in the audience during "The Band Played On".

#1952 Salute to Our Senior Citizens (Bobby Burgess)

Airs: 8/10/24 OAD: 3/19/81

This tune filled tribute to the "young at heart" is filled with wonderful melodies, starting with "Dearie". Along the way Gail, Ron, & Michael invite us to "Let's Go Dance Again", Jim Turner croons "Try To Remember", while Lawrence conducts the band on "You're an Old Smoothie" and even fits in a tag dance with the ladies.