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Join Vermont PBS and Mister Chris on an Orchard Adventure

Mister Chris and Friends Fulfills Crowdsourced Donor Commitment with Locally-Made, Live-Action Children's Show

Colchester, VT – November 17, 2017 – Vermont PBS is excited to announce the premiere of [Mister Chris and Friends](#) on Monday, November 20, at 10:30 am on television and online. The show takes pre-school aged children on an adventurous journey to help answer a question about how the world works. In this pilot episode, Mister Chris goes to Shelburne Orchard to learn how an apple blossom becomes an apple. Along the way he meets many friends who help him, including local musician Kat Wright and the dancers of [Farm to Ballet](#).

Mister Chris and Friends reinforces the Vermont ethos of getting outside, exploring the world and being a lifelong learner. It is intentionally paced to help young children to slow down, enjoy, and learn. The show uses music to engage young learners and as a vehicle to deliver educational messages.

“With *Mister Chris and Friends*, we’ve added a dash of Vermont to the well-respected PBS kids’ programming lineup, because being a Vermont kid is special,” said Holly Groschner, President and CEO of Vermont PBS. “With the support of so many members of our community, we were able to create this show aimed at assisting parents in their pursuit of raising smart, creative, and adventurous kids.”

“Childhood is an incredibly magical and undoubtedly fleeting time in our lives,” added Chris Dorman, a.k.a. Mister Chris. “Our big wish is that this show with Vermont PBS will honor and illuminate the magic we see for the children and families we hold so dear.”

Mister Chris and Friends is the fulfillment of Vermont PBS’ and Mister Chris’ Kickstarter fundraising project. Some funding has already been secured for additional episodes, which would be added to the series in spring of 2018. The pilot episode will air on Vermont PBS, Vermont PBS Plus and Vermont PBS Kids and will also be available on vermontpbs.org/misterchris and on the company’s YouTube channel. More can be found on social media about this program with the hashtag #MisterChrisandFriends.

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