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**New PBS Wisconsin Special Features Wisconsin Author and Humorist Michael Perry**

In the all-new PBS Wisconsin special, **Michael Perry: Where I Come From**, the bestselling Wisconsin author, humorist and musician shares stories of growing up in rural Wisconsin, revealing how his family, friends and life experiences shaped his work.

**Michael Perry: Where I Come From** premieres 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 on PBS Wisconsin. The program will also be available for simultaneous streaming at pbswisconsin.org and on-demand online viewing shortly after broadcast. It will also have an encore broadcast 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Recorded in the rural Northwest Wisconsin communities that have informed Perry’s life, the new program reflects with wit and wisdom on memories of family, school, sports, farming, art, writing and a life of creative exploration.

Perry is a *New York Times* bestselling author, humorist, playwright, and radio show host from New Auburn, Wisconsin. His bestselling memoirs include *Population: 485*(recently adapted for the stage),*Truck: A Love Story*, *Coop*, *Visiting Tom*, and *Montaigne in Barn Boots: An Amateur Ambles Through Philosophy.* Among his other dozen titles are *The Scavengers*(for young readers) and his novel*The Jesus Cow.*

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