

## 2021 NWPB Holiday Radio Programs

All holiday programs will be heard on the NPR and Classical music service, unless otherwise specified.

### Sunday, November 28

#### 5-6pm – ***Candles Burning Brightly***

Enlighten audiences with this one-hour celebration of Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Mindy Ratner hosts this holiday favorite and exploration of Chanukah foods and traditional activities - and plenty of music.

### Monday, November 29

#### 8-9pm – ***Chicago A Cappella***

Join Jonathan Miller, artistic director of Chicago a cappella and a longtime champion of Jewish choral music, for an inspiring and informative show featuring choral music set to Chanukah texts.

### Tuesday, November 30

#### 8-9pm – ***Chanukah Celebration Across the Globe***

Illuminate the Festival of Lights with this fascinating world music program. A Chanukah Celebration Across the Globe is a journey into the rich and varied melodic traditions of countries where Jews have lived and worshiped for centuries, including music from Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, the Balkans, Central Asia ...and Africa! You'll hear performances from top New York ensembles East of the River, Shashmaqam, and the Marty Levitt Klezmer Orchestra – plus a recording of the astounding Jewish community of Putti Village, in Uganda. A lively program, full of intriguing treasures. Hosted by WQXR's Naomi Lewin.

### Sunday, December 12

#### 7-8pm – ***Tinsel Tales (Listen on NWPB News)***

This year a radio tradition continues - stories from the NPR archives that touch on the meaning of Christmas. David Sedaris, Bailey White, John Henry Faulk--these and other NPR voices, past and present, tell stories of the season.

### Friday, December 17

9-11pm – ***Music of the Baroque: Brass and Choral Concert***

The WFMT Radio Network and Music of the Baroque wants to wish you and yours a joyous holiday season as we offer the Brass and Choral Holiday Concert for your listening pleasure. Hosted by celebrated WFMT host Candice Agree, tune in to the great works of composers like Samuel Scheidt, Giovanni Gabrieli, William Billings, Claudio Monteverdi, and many more.

Saturday, December 18

7-8pm – ***Morehouse and Spelman***

8-9pm – ***A Soulful Christmas***

A Soulful Christmas is an uplifting, relevant display of Black music in the classical, gospel, spiritual, and jazz-inspired style. This special celebrates the non-idiomatic Black classical music, while exploring non-idiomatic choral traditions. Guest details to be announced.

Sunday, December 19

7-8pm – ***Tinsel Tales 2 (Listen on NWPB News)***

NPR fills millions of homes each holiday with humor, warmth, and a host of festive voices. Continuing with the tradition of first Tinsel Tales program, this is another collection of the best and most requested holiday stories. Joy, hope, and childhood memories overflow as NPR voices, past and present, tell stories of the season. Hosted by Lynn Neary.

Monday, December 20

8-9pm – ***Welcome Christmas***

Welcome Christmas is a perennial Christmas favorite from VocalEssence, one of the world's premiere choral groups, conducted by Philip Brunelle. This program presents an hour of traditional carols and new discoveries, including the world premiere of two carols from the annual Christmas Carol Contest. Guest details to be announced.

9-10pm – ***A Chanticleer Christmas***

This one-hour program of holiday favorites, new and old, will be presented live in concert by Chanticleer, the superb 12-man ensemble known as "an orchestra of voices." Chanticleer is one of the premiere vocal ensembles in the nation. The ensemble has won two Grammys and is a member of the American Classical Music Hall of Fame.

Tuesday, December 21

9-11am – ***Christmas Revels***

A newly-revised 119-minute musical celebration of the winter holidays -- Christmas, the Solstice, Chanukah, Jonkonnu, New Year's and Twelfth Night/Epiphany -- featuring traditional carols, anthems, wassails, hymns, children's game-songs, and folk dance-tunes excerpted from live Christmas Revels stage productions presented around the country.

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### Wednesday, December 22

8-9pm – ***La Nochebuena***

The acclaimed Rose Ensemble returns with a free one-hour special featuring rhythmic and regal music from Renaissance Spain.

9-10pm – ***A Mexican Baroque Christmas***

This holiday program features over two centuries of festive Christmas dances and songs from the great cathedrals of Puebla and Mexico City.

### Thursday, December 23

8-10pm – ***St. Olaf Christmas Special***

F. Melius Christiansen started the Christmas Festival in 1911 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota as a simple service in word and song for students, faculty, friends and family. In the 109 years since, it has grown to include more than 500 student musicians who share their gifts with more than 12,000 audience members at the four live concerts – tickets for which always sell out months in advance. APM's distribution of the St. Olaf Christmas Festival is a chance for listeners across the country and around the world to participate in one of the nation's most treasured holiday celebrations. Programming includes sacred choral and instrumental music from many traditions: beloved hymns, classical masterworks, folk songs from around the world, and African-American spirituals.

### Friday, December 24

9-10am – ***Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square***

The sounds of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square floated into many homes during the holidays in the '60s & '70s on Goodyear and Firestone albums, bringing lush renditions of favorite Christmas carols. Those warm memories and feelings come right back again in this holiday special. The choir continues its tradition of great artistry with touching arrangements of familiar carols, and surprises with lesser-known melodies that are fast becoming the new classics.

10am-12pm – ***Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols***

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols presents your audience with an opportunity to share in a live, world-wide Christmas Eve broadcast of a service of Biblical readings, carols, and related seasonal Classical music. This special will be presented by one of the world's foremost choirs of men and boys and performed in an acoustically and architecturally renowned venue, the 500-year-old Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England.

12-1pm – ***365 Holidays with the Canadian Brass***

The Canadian Brass play holiday favorites in new and classic arrangements. "365 Holidays" includes their exhilarating "Hanukah Medley", as well as "Joy to the World", "The First Noel", "Silent Night", a new arrangement of "Jingle Bells" in the style of Handel -- and many other tunes for the season.

1-2pm – ***Morehouse and Spelman***

2-3pm – ***Chanticleer***

3-4pm – ***Gaudete! Early Music for the Christmas Season***

Sara Schneider, producer and host of Early Music Now, presents Gaudete! Early Music for the Christmas Season, with joyful and contemplative sounds of the season. In this 1-hour holiday special, we'll hear Byzantine chant by Kassiani, and selections from Missa Puer natus est nobis by Thomas Tallis, plus hymns and motets from Spain, Germany, and France. Our performers include The Cardinal's Musick, Theatre of Voices, Cappella Romana, and Oltremontano.

7-8pm – ***Jonathan Winters Christmas Carol (Listen on NPWB News)***

A public radio tradition hosted by NPR's Susan Stamberg. Master comedian Jonathan Winters presents a distinctive reading of Dickens' holiday classic, with a special performing edition prepared by Dickens for his own presentations. Also featuring Mimi Kennedy. From NPR and KCRW.

9-10pm – ***An Elizabethan Christmas with Rose Ensemble***

The Rose Ensemble brings the time of the Tudors to life. Splendor, tension and intrigue, all reflected in the dark and light of tender carols, and soaring anthems. A fresh holiday program that captures the essence of the reign Elizabeth I.

10pm-12am – ***Pittsburg Symphony Messiah***

Stand up and sing along as Music Director Manfred Honeck leads the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh and soloists in Handel's Messiah.

### Saturday, December 25

#### 9-10am – ***Apollo's Fire***

In this one-hour special, the listener is transported from Christmas Eve in medieval Scotland to the folk carols and shape-note hymns at a toe-tapping Christmas gathering in Virginia. The people of the Appalachian Mountains welcome Christmas with LOVE, SINGING, DANCING, and PRAYER.

#### 10-11am – ***Appalachian Christmas***

Mark O'Connor, famous bluegrass fiddler and respected American composer, leads the O'Connor Band and special guest Nancy Ives, principal cellist of the Oregon Symphony, in An Appalachian Christmas.

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#### 6-8pm – ***Pittsburgh Symphony Messiah***

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### Saturday, January 1, 2022

#### 2-3pm – ***New Year's Day from Vienna***

The Vienna Philharmonic and conductor Christian Thielemann present its ever popular annual New Year's Day concert from the Golden Hall of the Musikverein in Vienna. You'll hear your favorite waltzes, polkas and more -- a festive way to start off the New Year. It's presented by NPR Music and hosted by WBUR's Lisa Mullins