

**DECEMBER 12****IPR CLASSICAL*****Candles Burning Brightly***

6 - 7 p.m.

A one hour celebration of Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights with an exploration of Chanukah foods and traditional activities ... and plenty of music.

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**DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve****IPR CLASSICAL*****A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols***

9 - 11 a.m.

An annual and beloved Christmas tradition, "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" is an extraordinary and memorable live service of word and music from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England.

***Welcome Christmas***

11a.m. - 12 p.m.

The perennial Christmas favorite from VocalEssence, one of the world's premiere choral groups. An hour of traditional carols and new discoveries.

***All is Bright***

12 - 1 p.m.

Lynne Warfel hosts an hour of gorgeous, contemplative choral music that tells the traditional Christmas story with songs about angels, the star and the manger scene.

***Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square***

1 - 2 p.m.

The world-renowned Tabernacle Choir continues its tradition of great artistry this holiday season, with touching arrangements of familiar carols and lesser-known melodies that are fast becoming the new classics. Julie Amacher hosts this annual favorite.

***Christmas at Luther (2019)***

2 - 3 p.m.

Join IPR for Christmas at Luther, presenting "Whom Angels Greet with Anthems Sweet." The festivities celebrate and consider the role of angels in the story of the Nativity.

***Amahl and The Night Visitors***

3 - 4 p.m.

Settle in with a cup of egg nog or hot chocolate as Iowa Public Radio brings you a holiday classic, Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors. Performed by the Des Moines Metro Opera and recorded in December of 2013. This one act opera depicts the three Wise Men stopping for shelter at the home of a poor mother and her crippled son, Amahl, as they journey to find the newborn Child.

***Christmas with Morehouse and Spellman Glee Clubs***

4 - 5 p.m.

The choirs of two of the most prestigious historically Black institutions in the nation join together to present a spine-tingling concert program.

***Doug Brown's reading of A Christmas Carol***

7 - 10 p.m.

The incomparable Doug Brown, longtime host of WOI's *The Book Club*, reads Dickens' holiday classic.

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**December 25 - Christmas Day****IPR CLASSICAL*****St. Olaf Christmas Festival***

9 - 10 a.m.

This service in song and word has become one of the nation's most cherished holiday celebrations. The festival includes hymns, carols, choral works, as well as orchestral selections celebrating the Nativity and featuring more than 500 student musicians in five choirs, and the St. Olaf Orchestra. Valerie Kahler shares the sights and sounds of this choral favorite.

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Join host Elena See as she plays a mix of wintry and nostalgic classical pieces designed to accompany listeners as they enjoy cozy wintertime activities.

***A Choral Christmas with Stile Antico***

12 - 1 p.m.

Stile Antico is a 13-member a cappella choir based in London. This features hand-picked sacred music for the Christmas season from the English Tudor era by 16th century composers including Thomas Tallis and William Byrd.

***Hollywood Holiday***

1 - 2 p.m.

Join Lynne Warfel, host of APM's *Saturday Cinema* and *Flicks in Five*, for a festive one-hour musical retrospective of some of Hollywood's most cherished films inspired by Dickens' classic character, Ebenezer Scrooge.

***A Chanticleer Christmas***

2 - 3 p.m.

Celebrate the season with song! Brian Newhouse hosts this one-hour program of a cappella holiday favorites, new and old, presented live in concert by Chanticleer, the superb 12-man choral ensemble known as "an orchestra of voices."

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**January 1 - New Year's Day****IPR CLASSICAL*****New Year's Day from Vienna***

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The ever popular annual New Year's Day Concert will be performed by the Wiener Philharmoniker under the baton of Maestro Riccardo Muti. You'll hear your favorite waltzes, polkas and more -- a great way to start off 2021. Hosted by WBUR's Lisa Mullins.

***Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra***

12 - 2 p.m.

The Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra was established in 1956 along with the founding of the famous Shanghai Opera House and is one of China's foremost symphony orchestras. This exclusive IPR Classical recording includes their performance of Verdi's "La Forza," the "Yellow River Piano Concerto" by Xinghai and Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 in E minor Op. 95 From the New World."

***Quad City Symphony Orchestra with Joshua Bell***

2 - 4 p.m.

Join IPR Classical host Jacqueline Halbloom for a broadcast of the Quad City Symphony's concert, featuring world-renowned violinist Joshua Bell. The symphony performs Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Symphony No. 7, then Bell joins the symphony to perform Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1. This is a beautiful concert with a heart-warming performance by one of today's great Classical violinists, and is sure to lift your New Year's Day afternoon.