DECEMBER 10 - Beginning of Hanukkah  
IPR NEWS  
Candles Burning Brightly  
7 - 8 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 18 - Hanukkah Concludes  
IPR NEWS  
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7 - 8 p.m.  
The NPR favorite returns with all new Hanukkah stories. Hosted by Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz.

DECEMBER 20 
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Studio One Tracks: The Holiday Special  
7 - 9 p.m.  
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DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve

IPR NEWS

Doug Brown’s reading of A Christmas Carol
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
The incomparable Doug Brown, longtime host of WOI’s The Book Club, reads Dickens’ holiday classic.

Selected Shorts: Christmas Spirits High and Low
12 - 1 p.m.
Our two stories, presented by guest host Cynthia Nixon, do deliver good cheer in the end. In Laurie Notaro’s “O Holy Night, or The Year I Ruined Christmas” there’s a hideous Christmas tree, and a demanding parent with a long memory. In Jeanette Winterson’s luminous “Spirit of Christmas” a married couple set off for their holiday with frayed tempers and too much stuff. They wind up with nothing but a miracle.

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**Welcome Christmas**  
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**All is Bright**  
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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.  
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**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**
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**IPR NEWS**

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9-10 a.m.
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**Tinsel Tales 2: More NPR Christmas Favorites**
10 - 11 a.m.
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**Tinsel Tales 3: Even More NPR Christmas Favorites**
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Audie Cornish, Ken Harbaugh, Nina Totenberg and other voices from NPR’s past and present tell stories of the season in this hour long special. Some tales are funny, some are touching, some are insightful or irreverent or nostalgic or surprising.

**Tinsel Tales 4: So Much More NPR Christmas Favorites**
12 - 1 p.m.
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**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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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
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IPR NEWS

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IPR NEWS
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12 - 1 p.m.
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January 1 - New Year's Day

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9 - 10 a.m.
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*Best of the Best 2020: Of Bodies & Minds*
10 - 11 a.m.
This hour features three intimate stories that grapple with the messiness and the triumph of existing as a person, from the outside body to the inside mind.

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**IPR CLASSICAL**

*New Year's Day from Vienna*
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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**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.