Wednesday, December 14 7:00pm CT “A Paul Winter Solstice”
- Celebrate the return of the sun with an encore performance recorded in the world’s largest Gothic cathedral. Musicians include Noel Paul Stookey, also known as Paul from the folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary. The Paul Winter Consort Winter Solstice Celebration also features old friends like gospel singer Theresa Thomason and the Forces of Nature dance and drumming troupe from Harlem.

Friday, December 16 2:00pm CT “Christmas on Henry Street”
- In this radio drama set in the Henry Street Settlement in New York’s Lower East Side in 1902, a Christmas tree from a secret admirer comes between a charity worker and her fiancé. 1902 was a rare year when Christmas Eve and the first night of Hanukkah coincided. Key themes revolve around love, heritage, and forgiveness. The goal of Christmas on Henry Street is to bring warmth, goodwill, and holiday cheer to listeners. Based on true events.

Friday, December 16 3:00pm CT “Carols and Cheer”
- Classical host Scott Blankenship and The Singers' Matt Culloton join forces to review their favorite carols this holiday season. Audiences will love singing along as the two share their top picks for the Christmas season, performed by today's leading artists and ensembles.

Sunday, December 18 6:00pm CT “Hanukkah Lights 2022”
- A perennial NPR favorite, Hanukkah Lights features all new Hanukkah stories. Read by hosts Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz. Murray and Susan looked back into the show’s 30 year archive and picked their favorite stories: "Hanukkah Gelt" by Sholem Aleichem, "Gifts of the Last Night" by Rebecca Goldstein, "How To Spell The Name Of G-d" by Ellen Orleans, "Of Love and Latkes" by Lia Pripstein, and "Erev Christmas" by Clement Clarke Moore, translated by Marie Jaffe.

Monday, December 19 2:00pm CT “St. Olaf Christmas Festival”
- A service in song and word that has become one of the nation’s most cherished holiday celebrations. Tickets to the event - which takes place at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN - are always gone months in advance. 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.
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• Monday, December 19, 7:00pm CT “A Chanticleer Christmas”
  - This unique, one-hour program of holiday music is presented live in concert by Chanticleer. Hear why this superb 12-man ensemble is known as "an orchestra of voices," as they perform holiday classics and new favorites, with choral commentary by host Steve Staruch.

• Monday, December 19, 9:00pm CT “A Christmas Gift For You”
  - The inside story behind this 1963 album featuring performances by The Ronettes, The Crystals, Darlene Love and Bob B. Soxx and the Blue Jeans that raised the bar for pop/rock arrangements of classic holiday songs. The All Music Guide says, “This is the Christmas album by which all later holiday releases had to be judged,” and Rolling Stone lists it as one of the best albums ever made. Includes interviews with singers Darlene Love and LaLa Brooks, musicians Nino Tempo, Don Randi and Hal Blaine. Hosted by Anthony DeCurtis.

• Tuesday, December 20, 1:00pm CT “All is Bright: Contemplative Music for Christmas”
  - An hour of gorgeous, contemplative music related to the Christmas season and its symbolism. Hosted by Lynne Warfel.

• Tuesday, December 20, 2:00pm CT “A Choral Christmas with Stile Antico”
  - Stile Antico, the award-winning choir from London, pays a visit to St. Paul's Church on Harvard Square for a concert of radiant, sacred music for the Christmas season by the most acclaimed composers of The Renaissance. Hear the group's luminous blend of voices sing the intricately woven music of Thomas Tallis and William Byrd. Hosted by Cathy Fuller of WGBH.

• Tuesday, December 20, 3:00pm CT “¡Vamos a Belén! Christmas with The Rose Ensemble”
  - The acclaimed Rose Ensemble returns with a one-hour special featuring festive and evocative music from early Peru, Bolivia, Mexico, and beyond. Colonial Latin America was a melting pot of ethnic diversity, when newcomers wrestled with local traditions, and cultural conflict was often reconciled through musical collaboration. Dances from the streets of Mother Spain mingle with African rhythms and indigenous languages, while celebration turns glorious in the pageantry of the Franciscan missions of California and New Mexico. The Rose Ensemble is joined by special guests, Piffaro and The Renaissance Band.
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• Tuesday, December 20  7:00pm CT  “A Mexican Baroque Christmas with the Rose Ensemble”
  • This holiday program features over two centuries of festive Christmas dances and songs from the great cathedrals of Puebla and Mexico City. With rich instrumental and percussive accompaniment, solos and choruses burst forth in this program that's a far cry from the same old Christmas show. Plus a couple of surprises for the season in this one hour production. The music is all rhythmic and tuneful and totally appealing.

• Tuesday, December 20  9:00pm CT  “Jazz Piano Christmas 2022”
  • Check out your favorite holiday classics as you’ve never heard them! This year spotlights ferociously talented Japanese musical phenom Hiromi, Mountain Stage’s Bob Thompson, and Bolivian prodigy José André Montaño, chosen as one of the Kennedy Center’s “Next 50” leaders.

• Wednesday, December 21  1:00pm CT  “Welcome Christmas”
  • The perennial Christmas favorite from VocalEssence, one of the world’s premiere choral groups. An hour of traditional carols and new discoveries.

• Wednesday, December 21  2:00pm CT  “A Soulful Christmas”
  • Julie Amacher and Tesfa Wondemagegnehu host this uplifting Christmas special and relevant showcase 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.

• Wednesday, December 21  3:00pm CT  “The Canadian Brass: Christmas Time is Here”
  • Hosted by Jeff Spurgeon, this program features arrangements of music by Vince Guaraldi and Luther Henderson as well as traditional favorites from "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman" and more – timeless classics infused with jazz and lush harmonies. The selections on this program are featured on the quintet’s latest album, "Christmas Time is Here."
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• Wednesday, December 21  7:00pm CT  “The Big Tiny Desk Concert Holiday Special”
  • Celebrate the season with amazing holiday performances from The Tiny Desk Concert series including Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings, Steve Martin, Hanson, The Polyphonic Spree and more! Hosted by NPR Music frenemies Bob Boilen and Stephen Thompson.

• Wednesday, December 21  9:00pm CT  “Mark O’Connor’s An 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. Hear holiday favorites including “The Cherry Tree Carol,” “We Wish You a Merry Christmas,” “Carol of the Bells,” and more! Plus, Mark O’Connor talks about the importance of fiddling in the development of early American music.

• Thursday, December 22  1:00pm CT  “Christmas with the Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs”
  • One of the great holiday traditions in America, the choirs of Morehouse and Spelman Colleges -- two of the most prestigious historically Black institutions in the nation -- get together to present a spine-tingling concert program. This year's program features the best works of the last several years. It's a joyous celebration of the schools' tradition of singing excellence, with their trademark mixture of spirituals and carols. Korva Coleman hosts.

• Thursday, December 22  2:00pm CT  “Sing We Now of Christmas with True Concord Voices”
  • Grammy-nominated True Concord Voices & Orchestra presents their holiday special. The ensemble has recorded traditional Christmas favorites – timeless songs like “Sing We Now of Christmas,” “Away in a Manger,” “How a Rose E’er Blooming” – and set them alongside new carols, including world premiere recordings of “Love Came Down at Christmas,” “Fourteen Angels,” “One Gift” and more. And of course, no Christmas special would be complete without “Silent Night.” This version was arranged by Stephen Paulus.

• Thursday, December 22  3:00pm CT  “An Afro Blue Christmas”
  • Here's a very special holiday concert with Howard University's premiere vocal ensemble Afro Blue, and special guest pianist Cyrus Chestnut. The a-cappela group performs a variety of holiday songs including African-American spirituals, jazz and pop tunes, and classical repertoire. The joyful celebration includes one of a kind arrangements on traditional holiday songs plus new compositions...music perfect for the holidays and the spirit of Christmas. Hosted by Michele Norris.
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• Thursday, December 22  9:00pm CT  “Holiday Jazz with Dee Alexander”
  • The performance includes favorites “White Christmas,” “Coventry Carol,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and show-stopping renditions of spirituals inspired by Chicago gospel legend Mahalia Jackson. Don’t miss Chicago’s first lady of jazz song serving up the winter holiday season in style.

• Friday, December 23  1:00pm CT  “A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols”
  • One of the most beloved traditions of the holiday season is the Festival of Lessons and Carols, a service made famous at King’s College in Cambridge, England. The Festival tells the Christmas story in words and music, and is presented all over the world in many languages and variations. This Christmas treat of Lessons and Carols was recorded at Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York under the direction of organist/choirmaster Peter DuBois, who is known to public radio listeners across the country as the host of With Heart and Voice.

• Friday, December 23  2:00pm CT  “Las Cantigas de Santa Maria”
  • Las Cantigas de Santa Maria composed at the Court of King Alfonso X of Castile-Leon in the second half of the 13th century, are a vast repertory of poetry in medieval Galician-Portuguese. The 420 compositions include 353 narratives of miracles of the Blessed Virgin Mary - one of the largest such collections - as well as a large number of devotional and liturgical poems, almost all set to music, and many illustrated by miniatures divided into smaller panels. We will visit the songs and stories as interpreted by musicologist and contemporary musicians playing on period and modern instruments. Hosted by former HPPR music host, Debra J. H. Bolton, Ph D

• Friday, December 23  7:00pm CT  “Christmas with Madrigalia”
  • This holiday season, the Rochester, NY chamber choir Madrigalia and their Artistic Director Cary Ratcliff return to public radio for Christmas with Madrigalia. Since 1975, Madrigalia has presented unique and challenging programs of choral music built around intriguing themes. Their music is drawn from all times and places, spanning the riches of classic choral styles, the vast range of compelling music being written in our time, and the intriguing musical expressions of cultures throughout the world. Celebrate the excitement and joy of the holiday season with traditional carols and anthems from the Medieval era through the 21st century. This one-hour program, recorded live in concert, features beautiful music for the winter holidays by Richard Wilder, Dennis Rosenbaum, Tomas Luis de Victoria, John Rutter, Franz Gruber and others.
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• Saturday, December 24 10:00am CT  “Selected Shorts: Christmas Spirits High and Low”
  • We want Christmas to be merry and bright, but sometimes the season can be challenging. Our two stories, presented by guest host Cynthia Nixon, do deliver good cheer in the end. Produced by Selected Shorts, distributed by American Public Media. *Airs on HPPR CONNECT only.*

• Saturday, December 24 9:00pm CT  “La Nochebuena: A Spanish Renaissance Christmas with The Rose Ensemble”
  • The acclaimed Rose Ensemble is back again for another one hour special for the holiday season. This year, the Twin Cities early music ensemble presents a program that is both rhythmic and regal; Spanish song and dance to celebrate Christmas Eve, La Nochebena. In La Nochebuena, The Rose Ensemble explores the great variety of music that filled the royal court of Ferdinand and Isabella, and flooded the chapels and streets of Renaissance Spain. Serene choral music from 16th-century masters is balanced with spirited cantigas for solo voice and harp, Spanish-language villancicos from court and countryside, and lively dances for vihuela, harp and percussion.

• Saturday, December 24 10:00pm CT  “Hollywood Holiday”
  • Lynne Warfel, host of Saturday Cinema, takes you on a one-hour musical retrospective of some of Hollywood's most cherished Christmas-themed movies.

• Saturday, December 24 11:00pm CT  “A Latin Jazz Experience”
  • Enjoy your Christmas break and winter holiday season with a little "Latin Jazz" fun. Soak in the excitement with Poncho Sanchez, Celia Cruz, Ray Barretto, Sheila E, Carlos "Patato" Valdes, The Joe Loco Quintet, and others.

• Sunday, December 25 9:00am CT  “A Baroque Noel with Pegasus Early Music”
  • Celebrate the holiday season with 17th century flair with A Baroque Noel. Join Rochester’s Pegasus Early Music and NYS Baroque for seasonal baroque gems brought to life by a full Baroque choir and orchestra. The one-hour program, hosted by Mona Seghatoleslami, features Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s Messe de Minuit pour Noel. Acclaimed lutenist Paul O'Dette leads an ensemble of sought-after musicians from across the country in this grand Christmas mass that quotes many popular Christmas carols of the 1600s.
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• Sunday, December 25 10:00am CT  “Music of the Baroque: Brass and Choral Holiday Concert”
  • Christmas Music makes the holidays come alive, and through the centuries this special time of year inspired composers to new creative heights. Drawn from diverse cultures and various points in history, conductor William Jon Gray has assembled a program highlighting multifarious holiday traditions around a single unifying principle: whether in the twelfth or nineteenth centuries, in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Russia, the Netherlands, or Spain, music gives voice to the spirit of the season.

• Sunday, December 25 12:00pm CT  “Tinsel Tales – NPR Christmas Favorites”
  • 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.

• Sunday, December 25 1:00pm CT  “Tinsel Tales 2: More NPR Christmas Favorites”
  • 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.

• Sunday, December 25 2:00pm CT  “Tinsel Tales 3: Even More NPR Christmas Favorites”
  • Listeners tune to NPR for extraordinary Christmas stories that transport you to unexpected places. Baxter Black ponders the meaning of Christmas for Cows, Bailey White sneaks into her neighbor’s yard in search of an elusive hemlock tree; Julie Zickefoose serenades her neighbors on the coldest night of the year.

• Sunday, December 25 3:00pm CT  “Tinsel Tales 4: Stories of the Season Told Through Music”
  • For many of us, Christmas is about family and traditions. For others it's a stressful or even a sad time. No matter how good or bad your holiday is, it’s quite likely to include music. This year, Tinsel Tales includes stories of the season told thru music with interviews from the NPR Archives. Kenny Rogers, Katie Melua, Sting, Amy Grant and Jon Batiste talk about the power of music at Christmas.
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• Sunday, December 25  5:00pm CT  **“A Christmas Carol with Jonathan Winters”**
  Tomáseen 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.

• Saturday, December 25  6:00pm CT  **“A Carol Dickens Christmas”**
  A tradition continues this year, with A Carol Dickens Christmas airing during the 2022 holiday season on HPPR as it’s done for many years. We’re happy to keep this tradition going...tune in to hear a different sort of holiday!

• Saturday, December 25  8:00pm CT  **“Selected Shorts: Christmas Spirits High and Low”**
  We want Christmas to be merry and bright, but sometimes the season can be challenging. Our two stories, presented by guest host Cynthia Nixon, do deliver good cheer in the end. Produced by Selected Shorts, distributed by American Public Media. *Airs on HPPR CONNECT only.*

• Monday, Dec 26 - Jan 1  4:00pm CT  **“The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa”**
  The Pan-African festival of Kwanzaa celebrates family and community, and is observed every December 26 to January 1. Short segments of The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa will be featured during the news programs focusing on the specific principle of the day and elements of the celebration. The segments are hosted by acclaimed soprano Kearstin Piper Brown, and baritone Eric Logan.

• Monday, December 26  7:00pm CT  **“A Season’s Griot”**
  A Season's Griot is public radio's only nationally syndicated Kwanzaa program. Hosted for 25 years by acclaimed storyteller Madafo Lloyd Wilson, this annual one-hour special captures the tales and traditions of African American and African peoples. The show’s poet laureate, Beverly Fields Burnette, and other members of the Season’s Griot family return with familiar and favorite elements of Griot.
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• Saturday, December 31  9:00pm CT  “Toast of the Nation 2022-2023”
  • An NPR tradition every New Year's Eve since the 1970s, Toast of the Nation is the perfect audio compliment for the occasion. It's festive jazz you can party to, all night long, even on lockdown. Hear sets from Quinteto Astor Piazzolla, harpist Brandee Younger, organist Cory Henry, trumpeter Keyon Harrold and The Louis Cole Big Band.

• Sunday, January 1  1:00pm CT  “New Year’s Day from Vienna”
  • The Vienna Philharmonic and conductor Daniel Berenboim 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.