Hanukkah Lights  
*Thursday, December 18, 9 p.m. on VPR*
A listener favorite, this year’s Hanukkah Lights features new stories written by acclaimed authors, hosted by Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz.

Vermont Edition Music Show  
*Friday, December 19, Noon and 7 p.m. on VPR*
Jane Lindholm hosts Vermont Edition’s annual music show, this year talking to listeners about what songs encapsulated the past year. Ranging from old and new, to funny and serious, listen for some amazing songs and stories from 2014.

The VPR Choral Hour Holiday Show  
*Sunday, December 21, 11 a.m. on VPR Classical*
This holiday episode of the Choral Hour features music from Vermont choral groups, including the Vermont Choral Union, Counterpoint, the Catamount Singers, and Social Band, as well as some musical rarities for the season.

VPR Classical Holiday Concert with Seraphic Fire  
*Sunday, December 21, noon on VPR Classical*
VPR Presents our annual Holiday Concert, this year with the talented young vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire. Recorded live in St. Johnsbury on December 5, the group performs seasonal favorites from the Renaissance to present day.

Holiday Pops from the Boston Pops  
*Sunday, December 21, 1 p.m. on VPR Classical*
Keith Lockhart conducts the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus in a cherished seasonal tradition, filled with holiday music favorites, the traditional Pops sing-a-long, and even a visit from jolly old Santa Claus!

All The Traditions Light Show  
*Sunday, December 21, 7 p.m. on VPR*
Host Robert Resnick plays three hours of “light” songs to celebrate the winter solstice.

Paul Winter Consort Solstice Show  
*Sunday, December 21, 10 p.m. on VPR*
On the darkest night of the year, we head back to New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine to hear The Paul Winter Consort and the Cathedral Pipe Organ in a celebration of the return of the sun.

St. Olaf Christmas Festival  
*Monday, December 22, 8 p.m. on VPR Classical*
A service in song and word that has become one of the nation's most cherished holiday celebrations. The festival includes hymns, carols, choral works, and orchestral selections celebrating the Nativity and featuring more than 500 student musicians who are members of five choirs and the St. Olaf Orchestra.

The VPR Choral Hour Holiday Episode  
*Tuesday, December 23, 8 p.m. on VPR Classical*
This holiday episode of the Choral Hour features music from Vermont choral groups, including the Vermont Choral Union, Counterpoint, the Catamount Singers, and Social Band, as well as some musical rarities for the season.

Harmonia: A Baroque Christmas in the New World  
*Tuesday, December 23, 9 p.m. on VPR Classical*
Celebrate this holiday season with festive music from 17th- and 18th-century Mexico, Peru and Bolivia.
Willem Lange's original story “Favor Johnson”  
*Wednesday, December 24, 8:45 a.m. on VPR*
A VPR tradition, this story of a Vermont farmer, his dog, Hercules, and a fruitcake is told by commentator Willem Lange.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
*Wednesday, December 24, 10 a.m. on VPR Classical*
The 30-voice King's College Choir performs the legendary Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service of Biblical readings and music, live from Cambridge, England.

**Willem Lange's Reading of Dicken’s “A Christmas Carol”**  
*Wednesday, December 24, noon on VPR*
VPR commentator Willem Lange reads the holiday classic A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

**And Glory Shone All Around: An Early-American Christmas with the Rose Ensemble**  
*Wednesday, December 24, 6 p.m. on VPR Classical*
Enjoy selections such as the Shaker song Harps of Welcome, William Walker's The Babe of Bethlehem, the Kentucky fiddle tune Old Christmas Morning, and John Jacob Niles' beloved I Wonder As I Wander.

**A Seraphic Fire Christmas**  
*Wednesday, December 24, 7 p.m. on VPR*
VPR Presents our annual Holiday Concert, this year with the talented young vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire. Recorded live in St. Johnsbury on December 5, the group performs seasonal favorites from the Renaissance to present day.

**VSO on VPR Classical Holiday Special**  
*Wednesday, December 24, 8 p.m. on VPR Classical*

**Light and Gold with Eric Whitacre**  
*Wednesday, December 24, 9 p.m. on VPR Classical*
Eric Whitacre is America's most popular composer today, and his choral works are beloved by choirs throughout the world. In three, one-hour programs, he introduces the music with co-host Brian Newhouse and describes the often-colorful backstory of how each piece came to be.

**Song Travels with Michael Feinstein, featuring Patty Austin**  
*Thursday, December 25, noon on VPR*
Known as "The Queen of Jingles," Patty Austin is a prolific musician who has sang with Michael Jackson, George Benson and Luther Vandross. Austin joins Michael Feinstein to talk about their mutual admiration for Quincy Jones, Sammy Davis Junior and the Gershwin brothers.

**VPR Classical Holiday Concert with Seraphic Fire**  
*Thursday, December 25, 3 p.m. on VPR Classical*
VPR Presents our annual Holiday Concert, this year with the talented young vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire. Recorded live in St. Johnsbury on December 5, the group performs seasonal favorites from the Renaissance to present day.

**Welcome, Christmas! With Vocal Essence**  
*Thursday, December 25, 6 p.m. on VPR Classical*
The VocalEssence holiday concert from American Public Media is an hour of joyful holiday music featuring one of the world's premiere choral groups, led by Philip Brunelle and hosted for the sixteenth year by APM's John Birge.

**Song Travels with Michael Feinstein, featuring Chris Young**  
*Thursday, December 25, 7 p.m. on VPR*
Grammy-nominated country singer Chris Young and guitarist Kevin Collier join Michael Feinstein to perform a set of original songs and old favorites, including I Left My Heart in San Francisco.
A Leroy Anderson Christmas  
*Thursday, December 25, 8 p.m. on VPR Classical*
Classic Christmas arrangements and original music by Leroy Anderson, hosted by conductor Leonard Slatkin and the composer's son Kurt Anderson. The special features recorded performances of Leroy Anderson’s Christmas Music with Leonard Slatkin conducting the BBC Concert Orchestra, and Leroy Anderson conducting his “Pops” Concert Orchestra. Listeners will also hear Leroy Anderson talking about how he wrote some of his famous Christmas music and what Christmas means to him.

A Chanticleer Christmas  
*Thursday, December 25, 9 p.m. on VPR Classical*
A Chanticleer Christmas is American Public Media's celebration of the season as told through the glorious voices of Chanticleer, the San Francisco-based men's choir. The program spans the globe and the centuries - from England in the 1300s to new arrangements of classic and contemporary carols to Chanticleer's popular Gospel medley of Christmas tunes.

A Season’s Griot  
*Friday, December 26, 7 p.m. on VPR*
Public radio's only nationally syndicated Kwanzaa program, A Season’s Griot has been hosted for nearly 20 years by acclaimed storyteller Madafo Lloyd Wilson. This annual one-hour special captures the tales and traditions of African and African-American.

The Capitol Steps  
*Wednesday, December 31, 7 p.m. on VPR*
Politics takes a holiday! The Capitol Steps roast 2014 in humor and song.

Toast of the Nation  
*Wednesday, December 31, 9 p.m. on VPR*
A New Year's Eve tradition since the 1970s, Toast of the Nation is the perfect program for the holiday. It's jazz that you can party to, all night from to coast, with countdowns to midnight in all four continental time zones. Spirited, improvised, grooving and swinging, each segment is a stop in a sequence of celebrations and contributing something new to the musical feast.

New Year's Day Live from Vienna  
*Thursday, January 1, 11 a.m. on VPR Classical*
Get ready to pop the New Year's Day champagne! The Vienna Philharmonic presents its annual salute to the waltz on New Year's Day 2015.

Wishing you a merry and bright holiday season from all of us at VPR!