Sunday December 6

5pm Candles Burning Brightly

This Chanukah program explores the customs and music of the Jewish Festival of Lights.

6pm Hanukkah Lights

Hanukkah stories and memoirs written by acclaimed authors and read by NPR's Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz.

7pm Candles Burning Brightly Encore

An encore presentation of the 2014 program with plenty of music from Jewish communities around the world.

8pm Advent Voices

An hour of the most beautiful vocal music inspired by and written for Advent.

Friday December 11

Spm Blues Friday

Dale Zimmerman and Lisa Lee bring the usual great night of blues, augmented with blues versions of favorite seasonal standards – live from the WXPR studios.

Sunday December 13

5pm Music and the Spoken Word Christmas Favorites

Enjoy an evening of Christmas Favorites featuring the voices of Deborah Voight, Tom Brokaw, Walter Cronkite, Jane Seymour, David Archuleta, Natalie Cole, Angela Lansbury and music by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Thursday December 17

9am Midday Classics

Molly Rose Teuke and Tom Stevens will bring you four hours of spirited classical music punctuated with seasonal selections from their individual music libraries – live from the studios.

1pm Your Favorites

Bill Henderson brings you three hours of jazz and rock n' roll mixed with songs from the great American songbook, frosted with seasonal favorites and presented live from the WXPR studios.

6pm Northwoods Café

A gift bag full of the best holiday folk, world and alternative music on the Northwoods Café -- live from the WXPR studios with Craig Harrison.

Friday December 18

9am Midday Classics

Jim Schulz presents four hours of listen-able classical selections peppered with traditional favorites from WXPR's holiday collection – live from the studios.

1pm Your Favorites

Patty Fitzpatrick delves into R&B, folk and jazz with a holiday vibe – live from the WXPR studios.

6pm Blues Friday

Jeff Burke and Ray Quicksilver bring the usual great night of blues, augmented with blues versions of favorite seasonal standards – live from the WXPR studios.

Saturday December 19

9am **Polka**

Roll up the rug and take a polka holiday with seasonal tunes from the Saturday Morning Polka Party -- live from the WXPR studios.

Noon **Bluegrass**

The songs and stories of the holiday season told bluegrass-style with a mix of traditional and new – live from the WXPR studios with Laura Ehmann.

7pm Country Legends

Join host Theresa Seabloom as she presents Country Legends mixed with seasonal favorites from the artists that gave us traditional country music – live from the WXPR studios.

Sunday December 20

5pm St. Olaf Christmas Festival

Hymns, carols, choral works, and orchestral selections celebrating the Nativity. Featuring more than 500 members of five choirs and orchestra.

7pm Paul Winter Annual Solstice Celebration

From New York's Cathedral of St John the Divine, the Paul Winter Consort returns with a unique exploration of the solstice tradition from cultures near and far.

Monday December 21

9am Midday Classics

Linda Hutchinson presents four hours of classical music spiced with seasonal selections from WXPR's extensive classical music library – live from the studios.

1pm Your Favorites

Dave Daniels presents seasonal big band selections, and tunes from the great American songbook – live from the WXPR studios.

6pm Northwoods Café

Enjoy a sprinkling of holiday folk music on the Northwoods Café – live from the WXPR studios with Doug Malinsky

Tuesday December 22

9am Midday Classics

Tom Sommerfeld presents four hours of classical music spiced with seasonal selections.

1pm Your Favorites

Doc Gager with the finest in big band jazz and selections from the great American songbook, mixed with seasonal favorites and presented live from the WXPR studios.

6pm Northwoods Café

Marcia Barkus brings a gift bag full of the best holiday folk, world and alternative music on the Northwoods Café -- live from the WXPR studios.

Wednesday December 23

9am Midday Classics

Phil Hejtmanek presents four hours of classical music interspersed with holiday treasures from WXPR's extensive classical music library – live from the studios.

1pm Your Favorites

Keith Mueller play seasonal jazz, as well as holiday selections from the great American songbook – live from the WXPR studios.

6pm Northwoods Café

Joel Knutson presents a dusting of holiday folk, world and alternative music on the Northwoods Café – live from the WXPR studios.

Thursday December 24 Merry Christmas Eve

9am Midday Classics

Molly Rose Teuke presents four hours of classical music spiced with seasonal selections—live from the studios.

1pm WXPR Holiday Request Show

Join host Jim Schulz for a blend of holiday music programmed by you – call in your request at 715-362-6000.

6pm An Afro Blue Christmas

Howard University's premiere vocal ensemble Afro Blue and special guest pianist Cyrus Chestnut.

7pm Hollywood Holiday

Hollywood Holiday takes in your favorite holiday movies from a musical point of view.

8pm Jonathan Winters- A Christmas Carol

Master comedian Jonathan Winters presents a distinctive reading of Dickens' holiday classic.

9pm Joy to the World- A Holiday in Pink

The internationally acclaimed "little orchestra" Pink Martini bedecks the airwaves with festive holiday songs from across the globe.

10pm All Songs Considered

The best holiday songs from new and emerging breakout bands. Hosted by NPR's Bob Boilen.

Friday December 25 Merry Christmas!

6am Welcome Christmas

The perennial Christmas favorite from VocalEssence, an hour of traditional carols and new discoveries.

7am Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Join the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir, accompanied by the Orchestra at Temple Square, for their annual Christmas concert.

8am Christmas with the Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs

The choirs of Morehouse and Spelman Colleges get together to present a spine-tingling concert program.

9am Tinsel Tales 1

This program features stories from the NPR archives that touch on the meaning of Christmas.

10am A Chanticleer Christmas

An elegant blend of traditional carols, medieval and Renaissance sacred works, and moving spirituals.

11am Tinsel Tales 2

The second collection of the best and most requested holiday stories.

12pm Home for the Holidays

Join Michael Feinstein for an hour of yuletide cheer and music.

1pm Tinsel Tales 3

The third collection of extraordinary Christmas stories that will transport you to unexpected places.

2pm Joy to the World- A Holiday in Pink

The internationally acclaimed "little orchestra" Pink Martini bedecks the airwaves with festive holiday songs from across the globe.

3pm Jazz Piano Christmas

NPR Music brings you another great concert from Kennedy Center. Kenny Barron, Fred Hersch, and Carmen Staaf perform their favorite holiday songs in a program hosted by Felix Contreras.

4pm St. Olaf Christmas Festival

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6pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

The 30-voice King's College Choir performs the legendary Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service of Biblical readings and music.

8pm Festivo Alt. Latino

A Latin American holiday celebration with collaborations, traditional holiday music from both sides of the border and three outstanding performers.

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Thursday December 31 Happy New Year's Eve!

6pm Capitol Steps; Politics takes a Holiday

Join the Capitol Steps as they ring in 2016 by roasting 2015.

7pm Toast of the Nation

An annual tradition of live jazz you can party to on New Year's Eve, Toast of the Nation rings in 2016 with great performances from coast to coast.

Friday January 1, 2016 New Year's Day

10am New Year's Day Live from Vienna

The Vienna Philharmonic's live annual New Year's Day concert of waltzes, polkas, and marches from the Golden Hall of the Musikverein in Vienna.

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Our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!