

WXPR Holiday Program Guide



Sunday, December 10

5pm **Open Turntable with Molly Rose Teuke**

Join Thursday Midday Classics host Molly Rose Teuke for an evening of favorite Christmas music. You'll hear Leon Redbone, Ella Fitzgerald, Ramsey Lewis, Dave Brubeck, and maybe even a little classical.

8pm **Welcome Christmas!**

Join host John Birge for an hour of traditional carols and new discoveries, including the world premiere of two carols from the annual Christmas Carol Contest.

9pm **Paul Winter's 36th Annual Winter Solstice**

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 11 – Friday, December 15

9am **Holiday Midday Classics**

Four hours of classical music warmed with seasonal selections from WXPR's classical music library – with hosts Linda Hutchinson, Dave Daniels, Phil Hejtmanek, Molly Rose Teuke and Jim Schulz.

1pm **Holiday Crossroads Cafe**

Enjoy Americana, Folk and Blues mixed with seasonal favorites. Hosted by LJ Sommers, Doug Ferrel, Randy Burl, Jeff Eaton, and Patty Fitzpatrick.

6pm **Holiday Northwoods Café**

A gift bag full of the best holiday folk, world and alternative music on the Northwoods Café with Renee Wink, Colleen Finn, Jeremy Starz, and Craig Harrison.

6pm **Holiday Blues Friday**

The usual great night of blues, augmented with blues versions of favorite seasonal standards. Hosted by Jeff Burke and Ray Quicksilver.

Saturday, December 16

9am **Holiday Polka**

Roll up the rug and take a polka holiday with seasonal tunes from the Saturday Morning Polka Party with Jim Pekol.

Noon **Holiday Bluegrass**

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

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5pm Holiday Swing Shift

Big band jazz and selections from the great American songbook, mixed with seasonal favorites with host Bill Henderson.

7pm Holiday Country Legends

A holiday Country Legends mixed with seasonal favorites from the artists that gave us traditional country music – live from the WXPR studios with Theresa Seabloom.

Sunday, December 17

5pm Open Turntable with Doc Gager

Join Doc Gager for a very special, jazzy show of Christmas music. He promises to play only music you'll love.

8pm Carols & Cheer

Host Scott Blankenship shares his favorite carols this holiday season, performed by today's leading artists and ensembles.

9pm Hanukkah Lights 2017

Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz share their favorite Hanukkah stories.

10pm Candles Burning Brightly

Mindy Ratner explores Chanukah foods and traditional activities – and plenty of music.

Monday, December 18 – Friday, December 22

9am Holiday Midday Classics

Four hours of classical music warmed with seasonal selections from WXPR's classical music library – with hosts Linda Hutchinson, Dave Daniels, Phil Hejtmanek, Molly Rose Teuke and Jim Schulz.

1pm Holiday Crossroads Cafe

Enjoy Americana, Folk and Blues mixed with seasonal favorites. Hosted by LJ Sommers, Doug Ferrel, Scott Kirby, and Patty Fitzpatrick.

6pm Holiday Northwoods Café

A gift bag full of the best holiday folk, world and alternative music on the Northwoods Café with Doug Malinsky, Marcia Barkus, Bill Kopanda, and Doug Ferrel.

6pm Holiday Blues Friday

The usual great night of blues, augmented with blues versions of favorite seasonal standards. Hosted by Ron Knoll and Jeff Eaton

Saturday, December 23

9am Holiday Polka

Roll up the rug and take a polka holiday with seasonal tunes from the Saturday Morning Polka Party with Ken Krall.

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Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

1pm Christmas by Request with Jim & Kelly

Join WXPR Midday Classics Host Jim Schulz and Kelly Fischer as they take your call-in requests for the best holiday music of the season.

5pm Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol

Master comedian Jonathan Winters presents a distinctive reading of Dickens' holiday classic, with a special performing edition prepared by Dickens for his own presentations.

6pm Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs

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.

7pm An Afro Blue Christmas

A very special holiday concert with Howard University's premiere vocal ensemble Afro Blue, who perform a variety of holiday songs including spirituals, jazz and pop tunes, and classical repertoire.

8pm The Big Tiny Desk Holiday Special

Celebrate the season with amazing holiday performances from NPR's Tiny Desk Concert series including Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings, Steve Martin, Hanson, The Polyphonic Spree and more!

9pm A Swinging Holiday Jazz Party with Wynton Marsalis

Wynton Marsalis hosts an hour of holiday jazz favorites by Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and more.

10pm The Moth Holiday Special

In this special December holiday hour from the Moth Radio Hour, hear stories about celebration, differing traditions, and family.

11pm A Chanticleer Christmas

Hear why this superb 12-man ensemble is known as "an orchestra of voices," as they perform holiday classics and new favorites.



Merry Christmas

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

6am Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

The world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir continues its tradition with touching arrangements of familiar carols, and lesser-known melodies that are becoming new classics.

7am St. Olaf Christmas Festival

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.

9am Tinsel Tales: NPR Christmas Favorites

This program features stories from the NPR archives that touch on the meaning of Christmas. Hosted by Lynn Neary.

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10am Hollywood Holiday

Lynne Warfel presents an hour-long musical retrospective of some of Hollywood's most cherished Christmas-themed movies.

11am Tinsel Tales 2: More NPR Christmas Favorites

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.

Noon Carols & Cheer

Host Scott Blankenship shares his favorite carols this holiday season, performed by today's leading artists and ensembles.

1pm Tinsel Tales 3: Even More NPR Christmas Favorites

In keeping with a well-loved NPR holiday tradition, hear the third collection of extraordinary Christmas stories that will transport you to unexpected places.

2pm Jazz Piano Christmas 33

Join the Kennedy Center and NPR Music for a special Mardi Gras themed holiday concert hosted by Felix Contreras, highlighting favorite seasonal music.

3pm Festivo Alt.Latino

Join songwriter/performer Gaby Moreno and her band performing tracks from her popular holiday album Posada - recorded live at the KUT studios in Austin, Texas.

4pm Tinsel Tales 4: So Much More NPR Christmas Favorites

The fourth collection of extraordinary Christmas stories that will transport you to unexpected places. Some tales are funny, some are touching.

5pm Joy to the World – A Holiday in Pink (NPR)

The internationally acclaimed "little orchestra" Pink Martini bedecks the airwaves with festive holiday songs from across the globe. Hosted by All Things Considered's Ari Shapiro.

6pm The Sound Opinions Holiday Spectacular: Santa Soul

Sound Opinions hosts Jim DeRogatis and Greg Kot are joined by an avid music collector. You'll be treated to holiday soul comps of yesteryear, killer Xmas dusties from the '60s and '70s.

7pm Jazz at Lincoln Center – Red Hot Holiday Stomp

When Santa and the Mrs. get to dancin' the "New Orleans Bump," you know you're walking in a Wynton Marsalis Wonderland--a place where joyous music meets comic storytelling.

8pm All Songs Considered for the Holidays (NPR)

Kacey Musgraves, Conor Oberst and more special guests join All Songs hosts Bob Boilen and Robin Hilton on a steam engine to holiday cheer.

9pm Tent Show Radio Holiday Special

All the way from Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, it's Tent Show Radio's holiday special from a few years back. A Blue Canvas Orchestra Christmas show, hosted by Michael Perry.

10pm Paul Winter's 36th Annual Winter Solstice Celebration

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Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

5pm – 1am Toast of the Nation

An annual tradition of jazz you can party to on New Year's Eve, Toast of the Nation rings in 2018 with great performances from coast to coast.

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Happy New Year

Monday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

9am A Choral Christmas With 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 season by acclaimed composers of the renaissance.

10am 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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