

**Thursday November 24
Happy Thanksgiving**

6pm **A Thanksgiving Celebration with Garrison Keillor**
VocalEssence's celebration of Thanksgiving. Garrison Keillor performs his signature monologue and contributes lyrics to familiar songs and hymns.

7pm **Giving Thanks**
A two-hour celebration of Thanksgiving with host John Birge. Music and stories Nora Ephron, Roy Blount Jr and Charles Laughton.

Friday December 16

6pm **Blues Friday**
The usual great night of blues, augmented with blues versions of favorite seasonal standards – live from the WXPR studios.

Saturday December 17

7pm **Country Legends**
A holiday Country Legends mixed with seasonal favorites from the artists that gave us traditional country music – live from the WXPR studios.

Sunday December 18

2pm **WXPR's Sunday Afternoon Jazz**
The finest in jazz mixed with seasonal favorites and presented live from the WXPR studios.

5pm **Community Advent Cantata**
A broadcast of the performance of this ecumenical service recorded in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River.

6pm **Christmas Daybreak**
Host Bill McGlaughlin, singers and actors present new music for Christmas by American and British composers.

7pm **Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs**
The choirs of Morehouse and Spelman Colleges present a spine-tingling concert program of spirituals and carols. Korva Coleman hosts.

8pm **Lessons and Carols from Washington National Cathedral**
An annual special broadcast from the Cathedral with the Cathedral choirs and Cathedral Choral society.

Monday December 19

9am **Midday Classics**
Four hours of the classics warmed with seasonal selections from WXPR's extensive classical music library – live from the studios.

1pm **Your Favorites**
Big band jazz and selections from the great American songbook, mixed with seasonal favorites and presented live from the WXPR studios.

6pm **Northwoods Café**
Enjoy a sprinkling of holiday folk, world and alternative music on the Northwoods Café – live from the WXPR studios.

Tuesday December 20

9am **Midday Classics**
Four hours of classical music spiced with seasonal selections from WXPR's extensive classical music library – live from the studios.

1pm **Your Favorites**
Seasonal big band selections, and tunes from the great American songbook – 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.

Wednesday December 21

9am **Midday Classics**
Four hours of the classics warmed with seasonal selections from WXPR's extensive classical music library – live from the studios, including:

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Thursday December 22

9am **Midday Classics**
Four hours of classical music mixed with holiday treasures from WXPR's extensive library – live from the studios.

1pm **Your Favorites**
Seasonal selections from the great American songbook – live from the WXPR studios.

6pm **Chanukah in Story and Song**
The vocal sextet The Western Wind performing Ladino songs, Yiddish melodies and modern Israeli tunes with host Leonard Nimoy.

7pm **Paul Winter Solstice Concert**
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.

9pm **Thistle & Shamrock: Christmas Special**
Join host Fiona Ritchie for a blend of acoustic music for the holiday season hand picked from her treasure trove of recordings and readings.

Friday December 23

9am **Midday Classics**
Four hours of listen-able classical selections peppered with traditional favorites from WXPR's holiday collection – live from the studios.

1pm **Your Favorites**
Delve into the realm of small-group American jazz with a holiday vibe – live from the WXPR studios.

6pm **Blues Friday**
The usual great night of blues, augmented with blues versions of favorite seasonal standards – live from the WXPR studios.

**Saturday December 24
Merry Christmas Eve**

- 6am **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.
- 7pm **A Carolina Christmas From the Biltmore Estate, with Kathy Mattea**
A festive celebration of holiday music including sacred music of the season and arrangements from her Grammy award-winning holiday album *Good News*.
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**Sunday December 25
Merry Christmas!**

- 6am **Echoes of Christmas**
The Dale Warland Singers present moving selections of choral classics celebrating Christmas.
- 7am **St Olaf Christmas Festival**
Hymns, carols, choral works, and orchestral selections celebrating the Nativity. Featuring more than 500 members of five choirs and orchestra.
- 9am **Community Advent Cantata**
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- 10am **Welcome Christmas!**
The Minneapolis-based ensemble, VocalEssence, with traditional carols and new songs for the season, led by Philip Brunelle.
- 11am **A Chanticleer Christmas**
The 12-voice San Francisco-based men's choir spans the globe and the centuries with arrangements of classic and contemporary carols
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- 1pm **Joy To The World with Bob Thompson**
Add some swing to the holiday with Bob Thompson, his band special guest jazz vocalist Kim Nalley.

- 2pm **Jazz Piano Christmas**
Barry Harris, Jason Moran, Eddie Palmieri, and Alfredo Rodriguez perform piano arrangements of their favorite holiday songs.
- 3pm **Tinsel Tales: NPR Christmas Favorites**
A collection of the best and most requested holiday stories. Hosted by Lynn Neary.
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**Saturday December 31
New Year's Eve!**

- 7pm **Capitol Steps: Politics Takes a Holiday**
Join the Capitol Steps as they ring in 2012 by roasting 2011.
- 8pm **Toast of the Nation**
Toast of the Nation rings in 2012 with live jazz performances from coast to coast. Including New Year's celebrations from the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Detroit, Denver and Los Angeles.

Happy New Year!

Sunday January 1, 2012

- 10am **New Year's Day 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.

*Season's Greetings from the
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*With best wishes for a happy,
healthy and prosperous
2012!*