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2021 Holiday Specials

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The annual live Thanksgiving call-in show. Francis Lam takes calls and comes to the rescue during the biggest cooking day of the year.

Chanukah in Story and Song**Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.**

Narrated by the late Leonard Nimoy and sung by the acclaimed vocal sextet The Western Wind Vocal Ensemble.

Itzhak Perlman's Chanukah**Radio Party****Nov. 26 at 8 p.m.**

Itzhak Perlman tells the story of Chanukah and shares his favorite recordings for the holiday – songs in Yiddish and Ladino, classical music of the Maccabee heroes of the story and Chanukah gems by American folk singers.

With Heart and Voice**Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10 p.m.**

Choral and organ music of longing and expectation will be featured for the Advent journey.

Central Virginia Wind Symphony's Holiday Spectacular**Dec. 13 at 1 p.m., Dec. 25 at 8 a.m.**

Directed by VPM's Mike Goldberg the ensemble recently celebrated its 16th season and is composed of the most talented musicians from more than 25 area high schools across central Virginia, giving them a unique opportunity for students to experience preparation and performance like professional ensembles. In this "best of" program we'll also hear some of the great guest artists that have performed with the group over the years.

Christmas with the King's Singers**Dec. 13 at 1 p.m.**

This a cappella sextet—consummate entertainers with a delightfully British wit—perform timeless carols, Christmas classics and new arrangements in their impeccable vocal blend.

Handel's Messiah with the**New York Philharmonic****Dec. 17 at noon**

Handel's much adored oratorio led by choral specialist Helmuth Rilling, bringing his Gächinger Kantorei Stuttgart and a cast of guest vocalists. This work is a religious story of hope, inspiration, timeless expression, and a celebration of the human response to the divine.

The Thistle and Shamrock**Dec. 19 at noon**

A Celtic celebration of the holidays with host Fiona Ritchie.

Jazz Night in America: A Holiday Celebration**Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.**

Holiday classics featuring fresh arrangements and entertaining storytelling recorded live from Rose Theater in New York City. Wynton Marsalis, Catherine Russell and Kenny Washington perform.

The Christmas Revels - In Celebration of the Winter Solstice**Dec. 21 at noon**

Performances of sacred and secular folk materials, European and American celebrations of Christmas.

Joy to the World**Dec. 21, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.**

Jazz pianist Bob Thompson and his band welcome vocalist Catherine Russell to celebrate the holiday season with favorites old and new.

Early Music Now**A Christmas Cornucopia****Dec. 22 at 1 p.m.**

Festive, contemplative, and joyous Christmas music from the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Baroque.

¡Vamos a Belén! Christmas with The Rose Ensemble**Dec. 23 at noon**

Festive, evocative music, dances from Spain mingle with African rhythms from the Franciscan missions of California and New Mexico.

Christmas with Madrigalia**Dec. 23 at 1 p.m.**

The Rochester, NY chamber choir Madrigali presents a holiday concert that celebrates the excitement and joy of the holiday season.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**Dec. 24 at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

Host Michael Barone presents this legendary, live service of Biblical readings and music from the chapel of King's College in Cambridge, England.

La Nochebuena**A Spanish Renaissance Christmas with the Rose Ensemble****Dec. 24 at noon**

A variety of music of Renaissance Spain. Serene choral music from 16th-century masters from court and countryside, and lively dances for vihuela, harp and percussion.

Christmas with the Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs**Dec. 24 at 1 p.m.**

A joyous celebration of the schools' tradition of singing excellence with their trademark mixture of spirituals and carols.

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Tune-in or Stream at VPM.org**A Choral Christmas with Stile Antico****Dec. 24 at 2 p.m.**

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.

A Handel and Haydn Society Christmas**Dec. 24 at 3 p.m.**

Celebrate the season with Christmas choral music from America's oldest continuously performing ensemble, Boston's Handel & Haydn Society, with a wide selection of carols and selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

St. Olaf Christmas Festival**Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.**

This service in song and word has become one of the nation's most cherished holiday celebrations, including hymns, carols, choral works and orchestral selections celebrating the Nativity, and featuring more than 500 student musicians in five choirs and the St. Olaf Orchestra.

An Elizabethan Christmas with the Rose Ensemble**Dec. 44 at 5 p.m.**

The Rose Ensemble brings the time of the Tudors to life. Splendor, tension and intrigue all reflected in the dark and light through tender carols and soaring anthems.

Night Lights**Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.**

Host David Brent Johnson brings his dulcet yet informative delivery to a program of Christmas jazz throughout the decades.

Jazz Piano Christmas**Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.**

Join the Kennedy Center and NPR Music for another great concert of renowned jazz pianists performing their favorite holiday songs in a program hosted by Felix Contreras.

An Afro Blue Christmas**Dec. 24 at 9 p.m.**

Join host Michele Norris for a very special holiday concert with Howard University's premiere vocal ensemble Afro Blue and special guest pianist Cyrus Chestnut. Hear the a cappella group perform a variety of holiday songs including African American spirituals, jazz and pop tunes, and classical repertoire.

All is Bright**Contemplative Music for Christmas****Dec. 25 at 9 a.m.**

This special features the Dale Warland Singers, Chanticleer, Cambridge Singers, Robert Shaw Chamber Singers, Jessye Norman and a variety of choirs.

Welcome Christmas**Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.**

VocalEssence, one of the world's premier choral ensembles, presents traditional carols and new works, including the world premiere of two carols from the annual Christmas Carol Contest.

A Chanticleer Christmas**Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.**

The 12-man "orchestra of voices" has a captivating live concert of holiday classical and new favorites.

The Canadian Brass:**Christmas Time is Here****Dec. 25 at noon**

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.

Holiday World Music Show**with Ian Stewart****Dec. 25 at 6 p.m.**

Lined up on the party scroll will be songs about the Sephardic Jewish experience, Cajun Christmas Carols and even a beautiful rendition of a Ukrainian Bell Carol. Plus, hear "Eight Little Candles," sung in Hebrew by NPR's own Ari Shaprio as well as what constituted a Christmas song by Mexican composer Esquivel, who was a Latin Spike Jones. And just for kicks, we'll check out what Holiday Dub Carols sound like.

Handel's Messiah with the**Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra****Dec. 30 at Noon**

Handel's oratorio led by conductor Manfred Honeck, guest vocalists and the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh.

New Year's Day from Vienna 2022**Jan. 1 at 11 a.m.**

The Vienna Philharmonic presents 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.