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Music for the Holidays on Wysu-fm

Special programs to spruce up the holiday season are in great supply during the month of December on WYSU, beginning with some special additions for the celebration of Chanukah. Look for well-known names such as Leonard Nemoy, Bill Pullman, and Doris Roberts to lend their voices to some beloved Chanukah stories from around the world, with some wonderful musical illustrations to accompany them in two special programs slated for December 6th and 10th.

Some special concerts commemorating the season of Advent are scheduled throughout the first few weeks of December, with renowned groups such as the National Lutheran Choir and the St Olaf Festival Choir offering some fresh new arrangements along with some beloved perennials this year. Of course there will be the obligatory favorites such as Handel's *Messiah*, scheduled for Friday morning, December 21, and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College Chapel at 10 am on Christmas Eve. These are just a few samples of what's in store; there's more detailed information inside.

Fresh Air DEBUTS ON WYSU



Terry
Gross,
host of

Fresh Air.

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Fresh Air opens the window on contemporary arts and issues with guests from worlds as diverse as literature and economics. Terry Gross hosts this multi-award-winning daily interview and features program. The veteran public radio interviewer is known for her extraordinary ability to engage guests of all dispositions. Every weekday she delights intelligent and curious listeners with revelations on contemporary societal concerns.

"The program has made Ms. Gross a trusted voice and arbiter in the cultural landscape."
—*The New York Times*

In addition to Terry's fascinating interviews and features, *Fresh Air's* stellar roster of contributors includes classical music reviewer Lloyd Schwartz of *The Boston Phoenix*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism; language commentator Geoffrey Nunberg, usage editor of *The American Heritage Dictionary*; rock critic reviewer Ken Tucker of *Entertainment Weekly*; John Powers of *Vogue*; Maureen Corrigan, book reviewer and professor of literature at Georgetown University; David Bianculli, TV critic for the *New York Daily News*; and critic-at-large Gerald Early.

Fresh Air airs weekdays at 4:00 pm on WYSU-FM.



The American Boychoir,
Carols for Christmas from
Princeton's American
Boychoir airs at 11:00 am
on Christmas Day.

We hope you enjoy the special programming this year, which as always is accompanied by our sincere wish for a meaningful and peaceful holiday season.

Thursday, December 6

9:00 pm Chanukah: Its Story in Words & Song

Leonard Nimoy hosts a brand new version of this holiday classic, featuring fresh musical performances by the Western Wind. Once again, the powerful story of Chanukah is told with memorable musical illustrations drawn from the whole range of music history.

Saturday, December 8

6:00 pm The Survival Sounds Holiday Extravaganza

Hear the holiday favorites of the WYSU personalities and the stories behind these timeless classics.

Sunday, December 9

11:00 am The National Lutheran Choir Advent Concert

The highly renowned National Lutheran Choir invites you to share in their annual concert for the Advent season, originating from the Basilica of St. Mary in

Minneapolis. A delightful sequence of *a capella* performances, accompanied singing, and commentary.

3:00 pm One People, Many Stories: Chanukah

Actor Bill Pullman, actress Doris Roberts (from TV's *Everyone Loves Raymond*), and comedian Elayne Boosler read a wonderful array of Chanukah stories from around the globe.

Sunday, December 16

Noon Christmas in Washington

Celebrate Christmas in Washington with the Choral Arts Society. Martin Goldsmith hosts a delightful program mix of familiar carols and arrangements from around the world. Two hours.

6:00 pm A Christmas Celtic Sojourn

Host Brian O'Donovan presents a very personal collection – and celebration – of Christmas songs, stories, and poems from around the Celtic world. O'Donovan has been the producer and host of WGBH Radio's weekly *Celtic Sojourn* for the past 15 years.

Thursday, December 20

2:00 pm St. Olaf Christmas Festival Concert

The St. Olaf Christmas Festival has been a high point of the holiday season in America for nearly a century. The Festival Concert features superb music for the

season, performed by the renowned St. Olaf Choir, four choirs from St. Olaf College, and the St. Olaf Orchestra. 90 minutes.

8:00 pm The Christmas Revels: A Celebration of the Winter Solstice

An all-new compilation of carols, traditional and ritual dances, and processions, selected from the 11 Christmas/Winter Solstice Revels celebrations that took place around the country last year. Enjoy an evening of wonderful music from widely varied traditions. Two hours.

Friday, December 21

10:00 am Handel's Messiah from Boston

The holiday season kicks off with a live performance of Handel's masterpiece from Symphony Hall in Boston by the venerable Handel and Haydn Society - the ensemble that gave the American premiere of *Messiah* in 1818. New Handel and Haydn Society Music Director Grant Llewellyn conducts; with soprano Nancy Argenta; Brian Asawa, countertenor; Finnur Bjarnason, tenor; and Stephen Powell, baritone. Three hours.

8:00 pm Jazzscapes

The Seasons Swing. Seasonal jazz is featured.

11:00 pm Jazz Piano Christmas

Nancy Wilson hosts this year's lineup of jazz stars performing their unique and highly individual stylings of holiday favorites. Featured pianists are: Billy Taylor, Roger Kellaway, Michael Feinstein, Barbara Carroll, and chanteuse Karin Allyson.

Saturday, December 22

6:00 am and 7:00 pm Music from the Hearts of Space

Something introspective and profound, to be sure.

Sunday, December 23

11:00 am A Classical Kids Christmas

Through classical carols and classic poetry, *A Classical Kids Christmas* celebrates a magical Christmas Eve and a joyous Christmas Day: the stable animals rejoicing at the manger, the story of why the stork delivers babies, how the robin got its red breast, and how tinsel came to decorate Christmas trees.

Noon A Bach Christmas Celebration

One of this country's premier early music ensembles, Cleveland's Apollo's Fire, in a

All programs are subject to change without notice.



FIRST NIGHT—Youngstown is Seeking Volunteers

Keep the spirit of our community alive and become part of a new Youngstown tradition!

FIRST NIGHT—Youngstown is seeking volunteers. This exciting, family-oriented, alcohol-free celebration will be held on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 in downtown

Youngstown from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Sponsored by the City of Youngstown and the Youngstown Area Arts Council, **FIRST NIGHT** features music, dance, theater, food, Youngstown's very own "BALL DROP" and a spectacular fireworks display.

Volunteers are needed to work in a variety of capacities in December as well as during the day and evening of the event. All volunteers will receive a Free Admission Button, official **FIRST NIGHT** T-shirt, free parking, and an invitation to a special recognition party to be held in January. To volunteer, phone the **FIRST NIGHT** Coordinator at 330-742-0445, or fax 330-742-0446, or write to: Volunteer Chairperson, **FIRST NIGHT**, 34 Federal Plaza West, Suite 1107, Youngstown, OH 44503.

2:00 pm The New York Pops: A Holiday Celebration

Skitch Henderson conducts the New York Pops through pop winter holiday melodies as well as light classics by Prokofiev, Copland, Rimsky-Korsakov and Grieg.

3:00 pm Echoes of Christmas

The Dale Warland Singers again share their annual Christmas concert, highlighted this year by Stephen Paulus's *Three Nativity Carols*, a glorious cycle of traditional texts with oboe and harp.

8:00 pm Performance Today

Holiday music from around the country.

Tuesday, December 25

9:00 am A Chanticleer Christmas

The twelve men of Chanticleer, one of America's premier vocal ensembles, have been called "an orchestra of voices." You'll hear them soar with the spirit of the season in magnificent Grace Cathedral in New York City. Fred Child hosts.

10:00 am Christmas with the Philadelphia Singers

David Hayes conducts the Philadelphia Singers in their 15th annual Christmas concert, celebrating the holiday with hymns and traditional carols.

11:00 am Carols for Christmas with The American Boychoir

This year, the choir concentrates on earlier music, including a Christmas motet by Heinrich Schultze, a *villancico* by Francesco Guerrero, and the *Sanctus* from a Christmas mass by Victoria.

Noon - 4:00 pm Christmas Day Music from NPR

Each hour has a special theme.

8:00 pm Performance Today

Holiday music from around the country.

Monday, December 24

9:00 am An English Christmas

Samantha Eggar presents a celebration of traditional holiday music from the British Isles. From Leamy Hall in New London, Connecticut, the United States Coast Guard Band performs music by Vaughan Williams, Britten, Holst, and others.

10:00 am A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Each year, the audience in King's College Chapel and millions around the world await the moment when a child's voice begins the Christmas holiday with the lovely carol, "Once in Royal David's City." So begins this celebrated service.

11:30 am New Holiday Releases with Gary Sexton

Noon O Holy Night: The Concordia College Christmas Concert

This year marks the 75th anniversary of this concert in Minneapolis. *O Holy Night* features works by Samuel Barber, John Rutter, Alberto Ginastera, and Michael Praetorius.

1:00 pm Shout The Glad Tidings! An American Christmas with Philip Brunelle and the Plymouth Music Series

Phillip Brunelle leads the Plymouth singers, soloists, and instrumentalists in a celebration of the richness of American holidays with compositions by William Dawson, Samuel Barber, Ned Rorem, Randall Thompson, and Aaron Jay Kernis.

presentation of J.S. Bach's triumphant Advent and Christmas music from Leipzig. In addition to the festive *Magnificat*, Apollo's Fire Singers and orchestra present the beloved Advent Cantata "Wachet Auf" (*Sleepers, Awake!*) and Part 1 of the dramatic *Christmas Oratorio*. Soloists Sandra Simon, Elizabeth Shammash, Marc Molomot, Christophersen Nomura, and Michael McMurray join with the splendor of trumpets, timpani, flutes, oboes, and strings. Korva Coleman hosts. Two hours.

6:00 pm Ornaments and Icing: Songs and Stories of Christmas

Holiday music, stories and anecdotes as original as the songs themselves. Mary Chapin Carpenter, Josh White, Jr., Christine Lavin, Judy Collins, Janis Ian, Ramblin' Jack Elliot and other folk stalwarts perform new versions of traditional songs, as well as never-before-heard versions of contemporary songs. Hosted by Jim Blum.

7:00 pm Season's Greetings from The Thistle & Shamrock

Our award-winning annual radio gathering combines atmospheric seasonal melodies and stirring choruses with festive stories and holiday sentiments.

8:00 pm Folk Festival Folk Christmas

Seasonal music by a variety of folk: Michael Martin Murphey, Leadbelly, John Jacob Niles, Joan Baez, Odetta, The Weavers, and more.

WYSU-FM Pledge Drive Exceeds Goal

Thanks to more than 1,000 listeners and members, WYSU attained its \$72,000 goal by 10:00 a.m. on the final Friday of its weeklong pledge drive, but listeners continued to phone in their pledges throughout the day, resulting in a final total of \$76,000. Gary Sexton, WYSU director, attributed the strong support to listener appreciation of the high quality of National Public Radio's disaster news coverage, WYSU's expanded news coverage, and WYSU's offering of daily pledge incentives during the live campaign. WYSU thanks its listeners, members, prize donors, and volunteers for their extraordinary and generous support.

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