

# The Sound of the Season

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## Carol Countdown voting begins! Nov. 12

Cast your vote at [cprclassical.org](http://cprclassical.org) to help us determine Colorado's favorite holiday music.

6 a.m.

## The Sound of the Season begins! Nov. 26

Hear your favorite holiday music on CPR Classical throughout each day this holiday season.

6 a.m.

## At Home with Sphere Nov. 26, 30, Dec. 5, 23

Highlights from the new holiday collection from Denver's Sphere Ensemble

Nov. 26 - 1 p.m., Nov. 30 - 10 a.m., Dec. 5 - 5 p.m., Dec. 23 - 3 p.m.

## Comfort and Joy Nov. 27, 29, Dec. 4, 7, 13, 19, 25

CPR Classical's exclusive holiday collection recorded in Colorado Public Radio's Performance Studio.

Nov. 27 - 9 a.m., Nov. 29 - 7 p.m., Dec. 4 - 4:05 p.m., Dec. 7 - 2 p.m., Dec. 13 - 1 p.m., Dec. 19 - 3 p.m., Dec. 25 - 6 p.m.

## Essential Christmas Nov. 27

Six hours of the holiday essentials, hosted by Monika Vischer.

11 a.m.

## "Ballad of the Brown King" Nov. 27, Dec. 14, 22

A cantata by Margaret Bonds set to text by Langston Hughes, who felt inspired to "reinforce the image of African participation in the Nativity story."

Nov. 27 - 5 p.m., Dec. 14 - 8 p.m., Dec. 22 - 3 p.m.

## Sing for the Holidays! Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 19

David Ginder presents America's greatest holiday choral performances.

6 a.m.

## Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" Nov. 28, Dec. 1, 7, 10, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24

Nov. 28 - 12 p.m., Dec. 1 - 3 p.m., Dec. 7 - 10 a.m., Dec. 10 - 4 p.m., Dec. 13 - 9 a.m., Dec. 18 - 9 a.m., Dec. 19 - 7 p.m., Dec. 20 - 2 p.m., Dec. 24 - 10 a.m.

## Hanukkah Reflections Nov. 28, 29, Dec. 2, 4, 5, 6

Two hours of music celebrating Jewish traditions at Hanukkah. Monika Vischer is joined by Ofer Ben-Amots, Colorado Springs composer and chair of the music department at Colorado College.

Nov. 28 - 3 p.m., Nov. 29 - 7 a.m., Dec. 2 - 3 p.m., Dec. 4 - 2 p.m., Dec. 5 - 7 p.m., Dec. 6 - 10 a.m.

## Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus" Nov. 28

The classic oratorio which illuminates the origins of the Festival of Lights, the heart of the Hanukkah story.

6 p.m.

## Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas Nov. 30, Dec. 8, 12, 18, 21, 23

Two hours of African American spirituals and music from Black composers and musicians for the holidays, hosted by Monika Vischer.

Nov. 30 - 7 p.m., Dec. 8 - 1 p.m., Dec. 12 - 6 a.m., Dec. 18 - 5 p.m., Dec. 21 - 10 a.m., Dec. 23 - 7 p.m.

## Itzhak Perlman's Hanukkah Radio Party Dec. 1, 4

Hear favorite Hanukkah recordings and the story of the Jewish festival of lights, hosted by the famous violinist.

Dec. 1 - 7 p.m., Dec. 4 - 10 a.m.

## Christmas with the Colorado Children's Chorale Dec. 1, 10, 17, 25

The best of the group's 2018 and 2019 holiday concerts at Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver, hosted by David Ginder.

Dec. 1 - 9 a.m., Dec. 10 - 7 p.m., Dec. 17 - 2 p.m., Dec. 25 - 3 p.m.

## A Classical Christmas with the Colorado Symphony Dec. 2, 11, 20

An encore broadcast of the symphony's 2018 holiday concert, hosted by David Ginder.

Dec. 2 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., Dec. 11 - 9 a.m., Dec. 20 - 12 p.m.

## "Amahl and the Night Visitors" Dec. 3

Gian Carlo Menotti's 1951 one-act opera inspired by The Adoration of the Magi by 15th century Dutch painter, Hieronymus Bosch.

7 p.m.

## The Met Opera Radio Broadcasts Return Dec. 4

The Met opens the vaults for a new season of the legendary radio series, beginning with a new work: "Eurydice" by composer Matthew Aucoin, adapted from the 2003 play by Sarah Ruhl.

11 a.m.

## "L'enfance du Christ" Dec. 4

A 90-minute grand masterpiece in three parts by Hector Berlioz focusing on the dramatic events after Christ's birth as Joseph, Mary and Jesus flee to safety.

7 p.m.

### **Colorado Holiday Spotlight Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10**

Exclusive recordings from CPR's Performance Studio  
Dec. 6 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

St. Martin's Chamber Choir and The Baroque  
Chamber Orchestra of Colorado  
Dec. 7 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Kantorei and the Denver Brass  
Dec. 8 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The Colorado Symphony  
Dec. 9 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The Colorado Children's Chorale  
Dec. 10 - 9 a.m.

### **The Met Opera Dec. 11**

Puccini's "Tosca"

11 a.m.

### **Carol Countdown Dec. 11, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25**

Three hours of Colorado's favorite Christmas carols  
as selected by CPR Classical listeners, hosted by  
Matt Weesner.

Dec. 11 - 3 p.m., Dec. 13 - 4 p.m., Dec. 15 - 10 a.m.,  
Dec. 16 - 1 p.m., Dec. 20 - 9 a.m., Dec. 24 - 3 p.m.,  
Dec. 25 - 8 a.m.

### **"Ceremony of Carols" Dec. 12**

A short masterpiece of simple beauty and innocence  
composed by outspoken pacifist Benjamin Britten  
during the horrors of World War II.

3 p.m.

### **Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 15**

A classic recording of Handel's enduring masterwork.  
6 p.m.

### **Beethoven Birthday Party! Dec. 16**

An all-day celebration of Beethoven, featuring  
"The Life of Beethoven" with Marilyn Cooley at 11 a.m.  
and 7 p.m.

### **St. Olaf Christmas Festival Dec. 17, 22**

A century-old tradition from Northfield, Minnesota.  
Dec. 17 - 7 p.m., Dec. 22 - 4 p.m.

### **Holiday Pops! Dec. 17, 18, 19, 24**

Join Karla Walker for an hour of the great pops  
orchestras playing the great holiday hits.

Dec. 17 - 1 p.m., Dec. 18 - 7 p.m., Dec. 19 - 4 p.m.,  
Dec. 24 - 1 p.m.

### **The Met Opera Dec. 18**

Mozart's "Magic Flute"

11 a.m.

### **December Solstice Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21**

An hour of midwinter reflection and music to  
celebrate the Winter Solstice, with host Marilyn  
Cooley.

Dec. 18 - 8 p.m., Dec. 19 - 1 p.m. & 6 p.m., Dec. 20 -  
8 a.m., Dec. 21 - 5 p.m.

### **Holiday Baroque Dec. 19**

A celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah through the  
beauty of Baroque music, hosted by Jean Inaba.

Dec. 19 - 10 a.m.

### **A Colorado Christmas Dec. 20, 22, 23, 24**

An hour of Colorado's finest magical performances for  
the holidays, hosted by David Ginder.

Dec. 20 - 7 p.m., Dec. 22 - 9 a.m., Dec. 23 - 9 a.m.,  
Dec. 24 - 12 p.m.

### **"Kontakion on the Nativity of Christ" Dec. 21**

Colorado composer and former CU music professor  
Richard Toensing's liturgical hymn for the Christmas  
season.

7 p.m.

### **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Dec. 24**

A live, worldwide, Christmas Eve broadcast from  
King's College in Cambridge, England.

8 a.m.

### **A Candlelight Christmas Dec. 24**

Join CPR Classical just after sundown for 30  
continuous hours of holiday music beginning on  
Christmas Eve, taking you throughout Christmas Day.

6 p.m.

### **The Met Opera Dec. 25**

Verdi's "Aida"- celebrating the 90th anniversary of the  
radio broadcasts and 150th anniversary of Aida's premiere.

11 a.m.

### **Beethoven Bash Dec. 31**

A CPR Classical tradition. Ring in the new year with all  
nine Beethoven symphonies, including the "Ode to  
Joy" from Symphony No. 9 at midnight!

6 p.m.

### **New Year's Day from Vienna Jan. 1**

Ring in the new year with the Vienna Philharmonic, an  
annual tradition reaching millions around the world,  
conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

9 a.m.

### **Other short audio features:**

**Stories of Hanukkah** - The sounds  
and stories of Hanukkah, presented  
in short vignettes by Colorado Public  
Radio's Rebekah Romberg. Twice  
daily from Nov. 28 - Dec. 5.

**Behind the Baton** - Colorado  
conductor Scott O'Neil illuminates  
the heart of the season with holiday  
memories and musical tales. Daily  
from Nov. 29 - Dec. 25

**12 Days of Carols** - Hear the  
fascinating stories behind the  
beloved carols, one each day starting  
Dec. 12, and hear them all Dec. 23  
at 5 p.m.



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**Nov. 26**

The Sound of the Season begins! - 6 a.m.  
Giving Thanks, a celebration of Fall, food and gratitude with John Birge - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
At Home with Sphere - 1 p.m.

**Nov. 27**

Comfort and Joy - 9 a.m.  
Essential Christmas - 11 a.m.  
Bonds' "Ballad of the Brown King" - 5 p.m.

<p><b>Nov. 28</b></p> <p>Sing for the Holidays! - 6 a.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 12 p.m. Hanukkah Reflections - 3 p.m. Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus" - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 29</b></p> <p>Hanukkah Reflections - 7 a.m. Comfort and Joy - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 30</b></p> <p>At Home with Sphere - 10 a.m. Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 1</b></p> <p>Christmas with the Colorado Children's Chorale - 9 a.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 3 p.m. Itzhak Perlman's Hanukkah Radio Party - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 2</b></p> <p>A Classical Christmas with the Colorado Symphony - 9 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Hanukkah Reflections - 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 3</b></p> <p>Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 4</b></p> <p>Itzhak Perlman's Hanukkah Radio Party - 10 a.m. The Met Opera, Acouin's "Eurydice" - 11 a.m. Hanukkah Reflections - 2 p.m. Comfort and Joy - 4:05 p.m. Berlioz's "L'enfance du Christ" - 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 5</b></p> <p>Sing for the Holidays! - 6 a.m. At Home with Sphere - 5 p.m. Hanukkah Reflections - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 6</b></p> <p>Colorado Holiday Spotlight - 9 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Hanukkah Reflections - 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 7</b></p> <p>Colorado Holiday Spotlight ft. St. Martin's Chamber Choir and The Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado - 9 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 10 a.m. Comfort and Joy - 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 8</b></p> <p>Colorado Holiday Spotlight ft. Kantorei and the Denver Brass - 9 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas - 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 9</b></p> <p>Colorado Holiday Spotlight ft. the Colorado Symphony - 9 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 10</b></p> <p>Colorado Holiday Spotlight ft. the Colorado Children's Chorale - 9 a.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 4 p.m. Christmas with the Colorado Children's Chorale - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 11</b></p> <p>A Classical Christmas with the Colorado Symphony - 9 a.m. The Met Opera, Puccini's "Tosca" - 11 a.m. Carol Countdown - 3 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 12</b></p> <p>Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas - 6 a.m. Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" - 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 13</b></p> <p>Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 9 a.m. Comfort and Joy - 1 p.m. Carol Countdown - 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 14</b></p> <p>Bonds' "Ballad of the Brown King" - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 15</b></p> <p>Carol Countdown - 10 a.m. Handel's "Messiah" - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 16</b></p> <p>Beethoven Birthday Party! The Life of Beethoven - 11 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Carol Countdown - 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 17</b></p> <p>Holiday Pops! - 1 p.m. Christmas with the Colorado Children's Chorale - 2 p.m. St. Olaf Christmas Festival - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 18</b></p> <p>Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 9 a.m. The Met Opera, Mozart's "Magic Flute" - 11 a.m. Shout for Joy! - 5 p.m. Holiday Pops! - 7 p.m. December Solstice - 8 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 19</b></p> <p>Sing for the Holidays! - 6 a.m. Holiday Baroque - 10 a.m. December Solstice - 1 &amp; 6 p.m. Comfort and Joy - 3 p.m. Holiday Pops! - 4 p.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 20</b></p> <p>December Solstice - 8 a.m. Carol Countdown - 9 a.m. A Classical Christmas with the Colorado Symphony - 12 p.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 2 p.m. A Colorado Christmas - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 21</b></p> <p>Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas - 10 a.m. December Solstice - 5 p.m. Toensing's "Kontakion on the Nativity of Christ" - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 22</b></p> <p>A Colorado Christmas - 9 a.m. Bonds' "Ballad of the Brown King" - 3 p.m. St. Olaf Christmas Festival - 4 p.m. The Historic 1808 Beethoven Concert - Symphonies 5 &amp; 6, Piano Concerto 4, Choral Fantasy and more! - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 23</b></p> <p>A Colorado Christmas - 9 a.m. At Home with Sphere - 3 p.m. Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas - 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 24</b></p> <p>LIVE: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - 8 a.m. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" - 10 a.m. A Colorado Christmas - 12 p.m. Holiday Pops! - 1 p.m. Carol Countdown - 3 p.m. A Candlelight Christmas - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 25</b></p> <p>Carol Countdown - 8 a.m. The Met Opera, Verdi's "Aida" - 11 a.m. Christmas with the Colorado Children's Chorale - 3 p.m. Comfort and Joy - 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 26</b></p> <p>Kwanzaa: Dec 26 through Jan 1, CPR Classical celebrates African-American music and culture</p>	<p><b>Dec. 27</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 28</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 29</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 30</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 31</b></p> <p>Beethoven Bash - all 9 of Beethoven's symphonies! - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Jan. 1</b></p> <p>New Year's Day from Vienna, conducted by Daniel Barenboim - 9 a.m.</p>

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