The Sound of the Season begins! Nov. 19
Hear your favorite holiday music on CPR Classical throughout each day this holiday season.

United in Music Nov. 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24
CPR Classical’s Kabin Thomas and Monika Vischer host a special hour demonstrating music’s power to help us find common ground.
Nov. 17 - 3 p.m., Nov. 18 - 12 p.m., Nov. 19 - 5 p.m.,
Nov. 21 - 8 a.m., Nov. 22 - 2 p.m., Nov. 24 - 5 p.m.

Sing! 20th Anniversary Celebration Sundays through December 17
Celebrate two decades of inspirational choral music through the holidays with Patty Painter-Wakefield.
6-10 a.m.

An Hour with Connor Chee Nov. 20, 24, 30
The composer preserves his native Navajo roots, with host Scott Blankenship.
Nov. 20 - 3 p.m., Nov. 24 - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.,
Nov. 30 - 6 p.m.

Giving Thanks - 25th Anniversary Nov. 23, 24
John Birge relives 25 years of music, food and conversation with star guests like Stanley Tucci,
Deepak Chopra and Bill Moyer.
Nov. 23 - 9 a.m. & 4 p.m., Nov. 24 - 7 p.m.

Holiday Pops! Nov. 25, 27, Dec. 8, 13, 17
Join Karla Walker for an hour of the great pops orchestras playing the great holiday hits.
Nov. 25 - 11 a.m., Nov. 27 - 3 p.m., Dec. 8 - 12 p.m.,
Dec. 13 - 6 p.m., Dec. 17 - 3 p.m.

Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker” Nov. 25, 28, Dec. 3, 6, 10, 14, 16, 18, 24
Nov. 25 - 9 a.m., Nov. 28 - 1 p.m., Dec. 3 - 12 p.m.,
Dec. 6 - 5 p.m., Dec. 10 - 7 p.m., Dec. 14 - 9 a.m.,
Dec. 16 - 3 p.m., Dec. 18 - 2 p.m., Dec. 24 - 4 p.m.

Essential Christmas Nov. 25, Dec. 2
Four hours of the holiday essentials, hosted by Jessie Jacobs.
Nov. 25 - 1 p.m., Dec. 2 - 1 p.m.

Feliz Navidad! Nov. 26, 29, Dec. 8, 12, 16, 23, 25
CPR’s Jessie Jacobs and Luis Antonio Perez infuse Latin American culture into the holidays, celebrating the season with the centuries-old tradition of mariachi.
Nov. 26 - 3 p.m., Nov. 29 - 1 p.m., Dec. 8 - 3 p.m.,
Dec. 12 - 7 p.m., Dec. 16 - 1 p.m., Dec. 23 - 9 a.m.,
Dec. 25 - 3 p.m.

“Ballad of the Brown King” Nov. 27, Dec. 23
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 - 8 p.m., Dec. 23 - 4 p.m.

Christmas with the Colorado Children’s Chorale Nov. 28, Dec. 1, 20, 25
The young innocence of Christmastime radiates in holiday concerts from Denver’s Boettcher Concert Hall.
2022 Highlights: Nov. 28 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., Dec. 20 - 12 p.m.
Complete 2022 Concert: Dec. 1 - 7 p.m.
Complete 2023 Concert: Dec. 25 - 12 p.m.

Comfort and Joy from the CPR Performance Studio Nov. 28, Dec. 2, 13, 17, 23
Join Jean Inaba for an hour of exclusive CPR Classical holiday recordings from CPR’s Performance Studio.
Nov. 28 - 7 p.m., Dec. 2 - 12 p.m., Dec. 13 - 5 p.m.,
Dec. 17 - 8 p.m., Dec. 23 - 7 p.m.

The Colorado Symphony’s brass section shines in the spotlight for an extra cup of holiday cheer.
Nov. 30 - 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., Dec. 10 - 12 p.m.,
Dec. 12 - 4 p.m.

Shout for Joy! African American Spirituals and Music for Christmas Dec. 1, 6, 15, 19, 24
Monika Vischer shares two hours of African American music and stories for the holidays.
Dec. 1 - 8 a.m., Dec. 6 - 3 p.m., Dec. 15 - 12 p.m.,
Dec. 19 - 9 a.m., Dec. 24 - 6 a.m.

Holiday Baroque Dec. 2, 3
A two-hour celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah through the beauty of Baroque Music hosted by Matt Weesner.
Dec. 2 - 7 a.m., Dec. 3 - 10 a.m.

Hanukkah Reflections Dec. 3, 5, 9, 11
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.
Dec. 3 - 7 p.m., Dec. 5 - 2 p.m., Dec. 9 - 9 a.m.,
Dec. 11 - 5 p.m.,

Colorado Holiday Spotlight Dec. 4-8 at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Dec. 4 - Ars Nova Singers & Denver Brass
Dec. 5 - Denver Philharmonic & Kantorei
Dec. 6 - Canto Deo & United States Air Force Academy Band
Dec. 7 - The Colorado Symphony
Dec. 8 - The Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado & St. Martin’s Chamber Choir
“Amahl and the Night Visitors” Dec. 4
Gian Carlo Menotti’s 1951 one-act opera inspired by The Adoration of the Magi by 15th century Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch.
8 p.m.

Itzhak Perlman’s Hanukkah Radio Party Dec. 7, 10
Hear favorite Hanukkah recordings and the story of the Jewish festival of lights, hosted by the famous violinist.
Dec. 7 - 3 p.m., Dec. 10 - 6 p.m.

The 15th Annual Carol Countdown Dec. 7, 9, 12, 14, 17, 20, 22, 25
Three hours of Colorado’s favorite Christmas carols as selected by CPR Classical listeners, hosted by Matt Weesner.
Dec. 7 - 12 p.m., Dec. 9 - 2 p.m., Dec. 12 - 9 a.m., Dec.
14 - 5 p.m., Dec. 17 - 1 p.m., Dec. 20 - 3 p.m., Dec. 22 - 6 p.m., Dec. 25 - 9 a.m.

At Home with Sphere Dec. 9
Highlights from the holiday collection from Denver’s Sphere Ensemble.
5:05 p.m.

The Met Opera Radio Broadcasts Return Dec. 9
The Met returns for a new season of the live and legendary radio series, beginning with “Florencia en el Amazonas” by composer Daniel Catán.
11 a.m.

12 Days of Carols Dec. 11, 14, 22, 25
Hear a favorite carol each day starting Nov. 27, then hear all 12 together in a special hour hosted by Karla Walker.
Dec. 11 - 1 p.m., Dec. 14 - 8 p.m., Dec. 22 - 10 a.m., Dec.
25 - 2 p.m.

“Ceremony of Carols” Dec. 11
A short masterpiece of simple beauty and innocence composed by outspoken pacifist Benjamin Britten during the horrors of World War II.
7 p.m.

“Kontakion on the Nativity of Christ” Dec. 13
Late Colorado composer and former CU music professor Richard Toensing’s liturgical hymn for the Christmas season.
7 p.m.

Handel’s “Messiah” Dec. 15
A classic recording of Handel’s enduring masterwork.
6 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera Live Dec. 16
Mozart’s “Magic Flute”
10 a.m.

Beethoven’s Sixth Symphony “Pastoral” Dec. 16
A day celebrating the great composer’s birthday ends with this paean to nature.
6 p.m.

“L’enfance du Christ” Dec. 19
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.

St. Olaf Christmas Festival Dec. 20, 23
A century-old tradition from Northfield, Minnesota.
Dec. 20 - 7 p.m., Dec. 23 - 5 p.m.

December Solstice Dec. 21, 22
Two hours of midwinter reflection and music for the Winter Solstice with Patty Painter-Wakefield.
Dec. 21 - 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Dec. 22 - 8 a.m.

The Metropolitan Opera Live Dec. 23
Wagner’s “Tannhauser”
11 a.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.
Begins Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

The Met Opera Dec. 30
A 1956 broadcast or Mozart’s “Marriage of Figaro” honoring the centenaries of bass Cesare Siepi and soprano Victoria de los Angeles.
11 a.m.

Beethoven Bash Dec. 31
A CPR Classical tradition hosted by Jessie Jacobs.
Ring in the new year with all nine Beethoven symphonies, including the “Ode to Joy” from Symphony No. 9 at midnight!
5:30 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 Christian Thielemann.
9 a.m.

Other short audio features:

Behind the Baton - Colorado conductor Scott O’Neil illuminates the heart of the season with holiday memories and musical tales. Daily from Nov. 23 - Dec. 25

The Seven Days of Kwanzaa - CPR Classical celebrates African American culture with music and stories of community and family. Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Listen: 88.1 FM Denver, the Colorado Public Radio app & cpr.org
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