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Wednesday 12.5 ~ Candles Burning Brightly
5:00-6:00pm
(repeats Monday 12.10.18, 11am-12pm)
Mindy Ratner hosts a program celebrating the Jewish Festival of Lights. "Candles Burning Brightly" explores the meaning and traditions of Chanukah, including holiday foods and Sephardic and Ashkenazi music.

Saturday 12.8 ~ Metropolitan Opera - Il Trittico
12:30pm
The Metropolitan Opera season continues with Puccini’s Il Trittico, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opera’s world premiere, which took place at the Met in December of 1918. Il Trittico is comprised of three one-act operas: the verismo-inspired Il Tabarro; Suor Angelica, a tale of religious redemption; and Gianni Schicchi. Bertrand de Billy conducts the triple bill.

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3:00– 4:00pm
(repeats Tuesday 12.18, 10-11am)
In the sixteenth-century, the splendor of the Renaissance blossomed across Italy as a new Holy Roman Empire stretched its wings from the Urals to the Atlantic. This special brings you wonderful sixteenth-century Christmas music from the Venetian world of Giovanni Bassano and Gioseffo Zarlino, moving westward to the Milan of Franchinus Gaffurius, and southerly to the
Naples of Diego Ortiz.

**Tuesday 12.11 ~ Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square**
1:00-2:00pm
(repeats Monday 12.17, 10-11am and Saturday 12.22, 8-9pm)
The world-renowned Tabernacle Choir continues its tradition of great artistry this holiday season, with touching arrangements of familiar carols, and lesser-known melodies that are fast becoming the new classics. Julie Amacher hosts this annual favorite.

**Wednesday 12.12 ~ A Baroque Christmas in the New World**
10:00-11:00am
(repeats Tuesday 12.18, 1-2pm)
In celebration of the holiday season, A Baroque Christmas in the New World brings you music from 17th- and 18th-century Mexico, Peru and Bolivia, including a cantata and three free-standing works by Sumaya — most of which comes from the only surviving manuscript in full-score in Sumaya's own hand.

**Wednesday 12.12 ~ All is Bright: Contemplative Music for Christmas**
4:00-5:00pm
(repeats Wednesday 12.19, 11am-12pm)
Lynne Warfel hosts an hour of gorgeous, contemplative choral music that tells the traditional Christmas story with songs about angels, the star and the manger scene. Featured artists include Cantus, Chanticleer, Cambridge Singers, Bryn Terfel, Emma Kirkby, Jessye Norman, and a variety of choirs.

**Thursday 12.13 ~ Key Chorale: Christmas in Venice**
2:00-3:00pm
(repeats Friday 12.21, 10-11am)
A WSMR exclusive! Sarasota's Key Chorale features world-renowned organist Craig Williams, brass sextet, flute and percussion in a holiday program of carols and seasonal music. Russell Gant hosts.

**Friday 12.14 ~ Welcome Christmas**
10:00-11:00am
(repeats Wednesday 12.19, 8-9pm)
"Welcome Christmas!" is a perennial Christmas favorite from VocalEssence, one of the world's premier choral ensembles. Join host John Birge for an hour of traditional carols and new discoveries, including the world premiere of two carols from the annual Christmas Carol Contest!

**Friday 12.14 ~ Gloria In Excelsis: Christmas with the New Jersey MasterChorale**
6:00-7:00pm
(repeats Thursday 12.20, 2-3pm)
The New Jersey MasterChorale, accompanied by musicians of the Philadelphia Orchestra and
Friends, with the Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale and mezzo soprano Deidra Palmour presents music of the season, including John Rutter’s festive Gloria, the Te Deum by William Gorton and other much-loved carols including ‘I wonder as I wander’ and the ‘Coventry Carol.’

**Saturday 12.15 ~ Hollywood Holiday**  
11:00am-12:00pm  
(repeats Sunday 12.23, 3-4pm)  
Join Lynne Warfel for a festive one-hour musical retrospective of some of Hollywood’s most cherished films inspired by Dickens’ classic character, Ebenezer Scrooge.

**Saturday 12.15 ~ Metropolitan Opera – La Traviata**  
1:00pm  
A new MET production of Verdi’s classic, “La Traviata.” Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Michael Mayer’s richly textured new production, featuring a dazzling 19th-century setting that changes with the seasons.

**Saturday 12.15 ~ St. Olaf Christmas Festival**  
5:00-7:00pm  
(repeats Thursday 12.20, 9-11am)  
This service in song and word has become one of the nation’s most cherished holiday celebrations. The festival includes hymns, carols, choral works, as well as orchestral selections celebrating the Nativity and featuring more than 500 student musicians in five choirs, and the St. Olaf Orchestra. Host Valerie Kahler shares the sights and sounds of this choral favorite.

**Sunday 12.16 ~ A Chanticleer Christmas**  
3:00-4:00pm  
This unique program of holiday music is presented live in concert by Chanticleer. Hear why this superb 12-man ensemble is known as "an orchestra of voices," as they perform holiday classics and new favorites, with choral commentary by host Brian Newhouse.

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Friday 12.21 ~ A Concierto Christmas Special
5:00-7:00pm
Frank Dominguez hosts a special holiday edition of this national bi-lingual program that features music by Spanish and Latin American composers and performers presented in English and in Spanish. The program features a broad range of sacred and seasonal selections, spanning from Renaissance Spain to the 20th century in South America and the U.S. Southwest.

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Saturday 12.22 ~ Metropolitan Opera – La Fanciulla Del West
1:00pm
Soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek sings Puccini’s gun-slinging heroine in this romantic epic of the Wild West, with the heralded return of tenor Jonas Kaufmann in the role of the outlaw she
loves. Tenor Yusif Eyvazov also sings some performances. Baritone Željko Lučić is the vigilante sheriff Jack Rance, and Marco Armiliato conducts.

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**Sunday 12.23 ~ Sunday Baroque with Suzanne Bona**
10:00am-2:00pm
Suzanne offers cheery seasonal music to create a festive spirit - baroque Christmas Concertos, carols, and other special treats to help you get into the right frame of mind. Whether you’re relaxing, preparing for guests to arrive or sharing gifts, it’s the perfect holiday soundtrack!

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**Sunday 12.23 ~ Messiah with The PSO**
10:00pm-midnight
(repeat broadcast)
Handel’s much adored oratorio, *Messiah*, returns to Heinz Hall! Led by Music Director Manfred Honeck, and featuring a cast of guest vocalists with the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh.

**Monday 12.24 ~ A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Live!**
10:00am-12:00pm
(repeats Monday 12.24, 8-10pm)
Michael Barone presents a WSMR tradition – a live service of spoken-word and music (choral and organ) broadcast from the chapel of King's College in Cambridge, England. The 30-voice King's College Choir performs the legendary Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service of Biblical readings and music.

**Monday 12.24 ~ The Story of The Bells**
5:00-6:00pm
Step back in time just a bit with us for an encore of Karl Haas’ *Story of The Bells*. Karl Haas, the Radio Hall of Fame’s only “classical music” inductee, hosts this all-time holiday favorite.

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**Christmas Day!  Tuesday 12.25 ~ Holiday Music with Classical WSMR 89.1 + 103.9 All day!**
Gather with your friends and family, turn on the radio, and stay with us for a day full of your favorite holiday Christmas music! Bethany Cagle, Russell Gant and Tyler Kline are just the right company to help you celebrate the holiday...all day and all night.

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**Tuesday 1.1.19 ~ New Year's Day From Vienna**
11:00am-1:00pm
Happy New Year! 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 – WSMR’s most festive way to start off the New Year.

**Tuesday 1.1.19 ~ Music of “Firsts!” on Classical WSMR 89.1 and 103.9 ALL DAY**
Bethany Cagle, Russell Gant, Tyler Kline and Lauren Rico start the New Year with a day of...firsts! You'll hear the first attempts at Symphonies, Concertos, and other works by the great composers – throughout the day. A wonderful way to welcome 2019!
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WUSF 89.7

Saturday 12.8 ~ **Tinsel Tales 1: NPR Christmas Favorites**
4:00-5:00pm
WUSF will feature highlights each Saturday at this time through the holiday season with stories from the NPR archives that touch on the meaning of Christmas. David Sedaris, Bailey White, John Henry Faulk – these and other NPR voices, past and present, tell stories of the season. Hosted by Lynn Neary, today’s program features “Dad ‘n’ Sam” by Jay Allison, “Low-Glamour Christmas Party” by Bailey White and “The Santaland Diaries” by David Sedaris – among many others!

Sunday 12.9 ~ **Selected Shorts - 1**
3:00-4:00pm

Tuesday 12.11 ~ **Florida Matters**
6:30-7:00pm
(repeats Sunday 12.16)
Telling Tampa Bay Stories, Part 2 – Stories we gathered from residents of Plant City in Hillsborough County. This is the second part of a wonderful, local collection of memories and stories about the places and events that make Plant City special.

Saturday 12.15 ~ **Tinsel Tales 2: NPR Christmas Favorites**
4:00-5:00pm
Highlights continue each Saturday at this time through the holiday season with stories from the NPR archives that touch on the meaning of Christmas. NPR fills your homes each holiday with humor, warmth, and a host of festive voices – and WUSF features another collection of the best
and most requested holiday stories. “All I Wanted For Christmas” by NPR staffs, “Wolf Christmas” by Daniel Pinkwater, and Bill Harley’s “The Christmas Club” are among the stories featured in this episode.

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7:30-8:00am
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**Sunday 12.16 ~ The Big Tiny Desk Holiday Special**
12:00-1:00pm
Celebrate the season with amazing holiday performances from the NPR Tiny Desk Concert series! This year’s special includes Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings, Steve Martin, Hanson, The Polyphonic Spree and more! The holiday special is hosted by NPR Music frenemies Bob Boilen and Stephen Thompson.

**Sunday 12.16 ~ A Christmas Celtic Sojourn 2018**
1:00-2:00pm
Brian O'Donovan's A Celtic Sojourn has thrilled radio audiences for almost thirty years, and is a holiday tradition on WUSF. This Christmas-themed live version of the show has drawn on Celtic, Pagan, and Christian traditions to celebrate the music of this season.

**Sunday 12.16 ~ Selected Shorts - 2**
3:00-4:00pm
WUSF offers a selection of very special episodes from Selected Shorts Sunday afternoons this holiday season featuring marquee guest hosts narrating classic short stories. Andy Borowtiz hosts today and shares some of his favorite comic writing – including “The Pony Problem” which poses a dilemma we can all relate to: what do you do with sentimental leftovers?

**Tuesday 12.18 ~ Florida Matters**
6:30-7:00pm
(repeats Sunday 12.23, 6:30-7am)
Alternative Housing – America’s housing crunch is forcing many people to think differently about housing. We look at alternative forms of housing like tiny homes and talk with experts about how people’s expectations about housing are evolving. This episode supplements WUSF’s week-long special series “Growing Unaffordable: America’s Housing Crunch Here In Hillsborough County.”

**Friday 12.21 ~ Paul Winter’s Annual Winter Solstice Celebration**
9:00 – 11:00pm
Celebrate the Return of the Sun - and the Warming of the heart with an encore performance recorded in the worlds’ largest Gothic cathedral. Paul Winter’s Annual Winter Solstice Celebration celebrates the darkest night of the year, with gospel singer Theresa Thomason,

**Saturday 12.22 ~ Tinsel Tales 4: NPR Christmas Favorites**
4:00-5:00pm
The tradition of sharing well-loved NPR holiday stories will transport you to unexpected places...some are funny, some are touching and some are simply surprising. This newest collection wraps up our salute to NPR and the art of great storytelling. Enjoy!

**Saturday 12.22 ~ Joy To The World – A Holiday in Pink**
9:00-10:00pm
The internationally acclaimed “little orchestra” Pink Martini bedecks the airwaves with festive holiday songs from across the globe. From timeless classics to rarely heard gems, you’ll hear a multi-denominational, multi-cultural jubilee, overflowing with enough holiday spirit to warm your entire family. Hosted by All Things Considered’s Ari Shapiro.

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**Sunday 12.23 ~ Selected Shorts - 3**
3:00-4:00pm
WUSF offers a selection of very special episodes from Selected Shorts Sunday afternoons this holiday season featuring marquee guest hosts narrating classic short stories. Jane Curtain hosts today and introduces some alcohol infused stories in an episode called, “Shaken and Stirred!”

**Monday 12.24 ~ Marketplace Divided Decade**
6:00-7:00pm
2018 marks the 10-year anniversary of the financial crisis, and Marketplace has spent the year exploring how it changed America. Host Kai Ryssdal features a round-up and analysis of some of Marketplace’s best coverage on the crisis’ impact on housing, jobs inequality and finance – along with listener stories and historic interviews with those tasked with saving and reforming the U.S. economy.

**Monday 12.24 ~ Jonathan Winters’ A Christmas Carol**
8:00-9:00pm
Join us for an updated version of a WUSF tradition hosted by NPR's Susan Stamberg. Master comedian Jonathan Winters presents a distinctive reading of Dickens' holiday classic, with a special performing edition prepared by Dickens for his own presentations. Also features Mimi Kennedy.

**Christmas Day! Tuesday 12.25 ~ Christmas Jazz!**
9:00pm – 1:00am
Join Jackson Harpe Christmas night as he celebrates the season with an evening of ballads and Big Band Christmas music, featuring tracks from Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson and the Gordon Goodwin Big Phat Band, along with the Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn arrangement of *The Nutcracker Suite*.

**Tuesday 12.25 ~ Florida Matters**
6:30– 7pm
(repeats Sunday 12.30, 7:30– 8am)
“The Year in Review: News” This program takes a look at some of the major news stories that impacted Tampa Bay and our state in 2018.

**Saturday 12.29 ~ Capitol Steps Politics Takes a Holiday - New Year’s Edition 2018!**
4:00 – 5:00pm
Has it been a rough year? Did you buy stock in Sears? Or invest in Ivanka’s clothing line? Did you take a job as a public relations spokesperson for Kanye West? Then you may feel the need to laugh at 2018 – the Capitol Steps couldn’t agree more. Enjoy the headlines you were too scared to read – after all – the Capitol Steps share new songs from their latest album, “Make America Grin Again” and tell you what rhymes with Beta O’Rourke and Omarosa!

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**New Year’s Eve! Monday 12.31 ~ All Night Jazz Jazz Party!**
9:00-11:00pm
Join All Night Jazz host, Dominic Walker, for this special New Year’s Eve jazz party on WUSF.

**New Year’s Eve! Monday 12.31 ~ Toast of the Nation**
All Night  11:00pm Sunday – 5:00am Tuesday
An NPR tradition every New Year's Eve since the 1970s, *Toast of the Nation* is festive jazz you can party to – all night long. Spirited, improvised, and swinging, each segment stops in a special venue, throughout the country. Happy New Year!
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