

The logo for Vermont Public Radio (VPR) features the letters 'VPR' in a large, bold, serif font. Below the letters is a thin, curved line that arches over the text. Underneath the line, the words 'VERMONT PUBLIC RADIO' are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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Holiday Programming 2009

VPR

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving

11am-1pm – Turkey Confidential – Lynne Rossetto-Kasper, award-winning host of *The Splendid Table* will be joined by a number of special guests as she takes your calls and answers the culinary questions America is asking on the biggest cooking day of the year.

1-2pm – Harvest Home with the Dale Warland Singers – A musical autumn feast of old & new favorites.

7-8pm – Giving Thanks with John Birge: A thoughtful, contemporary reflection on the meaning of the holiday.

Friday, December 11

8-9pm – Hannukah Lights 2009 – A perennial NPR favorite. Acclaimed authors explore Hanukkah traditions in original stories written expressly for Hanukkah Lights. Hosted by Murray Horwitz and Susan Stamberg.

Friday, December 18

9-10pm – Piano Jazz Christmas with Marian McPartland

Sunday, December 20

1-4pm – All The Traditions: The Light Show – Robert Resnik marks the transition from darkness to light, on the eve of the Winter Solstice.

9-10pm – Northern Lights, a Solstice Celebration – Cheryl Willoughby rings in the Solstice with a celebration of dancing and music-making to warm the spirit at the darkest time of the year.

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

7:49am – Willem Lange’s “Favor Johnson”

10am-12pm – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – A live broadcast from the chapel of King’s College in Cambridge, England, featuring the traditional readings and music as performed by the King’s College Choir.

12-1pm – Willem Lange’s “A Christmas Carol”

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9-10pm – Harvest Home with the Dale Warland Singers – Dale Warland and host Brian Newhouse bring old and new treasures to listeners for this musical autumn feast.

Monday, December 21

8-9pm – Northern Lights – Cheryl Willoughby celebrates the Solstice with a worldwide tapestry of dancing and singing to ring out the year and light a path to the new one.

9-10pm – Christmas Classics – Joe Goetz shares Scandinavian seasonal favorites.

Tuesday, December 22

8-9pm – Cantus: “All is Calm” – The Minnesota-based a cappella men’s choir with carols traditional and new for the holiday season.

Friday, December 18

8-9pm – Leroy Anderson Christmas Special – Conductor Leonard Slatkin and the composer’s son Kurt celebrate the life and memorable musical legacy of Leroy Anderson.

9-10pm – Echoes of Christmas – Featured performances from more than 30 years of Dale Warland Singers holiday concerts.

7-8pm – Tinsel Tales: NPR Christmas Favorites – Stories that touch on the meaning of Christmas from David Sedaris, Bailey White, John Henry Faulk – these and other NPR voices, past and present, tell stories of the season.

8-9pm – A Counterpoint Christmas 2009 – A treasured Vermont tradition, Robert DeCormier leads Vermont’s twelve-member choral ensemble in their annual Christmas concert.

9-11pm – A Holiday Celebration with Walter Parker

Friday, December 25 – Christmas

9-9:30am – A New England Christmas with Willem Lange

Noon – Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs – One of the great holiday traditions in America, a joyous and inspiring program with their trademark mixture of spirituals and carols.

1-2pm – Christmas Around the Country – Holiday music-making from coast to coast featuring performances from churches to concert halls to town halls.

Saturday, December 26

4-5pm – A Season’s Griot 2009 – A Kwanzaa celebration in story and song.

Thursday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve

12-1pm – VPR Presents: 2009 in Review

7-8pm – The Capitol Steps’ Politics Takes a Holiday

8pm-5am – Toast of the Nation – Count down to 2010 with live party music from coast-to-coast!

Friday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

12-1pm – The Capitol Steps’ Politics Takes a Holiday

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Wednesday, December 23

8-10pm – A Holiday Celebration with Walter Parker

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

8-9pm – A Vermont Christmas with Counterpoint – Roger Grow leads a new program from Counterpoint, Vermont’s own professional vocal ensemble.

9-10pm – Welcome, Christmas! with VocalEssence – Now in their 40th anniversary year, Philip Brunelle and the grand 130-voice ensemble VocalEssence offer a lovely program of favorite and contemporary carol arrangements.

Friday, December 25 – Christmas

8-10pm – Handel’s “Messiah” from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh – The joy of the season rings through loud and clear in a fresh performance of this holiday classic.

Friday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

11am-1pm – New Year’s Day from Vienna 2010 – Ring in the New Year with the Vienna Philharmonic, live from the Golden Hall of Vienna’s Musikverein.

Schedules are subject to change. See VPR’s full program schedule at VPR.net.