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St. Louis Public Radio & Quincy Public Radio to Air Holiday Specials

St. Louis Public Radio | 90.7 KWMU and Quincy Public Radio | 90.3 WQUB will air the following Holiday specials:

Handel's Messiah from Boston (PRI) will air Saturday, December 22 from 7 - 10 p.m.

No holiday season is complete without **Handel's** stunning oratorio. Music Director **Harry Christophers** leads the Handel & Haydn Society Period Instrument Orchestra, Chorus, and internationally-acclaimed soloists in Handel's complete dramatic masterwork in Boston's Symphony Hall. Canadian soprano Karina Gauvin and countertenor Daniel Taylor, British tenor James Gilchrist, and Boston's own baritone Sumner Thompson offer this performance of a Holiday tradition hosted by Ron Della Chiesa.

The Great American Songbook: Holiday Special 2012 will air Sunday, December 23 from 8 - 9 p.m.

What makes a song last? Join host **Philip Furia** for an enduring body of holiday songs, performed generation after generation by musicians and singers in styles that range from jazz to blues, rock to country. Hear the stories behind the songs, and hear familiar artists singing them. The program shows how the Great American Songbook came into being during the first half of the 20th-century through the interplay of the sheet-music publishing industry known as "Tin Pan Alley," the Broadway musical, the emergence of radio in the 1920s, the advent of sound movies, the creation of a jazz repertoire, and developments in the recording industry.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will air Monday, December 24 from 9 - 11 a.m. and will be rebroadcast Monday, December 24 from 7 - 9 p.m.

Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol (NPR) will air Tuesday, December 25 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and will be rebroadcast Tuesday, December 25 from 10 - 11 p.m.

This an updated version of a public radio 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. The program also features Mimi Kennedy.

A Season Griot 2012 will air December 26 from 8-9 p.m.

This is an hour-long Kwanzaa celebration in story and song hosted by **Madafo Lloyd Wilson**. This year's program features youth as the special guest Griots, reading their own original and traditional stories. Familiar and favorite elements of Griot will also be in place with plenty of music and an original composition by the show's poet laureate, **Beverly Fields Burnette**.

The Capitol Steps: "Politics Takes a Holiday," will air Monday, December 31 from 6 - 7 p.m.

New Year's Eve with the St. Louis Symphony will air Monday, December 31 from 7 - 10 p.m.

St. Louis' best-kept secret is back for its seventh year at Powell Hall, and for the first time, live on St. Louis Radio | 90.7 KWMU. Music Director David Robertson and the STL Symphony ring in the New Year with a memorable evening full of delightful music and surprises.

The Capitol Steps: "Politics Takes a Holiday," will air Tuesday, January 1 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and will be rebroadcast from 10 - 11 p.m.

Schedule information is available at www.stlpublicradio.org.

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