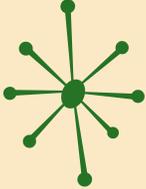




WEDNESDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB
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HOLIDAY ALBUM
2020





Dear WMMC Member,

The following pages will take you on a beautiful holiday journey.

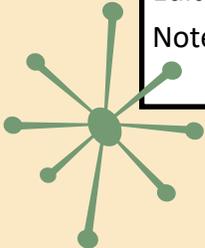
You may need to pace yourself because you have so many treats in store for you. There are stories, recipes, good wishes , links and gifts of the heartfelt kind. We promise you will feel like you just had a great big WMMC hug. (NOTE: THE LINKS WORK WELL ON AN IPAD OR IPHONE BUT IF THE LINKS DON'T WORK ON YOUR DEVICE JUST COPY/PASTE THE IP ADDRESS TO YOUR ADDRESS BAR IN YOUR BROWSER.)

As editors of Noteworthy we are so pleased with the many beautiful contributions to this project. It has been a true gift to us to be able to put this together and share with you the love that our wonderful community has for each other.

Thank you to each of you that contributed. You have made our hearts sing.

We hope as you read through this you will be touched by the magic of the season and see how incredibly lucky we are to have such a great community to be a part of.

Warmest Holiday Wishes,
Marcia Edwards, Joy Gooden and Marie White
Editors
Noteworthy.



The Best Gifts are tied with Heartstrings

A Gift of Enthusiasm

When you get up in the morning wear something festive, a pin, a bright scarf or a hat. Smile, spread sunshine, be an elf.



Fill yours or someone else's closet with balloons so when you or they open it, it will be a big surprise. If you are doing this for yourself be sure you are getting long in the tooth and leave the room for several days or hours.

A Gift of Wonder

A Gift of Love

Make a coupon that promises something special to someone you love.
A homemade treat, a phone visit, a subscription to your favorite treat of the month.

Take time to take a walk and enjoy the lights. Make a gingerbread house and enjoy a festive drink.



A Gift of Fun

A Gift of Contentedness

Stop everything and count your blessings. Have a nice glass of champagne in front of the fire with the one you love.

Tuck a little note into a lunchbox, pocket or maybe on the remote. Put in a cartoon or stick on some stickers to make it look cute. Say something sweet.

A Gift of Pleasure

A Gift of Yourself

Your time can be a most precious gift—make a phone call or write a letter—cook a lovely dinner for your loved one.
Read to your friend.



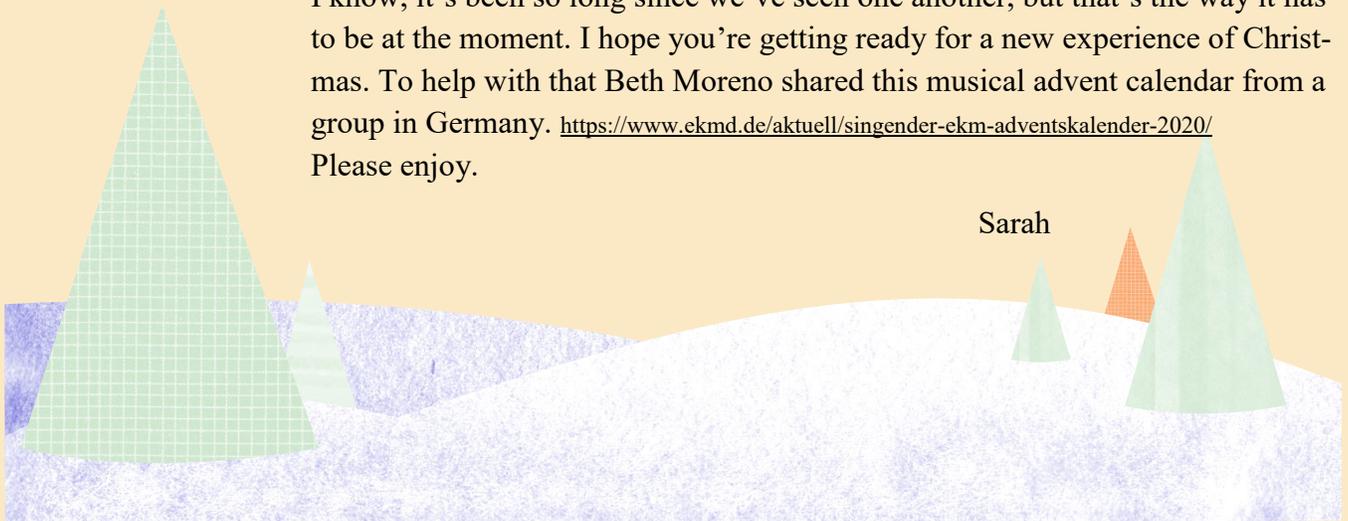
Before you go to bed on December 31st join hands, say a prayer and make a wish for the coming year.

The Gift of Faith



I know, it's been so long since we've seen one another, but that's the way it has to be at the moment. I hope you're getting ready for a new experience of Christmas. To help with that Beth Moreno shared this musical advent calendar from a group in Germany. <https://www.ekmd.de/aktuell/singender-ekm-adventskalender-2020/> Please enjoy.

Sarah

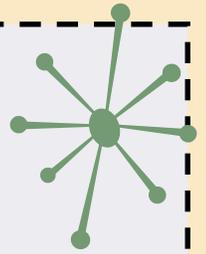


Christmas Wishes



WMMC Covid Style

By Angela Smith



2020 has been one heck of a year
When things will change Is still not clear.

The Covid pandemic til relief is in sight
Masks and safe distance -- our best arms for this fight

Our club so far has braved this foul weather
As we find new ways to keep us together.

We've learned to play music through magic of Zoom
All from the comfort of our own living room.

We can practice our music, make our own contribution
And perchance make a mistake without retribution.

We may not be able to face-to-face meet
But with vaccine in sight, this crisis we'll beat.

We've much to be thankful this holiday season
And the joy music brings us is one major reason.

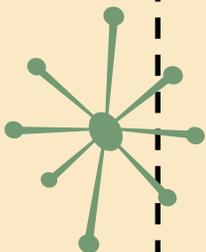
This family's survived, and for that we take heart
Even a nasty pandemic couldn't keep us apart.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, ALL!

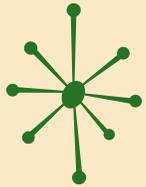


Sending all my best wishes to the members of
Wednesday Morning Music Club for a wonder-
ful musical Christmas and healthy and prosper-
ous 2021.

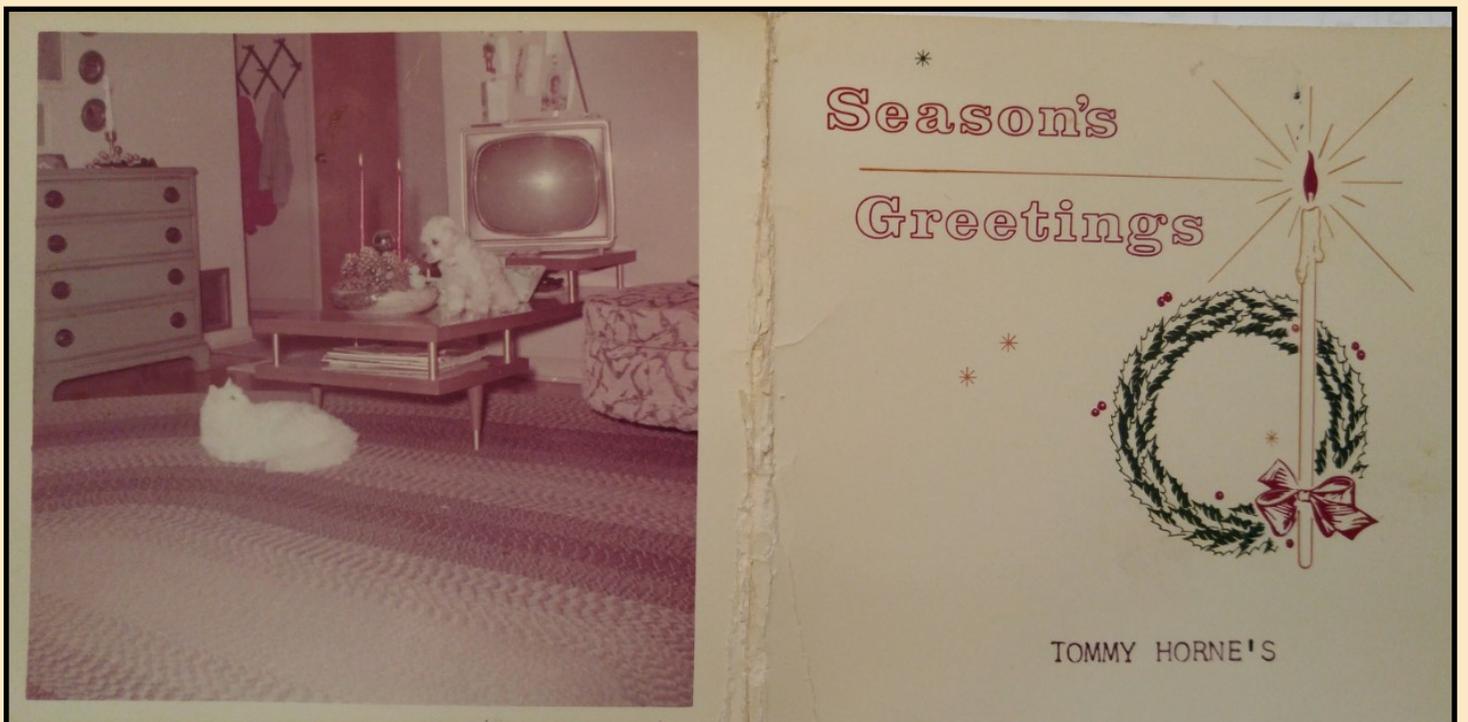
From Martha MacDonald



Precious Memories



A Christmas memory.... When I was 9 years old my Dad showed me our family Christmas card and asked me "What do you think?" I replied that most people usually put their kids on the card. He had used food color to dye the cat red (came out pink) and the dog green. He was proud of his card and told everyone about the pet dye job. My brothers and I never did make it on a Christmas card! Joy





Precious Memories



Our Christmas card December 1989



Baby Mark asleep on the kitchen counter Helping his mom get ready for Christmas

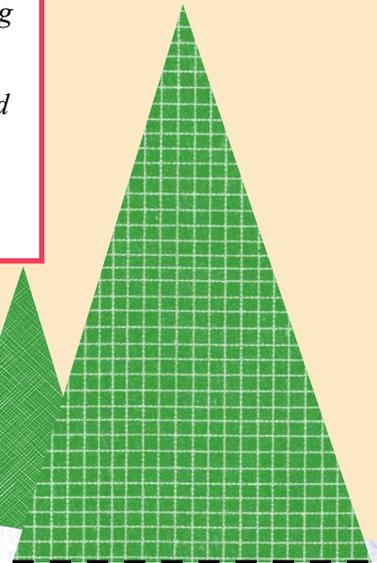
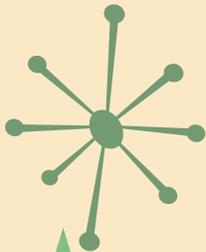


Dear WMMC friends,

May memories of the joys of Christmases past bring you special happiness this year.

We wish you a holiday filled with good cheer, good music, and good memories,

Marcia and George



We all hope it won't be long...



...Till we can come out and play.

Wishing you the sweetest holiday season.

Marie White

We will miss hearing Russell singing "The Grinch" this year.



Remembering 65 Russell



Michelle D'Arcy

My husband, Henri, and I bought our first house at 65 Russell Street (though Henri insisted the correct name was "Bertrand Russell Street") 14214, just a short stroll to the Buffalo Zoo and a few blocks further from Scajquada Creek (so named by the Seneca Indians who fled to Buffalo/Western New York having been driven out of the Genesee Valley after the Revolutionary War), and the same-named expressway abutting the creek. At the holidays lighted reindeer (silhouetted by hundreds of tiny white lights) were positioned in such a way they appeared to be in motion 'jumping' over the creek and the highway — some on one side; some 'landing' on the other. That was the only display in that area of the creek, and it was enchanting to see these lit-up and sparkling creatures 'jump' from one side of the creek, over the water or the road, to the other.



Each night during the season, Henri and I would cut through the zoo, not seeing the closed-in and sheltered animals, but hearing their grunts and chatter rise up from the vaporized midst of their breath glistening in the halo of street lamps from behind the high stone walls of the zoo (remember this is Buffalo, where it is so cold and snowy you 'see' your exhaled breath pretty much from late November through spring) — real animals sending us on our way to visit the imaginary ones 'jumping' over the expressway — all of us in the frigid cold; we . . . double-socked, triple mittened. Henri and I would walk the creek bed and say 'hello' to each glowing reindeer we'd named . . . Henrietta and Duncan — our favorites. Then, we'd circle back and make our way home taking the short-cut through the zoo once again and wishing a 'good-night' to all the creatures we'd named there — especially our favorites: Arnold and Margot — snorty bison and mischievous capuchin monkey respectively.



A quick cut across Parkside Avenue, and we'd be back home; cold and snowy, out-of-breath, runny-nosed, foggy-glassed, chapped-lipped.

Henri would make us a steaming mugs of hot, spicy (and thoroughly intoxicating) Glühwein . . .

And while we had little money, he never, ever forgot the saffron.

Then each cold, frosty night, the reindeer, the bison, the monkeys, and the d'Arcys would fall asleep . . . deep, winter dreams.

Glühwein is a very common drink in Germany during Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas.

You can get a cup at the infamous German *Weihnachtsmarkt* or Christmas Markets.

You'll find one anywhere from small villages to large cities throughout the whole country in December.

Having some Glühwein is one of the best ways to get into the Holiday spirit and to start winding down for the Holidays.

If you are not in Germany to get a cup at a Glühwein stand, here's a quick and easy recipe on how to make some from scratch yourself.

Ingredients

- 3 Bottles Dry Red Wein
- 3 Oranges
- 1 Lemon
- 1 Apple
- 3 Small Cinnamon Sticks
- 1 Star Anise
- 1 String of Saffron (pricey but worth it)
- 4 Cloves
- 3 Tablespoons Raisins
- ~ 8 Tablespoons Sugar
- Rum (optional)

Directions

Pour the red wine into a big pot and heat up slowly. Do not let the wine cook! Wash the apple and one orange. Cut the orange into slices. Remove the core of the apple and cut it into slices. Squeeze the juice out of the remaining oranges and the lemon. Add the fruits and juices to the pot. Put all remaining ingredients into the pot (except for the sugar) and let them simmer for about 20 minutes. Taste the concoction and slowly add the sugar. Remove the cinnamon sticks and star anise when the spice reaches your desired intensity. The fruit can continue to stew. When serving, the fruit should not be poured into the mugs (strain if needed). Pour the hot Glühwein into pre-warmed glasses or mugs and the cold will be taken from your bones. The fruits should stay in the pot. Zum Wohl!





Merry, Merry and New Year's wishes to be able to share music with you soon.

Katharine Shields

Merry, share n



Grandson, Charles, Little Drummer Boy



Son Mike, Blake and Charles listening to one of Uncle James clarinet shorts on Facebook.

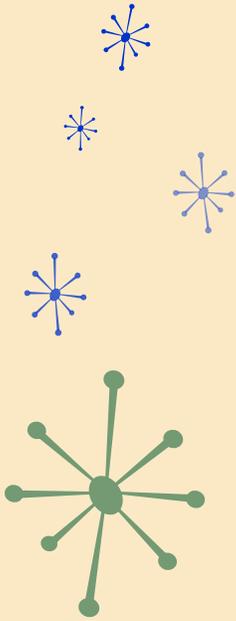


I've always loved driving through neighborhoods during Christmas to see houses lit up by lights. Now I drive through these same neighborhoods and feel a connection to the lights. To me, they have become a symbol. They are the true light in the darkness, and for humanity, a sign that hope still exists. This year, for the first time, I put lights out on the big picture window of my house because I have hope, too.

Janie Keys

Happy Holidays





From my house to yours
Happy Holidays
and much good health
in the New Year.

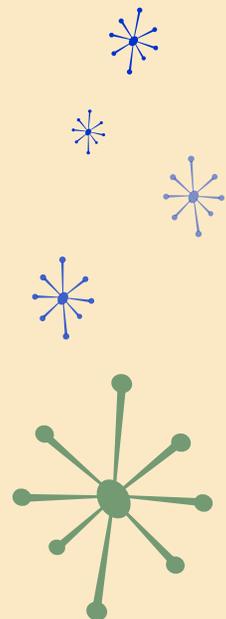
Marianne Weiss Kim



*To all you beautiful musicians and
music lovers, let us pray that this
time of loneliness and separation
will soon be past and we will once
more rejoice in being together,
listening and making wonderful
music!!*

Merry.merry Christmas!!

Peggy Brunner





I will sorely miss caroling
with you all this year.

Be sure to sing anyway!
Let's plan on next year for sure.

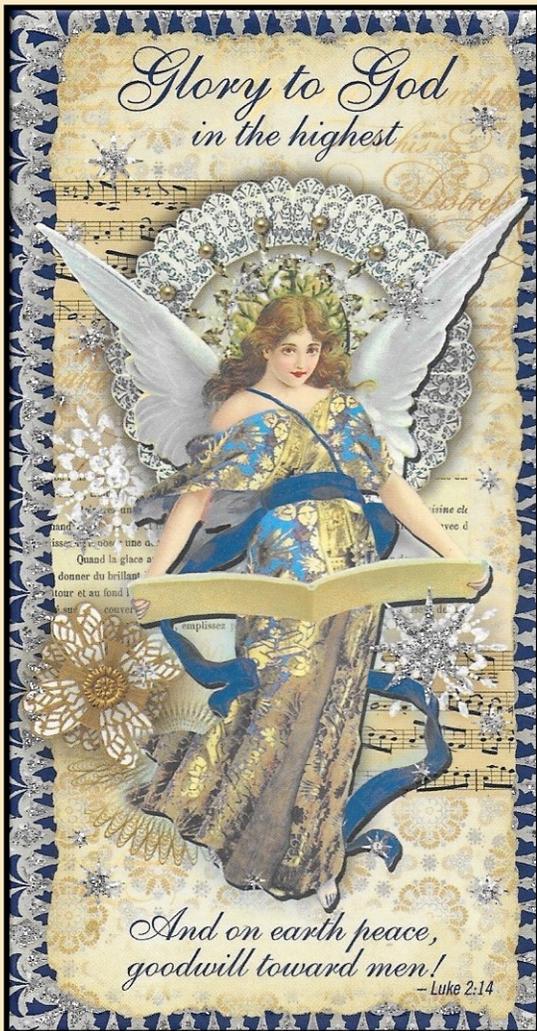
Carol Brannon

Happy Holidays from KMFA. Thank you to each of you for supporting KMFA individually and collectively as a club, your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Visit KMFA.org/holiday for listings of our special holiday programs.

Happy Holidays to all, David





Angels Among Us (by Clay Harrison)

I have met a lot of angels and none of them had wings!
Some came disguised as strangers and did the kindest things.
Some were friends and neighbors I met along the way
Who came to comfort and console when I hurt too much to pray.
Acts of kindness sometimes came from unexpected places.
I've been blessed by the warming smiles of friends' angelic faces.
Every time my faith is tested with no safe place to go,
God sends a guardian angel to lift me when I am low.
There have been many dangers and sorrows in my life
that I have faced throughout the years
And always there were angels who came to dry my tears.
Many prayers are answered daily and what a relief that brings.
I have met a lot of angels and none of them had wings!

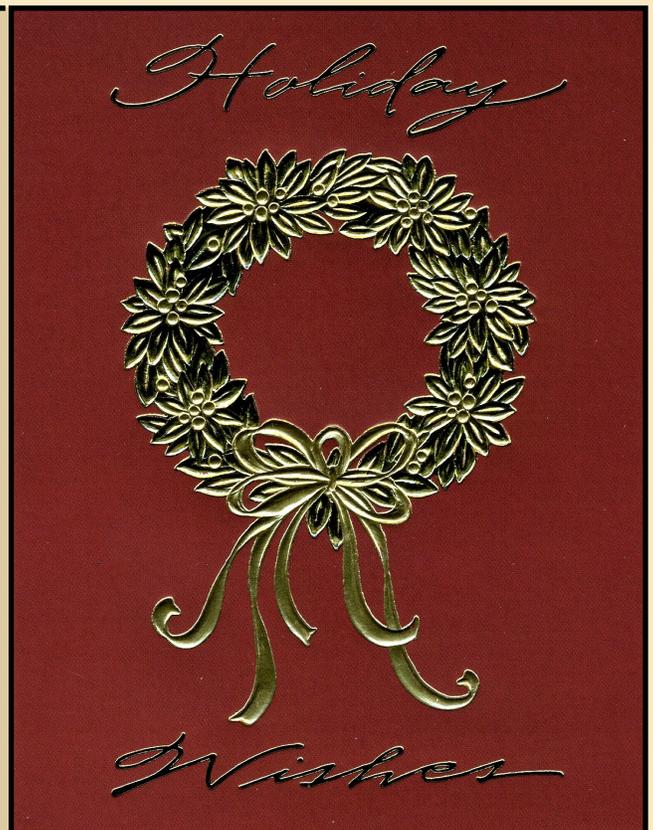
*We all need an angel or two in our lives.
Always remember that angels are nearby.*

Lee Meyer

When I was a sophomore in high school, I went to summer music camp at Kansas State University. Our choir director introduced John Gardner's "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" to us. We performed it at the end-of-the-week concert. The following fall, I shared this precious piece with my high school choir director. We performed the song at Christmas gigs all over Wichita, Kansas. Here is a performance of Gardner's "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" by The Choir of King's College, Cambridge in 2007. Enjoy and Happy Christmas, dear friends!

Carol Dewar

<https://youtu.be/OiNktUBcvNs>





Music lovers!

Don't be intimidated by the German in this Advent Calendar. Music is the UNIVERSAL language!

Just click on the number of any day, the number will then show a dotted rectangle around it (a little "door") and the familiar red arrow for a YouTube video will be present. Now you're in business!

True, the texts are in German but they are based on settings of psalms, readings, etc. you might well recognize. The musicianship is first rate, the architecture beautiful and the social distancing, even in heavy winter coats, quite ingenious.

Enjoy and Happy Holidays!

Beth

<https://www.ekmd.de/aktuell/singender-ekm-adventskalender-2020/>

The Krumhorn

For Christmas 2020, I am holding an alto krumhorn.

The krumhorn has a very startlingly harsh tone and takes some time getting used to when playing or listening to it. A reed instrument, like modern woodwinds, its fingering is similar to the recorder.

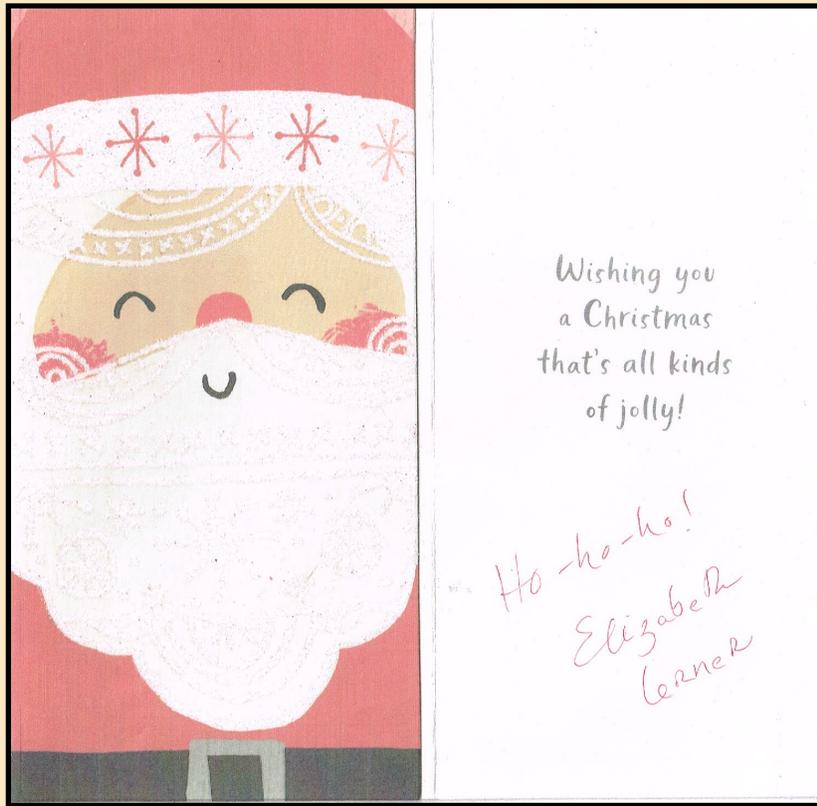
Intonation is controlled by the players' breath and care must be taken to have all krumhorn players tune to the same "A." Also, it is very loud and is perfect for heralding the imminent entrance of the King!

When our twice yearly Texas Early Music Workshop meets, we hold a Krumhorn Konclave, where 30 or more players sit in a circle and play together with their leader in the middle. The sound is quite memorable!

Natalie Morgan



Merry Christmas!



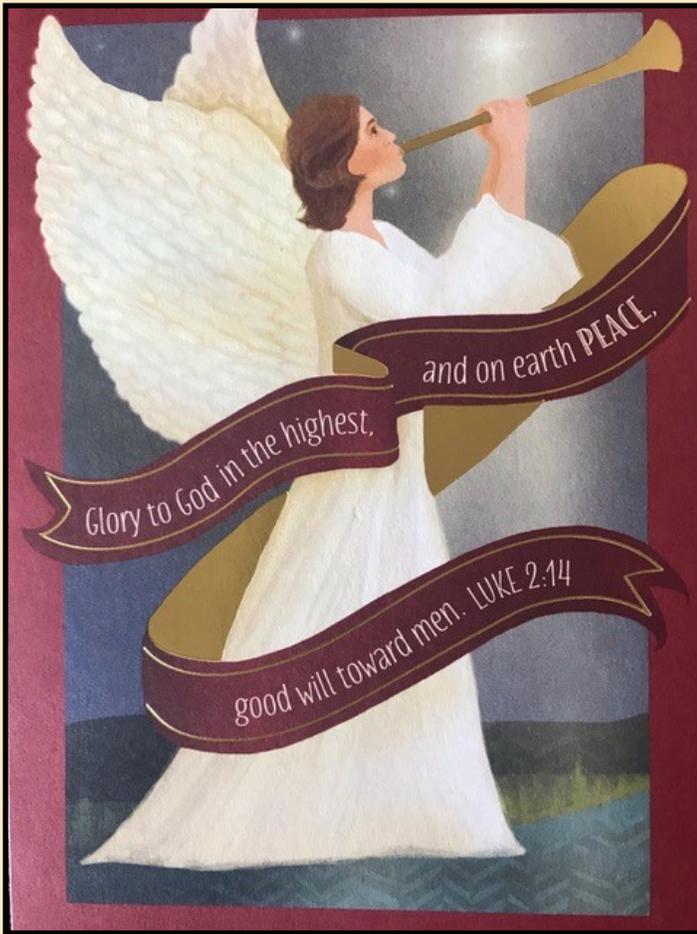
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

https://youtu.be/6r7zMjaUV_s

Here is a link to a short video with no ads. It is a piano arrangement of the Holly and the Ivy.

-- Virginia K.





*Dear Music Friends,
Best Wishes for a lovely Holiday. Keep singing,
ringing, playing, and listening to music.*

Blessings to all

Linda Tietz

*... joy and love
To you and yours*

Dear friends,

*May the elation and spirit of Christmas be with you in
these difficult times. May music be the lifting spirit to
give you joy and peace!*

*Very Best Wishes
Nan Hampton*





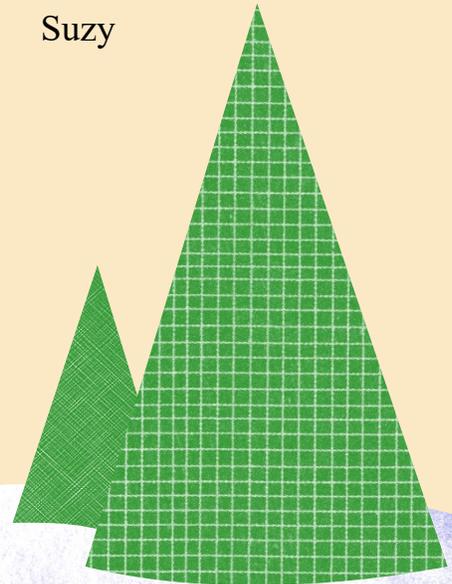
My joy this season is to cherish all we have learned about ourselves and others and technology. My gifts to you are the opening song in "Grateful" a virtual recital <https://youtu.be/hwMGjIXLgUg> and my grandchildren at minutes 33:20 and 47:39 and me at 52:56. I look forward to enjoying your virtual performances this spring and being our WMMC "stage manager" again next year.
Happy Holidays! Elise Ragland



Happy Holidays to all music lovers.

Hope we can get together again in the New Year.

Suzy



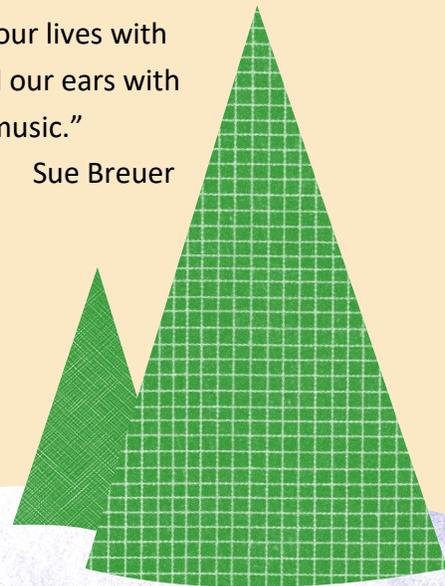
Missing everyone! Holiday greetings from my puzzle friend, he is who is keeping me sane and busy during this crazy time.

Kathryn Govier



“May God fill our hearts with love, our lives with praise, and our ears with Heavenly music.”

Sue Breuer





Greetings from Virginia!

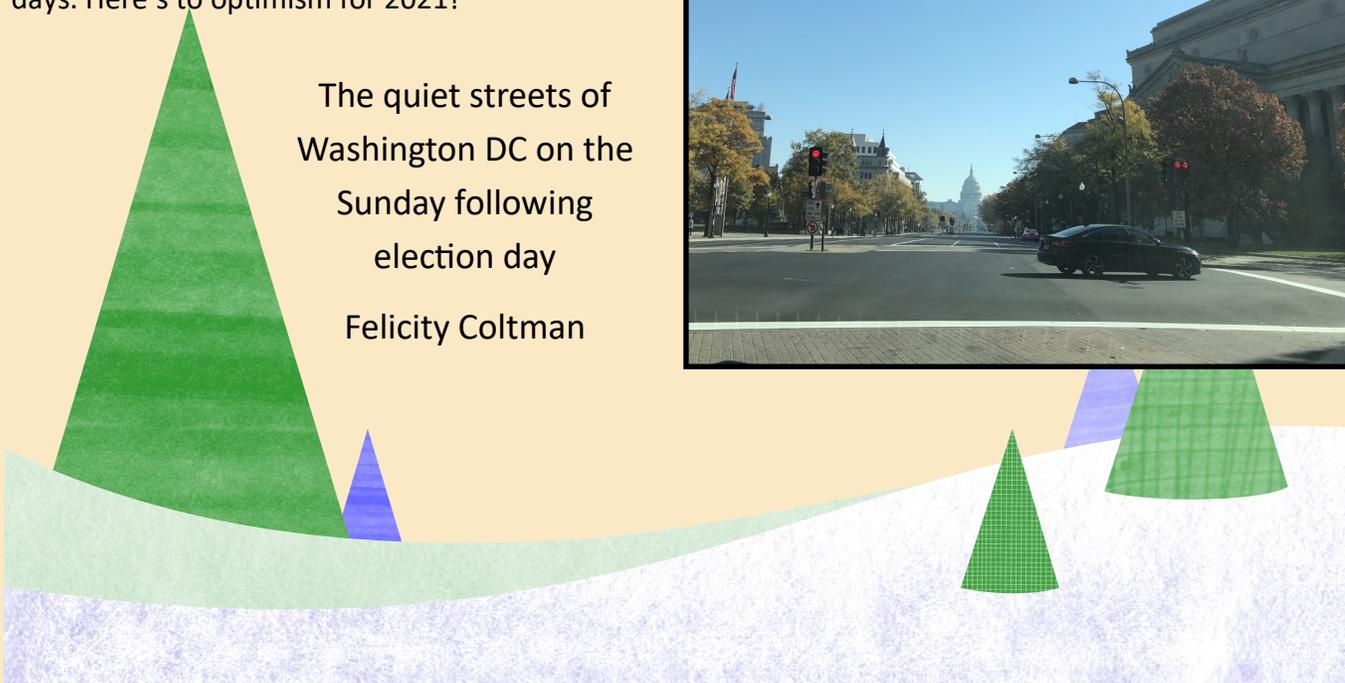
I have spent the last six weeks with my daughter, Heather, in Virginia. Some of you will remember her as a wonderful pianist. She is now Provost and senior Vice-President at James Madison University, and even though she is incredibly busy, we have had some lovely country drives and quality time together. I continue teaching on-line, and of course play Bach every day. We are planning our three day drive back to Austin, with her big dog and my two little ones, and will enjoy Christmas at home.

I hope you are all keeping well in this strange time, and send you my love and best wishes for the holidays. Here's to optimism for 2021!



The quiet streets of
Washington DC on the
Sunday following
election day

Felicity Coltman





May the lights of Hanukkah
fill the season with
peace and happiness.

Estelle and Don Singer



Quick Potato and Carrot Latkes

Ingredients

- 1 (24-ounce) bag shredded potatoes for hash browns
- 1 large carrot, peeled
- 1 medium onion, peeled
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoons matzo meal, cracker meal or all-purpose flour
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 2 cups chunky applesauce
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 cup sour cream

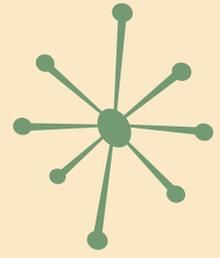
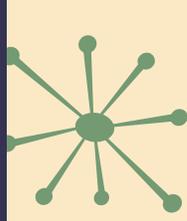
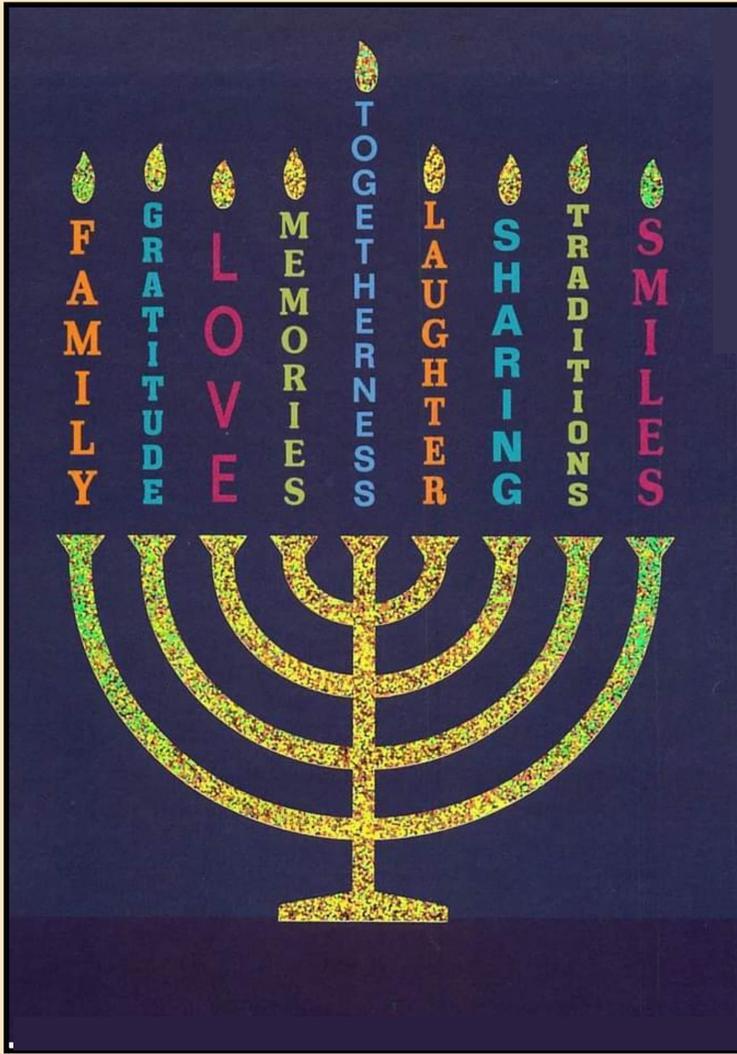
Directions

Heat 1/2-inch oil in a large skillet over medium to medium high heat. To test oil, add a piece of bread to the pan. It should turn golden brown in a ten-count. Adjust heat, as necessary.

Place potatoes in a large bowl. Using a hand grater, grate the carrot and onion into the bowl. Add eggs to the bowl. Add salt and baking powder, then sprinkle in meal or flour. Combine vegetables and meal with a wooden spoon.

Drop mixture into oil in 3-inch mounds, press down gently with spatula to form patties. Fry in batches of 4 to 6 patties depending on the size of your skillet, 1-inch apart, until golden, about 3 minutes on each side. Put chunky applesauce and the cinnamon stick in a saucepan over medium heat and warm for 3 to 4 minutes. Drain latkes on paper towels or parchment lined tray.

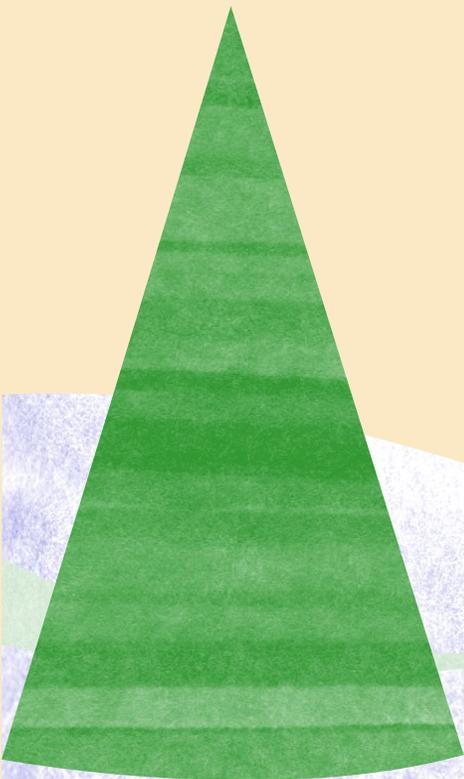
Serve with warm applesauce and sour cream.



A Holiday smile for you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbxyZAduGvY&feature=youtu.be>

Greta and Fran





*The
Austin Symphony Orchestra
wishes you and yours
a happy holiday season!*

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Your friend, **Carolyn McColloch**, thought you'd be interested in this.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and Healthy 2021. Looking forward to making music again!

"A Very Merry Symphony"

In previous years, you could find our musicians out in the Austin community during the holiday season bringing you joyful music. This year, we're bringing the holiday music right to your home for you to enjoy all season long! Click [HERE](#) to view the free holiday concert.

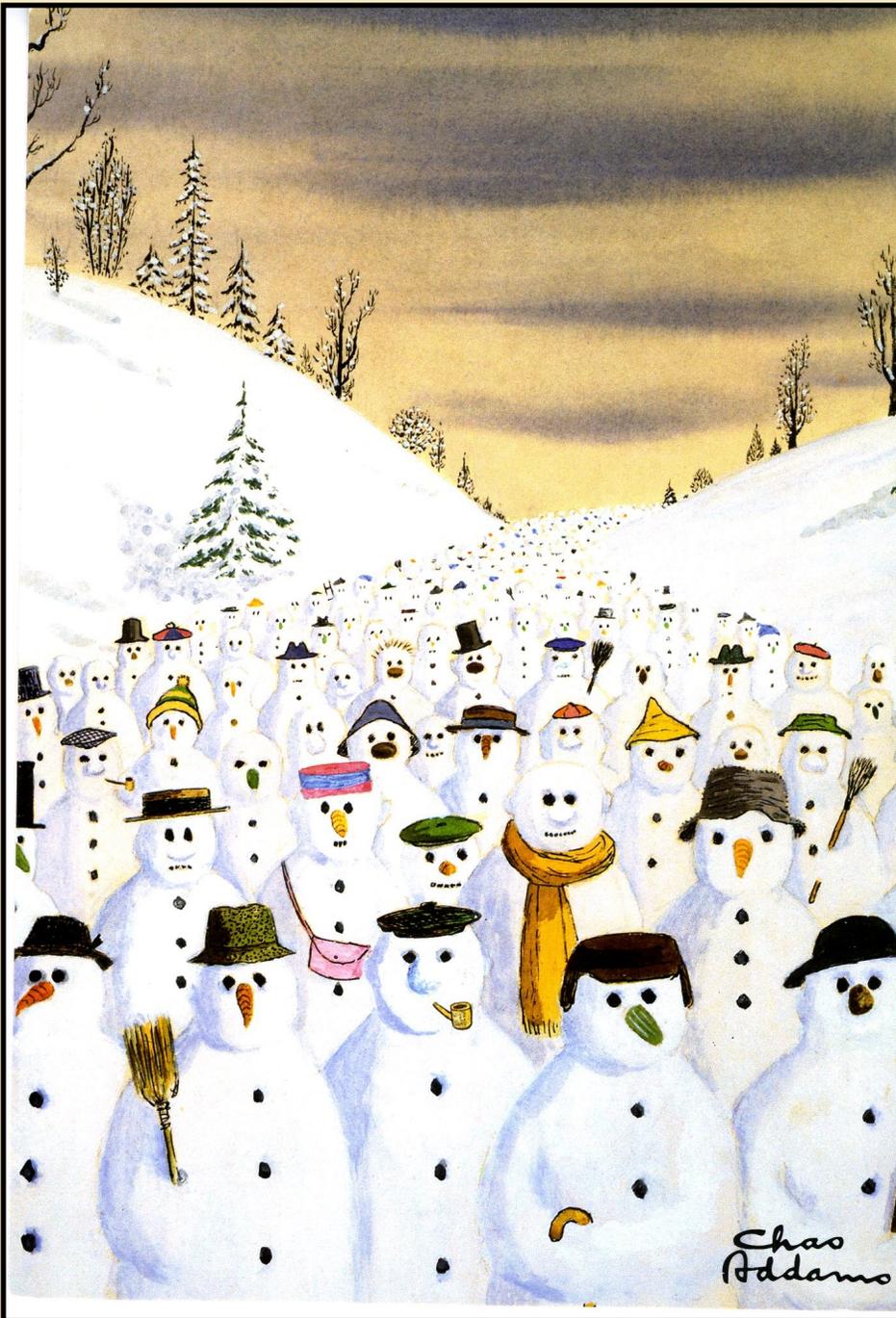
"A Very Merry Symphony" is available now until Wednesday, January 6, 2021. You can watch it at anytime and as many times as you wish between those dates!

Program Order :

Departure from "Winter Bonfire," Op. 122 - Prokofiev
Suite of Carols for String Orchestra - Anderson
Chanukah Festival Overture - Custer, arr. Sean O'Laughlin
Good King Wenceslas - Gould
Sleigh Ride - Anderson, arr. Bob Cerulli

If you are having trouble with the video link above, please use this direct link [here](#).

We hope this concert will bring a smile to you and yours this holiday season. Thank you to those who supported and helped during our ASO PLAY ON campaign and thank you for your continued support.



"One Voice"



by Ruth Moody,
performed by Tapestry Singers
[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=IKWOLEPF_D8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKWOLEPF_D8)

Hello family and friends,

I've told some of you about the All Women Choir that I have been in for 10 years. We started rehearsals again about 3 months ago, meeting via zoom.

When the choir was meeting together, about a hundred ladies came to rehearsals, and about 90 ladies performed in our concerts. A no-audition choir, there are a few professional musicians and teachers, but most members are amateurs, only having sung in high school, college and community choirs. Most of the ladies don't know how to read music, so the choir director arranges a recording for each part so the ladies can learn their musical line while reading the words in their sheet music.

To create the video, each lady listened to a soundtrack of the song in her

headset while videotaping herself singing the song in her own home. She then emailed her video to the sound engineer, who compiled it into the presentation that you can see in Tapestry Singers Facebook link.

I've discovered that I'm in the presentation three times, once in the large box of all singers, once in a smaller box presentation, and once in a moving montage. Have fun looking for me! (Hint: I'm one of the few ones with an over-the-ears headset...)

Whether you find me or not, just enjoy listening to this beautiful song!



Happy holidays, Cheers,
Judy Trejo



Event Calendar

Austin Chamber Music.. Free videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/austinchambermusic/videos>

Austin Symphony.. A free streaming concert to watch Dec 7th-Jan 6, 2021: <https://my.austinsymphony.org/events>

Austin Playhouse.. One Woman, over 30 characters, in 60 minutes! A Christmas Carol online. Buy a ticket here: <https://austinplayhouse.ticketleap.com/carol2020/>

Butler School of Music UT.. Less Than <10 Series: Online streaming concerts Jan16th, Feb25th, March 25th and April 29th <https://music.utexas.edu/calendar>

Boston Symphony Streaming concerts.. Pay and watch online: <https://www.bso.org/brands/bso/features/bso-now.aspx>

Chorus Austin free online streaming.. Free streaming "On A Winter's Eve" Dec 19-31st: <https://www.chorusaustin.org/events-calendar.html>

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.. Free online events to watch: <https://www.chambermusicsociety.org/cms-front-row-2020/online-events/>

Carnegie Hall Live.. Free Live streams: Dec. 17th, Music as Medicine and Dec 24th, New York String Orchestra https://www.carnegiehall.org/Explore/Watch-and-Listen/Live-with-Carnegie-Hall?sourceCode=31887&gclid=Cj0KCQjAzsz-BRCCARIsANotFgM2soSAPgAki9IXIEZqcYnIPI522WEx6-IJ2OITevWr5fyNVFwJV_UaAp_OEALw_wcB#Upcoming

College of Fine Arts UT online.. Events calendar: <https://finearts.utexas.edu/calendar>

KMFA Listen online.. Live from the Draylen Mason Jan 29-31, 2021 A Virtual Concert. Buy a ticket now! <https://www.kmfa.org/pages/3528-live-from-the-draylen-mason>

KOOP radio.. The American Pop program every Thursday morning at 11AM is a fun trip down memory lane! Tune in 91.7FM radio or online click "LISTEN LIVE" at... <https://koop.org/programs/american-pop/>

Los Angeles Philharmonic.. Lots of wonderful free viewing here: <https://www.laphil.com/about/watch-and-listen>

Metropolitan Opera.. Free Nightly Met Opera Livestreams: https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams?utm_source=1220HighNotesAtHomeW40&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021_stream&utm_content=version_A Met On Demand online subscription: <https://www.metopera.org/season/on-demand/>

MIRO Quartet.. Dec 16th Buy a ticket and watch online: <https://miroquartet.com/shows>

Salon Concerts.. Dec 20th Free: <https://www.salonconcerts.org/20202021-virtual-season> And more in the upcoming season! Here is also a nice listening page <https://www.salonconcerts.org/listen>

Texas Early Music.. <https://www.early-music.org/2020-2021-season> Buy a ticket for viewing online for Christmas and Chanukah music Dec 18-24th

WQXR.. Classical Listening Live: <https://www.wqxr.org/streams/>

Tinsel Singers.. at The Neill-Cochran House Museum Dec 20th, 2pm on the front lawn. Buy a ticket here: https://www.nchmuseum.org/nchm-events/tinsel-singers?mc_cid=25f7dbcac1&mc_eid=e7d63c183a About Tinsel: <http://www.tinselsingers.com/about-tinsel-page>

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Happy Birthday to
Ludwig van Beethoven
December 16
(1770 - 1827)