

# Classic 107.3 Holiday Programs 2024

## BERLIOZ: *L'ENFANCE DU CHRIST* (The Childhood of Christ)

**Saturday, December 7 from 7pm – 8:30pm**

Best known for the chorus “The Shepherds' Farewell”, this oratorio of 1854 recounts young Jesus' early life and the flight of his family into Egypt to escape King Herod and his minions. Present-day audiences can still be taken aback at Berlioz's gentle lyricism and simplicity in recounting this story. The performance is a classic featuring Cesare Valletti, Florence Kopleff, Gerard Souzay, Giorgio Tozzi, The New England Conservatory of Music Chorus and the Boston Symphony Orchestra led by the great Berlioz conductor, Charles Munch. It was recorded in Symphony Hall Boston on Christmas Eve Day 1956.

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH

**Saturday, December 14 from 8pm – 10:26pm**

It's much more than just the Hallelujah Chorus as Handel's 1742 masterpiece has become the most famous musical celebration of Christmas in the English-speaking world. Our traditional holiday broadcast this year features Kathleen Battle, Florence Quivar, John Aler and Samuel Ramey along with the Mendelssohn Club of Toronto and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Andrew Davis.

## ...AND YET ANOTHER PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

**Tuesday, December 17 at 7:20am and Thursday, December 19 at 5:20pm**

In this cautionary tale by Brian Sibley, find out what happens when the hapless Cynthia Bracegirdle really does receive ALL the presents of the twelve days of Christmas from a, shall we say, persistent admirer? It all goes just as the song says and that dry, British hilarity ensues in a production from the BBC featuring Penelope Keith and Timothy Bateson, directed by John Theocharis. Poor Cynthia...

## TCHAIKOVSKY'S THE NUTCRACKER (Complete Ballet)

**Saturday, December 21 from 9pm – 10:26pm**

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker", an evergreen holiday favorite ever since its premiere in 1892, is broadcast complete this year. We'll feature the RCA/Sony Classical release featuring Leonard Slatkin conducting the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra to honor Slatkin's 80th birthday. This was the first Nutcracker recording to have been recorded in digital stereo and issued in that format on compact disc in 1985.

## Forty-Eight Hours of Christmas Classics

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

Bring all the warmth and joy of past Christmases to life once again with the Classic107.3FM and 96.3 HD2 48 hours of commercial-free music. Enjoy masterpieces from Tchaikovsky, Bach, Handel, Britten and Menotti and welcome back old friends like Robert Shaw, Luciano Pavarotti, Harry Belafonte, the Boston Pops with Arthur Fiedler, Nat King Cole, Andrea Bocelli, Johnny Mathis, Sir Thomas Beecham and Duke Ellington. **Made possible by [Mary Pillsbury Fine Jewelry Company](#).**

## HANUKKAH CELEBRATION with CHICAGO'S A CAPPELLA

**Thursday, December 26 from 4pm – 5pm and  
Tuesday, December 31 from 4pm – 5pm**

Join Jonathan Miller, artistic director of Chicago *a cappella* and a longtime champion of Jewish choral music, for an inspiring and informative show featuring choral music set to Hanukkah texts. Familiar tunes include "I Have a Little Dreidel" (both in its original Yiddish form and in a neo-funk Hebrew/English setting), a swing version of "S'vivon" by Steve Barnett, and a lively setting of the traditional melody for "Al-Hanissim" (For the Miracles) by Elliot Levine. All selections are performed by Chicago *a cappella*, the virtuoso vocal ensemble formed in 1993. Jonathan Miller provides liturgical and cultural background as part of this unique look inside old and new choral Hanukkah traditions.

## ITZHAK PERLMAN'S CHANUKAH RADIO PARTY

**Thursday, December 26 from 5pm – 6pm and  
Tuesday, December 31 from 5pm – 6pm**

Join Itzhak Perlman the superstar violinist as he tells the story of the Jewish festival of lights. This engaging one-hour special includes numbers from Itzhak Perlman's radio addicted childhood in Israel; evocative songs in Yiddish and Ladino; classical music that revolves around the Maccabee heroes of the story; and Hanukkah gems by American folk singers. The master storyteller also regales you with jokes and memories, plus tales of three classic Hanukkah symbols: the menorah, the latke, and, of course, the dreidel. A good time for the whole family, at Itzhak Perlman's Chanukah Radio Party!