

DECEMBER 2011

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These listings are accurate as of the date posted. For final program information or to confirm location and ticket price, please visit the web URL or call the telephone number listed with the event.

All events in Massachusetts unless noted.

Thursday, December 1

12:15 pm

Music at First Church. Nickolai Sheikov, harpsichord: Handel *Suite in E Major*, HWV 430; Scarlatti *Three Sonatas*. First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St, Boston. 617/267-6730
www.firstchurchbostonmusic.org

7:30 pm

Choral Music & Community. Norumbega Harmony & UMass Lowell Connexion Singers: *An Evening of New England Harmony*. First United Baptist Church, 99 Church St, Lowell. 978/452-9281 FREE \$5 suggested donation; *non-perishable food items for Open Pantry of Greater Lowell welcomed*

6:30 pm

Janet Fink, recorder & Dylan Sauerwald, harpsichord: Sonatas by Loeillet de Gant. West End Branch, Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St, Boston. 617/820-9006 FREE, donations welcome

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

7:30 pm

Zefiro: *O magnum mysterium* – Choral works by Byrd, Sweelinck & later composers. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. \$15/10 st, sr www.zefiroensemble.com

8 pm

The Boston Camerata (Joel Cohen, *dir*) & members of the Sharq Arabic Music Ensemble: *The Sacred Bridge* – common musical roots of the Jewish, Arabic & Christian religions. Longy School of

Music, 1 Follen St, Cambridge. 617/262-2092 \$22-46/20% WGBH members, Harvard alums, sr/10 st www.bostoncamerata.com

Exsultemus Vocal Ensemble & Newton Baroque: Telemann *Harmonischer Gottesdienst – Daß Herz und Sinn, o schwacher Mensch*, TWV 1:194 for 27th Sunday after Trinity; *Erwachtet zum Kriegen*, TWV 1:481 for 1st Sunday of Advent; *Endlich wird die Stunde schlagen*, TWV 1:440 for 2nd Sunday of Advent; *Vor des lichten Tages Schein*, TWV 1:1483 for 3rd Sunday of Advent; *Lauter Wonne, lauter Freude*, TWV 1:1040 for 4th Sunday of Advent. Second Church in Newton, 60 Highland St, West Newton. 857/998-0219 \$30 www.exsultemus.org/telemann2011.html

Vox Lucens (Jay Lane, dir): *Sacred Music of Victoria* – Works for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany, including *Missa O magnum mysterium*. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 89 Arlington St, Acton. 978/897-5372 Freewill offering www.voxlucens.net

Yale Camerata (Marguerite L. Brooks, cond): *Dona nobis pacem* – Advent Music of Bach, Telemann & others. Battell Chapel, Yale University, 300 College St @ Elm St, New Haven CT. 203/432-5180 FREE www.yale.edu/ism/events

Sunday, December 4

Sunday Baroque (Suzanne Bona, host) is heard on these New England NPR stations:

- **Massachusetts** WFCR 88.5 Amherst
- **Connecticut** WSHU 91.1 Fairfield, 93.3 Northford & 90.3 Stamford;
- **Vermont** WVPR 107.9 Burlington, 88.7 Rutland, 88.5 St. Johnsbury, 94.3 Bennington, 94.5 Brattleboro, 103.9 Hanover, 88.1 Norwich, 89.5 Windsor www.sundaybaroque.org

6 am

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: The Bach Hour www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

7 am

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: Baroque in Boston (Laura Carlo, host) www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

9 am

Advent Parish Choir (Mark Dwyer, dir): Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent – Claude Goudimel *Comfort, comfort ye my people*. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering www.theadvent.org

10 am

Emmanuel Music (Ryan Turner, cond): Bach *Schwingt freudig euch empor*, BWV 36. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St, Boston. 617/536-3356 Offering www.emmanuelmusic.org

S. Stephen's Choir (James Busby, dir): Solemn High Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent – Heinrich Schütz *Tröstet, tröstet mein Volk*, SWV 382. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

11:15 am

Choir of the Church of the Advent (Mark Dwyer, *dir*): Solemn High Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina *Missa ad Fugam*; *Canite tuba in Sion & Rorate caeli desuper*. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering
www.theadvent.org

1 pm

Pub Carol Sing with the West Gallery Quire (Bruce Randall, leader). Doyle's Cafe, 3484 Washington St, Jamaica Plain. 978/373-5852 Donation

5 pm

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: The Bach Hour www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

7 pm

Canticum Vespertinum (Daryl Bichel, *dir*): Nightsong for the 2nd Sunday of Advent – Chant from Liber Usualis; Palestrina *Conditor alme siderum*; Guerrero *Canite tuba & Alma redemptoris mater*. First Church Congregational, 11 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/312-8328 FREE
www.nightsong.org

Monday, December 5

Tuesday, December 6

7 pm

Yale–New Haven Regular *Sacred Harp* Singing (1991 Denson Revision). Harkness Hall 209, Yale University, New Haven CT. 203/824-3426 FREE www.yale.edu/ynhrs

8 pm

Tufts University Early Music Ensemble (Jane Hershey, *dir*); Frances Conover Fitch, harpsichord: *Affetti Musicali* – music by D'India, Frescobaldi, Luzzaschi, Cima, Fontana, Monteverdi & Merulo. The Granoff Music Center, Tufts University, 20 Talbot Ave, Somerville. 617/620-3679 FREE

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 pm

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (preview). Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$36/33 *sr/29 st*
www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

7:42 pm

Advent Mini Organ Concert. Jonathan Wessler plays the Richards, Fowkes Organ: Johann Erasmus Kindermann *Magnificat 8 Toni*; Nicolaus Bruhns *Fantasia on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*; Claude Balbastre *Joseph est bien marié*; J.S. Bach *Fantasia on Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält*, BWV 112. First Lutheran Church, 299 Berkeley St, Boston. 617/536-8851 FREE www.flc-boston.org

Thursday, December 8

5:30 pm

S. Stephen's Choir (James Busby, *dir*): Evensong & Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Plainchant Missa IX (*Cum jubilo*). S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

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8 pm

Harvard Early Music Society (Giselle Ty & Ryaan Ahmed, *dirs*): Francesco Cavalli *La Calisto*. New College Theater, 12 Holyoke St, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$15/10 *st*, *sr* www.harvardearlymusic.com

Friday, December 9

7 pm

Renaissance Dance for Everyone (Ken Pierce, leader); live music by Renaissonics & friends. New England Conservatory of Music, 241 St. Botolph St, Room G14, Boston. 617/661-3353 \$8 suggested donation www.renaissonics.com

7:30 pm

Boston Baroque (Martin Pearlman, *cond*); Ava Pine, soprano; Julia Mintzer, alto; Keith Jameson, tenor; Andrew Garland, baritone: Handel *Messiah*. NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St, Boston. 617/484-9200 \$29-71 www.bostonbaroque.org Concert introduction at 7 pm

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (preview). Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$36/33 *sr*/29 *st* www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

8 pm

Exsultemus (Shannon Canavin & Martin Near, *dirs*): *Serenissima Una Noche; Christmas in Spain & the New World* – Renaissance & Baroque vocal music from Spain, Peru, Bolivia & Mexico. University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop St, Cambridge. 857-998-0219 \$15-35/10-30 *st*, *sr* www.exsultemus.org

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Saturday, December 10

9:30 am

Recorders/Early Music MetroWest (Emily O'Brien, Héloïse Degrugillier & Sheila Beardslee, coaches): *Winter Festivities* – holiday music program. Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elms St, Concord. 978/264-0584 \$15 www.recordersearlymusic.org

4 pm

Sing Messiah! (Claire Raphaelson, soprano; Elizabeth Anker, contralto; Peter Terry, tenor; James Dargan, baritone; Emma Gavenda, accompanist): Handel *Messiah* open sing. St. John's Episcopal Church, Revere Street & Roanoke Ave, Jamaica Plain. 617/874-4009 \$10 to benefit *Healing Hands for Haiti* <http://www.jpconcerts.org>

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Clearlakes Chorale & Orchestra (Andy Campbell, *dir*); Chelsea Basler, soprano; Desiree Maira, alto; Brendan Daly, tenor; Adrian Smith, bass: Handel *Messiah*. St. Katharine Drexel Church, Rte 28 & Hidden Springs Rd, Alton NH. 603/707-1182 \$15/10 st
www.clearlakeschorale.org/tickets.html

8 pm

The Boston Camerata (Anne Azéma, *dir*): *A Medieval Christmas* – Magnificent medieval song & poetry from France, Provence, England & Germany. Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St, Boston. 617/262-2092 \$22-46/20% WGBH members, Harvard alums, sr/10 st
www.bostoncamerata.com

Harvard Early Music Society (Giselle Ty & Ryaan Ahmed, *dirs*): Francesco Cavalli *La Calisto*. New College Theater, 12 Holyoke St, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$15/10 st, sr
www.harvardearlymusic.com

Longy School of Music. Department of Early Music Graduate Students: *Divine Radiance* – music of Hildegard von Bingen & French polyphony of the Cluniac Abbey. First Church Congregational, 11 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/876-0956 FREE www.longy.edu

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (opening). Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st
www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

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7 am

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www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

9 am

Advent Parish Choir (Mark Dwyer, dir): Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent – Anonymous *Rejoice in the Lord alway*. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering
www.theadvent.org

10 am

Emmanuel Music (Ryan Turner, cond): Bach *Bereitet die Wege, bereitet die Bahn*, BWV 132. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St, Boston. 617/536-3356 Offering www.emmanuelmusic.org

S. Stephen's Choir (James Busby, dir): Solemn High Mass for 3rd Sunday of Advent – Orlando Gibbons *This is the record of John*. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

11:15 am

Choir of the Church of the Advent (Mark Dwyer, dir): Solemn High Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent – William Byrd *Turn our captivity, O Lord*. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering www.theadvent.org

2 pm

West Gallery Music workshop (Bruce Randall, leader). Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln St, Newton. 978/373-5852 Donation

Clearlakes Chorale & Orchestra (Andy Campbell, dir); Chelsea Basler, soprano; Desiree Maira, alto; Brendan Daly, tenor; Adrian Smith, bass: Handel *Messiah*. St. Katharine Drexel Church, Rte 28 & Hidden Springs Rd, Alton NH. 603/707-1182 \$15/10 st
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www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

3 pm

Early Music Afternoons in Somerville. Olav Chris Henriksen plays the 1810 Roscher guitar: *The Roscher Guitar, More Music from the North European Parlor* – works by Giuliani, Diabelli, von Call, Molino, Carcassi & Carulli. Somerville Museum, One Westwood Rd (at Central St), Somerville. 617/666-9810 \$17/12 st, sr, Museum members

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www.harvardearlymusic.com

3:30 pm

The Boston Camerata (Anne Azéma, *dir*): *A Medieval Christmas* – Magnificent medieval song & poetry from France, Provence, England & Germany. First Parish Church, Newbury. 617/262-2092 \$22-46/20% WGBH members, Harvard alums, sr/10 st www.bostoncamerata.com

4 pm

St. Peter's Choir (Andrew Shenton, *dir*); Meredith Kelly, soprano; Cassandra Santiago, alto; Evan Biela, tenor; Jonathan Cole, bass; Heinrich Christensen, organ: *Messiah* Open Sing. 320 Boston Post Road, Weston. 781/891-3200 FREE www.stpetersweston.org bring a score or borrow one of ours

5 pm

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: The Bach Hour www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

Martin Jean plays the Krigbaum Organ: Music of Buxtehude. Marquand Chapel, Yale University, 409 Prospect St, New Haven CT. 203/432-5180 FREE www.yale.edu/ism/events

7 pm

Beneficia Lucis (Daryl Bichel, *dir*): Nightsong for the 3rd Sunday of Advent – Chant from Liber Usualis; Thomas Tallis *Audivi vocem de caelo* & Jean Mouton *Salve mater salvatoris*. First Church Congregational, 11 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/312-8328 FREE www.nightsong.org

Monday, December 12

7:45 pm

Norumbega Harmony Shape-note Singing (1991 rev. *Sacred Harp*). The Meeting House, Andover Newton Theological School, 210 Herrick Rd, Newton Centre. 781/648-1009 Donation
www.mit.edu/people/ijs/opening.html

8 pm

Longy School of Music. Department of Early Music Graduate Students (Ken Pierce, *dir*): Historical Dance for Musicians (with audience participation). Recital Hall N-1, Longy School of Music, 33 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/876-0956 FREE www.longy.edu

Tuesday, December 13

7 pm

Yale–New Haven Regular *Sacred Harp* Singing (1991 Denson Revision). Harkness Hall 209, Yale University, New Haven CT. 203/824-3426 FREE www.yale.edu/ynhrs

8 pm

Longy School of Music. Department of Early Music Graduate Students: *The English Fantasia Suite* – Music of Coperario, Lawes, Jenkins & Locke. Recital Hall, N-1, Longy School of Music, 33 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/876-0956 FREE www.longy.edu

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

12:15 pm

Hilary Anne Walker, mezzo-soprano; Paul Cienniwa, organ; string quartet: J.S. Bach *Geist und Seele*, BWV 35. First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St, Boston. 617/267-6730 Donations www.firstchurchbostonmusic.org

7:30 pm

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 *sr*/34 *st* www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

Friday, December 16

7:30 pm

Longy School of Music. Early Opera Project Dana Maiben, *music dir*; Donna Roll, *stage dir*): Antonio Cesti *Oronthea*. Pickman Concert Hall, Longy School of Music, 27 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/876-0956 FREE www.longy.edu

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 *children under 12* www.revels.org

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 *sr*/34 *st* www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

8 pm

Blue Heron (Scott Metcalfe, *dir*): *Christmas in Medieval England* – Carols, motets & plainchant for Advent & Christmas from 15th-century England by Leonel Power & John Dunstaple, works from the Old Hall manuscript & the anonymous *Missa Veterem hominem*. First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/960-7956 \$30-50/10-25 st, sr, FREE under 18 www.blueheronchoir.org Pre-concert talk by Daniel Donoghue at 7:15 pm.

Masterworks Chorale (Steven Karidoyanes, *cond*): Handel *Messiah Sing*. Cary Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington. 617/858-6785 \$10 suggested donation www.masterworkschorale.org Vocal scores available to borrow

Saturday, December 17

3 pm

Musicians of the Old Post Road (Daniel Ryan, cello & Suzanne Stumpf, traverso, *dirs*; Sarah Darling, violin; Marcia Cassidy, viola; Michael Bahmann, harpsichord); Kristen Watson, soprano: *Winter's Cheer* – Music for winter & the holidays by Arne, Boismortier, Vivaldi, Telemann & others. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St, Boston. 781/466-6694 \$30/25 st, sr/FREE children 7-17 www.oldpostroad.org

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Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

7 pm

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7:30 pm

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16th-century France. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

Arcadia Players (Ian Watson, *dir*): Handel *Messiah*. Abbey Chapel, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley. 413/586-8742 \$35/30 sr/10 st www.arcadiaplayers.org

8 pm

Boston Early Music Festival. Stile Antico: *Veni Emmanuel – Tudor Music for Christmas & Advent*. St. Paul Catholic Church, Bow & Arrow Sts, Cambridge. 617/661-1812 Price www.bemf.org

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7 am

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10 am

Emmanuel Music (Ryan Turner, *cond*): Bach *Du Hirte Israel, höre*, BWV 104. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St, Boston. 617/536-3356 Offering www.emmanuelmusic.org

Stephen's Choir (James Busby, *dir*): Solemn High Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent – Lionel Power *Missa Alma redemptoris mater*; Josquin des Prez *Missus est Gabriel angelus*. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

11:15 am

Choir of the Church of the Advent (Mark Dwyer, *dir*): Solemn High Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent – John Taverner *Leroy Kyrie*; Thomas Tallis *Missa 'Salve intemerata' & Audiui, media nocte*. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering www.theadvent.org

1 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

2 pm

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

3 pm

Newbury *Sacred Harp* Singing (1991 ed, books available for loan). First Parish Church, 20 High Rd, Newbury. Chris Noren, noren@neb.com Freewill donation www.fasola.org

4 pm

Musicians of the Old Post Road (Daniel Ryan, cello & Suzanne Stumpf, traverso, *dirs*; Sarah Darling, violin; Marcia Cassidy, viola; Michael Bahmann, harpsichord); Kristen Watson, soprano: *Winter's Cheer* – Music for winter & the holidays by Arne, Boismortier, Vivaldi, Telemann & others. First Unitarian Church, 90 Main St, Worcester. 781/466-6694 \$30/25 st, sr/FREE children 7-17 www.oldpostroad.org

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5:30 pm

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S. Stephen's Choir (James Busby, *dir*) with St. Dunstan Consort: Advent Choral Service – Marc-Antoine Charpentier *The Great O Antiphons*, H36-43 & *Magnificat*, H74. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

7 pm

Boston Recorder Society Playing Meeting. University Hall 3rd Floor, Lesley University, 1815 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge. 978/857-7418 \$30/20 BRS members
www.bostonrecordersociety.org

7 pm

Canticum Vespertinum (Daryl Bichel, *dir*): Nightsong for the 4th Sunday of Advent – Chant from Liber Usualis; Palestrina *Conditio alme siderum* & *Alma Redemptoris mater*; Morales *Ecce virgo concipiet*. First Church Congregational, 11 Garden St, Cambridge. 617/312-8328 FREE
www.nightsong.org

7:30 pm

Powers Music School. Belmont Open Sings (Mary Beekman, *dir*): Handel *Messiah*. Parish Hall, Payson Park Church, 365 Belmont St, Belmont. 617/484-4696 \$10 *Vocal scores available to borrow*

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Tuesday, December 20

7 pm

Yale–New Haven Regular *Sacred Harp* Singing (1991 Denson Revision). Harkness Hall 209, Yale University, New Haven CT. 203/824-3426 FREE www.yale.edu/ynhrs

8 pm

Seven Times Salt (Karen Burciaga, violin & guitar; Daniel Meyers, flute & recorder; Josh Schreiber Shalem, bass viol; Matthew Wright, lute & cittern); Claire Raphaelson, soprano; Michael Barrett, tenor & recorder: *A Jolly Wassail Bowl* – Holiday music of England, Spain, France, Italy & the Sephardic tradition. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill), Boston. 508/878-7028 \$10 Suggested donation www.seventimesalt.com

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Wednesday, December 21

7:30 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

7:42 pm

Advent Mini Organ Concert. Joyce Painter Rice plays the Richards, Fowkes Organ: Melchior Schildt *Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn*; Dietrich Buxtehude *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*, BuxWV 186; works of later composers. First Lutheran Church, 299 Berkeley St, Boston. 617/536-8851 FREE www.flc-boston.org

Thursday, December 22

7:30 pm

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Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

Friday, December 23

3 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

7:30 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in*

16th-century France. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

Cappella Nova Mundi (William Kempster, *dir*): *A Renaissance Christmas* – seasonal music by Byrd, Cima, la Rue, Lassus, Praetorius, Taverner & Tye. Christ Church, 43 Pine St, Exeter NH. 617/252-8096 \$18/13 sr/8 st/FREE children under 10

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

Saturday, December 24

12 noon

WHRB Radio 95.3 FM. Metropolitan Opera Broadcast: Donizetti *La Fille du Regiment* (Yves Abel, *cond*; Nino Machaidze, Ann Murray, Kiri Te Kanawa, Lawrence Brownlee, Maurizio Muraro in lead roles). www.whrb.org

3 pm

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

4:30 pm

Advent Parish Choir (Mark Dwyer, *dir*): Christmas Eve Family Mass & Blessing of the Creche – William Byrd *O magnum mysterium* & *O beata virgo*. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering www.theadvent.org

8 pm

Actors' Shakespeare Project (Steven Barkhimer, *dir*): William Shakespeare *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Davis Square Theatre, Somerville. 866/811-4111 \$41/38 sr/34 st www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

10 pm

Emmanuel Music (Ryan Turner, *cond*): Bach *Christum wir sollen loben schon*, BWV 121. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St, Boston. 617/536-3356 Offering www.emmanuelmusic.org

10:30 pm

S. Stephen's Choir (James Busby, *dir*): Solemn High Mass for the Nativity of Our Lord – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina *Missa Hodie Christus natus est*. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

11 pm

Choir of the Church of the Advent (Mark Dwyer, *dir*): Solemn High Mass for Christmas Eve – Roland de Lassus *Missa super 'Osculetur me'*; Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck *Hodie, Christus natus est*.

Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377 Offering www.theadvent.org

Sunday, December 25

Sunday Baroque (Suzanne Bona, host) is heard on these New England NPR stations:

- **Massachusetts** WFCR 88.5 Amherst
- **Connecticut** WSHU 91.1 Fairfield, 93.3 Northford & 90.3 Stamford;
- **Vermont** WVPR 107.9 Burlington, 88.7 Rutland, 88.5 St. Johnsbury, 94.3 Bennington, 94.5 Brattleboro, 103.9 Hanover, 88.1 Norwich, 89.5 Windsor www.sundaybaroque.org

6 am

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: The Bach Hour www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

7 am

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: Baroque in Boston (Laura Carlo, host)
www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

11 am

WHRB Radio 95.3 FM. Harvard University Choir (Edward Jones, *dir*; Christopher Lane, organ):
102nd Annual Carol Service. www.whrb.org

1 pm

WHRB Radio 95.3 FM. Classical Music including Michael Praetorius *Lutheran Mass for Christmas* (Paul McCreesh & Gabrieli Consort), Charpentier *Pastorale sur la Naissance de N.S. Jésus-Christ*, H483 (William Christie & Les Arts Florissant) www.whrb.org

2 pm

Coastal *Sacred Harp* Singing. St. Paul's Chapel, Dutch Neck Rd, Waldoboro ME. 207/721-9732
www.maineshapenotesinging.org/coastalsinging.php Potluck supper follows; please bring a dish to share

3 pm

Rhode Island Monthly *Sacred Harp* Sing (1991 Denson Book). Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave (corner of Olney St), Providence RI. 401/524-1390 Donations welcomed www.ri-sacredharp.net/

5 pm

Classical New England Radio, 99.5 FM: The Bach Hour www.wgbh.org/995/index.cfm

Monday, December 26

1 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in*

16th-century France. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

5:30 pm

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5:30 pm

S. Stephen's Choir (James Busby, *dir*): Evensong & Mass for Feast of St Stephen – Plainchant Missa VIII (*De Angelis*); Anonymous *Eya, martyr Stephane*. S. Stephen's Church, 114 George St, Providence RI. 401/421-6702 Offering www.sstephens.org

Tuesday, December 27

3 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

7 pm

Yale–New Haven Regular *Sacred Harp* Singing (1991 Denson Revision). Harkness Hall 209, Yale University, New Haven CT. 203/824-3426 FREE www.yale.edu/ynhrs

7:30 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

8 pm

Exsultemus Vocal Ensemble & Newton Baroque: Telemann *Harmonischer Gottesdienst – Erquickendes Wunder der ewigen Gnade*, TWV 1:469 for 1st day of Christmas; *Jauchzet, frohlocket, der Himmel ist offen*, TWV 1:953 for 2nd day of Christmas; *Unverzagt in allem Leiden*, TWV 1:1456 for 3rd day of Christmas; *Was gleicht dem Adel wahrer Christen*, TWV 1:1511 for Sunday after Christmas. Second Church in Newton, 60 Highland St, West Newton. 857/998-0219 \$30 www.exsultemus.org/telemann2011.html

Wednesday, December 28

3 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

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Thursday, December 29

1 pm

The Christmas Revels (Patrick Swanson, *dir*; George Emlen, *music dir*): *Celebrating the Winter Solstice in 16th-century France*. Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. 617/496-2222 \$25-52/15-42 children under 12 www.revels.org

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

5 pm

Choir of the Church of the Advent (Mark Dwyer, *dir*): *A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight* – Thomas Weelkes *Gloria in excelsis Deo*; Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck *Hodie, Christus natus est*; works of later composers. Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St, Boston. 617/523-2377
Offering www.theadvent.org

8 pm

Boston Baroque (Martin Pearlman, *cond*); Mary Wilson, soprano; Christina Day-Martinson & Julie Leven, violin; Barbara Poeschl-Edrich, triple harp: *Gala New Year's Eve Concert* – Bach *Concerto for Two Violins*; Corelli *Concerto Grosso*, Handel *Harp Concerto*. Sanders Theatre, Cambridge. 617/484-9200 \$31-75 www.bostonbaroque.org