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All Classical Portland Preps the Halls for the Holidays, With Star-Studded Soundtrack for the Season

*From Karaoke Carols to Cinnamon Bear on ICAN, the station's
holiday programming has something for everyone.*

PORTLAND, Oregon - [All Classical Portland](#), the Pacific Northwest's premiere 24-hour classical music radio station, is offering star-studded, community-centered holiday programming to bring 2021 to a close and ring in the New Year on a high note. The station and its second channel for children and families, the [International Children's Arts Network](#) (ICAN), offers a joyful and heartwarming soundtrack to the season for listeners of all ages across Oregon, SW Washington, and beyond—with festive programming, classic carols, musical theater-inspired renditions of holiday favorites, gourmet recipes from celebrity chefs **Alton Brown** and **Lidia Bastianich**, and much more. Listeners can tune in to All Classical Portland at 89.9 FM in Portland, or anywhere in the world at allclassical.org/holiday-2021, with 24-hour programming for children streaming worldwide on ICAN at icanradio.org.

The festivities commence with the station's ever popular **Gratitude Program** on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 25, 2021**. From November 1st – 14th, listeners are invited to call 503-802-9474 to leave a voice message, sharing what they are most thankful for. Hosted by **Suzanne Nance** and **produced by Andrea Murray**, the hour-long program features uplifting music woven together with listener messages, creating a uniquely touching experience. The *Gratitude Program* will air on Thanksgiving at **11:00 AM PT**, with an encore broadcast at 5:00 PM PT.

In November, **Sunday Brunch** is bringing more than just a soundtrack to the table. Just in time for the holidays, host Suzanne Nance will serve up gourmet recipes from star chefs including **Alton Brown** and **Lidia Bastianich** each week, alongside recipes from local celebrity chefs and marvelous music from around the world. This popular program shines a light on culinary artisans as the restaurant industry rebuilds and reopens. Recipes from restaurants and guest chefs are made available at allclassical.org and the station's social channels for listeners to revisit and add to their own holiday menus.

From **December 1st – January 7th**, the International Children's Arts Network (ICAN) will air the classic holiday show about the adventures of **Cinnamon Bear**, daily at 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM PT on icanradio.org. First aired in Portland on November 25, 1937, the six week-long series tells the tale of Paddy O'Cinnamon (The Cinnamon Bear), as he prepares and counts down to Christmas. Narrated by Bud Hiestand, the series features songs composed by Don Honrath and conducted by Felix Mills, with lyrics by Glanville Heisch. Vocals were provided by the Paul Taylor Quartet. The program furthers

ICAN's mission of educating and entertaining young minds, and providing families with enjoyable, age-appropriate radio content.

"ICAN amplifies children's powerful voices and stories, serving as a treasured resource that encourages arts engagement, comprehensive at-home learning, and child-friendly activities," Sarah Zwinklis, ICAN manager, host, and producer, said. "Studies show that brain development during a child's first five years is faster than at any other time in life. ICAN is proud to share commercial-free music and art programming to enrich these important, formative years."

On **Sunday, December 19th**, All Classical Portland will put a new spin on holiday classics by showcasing local theater companies and performers. ***A Very Theatrical Holiday*** will air at **12:00 PM PT** and feature performances by Lakewood Theatre Company, Broadway Rose, Portland Playhouse, and many more! The program will re-air on Tuesday, December 21st at 7:00 PM PT.

Families can keep the party going on demand with All Classical Portland's ***Karaoke Carols***, available all winter long at allclassical.org/holiday-2021. With karaoke-style piano accompaniment and easy to follow lyrics, listeners can gather their loved ones together around the music, and create their very own singalong at home.

From **December 22nd – 25th**, the station will offer its annual ***Festival of Carols***, four days of cherished seasonal music from diverse cultures around the world. Listeners can expect beloved Christmastime classics, including excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* and Handel's *Messiah*, alongside new releases, and all-time favorite carols. *Festival of Carols* includes a live broadcast of *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* from King's College, Cambridge, on December 24th at 7:00 AM PT.

All Classical Portland will close out the year in style with its annual ***Classical Countdown***, beginning at **7:00 AM PT** on New Year's Eve, **Friday, December 31st**, right up to midnight! Listeners can vote for their favorite classical pieces, doing their part to craft a celebratory soundtrack for New Year's Eve. The *Classical Countdown* poll will be open December 1st through December 15th at allclassical.org/holiday-2021, and the top 100 pieces will be revealed throughout the day on the 31st.

Connecting communities through music locally and globally, All Classical Portland will kick off 2022 with a live morning broadcast of the **Vienna Philharmonic New Year's Concert on January 1, 2022**. The acclaimed orchestra will share lively and nostalgic music to usher in the New Year.

All Classical Portland President & CEO **Suzanne Nance** said: "This radio station is a gathering place for listeners locally and around the world, where we can revel in the music that brings a little magic to our lives—every day, and especially during the holidays. We're grateful to be welcomed into listeners' homes, and honored to provide a soundtrack to warm hearts, lift spirits, and celebrate the creativity of the Pacific Northwest."

Listeners can tune in for all the festivities at 89.9 FM in Portland, online at allclassical.org, on the All Classical Portland app, and on smart speakers. Families, young children, educators, and the young at heart can enjoy and share *Cinnamon Bear* alongside additional engaging holiday programming on ICAN at icanradio.org. Plus, there's even more to love on All Classical Portland's and ICAN's social media channels, including family-friendly activities, blogs, and interviews to take you behind the music.



Who: All Classical Portland & International Children's Arts Network

What: Providing a joyful and festive Soundtrack to the Season

When:

- **Gratitude Program**
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 2021, at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM PT
- **Sunday Brunch**
Sundays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM PT
- **Cinnamon Bear**
December 1 – January 7, daily at 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM PT on ICAN
- **A Very Theatrical Holiday**
Sunday, December 19 at 12:00 PM PT, rebroadcast Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM PT
- **Festival of Carols**
December 22– 25
- **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols LIVE from King's College, Cambridge**
December 24 at 7:00 AM PT
- **Classical Countdown**
Friday, December 31 from 7:00 AM to midnight PT
- **Vienna Philharmonic New Year's Concert**
Morning of Saturday, January 1, 2022

Where: All Classical Portland: 89.9 FM in Portland, allclassical.org/holiday-2021; ICAN: icanradio.org

About ICAN: ICAN (International Children's Arts Network) is a 24-hour radio service, the first of its kind in the nation, available regionally on All Classical Portland's HD-2 channel and online worldwide via icanradio.org. ICAN promotes cross-cultural awareness and fosters emotional intelligence while nurturing a love for music and literature in young people. The network is designed for children ages 0-12 and the adults who care for and educate them. ICAN's content is produced locally and sourced and shared globally, and it removes barriers to music and the arts through thoughtful programming that inspires children to play, express emotions and dream. For more information, visit icanradio.org.

About All Classical Portland: All Classical Portland is Portland, Oregon's classical radio station, consistently ranked in the top 3 classical stations in the nation for market share. Established in 1983, our mission is to advance knowledge of and appreciation for classical music; to build and sustain culturally vibrant local and global communities around this art form; to reflect the spirit of the Pacific Northwest; and to foster integrity, quality, and innovation in all that we do. The station broadcasts 98% locally produced programming from the East bank of the Willamette River, locally on FM and HD radio and worldwide via online player and mobile app. For more information, visit allclassical.org.

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