

Special Holiday Tour/Workshop –

The Art-Full Tree - Daily at 12:30 and 3:30 except Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

On a guided holiday tour explore the galleries and gaze at all the ornaments on the Art Museum's magnificently decorated tree. Then create your own art-inspired ornament to take home. (1 hour) *\$10 program ticket*

2 p.m. PROGRAMS

All are 45 minutes long and require an additional program ticket

Winter in the Valley – Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Join the Waterman family for delightful Christmas songs and family stories from the 18th century, as they welcome you into their music-making home during their favorite season! *\$5 program ticket*

A New Kind of Christmas – Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

The Christmastide has always meant new beginnings for Roger, an enslaved man from the Randolph property. Through loss, laughter and reflection, he discovers the meaning of the season. *\$5 program ticket*

Stories of the Past, People of the Present – Thursday, December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Celebrate American Indian life and culture through traditional stories and a behind the scenes conversation with American Indian interpreters about what it's like to tell the histories of their communities. *\$5 program ticket*

A Mount Vernon Christmastide – Friday, December 4, 11, 18, 25 and January 1

Christmastide 1757. Colonel George Washington is home in the middle of a war. A leave of absence, due to illness, has left him alone in an empty house, to reflect on his past, present and future. *\$5 program ticket*

Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind – Saturday, December 5, 12, 19, 26 and January 2

Follow Clementina Rind, a businesswoman, government official, and mother, from morning to evening in a discussion and demonstration of what she wears and the reasons why she does. *\$5 program ticket*

Same Space, Different Place – Sunday, December 6, 13, 20, 27 and January 3

Meet Rachel Whitaker, recently widowed owner of the Brick House Tavern, and her enslaved servant, Milly. How does the Christmastide differ for these two mothers? *\$5 program ticket*

Christmas and the Constitution – Monday, December 7, 14, 21 and 28

In 1787, Hamilton and Madison are locked in a battle of pen and ink to save the American republic. Join them as they write the Federalist Papers. Will the holiday spent away from families be for nothing? *\$5 program ticket*

5 p.m. PROGRAMS

All are 1 hour long and require an additional program ticket

A Fiddle for Your Pocket – Tuesday, December 1 and 8

Master Fiddler John Turner performs on a variety of pochettes, kits and dancing master's violins, all made especially for traveling. Popular holiday tunes will be featured. *\$10 program ticket*

Remembering Christmas: Enslaved and Free – Wednesday, December 2, 16, 23 and 30

Listen in as a free black woman reflects on her years as slave and freed during the Christmastide. Discover how the season softened some of slave life and how things changed when she was set free. *\$10 program ticket*

A Season Full of Holidays – Thursday, December 3 and 31

Join Timothy Seaman and Thomas Abernethy as they explore the wealth of great music associated with the many holidays from Thanksgiving to Epiphany. Celtic harp, guitar, mountain dulcimers, psalteries, lyre, bodhran, and more will fill your heart with monumental and meaningful joy! *\$10 program ticket*

The Old Dominion and Caledonia – Friday, December 4

Travel back to the 18th century with your musical guide, Master Fiddler David Gardner as he uncovers the Scottish influences in popular music of Virginia from Colonial times to the present. *\$10 program ticket*

Christmas Ceilidh – Saturday, December 5, 12, 19 and 26

David Gardner, Gabe Stone, Dacotah Hartman present a holiday performance with Scottish dancing, fiddles, bagpipes, and more. A new show for the 2020 holiday season, fun for the whole family. *\$10 program ticket*

Who Will Bring My Presents? – Sunday, December 6, 13, 20 and 27

Meet Grandfather Frost from Russia, La Befana from Italy and our own Santa Claus. Discover stories and Christmas traditions from their countries during this show for the entire family. *\$5 program ticket, \$2.50 for children*

A Soldier's Song for Christmas – Monday, December 7

On Pearl Harbor Day, Kelly Kennedy and John Turner share words from soldiers, far from home. These poignant messages blended with period music, provide a patriotic backdrop for the season. *\$10 program ticket*

Decorating the Private Homes – Wednesday, December 9

Join us for the 28th anniversary of this program celebrating the winners of the decorating contest. Discover holiday decorating tips and why we decorate the town. *Included in museum admission.*

Harp and Dulcimer Yuletide Joy – Thursday, December 10 and 17

Ann Robinson and Timothy Seaman fill the air with expressive Celtic harp, hammered dulcimers, mountain dulcimers, psalteries, bowed dulcimer, lyre, bodhran and more! *\$10 program ticket*

Music for a Back Porch Virginia Holiday – Friday, December 11 & 18 and Saturday, January 2

In old Virginia, families and friends gathered just to talk, sing, dance and have a good time. Join musical historians Carson Hudson and Arden Clark for an old-time holiday get-together. *\$10 program ticket*

The Land We Left Behind – Monday, December 14

Kelly Kennedy shares stories and feelings of those who left to make a new home in America. Enjoy these remembrances of Christmas's in the Old World through poetry, readings, story and music. *\$10 program ticket*

Fiddling Away the Holidays – Tuesday, December 15, 22 and 29

Master fiddler John Turner returns for this Christmas tradition of storytelling and reveling in the lighter side of the holiday season. Share an entertaining hour of traditional and holiday music. *\$10 program ticket*

Christmas Classics: Readings, Poetry and Music – Monday, December 21 and 28

John Turner and Kelly Kennedy bring to life excerpts from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, Dylan Thomas's *A Child's Christmas in Wales* and more, paired with period music. *\$10 program ticket*

Profound Joy – Thursday, December 24

Timothy Seaman celebrates the wonder of the holiday season, exploring themes of winter, Christmas and Hanukkah on the glowing drama of the extended-range hammered dulcimer. *\$10 program ticket*

My Heart is in the Highlands – Friday, January 1

Start the celebration of Burns Day early with the poetry and music associated with Robert Burns as Master Scottish Fiddler David Gardner leads you on a musical hike up the hills and dales of Scotland. *\$10 program ticket*