

DECEMBER 2017 - PROGRAMMING AT THE ART MUSEUMS OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Call 1-800-447-8679 for reservations or tickets. Programs are included in museum admission, unless indicated otherwise.

Museums & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Museum Café open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily

Sunday, Dec 3/Grand Illumination – Museum & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Café open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec 25/Christmas Day – Museum & Museum Store open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Café open 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 31/New Year's Eve – Museum & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Café open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hands-On Craft Workshops – Mondays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

12/1 Hoop Art – 12/4, 11 and 18 Scherenschnitte (German scissor cutting) - 12/8 Gelli Plate Printing – 12/15 Make Five Ornaments – 12/22 Decorate a Mini-Christmas Tree – 12/29 – Rag Dolls (90 minutes) *Additional \$15 ticket required.*

Holiday Programming

The Many Misadventures of Tieg O'Kane – Friday, Dec. 1 at 11:15 a.m.

Master storytellers Shelton Browder and Donna Wolf take you on the (mis)adventures through the Scottish countryside with this poor lad as he tries to make his way through the traps set for him. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Easy Evening Entertainments – Friday, Dec. 1 at 2:15 p.m.

Barry and Lynn Trott and Doug Austin share music for mandolins, voice, and viola da gamba. Enjoy music written and performed in concerts in the American colonies. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

String Band Christmas – Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

The Runaway String Band shares holiday music and stories from the early 20th century. Doug Austin - mandolin, Dave Paddock - banjo, Barry & Lynn Trott - mandolin/guitar & viola de gamba. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

The History of Santa Claus – Sat, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. Mon, Dec. 25 at 2:30 p.m. Thurs, Dec. 28 at 11:45 a.m.

Join us as we explore the many traditions and appearances of Santa Claus in this fun and lively program for all ages. When did he first appear? Has he always worn a bright red suit? (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket (youth \$4) required*

Music of the Season with Thomas Jefferson and James Madison – Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1:15 and 3 p.m.

Jefferson and Madison share tales of their friendship & music that they played and enjoyed. John Turner - violin, Lee Welch - guitar, Sarah Glosson - cello & Tom Marshall - harpsichord (1 hour) *Additional \$15 program ticket required*

A Victorian Christmas – Sunday, Dec. 3 at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Many of our beloved Christmas traditions started during this period. Join Kelly Kennedy, Dean Shostak, Stephen Christoff and Anne O'Byrne for Victorian holiday music and stories. (1 hour) *Additional \$12 program ticket required*

Christmas 1945: Will We Celebrate Together? – Monday, Dec. 4, 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Join two Williamsburg women from different backgrounds as Christmas approaches and the world prepares to celebrate peace on earth for the first time in many years. (1 hour) *Additional \$5 program ticket required*

Wassailing with the Lord of Misrule – Monday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Join the Virginia Company (David Gardner, Barry Trott, and Cliff Williams) for an early 17th-century English Christmas celebration complete with wassail and Christmas tomfoolery. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

Deck the Halls – Tuesday, Dec 5, Thursday, Dec. 7 at 11:15 a.m.

Experience a rousing Christmas show filled with humor, anecdotes, and singing with Stephen Christoff and his assortment of unique 18th-century instruments. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Angels and Miracles – Tuesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Timothy Seaman travels through the Christmas story with tunes both old and new on hammered dulcimer, flute and more, exploring the rich treasures of angelic and miraculous themes. (1 hour) *Additional \$7 program ticket required*

A Time for War, A Time for Peace – Wednesday, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 11:15 a.m.

Even in times of war we find time to celebrate. Three women of the army cross paths during Christmastide. The American Revolution has changed their traditions, lives and themselves. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Baby It's Cold Outside – Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.

Come inside to enjoy an exploration of favorites from the great American songbook and Christmas carols, too, with Kent LaRue and Emmy-winning composer Wayne A. Hill. (1 hour) *Additional \$7 program ticket required*

Decorating the Private Homes – Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for the 25th anniversary of this popular program celebrating the decorating efforts of employees living in Colonial Williamsburg's restored private residences. (45 min.) *Included in museum admission*

Christmas Hymns You Thought You Knew – Thursday, Dec. 7, 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Join John Turner and Kelly Kennedy and discover how tunes were fit to the music and that most of the tunes used today were not put with the words until the 19th or 20th centuries. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

Bringing in the Holidays with Venus! – Friday, Dec. 8 and 15 at 11:15 a.m.

As the holidays approach, this 18th-century storyteller shares tales about life lessons, family gatherings and looks forward to the new year. Audience participation is a requirement! (1 hour) *Additional \$5 program ticket required*

A Cigar Box Christmas – Friday, Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Join Carson Hudson and Arden Clark as they share the history of cigar box guitars and fiddles in a special show of American holiday music! (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Dressing for the Christmastide – Saturday, Dec. 9, 16, 23 at 11:15 a.m.

How does one dress for the season? Join a woman of Williamsburg in a discussion and demonstration of what she wears and why. What does what you wear say about you? (45 min.) *Additional \$5 program ticket required*

Radio for the Troops: A Touch of Home – Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

In May 1942 the War Department created the Armed Forces Radio Service. Come enjoy the show and be part of the studio audience for the 1943 Christmas broadcast. (1 hour) *Additional \$7 program ticket (\$5 seniors/military) required*

A Thousand Reason to be Merry – Sunday, Dec. 10, 17 and 31 at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson share stories and fond memories as they try to make the most they can of their Christmas together in this uncertain time. (1 hour) *Additional \$4 program ticket required*

Making Music Just for Fun: Homemade Holiday Music – Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Old-Time musicians Carson Hudson and Arden Clark demonstrate how families can make their own music at home! Slide-whistles, kazoos and much more, all with a holiday flavor! (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket (\$4 children) required*

Christmas at Sea – Monday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmastime has always been a difficult time for mariners, so music has given them solace in lonely times. Join award winning violinist David Gardner for seasonal songs influenced by the sea. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

African-American Christmas Traditions – Tuesday, Dec.12, 19 at 11:15 a.m.

Join enslaved Preacher Gowan Pamphlet and free laundress Edith Cumbo as they explore how free and enslaved African-Americans recognized, celebrated and memorialized Christmastide. (1 hour) *Additional \$4 program ticket required*

Christmas Letters Home – Wednesday, Dec.13 at 4:30 p.m.

Join Kent LaRue and Emmy-winning composer Wayne A. Hill for an inspiring and moving program as they weave music together with letters and stories from our nation's many heroes. (1 hour) *Additional \$7 program ticket required*

Joy in the Morning – Thursday, Dec. 14, 21 at 11:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Gather with members of the enslaved community for a spirit-led celebration of songs and stories illuminating the struggles and triumphs of African Americans in 18th-century Williamsburg. (1 hour) *Additional \$4 program ticket required*

The Holly and the Ivy – Friday, Dec.15 at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy a magical collection of the most ancient musical traditions of Christmas. Join musical historian, David Gardner in this magical musical journey into the past. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Santa's Stories – Saturday, Dec.16 and 23 at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 11:15 a.m.

Santa has gathered many stories during his travels around the world. Join him and Mrs. Claus as they tell some of their favorite stories and share how these stories came to be. (1 hour) *Additional \$3 program ticket required*

Dancing in the Parlor: Christmas with Friends – Saturday, Dec.16 at 4:30 p.m.

Historian Carson Hudson and the Old Cigar Box String Band share seasonal and traditional music with roots in the 17th & 18th centuries along with unique versions of newer holiday favorites. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Bristol, Virginia and the Big Bang of Country Music – Sun, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. and Fri, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m.

Join Henley Fork for classic country music from recording artists from the late 1920s on mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar, and bass. Doug Austin, Brian Forsman, and Lynn and Barry Trott. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

Last Christmas Before Mount Vernon – Monday, Dec. 18 at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30

The future Mrs. Washington reflects on her past Christmases at her childhood home and during her first marriage. Discover what Christmas traditions she will bring to Mount Vernon. (1 hour) *Additional \$4 program ticket required*

Pagans Paved the Way – Monday, Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Many of our most beloved Christmas traditions and songs were adapted from pagan beliefs and practices. Join Kelly Kennedy as she explores this link through songs and stories. (1 hour) *Additional \$7 program ticket required*

Wassail! – Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 1:45 p.m.

Gabe Stone and Stephen Christoff share traditional holiday carols performed on an amazing menagerie of rare and wonderful musical instruments with wit and fun for the whole family. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Gabe Stone, David Gardner, Stephen Christoff and Jan Tilley celebrate this service of Christian worship of stories and sing-along carols that was first presented in 1878 in Cornwall England. (1 hour) *Additional \$10 program ticket required*

Fiddling Away the Holidays – Thursday, Dec. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Master fiddler John Turner returns for this tradition of singing, playing, and reveling in the lighter side of the holiday season with his eclectic variety of instruments. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

St. Nicholas and Dastardly Dragons – Friday, Dec. 22 and 29 at 11:15 a.m.

The Scottish people are famous for taking credit for everything including St. Nicholas and dragons. Join master storytellers Donna Wolf and Shelton Browder as they take credit too. (1 hour) *Additional \$6 program ticket required*

Christmas Brass – Friday, Dec. 22 at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a unique concert by Gabe Stone, Stephen Christoff, Steve Ruckle, and Andy Moon for holiday favorites on modern and period brass instruments. (1 hour) *Additional \$10 program ticket required*

A 19th-Century Williamsburg Christmas in Story and Song – Saturday, Dec. 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Share an hour with the Colonial Singers of Williamsburg as they share stories and songs centered around the Civil War, Williamsburg circa 1850 and of course the stories of Charles Dickens. (1 hour) *Additional \$9 program ticket required*

12 Days and Night Before Christmas – Sunday, Dec. 24 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Gather the entire family together for this special presentation. Experience the unique spirit of Christmas as people from the past bring two classic Christmas stories to life. (1 hour) *Additional \$3 program ticket (\$1 child) required*

Profound Joy – Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

Timothy Seaman shares American and European holiday music on his extended-range hammered dulcimer as you reflect on the meaning of the season, rekindling memories of holidays past. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

A Toast to Christmas – Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 2:15 and 4:15 p.m.

Brass 5 shares Christmas treasures from traditional carols to clever arrangements of secular Christmas favorites. Brass 5, from Roanoke, VA is one of America's most successful brass ensembles. *This program is partially supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.* (1 hour) *Additional \$12 program ticket required*

Dances with Dwarves: A Celtic Celebration – Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Poisoned Dwarf - Stephen Christoff, mandolin - Thomas DeRose, Irish flute - Wayne A. Hill, fiddle - Eric Hunter, guitar - Lance A. Pedigo, percussion - Stewart Pittman, whistles/pipes. (1 hour) *Additional \$9 program ticket required*

Sing we Now of Christmas – Thursday, Dec. 28 at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Continue your holiday celebration with the talented trio of John Turner, Cliff Williams and Kelly Kennedy for songs and tunes about kings and queens, both temporal and spiritual. (1 hour) *Additional \$11 program ticket required*

A Jolly Wassail Bowl: Christmas in Shakespeare's England – Friday, Dec. 29 at 1:45 p.m.

Join Wayne Hill and Lynn and Barry Trott to enjoy music for the winter season from the late 16th and early 17th centuries on lute, cittern, viols, recorders, violin, and voice. (1 hour) *Additional \$8 program ticket required*

The End of Another Year – Saturday, Dec. 30 at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Ring out the old and ring in the new with tunes played on hammered dulcimer, concertina, flutes, autoharp, whistles, and hurdy gurdy with Timothy Seaman, Bob Zentz & Jeanne McDougall. (1 hour) *Additional \$11 program ticket required*

Celebrate New Year's Scottish Style – Sunday, Dec. 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Hogmanay (New Year's Eve), with John Turner, Cliff Williams, and Kelly Kennedy. Discover Scotland's traditions and music with these 3 talented performers. (1 hour) *Additional \$11 program ticket required*

Many other tours are offered throughout the month.

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