

## DECEMBER 2018 - PROGRAMMING AT THE ART MUSEUMS OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

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Programs are included in museum admission, unless indicated otherwise.

Museums & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily - EXCEPT

Sunday, Dec 2 - Museums open 10 to 6:30 \* Tuesday, Dec 25 - Museums open 11-4 \* Monday, Dec 31 Museums open 10-5

### **Music of the Season with Jefferson and Madison – Saturday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.**

Join Thomas Jefferson and James Madison as they share favorite musical selections, and tales of their long friendship. John Turner, Lee Welch, Sarah Glosson, and Tom Marshall on violin, guitar, cello, and harpsichord share music that these gentlemen collected, played, and enjoyed. (1 hour) \$15 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Fiddling Away the Holidays – Saturday, December 1 at 3:30 & 5:30 p.m.**

Master fiddler John Turner returns for this tradition of reveling in the lighter side of the holidays. Plan to sing a carol or two, along with the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. (1 hour) \$8 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **A Chisman Creek Christmas – Sunday, December 2 at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.**

Chisman Creek Band makes merry with bluegrass, classic rock, and country music with a Yule-tide flavor. A holly, jolly Christmas celebration awaits you! (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Remembering Christmas: Slave & Free – Mon, Dec 3, Sun, Dec 23 & Wed, Dec 26 at 11:15 a.m. – Wed, Dec 12, 19 at 2:15 p.m.**

Listen in as a free black woman reflects and discover how the Christmastide softened some of slave life and explore how things changed when she was set free. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Dulcimer Comfort and Joy – Monday, December 3 at 2:15 and 4:30 p.m.**

Timothy Seaman, Ann Robinson & Tom Abernethy share hammered dulcimer ensemble music, weaving a thrilling, tapestry of holiday masterpieces. (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Holiday Decorating Tips and Inspiration – Tuesday, December 4 at 10:45 a.m.**

A member of our landscape staff fashions one of our signature decorations and you can pick up tips for making your own Williamsburg arrangements any time of the year! (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Children's Songs for Christmas – Tuesday, December 4 at 1:30 p.m.**

Kelly Kennedy shares party songs from colonial times, mouth music from Appalachia, beloved favorites, and music from traditions around the world. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket (\$3 youth/child) required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Songs for an Irish Christmas – Tuesday, December 4 at 4:30 p.m.**

Folklorist Kelly Kennedy and Irish soprano Anne O'Byrne share Christmas songs and stories of Irish and Irish-American origins to celebrate the season. (1 hour) \$8 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Crystal Carols – Wed, December 5, 12, 19 at 11:15 a.m. and Wed, December 26 at 2:15 and 4:30 p.m.**

Dean Shostak performs traditional and contemporary holiday favorites on glass armonica, crystal handbells, and glass violin. (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Songs of Drink and Good Company – Wednesday, December 5 at 3:30 p.m.**

Join Lee Welch and Barry Trott for drinking songs from the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, exploring the delights of the bottle as well as the vicissitudes of overindulgence. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

### **Decorating the Private Homes – Wednesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this celebration of the decorating efforts of employees living in our restored private residences and the announcement of decorating contest winners. (45 min) *Included in museum admission.*

### **Joy in the Morning – Thursday, December 6, 13 and 20 at 11:15 a.m.**

Gather with the enslaved community for a music-filled message of hope illuminating the struggles and triumphs of African Americans in 18th-century Williamsburg. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

**Christmas Hymns in 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Virginia – Thursday, Dec 6 and Friday, Dec 21 at 4:30 p.m.**

John Turner and Kelly Kennedy share hymns that are still popular today. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, our old favorites were considered popular music and not accepted in church. (1 hour) \$8 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

**A Thousand Reasons to be Merry – Friday, Dec 7, Sunday Dec 9 and 16 at 11:15 a.m.**

Hear 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) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

**Our Homes Away from Home – Friday, December 7 and Sun, December 30 at 2:15 p.m.**

During WWII the USO segregated the troops. In Williamsburg there were two USO's. Hear from the women who ran these USO's during the holidays. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket (\$3 military) required in addition to museum admission.*

**Radio for Our Troops – Friday, December 7 and Sun, December 30 at 4:30 p.m.**

The War Department created the Armed Forces Radio Service to bring a bit of home to men overseas. Be part of the audience for a 1943 Christmas broadcast. (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket (\$7 military) required in addition to museum admission.*

**Christmas with the Washingtons – Saturday, December 8, 15 and 29 at 11:15 a.m.**

Join the General and Lady Washington as they reflect on the Christmastide season and how it has shaped their lives together and individually. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

**Holiday Memories – Sat, December 8 and 15 at 4:30.m. and Tues, December 25 at 2:30 p.m.**

Experience Christmas in the 1890s with shadow puppets on a screen with special effects, music, storytelling, and a moving panoramic background. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket (\$3 youth/child) required in addition to museum admission.*

**Christmas at Sea – Sunday, December 9 at 3:30.m.**

Join fiddler David Gardner for music that has given solace to sailors during many lonely holidays at sea. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission.*

**Christmas Voyage Home – Monday, December 10, 17 and 31 at 11:15 a.m.**

Join James Madison and the Marquis de Lafayette as they bid a fond farewell before they embark on a journey home over the holidays. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Vibrant Seasonal Scales and Chords – Monday, December 10 and 17 at 4:30 p.m.**

Take a journey through the amazing scales we hear in holiday music. Timothy Seaman leads us on a tour of beloved and rare pieces on hammered dulcimer and more. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**More than Words – Tues, Dec 11, 18 and Jan 1 at 11:15 a.m., Tues, Dec 25 at 11:30 a.m.**

Join the Waterman for 18<sup>th</sup>-century Christmas songs & letters. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket in addition to museum admission*

**Christmas in the Peaceable Kingdom – Tuesday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m.**

Join Kelly Kennedy as she shares the joyous songs, tunes and stories of the animal kingdom from all over the world marking this season. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Green Grows the Holly – Wednesday, December 12 and 19 at 5 p.m.**

Lynn & Barry Trott share 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>-century winter music. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket in addition to museum admission*

**Christmas Colonial Jukebox – Thursday, December 13 at 4:30 p.m.**

Brain Forsman and Bill Weldon trace the roots of seasonal tunes along with some top 40, country and bluegrass hits to the music that they sang and danced to 200 years ago. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Christmas and the Constitution – Friday, December 14, 21 and 28 at 11:15 a.m.**

Join Alexander Hamilton and James Madison in the throes of writing the *Federalist Papers* to support the constitution. Tensions rise when public and personal duty collide. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Turner Tunes for Christmas – Friday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m.**

Enjoy original compositions by and about the John Turner family and friends both in America and in Scotland. (1 hour) \$8 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Santa's Stories – Saturday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 22 at 10:45 a.m.**

Santa has picked up many stories from around the world during the Christmas season. Join him and Mrs. Claus as they share favorite stories. (1 hour) \$4 *program ticket (\$2 youth/child) required in addition to museum admission*

**A Christmas Worship in Song – Sunday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m.**

Follow the traditions of Christmas hymns throughout the ages. Join award winning violinist David Gardner as he leads this lovely collection of songs of worship and joy. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**An Olde Virginny Christmas – Tuesday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m.**

Sing, clap and share the revelry of our Virginia Christmas traditions with Kelly Kennedy, Andy Cleveland and Craig DuBose on fiddle, guitar, piano, banjo and accordion. (1 hour) \$8 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Virginia Evergreens – Thursday, December 20 at 3:45 p.m.**

Timothy Seaman celebrates Virginia's rich diversity of trees, before the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree, on hammered and mountain dulcimer, flutes, & psalteries. (1 hr) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Christmas with the Tinkers – Friday, December 21 at 1:15 p.m.**

In the Highlands, the Tinkers traveled throughout the countryside selling wares. Listen to the stories of the Tinkers with master storytellers Donna Wolf & Shel Browder. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Dances with Dwarves – Saturday, December 22 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.**

Poisoned Dwarf celebrates with driving, traditional Celtic music. (Stephen Christoff, vocals/mandolin, Thomas DeRose, Irish flute, Wayne A. Hill, fiddle, Eric Hunter, guitar/banjo, Lance A. Pedigo, percussion, and Stewart Pittman, whistles/uilleann pipes). (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**An Immigrant's Christmas – Sunday, December 23 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.**

Magnificent Christmas carols and step dancing with the music of harp, cello and fiddle! Come and celebrate Christmas with the Fynesound ensemble. (1 hour) \$12 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**12 days and night before Christmas – Monday, December 24 at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.**

Gather the entire family together for this special Christmas Eve treat as people from the past bring these two classic Christmas stories to life. (1 hour) \$3 *program ticket (\$1 youth/child) required in addition to museum admission*

**Profound Joy – Monday, December 24 at 4 p.m.**

Timothy Seaman celebrates the wonder of the holiday season on hammered dulcimer. Reflect on the season with familiar carols, rekindling memories of holidays past. (1 hour) \$8 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Missing Our Men – Thursday, December 27 at 11:15 a.m.**

Discover women from the Revolutionary War, Civil War and World War I and II as they cope with missing fathers, husbands, sons and grandchildren. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Christmas Brass – Thursday, December 27 at 2:15 and 4:30 p.m.**

Join Gabe Stone, Daniel Omer, Steve Ruckle and Andrew Riech for a fascinating concert of holiday favorites on modern and period brass instruments. (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Under the Merry Mistletoe – Friday, December 28 at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.**

Join the Virginia Company, for love songs to accompany the season. David Gardner - violin, Barry Trott - mandolin/flute, Cliff Williams - baroque guitar/recorder. (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**A 19th-Century Williamsburg Christmas – Saturday, December 29 at 2:15 and 4:30 p.m.**

Share an hour with the Colonial Singers, in the "living room of the famous Tucker family home." Young children will enjoy decorating the Tucker Family Christmas Tree. (1 hour) \$10 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**A Time for Joy, A Time for Reflection – Sunday, December 30 at 11:15 a.m.**

Join Mrs. Jefferson as she ponders her Christmases past and present. Experience the joy, sorrow, hope, and anticipation that the season brings her and her family. (1 hour) \$5 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**Celebrate New Year's Scottish Style – Monday, December 31 at 2:15 p.m.**

Celebrate Hogmanay (New Year's Eve) with John Turner, David Gardener, and Kelly Kennedy. Enjoy Hogmanay songs and celebrate Scotland's traditional music. (1 hour) \$12 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

**The Wolf is at the Door – Tuesday, January 1 at 1:30 p.m.**

January is known to the Gales as the month of the 'Burrowing Wolf.' Join Master storytellers Shel Browder and Donna Wolf to start your New Year. (1 hour) \$6 *program ticket required in addition to museum admission*

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