

NET Radio Airs Thanksgiving Specials

Thanksgiving traditions include seasonal broadcasts from NET Radio. The festivities begin with singing and storytelling about gratitude from one of America's best all-male ensembles, Cantus, on Thursday, November 22, at 9 a.m. CT. Described by the Washington Post as having "a boatload of talent," Cantus serves up distinguished voices for a celebration of gratitude on NET Radio.

"Turkey Confidential" from "The Splendid Table" continues the Thanksgiving Day specials at 10 a.m. CT. Host Lynn Rossetto Kasper answers questions from listeners in this live two-hour call-in show. Culinary triumphs to kitchen disasters are all fair game for this lively and friendly show. This annual program has become a national favorite as Kasper takes calls from frantic cooks as they prepare their feasts.

"Giving Thanks" continues the warmth of great music and memorable sentiments with more stories to share from 1-3 p.m. CT. Host John Birge creates a thoughtful, contemporary reflection on the meaning of the holiday. This year's program will feature a grateful tribute to writer Nora Ephron; original Thanksgiving music in the studio with pianist Jacqueline Schwab; a Thanksgiving blessing from cowboy poet Baxter Black; and a visit from poet Dana Gioia. For listeners in the kitchen, on the road, or relaxing after the feast, "Giving Thanks" provides the perfect atmosphere for a Thanksgiving afternoon.

"Music for the Birds," an NET Radio audience favorite, returns Friday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to noon CT. Host William Stibor reprises his annual "Music for the Birds" concert featuring classical pieces with bird themes and motifs. As the turkey gets the short end of the (drum) stick on Thanksgiving, NET Radio pays homage to avian flight both fair and "fowl." From Respighi's "The Birds" to Stravinsky's "Firebird" ballet and Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending," NET serves up a variety of musical dishes for all Nebraskans to enjoy.

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