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Classical 89.5 Holiday Season Broadcasts

KMFA - Your Holiday Home for the Classics!

AUSTIN, Texas -- Helping to keep Austin - *Classically Austin* - KMFA 89.5 is kicking off its holiday season programming schedule with ***Giving Thanks 2005: A Celebration of Fall, Food & Gratitude - hosted by John Birge***. Airing **November 23rd from 7pm – 9pm** and again **November 24th, 10am – 12pm**. *Giving Thanks* is a perfect accompaniment to Central Texas gatherings of family and friends and is made possible, in part, by Jackson Walker, LLP. (Program highlights can be found at http://americanpublicmedia.publicradio.org/programs/giving_thanks/)

On December 15th - KMFA begins adding in Holiday themed programming - starting with ***Music of the Baroque - A Christmas Special*** at 8pm. Many wonderful musical gifts are in store for KMFA listeners through the end of December - but highlights not to be missed are:

- KMFA's third annual ***Festival of Carols, December 22 – 25***, four days of continuous carols and holiday themed music - sponsored, in part, by Austin Asset Management Company.

- ***A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - broadcast LIVE from England on December 24th at 9am***. Beginning with a solitary boy soprano singing "Once in Royal David's City," this glorious service of lessons and carols is a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Hosted by Michael Barone and brought to you live from King's College, Cambridge. (More information can be found at <http://americanpublicmedia.publicradio.org/programs/festival/>)

- ***The Messiah***. Also part of KMFA's own Festival of Carols, Classical 89.5 brings you this favorite performed by the New York Philharmonic on Christmas Day at 7pm.

Many other wonderful programs will be airing and are further described in the attached KMFA December Holiday Programming document.

General Manager, Jack Allen comments, "Whether you're entertaining family and friends, shopping, or enjoying a relaxing evening - let KMFA keep you company this Holiday Season. Stay tuned to 89.5 for your favorite programs and make a note of our Holiday Specials - KMFA's musical gifts to you for this community's support *throughout* the year"

Classical 89.5 KMFA is a listener supported, community radio station – incorporated in 1967 - relying on 85% of its funding from member contributions. A noncommercial, classical format station – KMFA features both local programming and nationally distributed programming from Public Radio International and Minnesota Public Radio.

For more information on these programs, visit www.kmfa.org.

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