Is the Tower ever open to the Public?

Members at the Donor level and above can view the Founder’s Room on one of four tours conducted each year.

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**French Romantic Music**  
From *L'Arlesienne Suite No.1*  
George Bizet  
Ent’acte  
1838-1875  
Carillon  

**18th Century Dutch Traditionals**  
A Child Born in Bethlehem  
Welcome, Child of Mary  
Maria Would go to Bethlehem  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
Sleigh Ride  
Leroy Anderson 1908-1975

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Thursday at 3:00 p.m.  
*Historic Recording by William De Turk*

**Classical Music from Father and Son**  
From *A Toy Symphony*  
L. Mozart 1719-1787  
Allegro first movement  
arr. R. Barnes  
From Piano Concerto No. 21 K 467  
W. A. Mozart  
Andante second movement  
1756-1791  
arr. Bernard Winsemius  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
African American Spirituals  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!  
Mary had a baby

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Friday at 1:00 p.m.  
*Live performance by Geert D’hollander*

**Flemish Romantic Carillon Music**  
From *Sonatina II*  
Flor Peeters  
Allegretto semplice – Aria  
1903-1986  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
Czech and Polish Christmas Traditions  
Jesu, Jesu, Baby Dear  
Infant holy, Infant lowly

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**American Carillon Music**  
The most beloved Jesus  
Sally Slade Warner  
5 variations on an old Flemish song  
1932-2009  

**A Composition by the Performer**  
From Three Carillon Preludes for Advent  
G. D’hollander  
Rejoice Believers in Baroque Style  
b. 1965  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
The most Wonderful Day of the Year  
Johnny Marks  
1909-1985

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**Flemish Baroque Music**  
From *Sonata VII for Harpsichord*  
Jean-Baptiste Loeillet  
Largo – Allegro  
1688-1720  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
Cantique de Noel  
Adolphe Ch. Adam 1803-1856

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**A Harpsichord Transcription**  
Chaconne  
Johann Fischer 1656-1746  
arr. Bernard Winsemius  

**Traditional Christmas Carols**  
Oh, How Joyfully  
Sicilian  
O Christmas Tree  
German  
O Come, O Come Immanuel  
Plainsong  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
Let it Snow! Let it Snow!  
Jule Styne 1905-1994

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Sunday at 1:00 p.m.  
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**Secular Christmas Songs**  
A Holly Jolly Christmas  
Johnny Marks 1909-1985  
Carol of the Bells  
M. D. Leontovich 1877-1921  
When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter  
Johnny Marks  
Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer  
Randy Brooks  

**Improvisation on Seasonal Music**  
Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer  
J. Marks 1909-1985

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Sunday at 3:00 p.m.  
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**Traditional Christmas Carols arr. R. Barnes**  
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen  
English  
Lord Jesus hath a Garden  
Dutch  
Good King Wenceslas  
English  
O Day we Desired  
Catalonian  
The Holy and the Ivy  
English  
Infant holy, Infant lowly  
Polish  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
American  
Come All Ye Shepherds  
Bohemian Traditional  
In Dulci Jubilo  
German Traditional  
Welcome, Child of Mary  
Dutch  
Good King Wenceslas  
English  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Adeste Fideles 1751