

Holiday Caroling Sing-Along!

...for Pre-K through Grade 12!



Please join [CILC](#), the [New York State Distance Learning Consortium](#) (NYS DLC), five amazing program providers (such as the [Manhattan School of Music](#) and more!), and students around the world for an interactive holiday culture and sing-along connection! A different holiday cultural presentation will be made each day, and then there will be SINGING!

Dates: December 14-18

Time: Daily at 12pm EST

Connection method: Zoom

Cost: FREE

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/holidayculturesing20> or copy/paste this URL:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqGY9ybsBRTrXEWpNiPm3tIhqwp0FOr7CGlrFHw9Eck_PIpw/viewform?usp=sf_link
(Deadline to register is 12/7)

Monday, December 14 12:00 ET - A Caribbean Christmas - JamaicaBob

Join JamaicaBob as he celebrates the holiday season Jamaica-style. You'll hear a traditional song and a holiday adaptation. You'll also learn about some traditions and some of the foods you'd find during this time of year like ackee and salt fish, Christmas Fruit Cake as well as other Jamaican favorites.

Tuesday, December 15 12:00 ET - Kwanzaa and Hanukkah are Important December Celebrations - Author Valerie Marsh

Discover the special story, number, food and candle for these holidays. Learn a sign language song so you can wish your friends and neighbors a Happy Hanukkah and Kwanza.

Wednesday, December 16 12:00 ET - Christmas in the Sunshine! - Oiada from Ghana

We know snow is usually associated with Christmas, however, here we in Ghana Christmas morning is welcomed with 100 degree weather and bright sunshine. Join us for a sunshine Christmas, we will share our customs, decorations and foods that we enjoy on that day. We are dreaming of a sunshine Christmas!!!

Thursday, December 17 12:00 ET - Celebrate Winter with Lights! - Penn Museum

For centuries cultures around the world have used fire and light as traditional symbols in celebrations. Through interactive discussions with our Museum educator discover more about one of the most ancient Festival of Lights and learn how it continues today to commemorate the Winter Solstice. Then look closely at artifacts used in ceremonies across the globe before creating a design for an ancient light fixture with a symbol that represents a personal winter celebration.

Friday, December 18 12:00 ET - Caroling Around the Country - Manhattan School of Music

Sing into the holiday season with Manhattan School of Music! Join us in a holiday themed multi-point sing-a-long, bringing schools together from all over the United States to get into the spirit of the season!

Five classes will be selected to be interactive (share and sing during the connection), and everyone else will watch, listen, and hopefully sing along! Interactive spots are limited, so register now! Although participants will be muted during the connection (unless/until it's their turn to sing, if applicable), all are still welcome-- and highly encouraged!-- to sing along in their classrooms and homes. Holiday-inspired clothing and accessories are also highly encouraged!!!

Timeline

- **Now until 12/14:** Warm up your vocal cords and practice some holiday singing!
- **12/7:** Registration ends.

- 12/9: Interactive sites will be selected, and the songs assigned will be shared.

Program format/agenda (40-45 minutes)

- Welcome! (5 minutes)
- Cultural presentation by one of CILC's wonderful Content Providers. Presentation topics and formats will vary. (20 minutes)
- Time to carol! (10 minutes)
 - The MC of the event will announce the school when it's their turn to carol! The class will introduce themselves (school name and location, teacher(s) name, etc.), state their song, and share a brief explanation about the song/why they chose it. Then they will start singing! The rest of the "listening" sites can sing along!
- Thanks! (5 minutes)

SONGS

- Deck the Halls
- Let It Snow
- Winter Wonderland
- Frosty the Snowman
- The Most Wonderful Time of the Year
- The Holly and the Ivy
- My Favorite Things
- You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch
- (There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays
- Over the River and Through the Woods
- Sleigh Ride
- Auld Lang Syne
- (Suggest your own, and if selected to sing it, please be prepared to share a brief explanation about the song/why you chose it.)

Please feel free to print out lyrics as you see fit. Here is a site with lyrics to quite a few holiday songs:

<https://www.41051.com/xmaslyrics/> or use whatever site works for you!