

# Holiday Entertaining

## Pair Christmas Music With A Feast For A Perfect Holiday Gathering

(NAPSA)—Making the holidays special is easier when you pair beautiful music with delectable food. Here's a musical menu made to please.

Set a lively tone with sweet and sour Shrimp with Chili & Mangoes, and light songs: "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells."

Complement the appetizer with sing-along tunes like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and a first course of Spicy Carrot Soup.

Showcase your culinary and musical taste with Danish Fruit-Stuffed Pork Roast and soothing melodies: "Ave Maria" and "Silent Night."

Finish with Christmas Plum Pudding and classics such as "The Christmas Song" and "Silver Bells." Send guests home with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

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### Danish Fruit-Stuffed Pork Roast\*

- 1 pork loin center rib roast (4 pounds), backbone loosened**
- $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon each salt and pepper**

#### Stuffing:

- 1 cup pitted prunes**
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup water**
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine**
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped**



- 2 tablespoons brown sugar**
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind**
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground cinnamon**
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon ground cardamom**
- 6 cups dried bread cubes**
- 1 large tart apple, chopped**
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup apple juice**

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place roast rib side down. Cut slits between ribs halfway to backbone and within  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of edges to make pockets. Salt and pepper.

2. For stuffing, simmer prunes until tender. Drain. Coarsely chop prunes; set aside.

3. Saute onions in butter; stir in brown sugar, lemon rind, cinnamon, cardamom.

4. Place bread in bowl. Stir in onion mixture, prunes and apple. Drizzle with apple juice; toss lightly. Spoon stuffing into roast pockets. Place remaining stuffing in separate casserole; cover and refrigerate.

5. Roast rib side down for 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours or until internal meat temperature registers 155 degrees. (Cover loosely with foil after 1 hour.) Bake left-over stuffing alongside roast during last 30-40 minutes.

6. Let stand 15 minutes.  
**Serves 8**

\* Adapted from Reader's Digest's *Celebration of Christmas*.