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And with bluesy workouts of “Christmas Tears” and “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” and a solemn, solo acoustic version of “O Holy Night” to close it out, This Season is a musical Whitman’s Sampler not to be missed this – or any – holiday season. ---bluesmagazine.nl

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