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Featuring
Christmas Concerts, Theatre, Special Events and
Attractions for the Holiday Season

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Ballet Jörgen
presents



The Group of Seven
Nutcracker
Dec 9 - 11
at 7 pm



The Amazing Kreskin
Dec 22 at 8 pm

...a rollicking frolicking feast of entertainment... The Country Border News



Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Scrooge!
A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
Book, Music and Lyrics by
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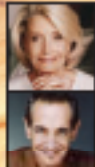
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And After the Holidays Wind Down with these Great Shows!

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Broadway, Film, Television

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Jan 23 at 8 pm

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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

The Print 'n Go Holiday Guide for Non-Cocooners

Weather wise we seem to be off to a late start when it comes to celebrating winter. However, Christmas seems to come earlier regardless of the weather as some of the big box stores start setting up for the holiday season in mid-summer. I'm not a big fan of that concept. It's bad enough that it takes me to spring just to get my outside decorations put away. What's the hurry? Ahhh...but here it is again....and up go the decorations. This is the season that makes you think - of what to be thankful for, what you should do to take care of your health as the new year approaches, what to do for the holidays, where to go, what to see ... oh yes, and what gifts to buy. Decisions, decisions! The one thing you do not want to be doing this season is cocooning. This is a joyous season. A time to be with family and friends and enjoy the invigorating outdoors - and indoor. Take the time to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas (or whatever name you want this holiday to go by). For me it always was and always will be Christmas. For many of my friends and readers its Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa and Winter Solstice. Whatever your religion or beliefs, we are all one people enjoying this one life - and this is a great time to get out and ENJOY - together! Cold or snow always create a great buzz for those who crave outdoor sports and activities. It's also a great backdrop for some fun times indoors by attending a concert, play, movie, dinner or visit one of the great galleries the city has to offer.

There is no shortage of festivities going on throughout the GTA. This issue will guide you through the holidays. This is your Print 'n Go edition - so print it out and get ready to go!

Enjoy this wonderful and joyous season.

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to all!

In the Spirit of Christmas

This is a time to show compassion for those who are not as fortunate as we are. These are our brothers and sisters on the streets, in the shelters, and those lined up at the food banks. They are people like us, who for one reason or another, are unable to enjoy what we take for granted. Remember to help those less fortunate during this holiday season. The spirit of the season only shines through us. We are the ones who can help lighten up the rest of the world. Throughout the year, we should be their beacons but at this time of year we can become the real, Christmas light for many who need us - the shining star on their virtual tree of life.

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Christmas @ CASA LOMA

November 30, 2009
to January 3, 2010

Storybook Magic

Inspired by famous children's storybooks from around the globe like Jack and the Bean Stalk, Hansel and Gretel, Aladdin and Pinocchio, award winning magician Lawrence LaRouche and Majinx present a dazzling world of spectacular illusions that bring these classic stories to life. *Showtimes: 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 2:00* & 3:00** *These shows do not occur from Monday to Thursday between Nov. 30 and Dec. 17

Storytelling

Attention all Captain Hooks, Tin-kerbells and Lost Boys! Come to the Conservatory to hear an exciting retelling of J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan- a mischievous boy who can fly and magically refuses to grow up. Children are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite character. *Storytelling at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30* & 3:30** *These shows do not occur from Monday to Thursday between Nov. 30 and Dec. 17 Plus an Enchanted Hallway and jolly old Saint Nick himself, all within the walls of a beautifully decorated castle.

December 6, 13, 20

Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa for Breakfast in a beautifully decorated castle. Your children will enjoy a served pancake breakfast (2 pancakes, 2 sausages, fruit salad) with orange juice, a visit with Santa, castle admission, self-guided touring, and tickets to Storybook Magic.

December 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

Elves in the Workshop

Bring your little elf to Casa Loma and join the annual seasonal workshop-hosted by Marnie Lippa from Parties Made Simple. You and your little elf will enjoy creating a decorated gingerbread house to hang on your family tree.

December 22

Family Archery at Casa Loma

Casa Loma offers a special Holiday-themed Family Archery Workshop. Join certified archery coach Shawn Adams, for an opportunity to learn the history and techniques involved in the ancient sport of archery. This hands-on workshop is suited to beginners and will afford all participants the chance to develop and hone their archery skills.

CITYWIDE EVENTS

November 27 – January 3, 2010

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Downsview Park

Downsview Park presents the annual Trail of Lights, a three-kilometre path through the park, elaborately decorated with over 400,000 LED lights. There are 16 theme areas along the route that travels through Canada Forest in North York. In addition to the light displays, many of the exhibits are animated. Visitors may also enjoy a selection of holiday songs, which complement the visual display.

November 28 – December 19 CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS & SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Nathan Phillips Square

The festivities kick-off on Saturday, November 28 at 7:00pm with the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, fireworks and live musical performances by Steven Page, Matt Dusk, Keisha Chante, and more. The entire city is marking the season with celebrations and lighting displays in the following Toronto neighbourhoods:

Albion Islington Square
Bloorcourt Village
Bloorville Village
Bloor West Village
Bloor – Yorkville
Chinatown
Church – Wellesley Village
Corso Italia
Downsview Park
Downtown – Yonge
Emery Village
GreekTown on the Danforth
The Kingsway
Korea Town
Little Italy
Rosedale – Main Street
St. Clair Gardens
St. Lawrence Market
Toronto Waterfront

SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERTS & FIREWORKS

December 5: 7:00 pm
Jully Black
8:00 pm: Fireworks

8:05 pm: Staking Party
with DJ Jun

December 12: 7:00 pm
State of Shock

8:00 pm: Fireworks

8:05 pm: Skating Party with
Promise DJs

December 19: 7:00 pm
Faber Drive

8:00 pm: Fireworks

8:05 pm: Skating Party with DJ
Misty Rock 'n Roll

November 14 – January 3 WINTER MAGIC

Various Locations Around Toronto

Winter Magic is a festival that spans the Downtown Yonge district. It's an opportunity for the public to experience the heart of the city in a unique way. This festival brings holiday excitement to the area

November 14 – January 3 HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Suspended over Yonge Street are twenty-one dazzling illuminated cross-street displays stretching as far as the eye can see from Queen Street to just north of College Street. At the Yonge Street median, just south of College Street, twenty-two trees will be illuminated by blue, white and golden rope light sticks. An awe-inspiring forty-foot sculptural light tree, brilliantly shining with 52,000 blue and white lights, stands at Yonge-Dundas Square.



November 16 – December 24 THE SANTA EXPERIENCE Sherway Gardens

Join in at Sherway Square for the award-winning Santa Experience. Children will be thrilled to interact with jolly St. Nick as he reads stories, dances and conducts sing-a-longs with his little friends. Each session is limited to 40 children, designed with pre-schoolers in mind, and runs approx. 30 minutes. After the playtime, Santa stays for parents

& caretakers to snap a picture while the little ones get a special moment to share their Christmas wishes with Santa.

November 21 – December 19 HOLIDAY DINNER CRUISE Mariposa Cruises

Guests are invited to attend this four-hour cruise around Toronto harbour. It will feature a winter wonderland buffet dinner, professional DJ and breathtaking views of the city skyline.

November 21 – December 23 HOLIDAY SEASON TOUR Gibson House

Enjoy a peaceful moment during the rush of the holiday season. Come back to the gentler, quieter era of 1851 at historic Gibson House Museum, where visitors are welcomed by costumed staff for a tour. Children may play in our Discovery Gallery.



Begins November 24 A VICTORIAN TORONTO CHRISTMAS

Mackenzie House

This festive season step back in time to Victorian Toronto and experience the magic of a traditional Christmas in an 1859 row house. Escape from the hustle and bustle while you enjoy a sample of mulled cider and a biscuit in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover the story of how families celebrated Christmas in 19th-century Toronto as you tour the Mackenzie home that is dressed in greenery for the holidays.

November 24 – December 24 WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Mackenzie House

Children love writing to Santa Claus to tell him about their Christmas wish lists. We invite your child to go back to an earlier time when writing to Santa was still new. He/She may select either a card or Christmas

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stationery that has been printed on our 1845 printing press, then write a personal message with old-fashioned pen and ink. Drop the note to Santa into our magic post box and it will go straight to the man himself! Included with admission.

November 26, 28, 29,
December 2, 5, 6, 9
**CHRISTMAS
WREATH-MAKING
WORKSHOPS**

Colborne Lodge

Start your Christmas preparations by creating your very own Christmas wreath using nature's bounty. This 2-hour workshop is now a popular pre-Christmas get-together activity for groups of friends and families. Set in picturesque High Park, the house offers a cozy historic ambience for this seasonal craft. A tour of the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.



November 27 - December 20
**THE GINGERBREAD
COOKIE FACTORY**
Sherway Gardens

A popular holiday tradition, the Gingerbread Cookie Factory returns to Sherway Gardens from November 27 to December 20. Located at Sherway Square, the station will be open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 until 5pm and all other Saturdays until 8pm, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cookies are \$4 each or three for \$10. All proceeds support Trillium Health Centre.

November 29 – December 5
**GINGERBREAD HOUSE
WORKSHOP**

Montgomery's Inn

Where can you build a house and eat it too? Come ask Master Baker Monika Paradis at this hands-on workshop for kids of all ages.

December 5
**CAST IRON CHEF:
REGENCY AND
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
TREATS**

Todmorden Mills

Prepare and sample tasty Christmas treats on the open hearth of our Regency cottage. Based upon authentic 19th-century recipes, these treats will surprise and delight the contemporary palate!

December 5
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
Colborne Lodge

Tours start every half hour on the half hour, last tour 3:15 p.m. Discover the magic of Christmas in the winter wonderland surroundings of High Park and enjoy a tour of Colborne Lodge, the picturesque home of the founders of High Park, which is decorated for a Victorian Christmas. You will discover festive traditions, decorations and foods enjoyed during the 19th century in Toronto. Toast the season with a glass of hot mulled cider by the wood stove and nibble on special holiday treat

December 5
KIDS IN THE KITCHEN
Montgomery's Inn

Prepare your children for the season with these workshops in 19th century holiday traditions. Children ages 8-11 will make seasonal decorations and gifts, and they'll prepare festive foods in the historic kitchen.

December 5 - 6
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Scarborough Museum

Visit another era this season! Tour the festively decorated McCowan Log House and Cornell House and enjoy the aroma of traditional hearth baking. Admission is FREE!

December 5, 12, 19
**CHRISTMAS BY
LAMPLIGHT**
*Black Creek Pioneer
Village*

Follow the magical glow of more than 200 lamps and lanterns as they light the way to an enchanted evening of warmth and wonder. Villagers in period

dress and welcome you with food, drink and stories for three exclusive nights. A traditional Christmas Dinner is also available.

December 6
**KID'S HOLIDAY BAKING
WORKSHOP**

Scarborough Museum

Kids bake Christmas treats using traditional methods. Kids take home a recipe booklet and extra goodies for lucky parents. Pre-Registration is required.

December 6, 13, 20
CHRISTMAS DINNERS
*Black Creek Pioneer
Village*

Celebrate the traditions of Christmas with a meal in our Historic Brewery Restaurant at the Half Way House and tour the Village.

December 6, 23, 24
**A REGENCY CHRISTMAS
IN THE VALLEY**
Todmorden Mills

Discover the simple pleasures and decor of a Regency-era Christmas at Todmorden Mills. Our early 19th-century historic homes are decorated for the season with lovely evergreen garlands. Discover the history of the "kissing bough" hanging in the Helliwell parlour, decorated with cornucopias full of sweets and candles. Sample a period dessert and create your own Christmas decoration using a traditional felting technique.

December 12
**DESSERTS BY
LAMPLIGHT**
Scarborough Museum

A magical evening of lamp-lit rooms, decadent desserts and carolers. The historic buildings are lit entirely by candle and lamp light.

December 12
TINY MIRACLES
The Comedy Bar

Celebrating its 4th annual show, Tiny Miracles is a holiday themed comedy show to help raise funds to make x-mas care packages for the homeless.

December 12 – 13
CITY OF CRAFT
The Theatre Centre

A celebration of all things homemade, this 2-day event puts the spotlight on Toronto's craft community. It is a showcase of unique holiday gifts, interactive workshops, and on-site craft installations.

December 12, 13, 16, 17, 19
**CHRISTMAS CENTRE-
PIECE WORKSHOPS**
Colborne Lodge

Create your own Christmas Centrepiece using natural materials. This 2 hour workshop is a great pre-Christmas get-together activity for groups of friends and families. Set in picturesque High Park, the house offers a cosy historic ambience for this seasonal craft. A tour of the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included.



December 13, 2009
SANTA STORIES
Mackenzie House

Visitors gather in the MacKenzie House family room and listen to stories about Christmas in the Victorian era. Cookies and hot apple cider are served to all guests in the museum's historic kitchen. This family event is suitable for children of all ages, and guests may tour the museum while on site.

December 13
**BARE IT ALL FOR THE
POLAR BEARS**
Sunnyside Beach

The 2009 Polar Bear Swim hopes to raise awareness of keeping carbon stored in the Boreal Forest as one way to shield us from the effects of global warming and to help save polar bears.

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December 19
DAVID RICCI'S SHORT FILM SCREENING & JIM CARREY'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Silver City Yonge & Eglinton
 David Ricci's New Short Film "Black Rose" is a dark film about a girl being haunted, who later realizes- maybe these dark encounters might come with the intention of saving her life. The short film will be followed by the new "Christmas Carol" Movie with Jim Carrey

December 19 – 20
MINCEMEAT, POMANDERS AND PAPER CHAINS

Gibson House
 Join in the celebrations of Christmas of long ago! Enjoy the sights and aromas of traditional holiday foods being prepared in the open-hearth kitchen. Children can help in the kitchen, make a holiday themed craft or enjoy activities in our Discovery Gallery.

December 20, 22, 23
CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS WORKSHOPS

Colborne Lodge
 Get a few errands done when you drop off the kids who'll make traditional Christmas ornaments to take home. A visit to the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

December 26
THE 34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS WALK

Toronto Zoo
 Don't miss this much loved annual event where Siberian tigers, polar bears, reindeer and other animals receive their seasonal goodies. Strolling Carollers, FREE Hot Chocolate following the walk ending at our polar bear exhibit in our NEW Tundra Trek. All proceeds will go to the Endangered Species Reserve Fund.

December 26 – January 3
A WILD ROM FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Royal Ontario Museum
 Animals take over the ROM! ROM for the Holidays returns to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) December 26, 2009 to January 3, 2010. The Museum celebrates the holiday season with an exciting line-up of winter and animal-themed activities for the entire family. Programs include special live animal shows in the Eaton Theatre, hands-on visits with live animals in the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity and a Museum scavenger hunt.

December 28
HOGMANAY! TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

Mackenzie House
 Enjoy an evening of Scottish music and foods at this traditional celebration of the New Year. The decorated house will be illuminated by gaslight and candles. Popular traditional musical group, Gin Lane, will perform. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

December 28 – 31
DECEMBER HOLIDAY CAMP

Scarborough Historical Museum
 Enjoy the holiday season by experiencing the life of an early settler. Create seasonal crafts, cook over the open hearth and in a wood stove, and play camp games. All participants are required to bring a lunch and snacks, but kids eat or take home the treats they prepare.

December 29
THE GIBSON HOUSE HOGMANAY PARTY FOR FAMILIES

Gibson House
 Bring your family to Gibson House for a candlelight evening celebrating the traditions of a Hogmanay. Help staff prepare for 2010 with luck and laughter. Children's hands and imaginations are needed - help with

the baking, make crafts, learn the lore of Scottish New Year customs through stories and song. There will be sweet treats and of course, the fabled First Footer to greet. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and adults must be accompanied by a child!

December 29 – January 3, 2010
KIDS' KRAFTS

Mackenzie House
 Bring the family to visit the last home of Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie, then enjoy some time with your youngsters, printing in the recreated printshop and doing an historically based activity.

December 30
TO THE NEW YEAR: A GIBSON HOUSE HOGMANAY DINNER

Gibson House
 Gather at the historic Gibson House for a special evening inspired by the family traditions of Hogmanay. Share a scrumptious dinner with familiar and new friends. Be lulled by the fire, and moved by the music. Take an imagined journey through story and drama to a New Year of another time. As the evening closes, come together with staff to welcome our First Footer, celebrate our 2009 season and bring luck and best wishes to Gibson House Museum for 2010.

ON STAGE

November 26 - January 3, 2010
ROBIN HOOD, THE ENVIROMENTAL FAMILY MUSICAL
Elgin Theatre

Ross petty productions steals its way into the Elgin theatre for its annual holiday romp, with a very fractured version of robin hood, updated by an environmental twist!

Maid Marian, the guardian of Sherwood forest wilderness preserve, sends robin hood and his merry men packing when she discovers them living in her beloved forest. The prince of



thieves must win over Marian while continuing to elude the sheriff of Nottingham. To no one's surprise, but Marian's, the sheriff of Nottingham is also CEO of Nottingham lumber, the company about to raze Sherwood forest to make more toothpicks, bathroom tissue and catapults. It takes all the denizens of Nottingham, mortals and faeries alike, to win the ultimate battle of green over evil.

Featuring another cast of Canadian superstars from the worlds of theatre, music and television, this robin hood is overflowing with riches.

Starring
 Eva Avila, Dan Chameroy, Jessica Holmes, Jeff Irving, Yvan Pedneault, Ross Petty, Christy Adamson, Kelly Fletcher, Colin Heath, Scott A. Hurst, David Light, David Lopez, Stephen Roberts, Jaz Sealey, Jen Shaw, Justin Stadnyk, Adam Stevenson

November 28 - January 4
 December 4 - 5
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Montgomery's Inn

The Humber River Shakespeare Company presents their original edit of the Dickens classic. Back by popular demand, this holiday season staple is not to be missed! Pay-what-you-can.

December 3 - 5
MOSCOW BALLET'S GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER
Casino Rama

Featuring spectacular sets and beautifully costumed Russian dancers, Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker is a seasonal holiday treat for

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all. Whimsical and imaginative storytelling blends with the richness of classical dance to make the Great Russian Nutcracker a unique performance not to be missed!

December 3 - 19
THE CURIOUS SAVAGE
Scarborough Village Theatre
 This delightful warm-hearted tale, in keeping with the Holiday Spirit, takes us to a sanatorium in the 1950's where the greedy stepchildren of Mrs. Ethel Savage have committed her in order to bring her to her senses. There, Mrs. Savage meets a variety of social misfits who may be saner than those who live outside the walls

December 9 - 11
THE GROUP OF SEVEN NUTCRACKER
Rose Theatre, Brampton
 From a wintery schoolhouse in Bisset, Ontario to the lush summer wetlands of Algonquin Park, follow Klara and the Nutcracker Prince as they experience Canadian landscapes filled with snowflakes, Mounties, and charming woodland creatures.

December 9 - 27
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE! THE MUSICAL
Fairview Library Theatre
 The beloved movie classic that starred James Stewart is lovingly brought to life as a Broadway-style musical! On Christmas eve, troubled George Bailey, wonders what the world would have been like if he had never been born. And Clarence, the hapless would-be Guardian Angel shows him just that!

December 11 - 13
SOULFUL MESSIAH
Fleck Dance Theatre
 Soulful Messiah is a contemporary dance interpretation of Handel's oratorio, The Messiah. This soulful rendition, infused with R&B, joyously blends Handel's Messiah and the voices of legendary black singers, resulting in a cor-

nucopia of tap, popular and African-Caribbean dance movements; a tour de force with undeniable holiday appeal.

December 12
THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND OTHER MIRACULOUS TALES OF THE SEASON
Montgomery's Inn
 Enjoy a cosy evening of fire-side stories, with an intermission featuring a complimentary seasonal treat and glass of hot mulled cider.

December 12 - 13
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BALLET THEATRE: THE NUTCRACKER
John W.H. Bassett Theatre
 The Nutcracker tells the tale of siblings Clara and Fritz who have an unbelievable adventure after their toys come to life late one winter's night. The play also features characters like the Mouse King, Mother Ginger and the Sugar Plum Fairy.

December 12 - 13
RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
The Solar Stage
 Join in the reindeer games with Rudolph, Santa's favourite reindeer, on stage in an interactive dramatization of the beloved holiday classic

December 16 - 19
TORONTO'S FAVOURITE MESSIAH
Roy Thomson Hall
 It wouldn't be the holiday season without Handel's Messiah - performed with matchless spirit by the TSO! This year the immortal oratorio masterwork is in the hands of conductor Noel Edison, the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and a stellar quartet of Canadian singers.

December 16 - 20
SCROOGE: THE MUSICAL
Rose Theatre, Brampton
 Drawing on the humour from Charles Dickens' Victorian classic, A Christmas Carol, renowned composer/lyricist Leslie Bricusse has recast the tale of Scrooge and the Crotchets into a spooky yet fanciful musical. A sure-fire audience pleaser, this musical adaptation features all the familiar felons and fairies, ghosts and good-guys. With catchy songs, (Bricusse won Oscars for original musical score he originally wrote for the film version and best screenplay) and snappy dances this is just the show to get your whole family into the true holiday spirit!

December 18 - 27
DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS PRINCESS CLASSICS
Rogers Centre
 Princess Classics is an amazing journey to the magical land of Disney classic fairy tales. Travel to a kingdom under the sea, an enchanted French castle, an Arabian palace and more.

December 19 - 20
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS: THE NUTCRACKER
Cardinal Carter Academy For The Arts
 The Nutcracker tells the tale of siblings Clara and Fritz who have an unbelievable adventure after their toys come to life late one winter's night. The play also features characters like the Mouse King, Mother Ginger and the Sugar Plum Fairy.

December 19 - January 1
CINDERELLA IN MUDDY YORK
Tarragon Extra Space
 A whimsical take on Toronto history that will tickle the funny bones of adults and children alike, Cinderella in Muddy York is a fairy tale of a Cinder-

ella in Canada, reset in 1834 at the time when "muddy" York is about to become Toronto.

December 19 - January 3
THE NUTCRACKER
Four Seasons Centre For The Performing Arts
 The Nutcracker follows the quarrelsome brother and sister, Misha and Marie, on their journey to another realm. The duo leave their recognizable everyday domain, for a dream world that leads to the ice-coated realm of the Snow Queen and the splendor of the golden palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

December 19 - January 3
CINDERELLA
Solar Stage
 In this musical interactive version of the Grimm fairy tale Cinderella, who is treated unfairly by her selfish stepsisters, responds with patience and kindness toward all, trusting that the future will bring her a change of fortune. A holiday favourite!

HOLIDAY CONCERTS



December 2
JOHN McDERMOTT
Rose Theatre, Brampton

December 2 - 6
VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS
Trinity St. Paul's United Church

December 3
ANDREA BOCELLI
Air Canada Centre
 Spend the Holidays with the world's most beloved voice. The concert will celebrate much of the repertoire the classical crossover singer has made

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world-famous over the years as well as music from his upcoming release.

December 5
THE TORONTO JAZZ ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS
The Rex Hotel

December 5
A CEREMONY OF CAROLS
Metropolitan United Church
 Forte – The Toronto Men's Chorus presents its 13th annual holiday concert, A Ceremony of Carols.

December 5
HOLIDAY SOUNDS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
Glenn Gould Studio - CBC Building

December 5
JINGLE BELL ROCK
 featuring
WEEZER / ILL SCARLET
Air Canada Centre

December 5
CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY
Roy Thomson Hall
 This annual holiday show features special guests Barbara and Steve Allen, Colin Fox and Giles Bryant, accompanying the Canadian Staff Band, for a classic brass and choir concert.

December 5
A MARITIME CHRISTMAS WITH THE RANKIN SISTERS
Richmond Hill Centre

December 6 at 7:30 PM
HANDEL'S MESSIAH
Rose Theatre, Brampton
 No Christmas Season is complete without hearing the glorious sounds of Handel's "Messiah". This year, Brampton Festival Singers in conjunction with the Great Lakes Orchestra will present this timeless and inspiring work. The full orchestra and the large ensemble chorus will present an inspiring and unforgettable evening that will remain a highlight all season long.

December 6
TSO - A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Roy Thomson Hall
 The Young People's holiday performance is a seasonal tradition for the whole family! Enjoy timeless Christmas favourites, including a pocket version of A Christmas Carol, complete with stage actors, a jolly narrator, and music! Join us for a festive open house during intermission with free art activities from the Avenue Road Arts School in the lobby! Young People's Concerts are created especially for children ages 5-12. We regret we cannot allow children under 2 years of age into any TSO concert.

December 9
IL DIVO
Roy Thomson Hall



December 9
THE ANDY KIM CHRISTMAS SHOW: ANDY KIM / BROKEN SOCIAL SCENE
Mod Club

December 9
FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
 Gather the family and sing festive favourites with Canada's largest choir, Toronto Mendelssohn Choir. Britten's Ceremony of Carols for women's voices and harp, and other songs of the season, are sure to rouse the Christmas spirit.

December 10
CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: A VERY LENNON CHRISTMAS, THE MUSIC OF

JOHN LENNON
Markham Theatre

If you're a fan of The Beatles' music then don't miss a Very Lennon Christmas – the music of John Lennon. Note for note, cut for cut, Classic Albums Live faithfully recreates a musical concert experience of rock 'n roll's greatest records. With a group of highly accomplished musicians, assembled specifically for each album presentation, Classic Albums Live shows have to be seen to be believed.

December 10
DIANNE REEVES: CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE
Oakville Centre For The Performing Arts

December 11
THE MOSCOW BOYS CHOIR: CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD
Oakville Centre For The Performing Arts



December 11 – 12
ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL
Massey Hall

Let the joy resound! Toronto's beloved St. Michael's Choir School celebrates the glorious sounds and spirit of Christmas with its annual Massey Hall concert. One of this city's most endearing holiday traditions, this year's Christmas performance, Sing We Noël, Noël We Sing, offers a jubilant program rich with some of the most wonderful melodies ever written for the Christmas season.

The remarkable boys of St. Michael's Choir School will take to the Massey Hall

stage on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 8 pm and Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 3 pm to sing songs of praise to usher in the holiday season, and to mark this, St. Michael's Choir School's 70th Annual Christmas concert.

December 11 – 12
A SPANISH CHRISTMAS
Trinity St. Paul's Centre
 Who can resist the flashy rhythms and sensuous melodies of Christmas celebrations in the Spanish-speaking nations of the world? From both sides of the Atlantic, we bring you a fiesta of early music for the holiday season, with harp, guitars, percussion, winds, keyboards and voices. From the solemnity of motets by Victoria and Guerrero, to the intricate cross-rhythms of villancicos and dances from Latin America, this is Christmas celebration at its most delightful.

December 11 - 14
DR. DRAW'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW
Hugh's Room
 Dr. Draw, Canada's biggest selling violinist along with his band and special guests is prepping for his annual Christmas-Holiday concert at Hugh's Room on December 11, 12, 13 and 14th. The 27-year-old Dr. Draw is set to spellbind audiences once again with his eclectic electric violin arrangements.

December 12
DIANNE REEVES
Bluma Appel Theatre

December 12
BLACK UMFOLOSI: CHRISTMAS IN ZIMBABWE
Oakville Centre
For The Performing Arts

December 13
THE GOSPEL CHRISTMAS PROJECT
Yonge Centre For The Performing Arts
 It's that time of year again! Canadian vocal powerhouses

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

Jackie Richardson, Chris Lowe, Kellylee Evans, and Sharon Riley and Faith Chorale return to the Young Centre return to the Young Centre, to officially ring in the holiday season! Joined this year by vocal sensation Toya Alexis, and led as always by creator and Musical Director Andrew Craig, the Gospel Christmas Project is over 20 of your favourite Christmas Carols, in stunning Gospel arrangements. This year promises new surprises - don't miss THE musical event of the Christmas season.

December 13
ELVIS: THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHRISTMAS
Rose Theatre, Brampton

December 14
MAJESTY OF CHRISTMAS
Metropolitan Untied Church
 The thrilling combination of brass band, choir and organ in the church's acoustic splendour is brilliantly enhanced with the heartfelt participation of the audience singing favourite traditional carols.

December 15
FESTIVAL WIND ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY MAGIC CONCERT 2009
Betty Oliphant Theatre
 An exciting evening of holiday favourites performed by the Festival Wind Orchestra with conductor Keith Reid, including White Christmas, performed by soloist Nicole Blain, Rhapsody on Spanish Carols, Christmas On Broadway and Christmas Fantasy, and Leroy Anderson's A Christmas Festival

December 15
VICTORIA SCHOLARS MEN'S CHORAL ENSEMBLE & THE SENIOR CHOIR
Roy Thomson Hall

December 16
JOHN McDERMOTT & FRIENDS - A FAMILY CHRISTMAS
Living Arts Centre



December 16 - 19
NATHANIEL DETT CHORALE : INDIGO CHRISTMAS
Glenn Gould Studio - CBC Building
 The Nathaniel Dett Chorale, joined by renowned jazz duo Joe Sealy and Paul Novotny, will warm your cool winter nights with intimate and joyful settings of traditional and contemporary holiday music

December 17
BILL KING & THE REAL DIVAS
Old Mill Inn & Spa

December 17
A LEAHY FAMILY CHRISTMAS
Markham Theatre For The Performing Arts
 A Leahy Family Christmas is a multifaceted experience combining music, dance and song. Audiences will be treated to seasonal favourites with a Celtic flair alongside new Leahy material. Opening Act: Justin Hines has spent the last two years entertaining audiences from China to the Middle East. His latest release "Chasing Silver" is currently receiving great on air reviews.

December 18
JOHN McDERMOTT: A FAMILY CHRISTMAS
Oakville Centre For The Performing Arts
 Canada's premiere tenor has found a home as an international recording star and household name. With timeless classics such as "Danny Boy" and "Love is a Voyage", John's rich voice transcends classical and contemporary music into a riveting and joyous celebration!

December 18 -19
CHRISTMAS WITH THE CANADIAN TENORS
Markham Theatre For The Performing Arts



The Canadian Tenors have captivating, dulcet, ethereal voices, which would be a perfect way to usher in Christmas.

December 19
SARAH SLEAN & FRIENDS
Enwave Theatre
 The 5th annual holiday show featuring musical collaborations with Buck 65, Divine Brown and Royal Wood

December 19
A CHORUS CHRISTMAS: SEASON OF CREATION
Roy Thomson Hall
 Come rejoice in the spirit of Christmas as we celebrate the miracle, mystery, and music in a concert of both traditional and contemporary favourites such as Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols, Bob Chilcott's Canticles of Light, and Ruth Watson Henderson's Creation's Praise. With guests Judy Loman, Ruth Watson Henderson, True North Brass, Toronto Children's Chorus Alumni Choir, Kathryn Tremills, and Christopher Dawes.

December 19
ORCHESTRA MISSISSAUGA PRESENTS CHRISTMAS BELLS
Hammerson Hall, Living Arts Centre - Mississauga
 Join Maestro John Barnum, and the Mississauga Symphony for an afternoon one hour family Christmas event. No applause please! Clang, bong or jingle your approval with your favorite gong or sleigh bell or cowbell. Jingle bells will be available for a

toonie if you forget to bring your own. In addition to the Eden Bells a Peel handbell ensemble and young violinist Joshua Goo, the event will include craft sales by the multi-talented members of the Mississauga Symphony and the Long & McQuade instrument petting zoo.

December 20
CHRISTMAS CONCERT: VIVA YOUTH SINGERS
Trinity St. Paul's United Church

Enjoy performances by Viva! Youth Singers of Toronto, an innovative choral organization for children and youth.

December 20
SING-ALONG MESSIAH: TAFELMUSIK CHAMBER CHOIR
Massey Hall

Let your voice ring out with 2,700 sing-alongers and guest soloists as a feisty "Maestro Handel" conducts his beloved Messiah. Bring the whole family, and non-singers are welcome! Seating is General Admission by voice part.

December 21
FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS: A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS
Oakville Centre For The Performing Arts

December 21, 23
CHRISTMAS WITH THE CANADIAN TENORS
Rose Theatre, Brampton
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December 22, 23
JOHN McDERMOTT & FRIENDS
Roy Thomson Hall
 Join John McDermott, and special guests Larry Gowan, The Arrogant Worms, Guido Basso, Dave Young and Erica Goodman for a festive concert celebrating the spirit of the holiday season.

December 22 – 23
TSO - CHRISTMAS WITH THE CANADIAN BRASS
Roy Thomson Hall
 Join the Toronto symphony orchestra and the Canadian Brass for a joyous programme of holiday classics, and sing along to your favourite carols!

December 23
LIVE NATION PRESENTS ROCK YOUR STOCKINGS CHRISTMAS BASH
The Sound Academy
 Rock your stockings will feature Rebel Emergency with special guests Street Pharmacy, Dodger, and Walk Off The Earth.

December 24
MCCT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Roy Thomson Hall

December 29 - 30
BALLET JÖRGEN CANADA PRESENTS GROUP OF SEVEN NUTCRACKER
Markham Theatre For The Performing Arts
 Ballet Jörgen Canada, in col-

laboration with the McMichael Canadian Art Collection highlights Group of Seven paintings in a spectacular renewal of the holiday classic The Nutcracker. Set in early 20th century Canada, this popular ballet will feature vibrant backdrops from the works of our great landscape artists. Embark on a grand journey and celebrate a new Canadian interpretation of a timeless classic.

December 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE 2009 CONCERT
Roy Thomson Hall

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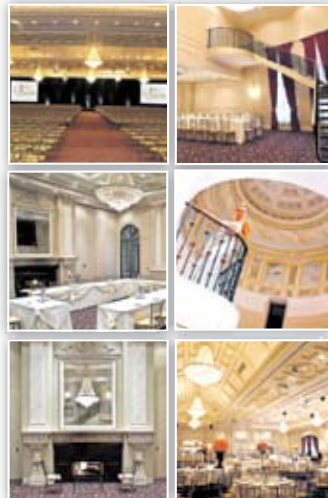
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