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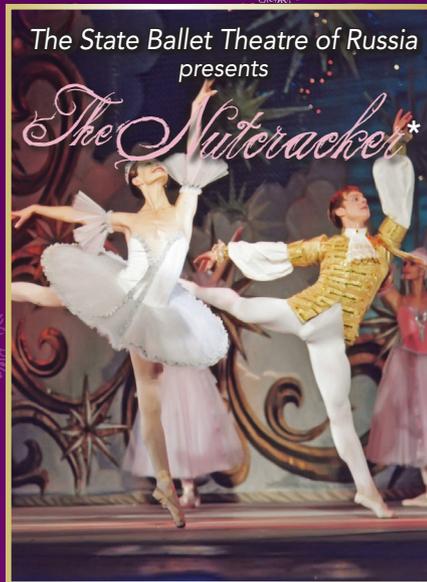
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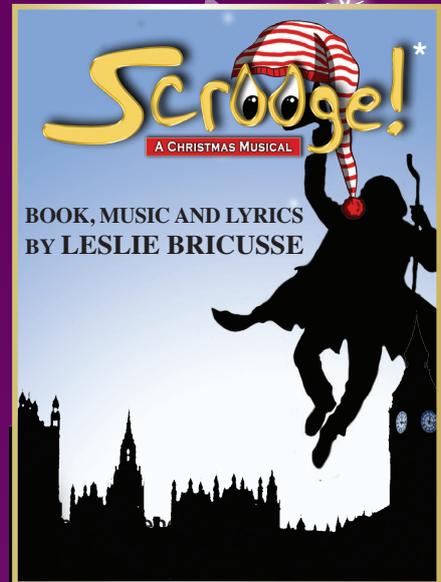
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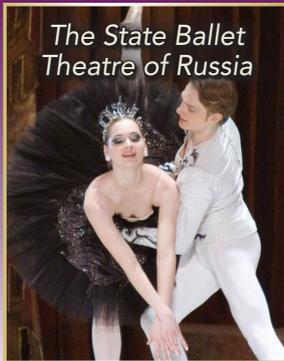


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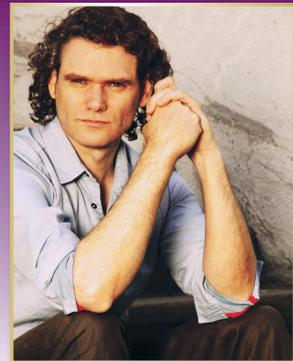
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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

A Holiday Guide for Non-Cocooners

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.

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

CITYWIDE EVENTS

November 26 – January 2, 2010

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Downsview Park

Downsview Park's Trail of Lights is open Wednesdays to Sundays from Friday November 26th to Sunday January 2nd (being closed on Monday and Tuesday nights is a change from previous years). Hours for the trail are 6pm to 11pm, and the trail is open on the holidays, including Christmas and New Years. On most days the trail is a drive-through experience where you use your own car to tour the trail - "Walk-Through Wednesdays" are reserved for pedestrians only.

November 27

CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS

Nathan Philips Square

Toronto's 44th annual Cavalcade of Lights presented by Scotiabank returns to Nathan Philips Square on Saturday, November 27 for one night only! The festivities kick-off at 7:00 p.m. with the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, fireworks and live musical performances by Shawn Desman, Divine Brown and Sarah Slean. The concert culminates in a spectacular fireworks display at 8:00 pm, followed by a skating party Celebrating 40 Years of the JUNO Awards.

Ongoing

NEIGHBOURHOOD LIGHTS Neighbourhoods Aglow!

Various City Neighbourhoods

In addition, throughout the holiday season, brilliant creations of light will beautify the city as neighbourhoods and tourist attractions participate in the Cavalcade of Lights Festival. Included are:

Albion Islington Square
Bloor-Yorkville
Corso Italia
Emery Village
GreekTown on the Danforth
Little Italy
Rosedale Main Street
St. Clair Gardens

The Waterfront BLOOR-YORKVILLE HOLIDAY MAGIC

Animated store front windows, enchanting light displays and charming decorations are yours to discover at:

The Bay
Cartier
The Colonnade
GCEPSPOKE
The Guild Shop
Harry Rosen
Holt Renfrew
Manulife Centre
Montblanc Boutique
Old York Lane
Over The Rainbow
Paper Things
Renaissance Court
Tiffany and Co.
Village of Yorkville Park
William Ashley China
Williams-Sonoma
175 Bloor Street East
99 Yorkville Avenue
Devlish Angelz
117 Bloor Street East
Bandiera Jewellers

December 4 PROJECT SANTA: HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Regent Park Community Centre

A fun filled day of great food, cool arts and crafts, face painting, prizes for adults, balloons, awesome presents and of course Santa!!

December 5 HOGMANAY PARTY FOR FAMILIES

Gibson House

Bring your children to Gibson House Museum for a celebration of the traditions of Hogmanay. Help staff prepare for 2011 with luck and laughter. Children's hands and imaginations are needed - help with the baking, make crafts and 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. A drop in event for children and adults together on the first three Sundays in December.

December 4 CHRISTMAS BAKING FOR FAMILIES

Black Creek Pioneer Village

Head to Black Creek Pioneer Village for family fun in the historic kitchen! Bake on our wood-burning stove, follow recipes loved by pioneers, and take home some tasty treats.

November 27 - December 8 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.

December 3 - December 12 LOWE'S TORONTO CHRISTMAS MARKET

Distillery District

The Toronto Christmas Market will be inspired by the Old World and influenced by the New. It will capture all of the tradition, heritage and romance of these European Markets, while showcasing the best artisanal products of Europe, Toronto and its surrounding regions. Boasting unique products, family friendly entertainment and an exotic menu of beers, sweets and European specialties, the Toronto Christmas Market will create a warm and inviting environment for people of all ages.

December 11 - 15 CHRISTMAS CENTREPIECE WORKSHOPS (for adults)

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 cozy historic ambience for this seasonal craft. A tour of the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included.

November 13 - December 18 MARIPOSA'S HOLIDAY DINNER CRUISES

Whether celebrating the holidays with family, friends or colleagues, Mariposa Cruises will be sure to offer their guests an experience to remember with an exciting Holiday Dinner Cruise. Plan to shake it up this year with a four hour cruise aboard a beautifully decorated vessel and enjoy the Winter Wonderland buffet dinner, professional DJ and breathtaking views of the city skyline aboard the Captain Matthew Flinders or Northern Spirit.

December 4 - 18 CHRISTMAS BY LAMPLIGHT

Black Creek Pioneer Village

For three unique evenings, Black Creek Pioneer Village will transform into the world of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Bathed in the glow of lamplight and dressed in its finest Holiday décor, Black Creek welcomes you to explore the world of Scrooge, Fezziwig and Tiny Tim! Choose between the program only or the program with dinner. 3 Dates: December 4th, 11th and 18th

December 4 - 18 FESTIVE SEASON RETAIL FESTIVAL

Yonge-Lawrence Village

Joined by the Village Carolers, Santa makes his annual visit to the Village to meet and greet shoppers and hand out treats to the kids. Bring your cameras and take pictures with Santa and don't forget to ask him for your free, reusable Yonge Lawrence Village enviro-friendly Shopping Bag.

Toronto Hydro Light Exchange Saturday, December 4th – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Front Lawn of Scotiabank – 3446 Yonge Street (at Yonge Blvd)
Bring in up to two old strings of Christmas lights we'll replace it with a new string of energy efficient LED lights (while supplies last).
Join Santa for Free Cake and Hot Chocolate (while supplies last)!

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

December 4 - 18 WINTERFEST

Toronto Waterfront
**Saturday, December 4, 11
and 18**

A magical holiday experience for people of all ages!
Join Santa and his merry elves aboard a Winter Wonderland Cruise!
FREE dog shows
FREE photo and treats
FREE skating

December 4 - 18 PAWSWAY'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION @ WINTERFEST

Toronto's Waterfront
There is something for every dog and cat – and their owners – at PawsWay this holiday season during Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront. Visit www.pawsway.ca for more information.

• Saturday, December 4:
Pet Photos With Santa

Come to PawsWay with your pet and find out from Santa if they've been good or naughty!
Pet photos with Santa by renowned dog photographer Garth Gourley. 12 pm - 5 pm

• Saturday, December 18:
PawsWay Holiday Party
Dress your pet in their holiday finery and visit PawsWay for a festive celebration including games, contests and prizes! 12 pm - 5 pm FREE

November 26 - December 19 GINGERBREAD COOKIE FACTORY

Sherway Gardens

A popular holiday tradition, the Volunteers of Trillium Health Centre's 19th Annual Gingerbread Cookie Factory, returns to Sherway Gardens from November 26 to December 19. The Gingerbread Cookie Factory is open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at the north end of Sherway Square near GapKids. Cookies are \$4 each or three for \$10. All proceeds support Trillium Health Centre.

Over the past 19 years, local families have shown their support of the Trillium Health Centre by using their creative and innovative ideas to decorate

and personalize their cookies. Many volunteers and staff look forward to giving their time and volunteering at this festive fundraiser.

December 3 - 19 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Church of the Holy Trinity

The Christmas Story at the Church of the Holy Trinity is one of Toronto's oldest holiday traditions. The story of the nativity is told through a series of narrated scenes linked by beautiful organ music and carols from an unseen choir. Close to 100 volunteers, including babies who take turns playing the role of baby Jesus, perform in one of two casts. The Church of the Holy Trinity, a 163-year-old architectural treasure, brings its own charm to the show.

This is a not-to-be-missed Christmas event, with people from all walks of life and all areas of Greater Toronto represented in the casts and audiences. Reservations are recommended.

The show opens December 3rd and will play weekends through December 19th, 2010. (December 3-5, 10-12, 17-19) Friday & Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:30 pm.

December 4 - 19 FESTIVE CHRISTMAS WEEKENDS

Scarborough Museum

Tour festively decorated historic houses and enjoy traditional hearth baking.

First 3 weekends in December:
Noon - 4 pm
Admission by Donation.

December 4 - 19 LIVE REINDEER & STROLLING SANTA IN THE TOWN SQUARE

Shops at Don Mills

Straight from the North Pole, Santa's reindeer will be making an exclusive appearance at Shops at Don Mills! See a few of these magical creatures before they fly back to work. Meet Santa Claus! The jolly man himself and one of his helpers will be strolling throughout

Shops at Don Mills spreading joy and handing out treats!
The event will only run on December 4, 5, 18, and 19.

December 19 - 22 CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS WORKSHOP

Colborne Lodge

Get a few errands done when you drop off the kids at Colborne Lodge where they'll make Christmas ornaments to take home. A visit to the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. For children 6 - 10 years.

Cost: \$17.50 + tax

Two dates are available: Sunday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 22.

December 21 - 22 CHRISTMAS COOKIE CREATION

Colborne Lodge

Children 8 - 12 years will have fun making unique and tasty treats for the holidays in this historic baking workshop that uses an 1830s Canadian gingerbread recipe. While their cookies bake, participants will tour the house and discover Victorian Christmas traditions and stories. Participants take home their c

November 15 - December 23 TOY MOUNTAIN

Sherway Gardens

Help less fortunate children this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped toy to one of the two special CTV Toy Mountain bins at Sherway Gardens from November 15 until December 23 at 6pm. The bins are located in Sherway Square opposite Le Chateau and next to the Guest Services Booth. Call 416-621-1070 for more information or visit www.sherwaygardens.ca.

The Salvation Army will deliver these toys to needy children in our community in time for Christmas.

December 4 - 23 LUNCH WITH SANTA

Black Creek Pioneer Village

On weekends and school holidays from December 4 to 23, enjoy a pancake lunch and have

a photo taken with Santa! Decorate a gingerbread cookie and take part in an old fashioned taffy pull.

Featuring:

Pancake Lunch with photo opportunities with Santa
Gingerbread Cookie Decorating and Christmas Crafts
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides around the Village
Historic Village activities like taffy pulls and traditional dancing

Gingerbread Village - a replicated Village of Black Creek made out of Gingerbread - all entries are made by local Culinary Artists (students and locals) who compete for cash prizes, Gingerbread Houses will be raffled off through December Weekends, and Christmas holidays in December (December 4 to 5, December 11 to 12, December 18 - 23)

November 15 - December 24 THE SANTA EXPERIENCE

Sherway Gardens

Enjoy the magic of the holiday season at the award-winning Santa Experience, an exciting, interactive visit with Santa at Sherway Gardens weekdays and Saturdays from Mon, Nov 15 until Frid, Dec 24. Registration is accepted in person only at the Holiday Booth near the entrance to Sherway Square. 100% of the \$5 per child ticket price goes to Sleeping Children Around the World.

December 26 35th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS WALK

Toronto Zoo

For over 35 years we've been the place to be on Boxing Day. Join us for this annual tradition, where Zoo animals await their seasonal delights! Strolling Carollers and FREE Hot Chocolate following the walk (while quantities last). Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Half Price Admission for everyone all day! Happy Holidays. Please note this is an outdoor event.

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

November 25 - December 5
ONE OF A KIND
CHRISTMAS SHOW
AND SALE
 Direct Energy Centre

December 5 - 6
ST. NICHOLAS DAY
CELEBRATION
 Distillery District

December 5 - January 2
A REGENCY CHRISTMAS
IN THE VALLEY
 Todmorden Mills Heritage
 Museum

December 9 - 11
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 Montgomery's Inn

December 11
CHILDREN'S LANTERN
PARADE
 Distillery District

December 12
TALES FROM THE
CHRISTMAS GYPSY
 Montgomery's Inn

To December 31
A ROARING 1920s
CHRISTMAS
 Spadina Historic House and
 Gardens

To December 30
A VICTORIAN TORONTO
CHRISTMAS
 Mackenzie House

ON STAGE

November 24 - January 3
SECOND CITY'S
DYSFUNCTIONAL
HOLIDAY REVUE
 (Comedy)
 Second City

December 4 - 5
THE NUTCRACKER:
STATE BALEET THEATRE
OF RUSSIA
 (Dance)
 Living Arts Centre

December 6 - 30
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 (Musical)
 Young Centre for the
 Performing Arts

December 8 - 9
THE NUTCRACKER
 (Dance)
 Rose Theatre - Brampton

December 10
THE ARROGANT WORMS:
CHRISTMAS TURKEY
 (Musical)
 Living Arts Centre

December 11 - January 2
THE NUTCRACKER
 (Dance)
 Four Seasons Centre

December 16 - 19
SCROOGE! A CHRISTMAS
MUSICAL
 (Musical)
 Rose Theatre - Brampton

December 19
GOSPEL CHRISTMAS
PROJECT
 (Music)
 Young Centre for the
 Performing Arts

December 25 - January 2
DISNEY ON ICE:
MAGICAL JOURNEY
 (Skate)
 Rogers Centre

THEATRE FOR KIDS

December 11 & 12
RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED
REINDEER
 (Ages 5 and up)
 Solar Stage Children's Theatre

December 18-23, 27-30
& Jan. 2, 9
SNOW WHITE
 (Ages 3-10)
 Solar Stage Children's Theatre

December 19
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 (Ages 3 and up)
 Living Arts Centre

December 19
DUFFLEBAG THEATRE'S
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 RBC Theatre - Living Arts
 Centre

December 17 - January 2
HOW THE GRINCH STOLE
CHRISTMAS! THE
MUSICAL
 Sony Centre

February 12-13
THE SNOW QUEEN
 (Ages 4-10)
 Solar Stage Children's Theatre

DINNER THEATRES

December 12, 19,
Dec. 21-Jan.2
MIRACLE ON MERCER ST.
 (Ages 5-12)
 Second City

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HOLIDAY CONCERTS

November 24
LEAHY FAMILY
CHRISTMAS
 Sony Centre

November 26
CANADIAN MEN'S
CHORUSE:
A GENTLEMEN'S
CHRISTMAS
 Glenn Gould Studio

December 2
THE CANADIAN
TENORS & FRIENDS:
A CHRISTMAS TO
REMEMBER
 Sony Centre

December 4
CHRISTMAS WITH THE
SALVATION ARMY
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 4 - 5
THE NUTCRACKER:
STATE BALEET
THEATRE OF RUSSIA
 Living Arts Centre

December 10
THE ARROGANT WORMS:
CHRISTMAS TURKEY
 Living Arts Centre

December 10 + 11
ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR
SCHOOL: CHRISTMAS
FANTASY
 Massey Hall

December 11
TORONTO STAR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 St. Paul's Anglican Church

December 13
CANADIAN BRASS
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 15
ANDY KIM'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS SHOW
 Mod Club

December 15 + 18
AN INDIGO
CHRISTMAS:
NATHANIEL DETT
CHORALE
 Glenn Gould Studio

December 16, 18 - 21
TSO - TORONTO'S
BIGGEST MESSIAH
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 16 - 17
HANDEL'S MESSIAH
ROCKS: A JOYFUL
NOISE
 Living Arts Centre

December 17
BOWFIRE: HOLIDAY
HEART STRINGS
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 19
SING-ALONG MESSIAH
 Massey Hall

December 22-23
TSO - CHRISTMAS
WITH THE TSO
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 23
TRANS-SIBERIAN
ORCHESTRA
 Air Canada Centre

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COMEDY
EXTRAVAGANZA
 December 31
 Massey Hall



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