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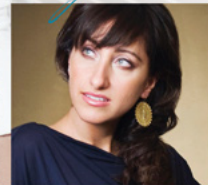
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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

**A
Holiday Guide
For Every Believer!**

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!

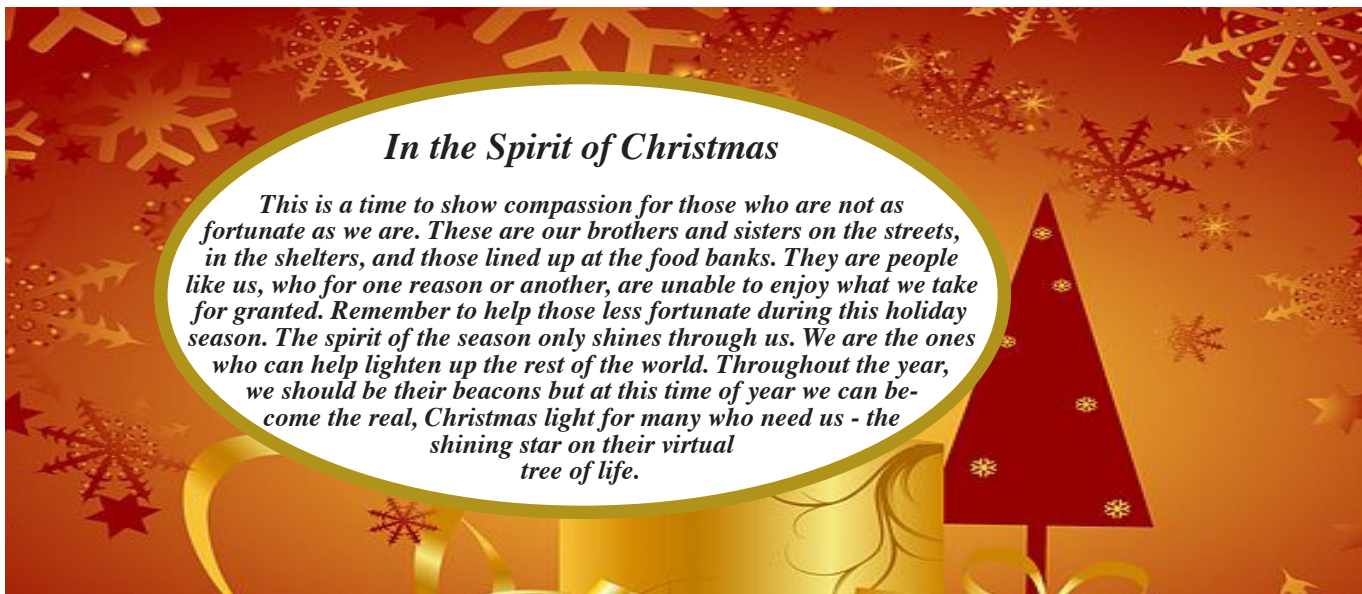
Enjoy this wonderful and joyous season.

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to all!

*Season's
Greetings*

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

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Daytime Adventures

COLBORNE LODGE IN HIGH PARK

South end of High Park on Colborne Lodge Drive. Limited free parking. Colborne Lodge Drive, 416-392-6916

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

From Saturday, November 26 to Sunday, January 8, 2012
Tuesdays to Sundays – Noon to 4 p.m.
Note: December 24 and 31, 12 to 3 p.m. Closed on December 25, 26, and January 1

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 hearth as you savour delicious holiday treats. Adults \$5.71, Seniors/Youths \$3.81, Children \$3.33 (plus HST)

FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

250 Fort York Boulevard, 416-392-6907

An 1812 Winter

December 17 to 31, Weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Closed December 25, 26 and January 1)

Enjoy a visit to Fort York this festive season and discover how troops coped with the Canadian winter in 1812. Military posts in Canada were considered the coldest, harshest posts in the British Empire. The Army went to great lengths to equip and train its troops to function effectively in the cold and relied on the expertise of aboriginals and fur traders to provide specialized training. An 1812 Winter tour will take you on a journey into the past. Sample some baking from the 1826 Officers' Mess kitchen

and soak up the warmth of a crackling wood fire. Be sure to browse the Museum Store featuring gifts for all ages and interests that you won't find anywhere else. Regular Admission applies.

GIBSON HOUSE

5172 Yonge Street, 416-395-7432
Holiday Season Tours
Tuesday, November 15 to December 23

Immerse yourself in the gentler, quieter era of 1851 at historic Gibson House Museum, where you will be welcomed by costumed staff for a tour. Parents and caregivers can engage children in simple hands-on activities in the Discovery Gallery. Regular admission.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT GIBSON HOUSE

Saturday and Sunday, December 3 & 4, 1 to 4 p.m.

Christmas is just around the corner. Cross some gifts off your list and take trip back into the past at the same time! The Museum Volunteers are holding a sale of their unique, handmade gifts. After shopping, take time to relax in the historic kitchen near the open hearth fire and enjoy warm cider and shortbread. Hands-on activities and Indoor games for the kids!

MACKENZIE HOUSE

82 Bond Street, 416-392-6915

A Victorian Toronto Christmas

Tuesday, November 22 until Sunday, January 8, 2012
Tuesday to Friday, 12 - 4 pm
Saturday + Sunday, 12 - 5 pm

This festive season take a 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 mulled cider and a biscuit in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover how families celebrated Christmas

in the 19th century as you tour this festively decorated house. While here, children will enjoy writing a letter to Santa Claus on stationery that has been printed on our 1845 printing press. They'll write it out with old-fashioned pen and ink. Holiday admission prices: Adults \$5.71, Seniors/Youth \$3.81, Children \$3.33 (plus tax).

MONTGOMERY'S INN

4709 Dundas Street West at Islington Avenue, 416-394-8113

Stir Up Sunday

November 27, 1 - 5 pm
Witness a working 19th century commercial kitchen in action when the Inn's team of historic cooks present an afternoon of cooking demonstrations. Samples while supplies last! Free with admission.

HOLIDAY SEASON TOURS

Tuesday, November 29 to Sunday, January 8, Tuesday to Sunday, 1 to 5 pm
(Closed Mondays and Holidays)

Tearoom Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.

During the holiday season, visitors to the Inn will enjoy a guided tour through the many period room settings designed to reflect a Victorian household and bustling business. The sitting room and dining parlour, bedecked with greenery, recall the festive traditions and customs of 1840s Etobicoke. The barroom, assembly room and the many bedchambers for overnight lodgers present a snapshot of life in a country Inn. Regular admission applies.

SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM

1007 Brimley Road, just north of Lawrence in Thomson Memorial Park, 416-338-8807
Festive Christmas Weekends
December 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17

& 18, and 24, 12 to 4 p.m. Visit another era this holiday season! Tour the festively decorated McCowan Log House and Cornell House and enjoy the aroma of traditional hearth baking. Admission is by donation.

SPADINA MUSEUM: HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDENS

285 Spadina Road, 416-392-6910

A Roaring 1920s Christmas

Tuesday, November 22 until Sunday, January 8 (Closed Mondays and Holidays)
Tuesday to Friday, Noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

Please note: December 24 and 31: 12 to 3 p.m.
Explore a 1920s Christmas at Spadina. Everything from the decorations to the holiday activities have been re-created based on the memories of the Austin family grandchildren. Try out period games and reproduction toys. Enjoy holiday treats made from original recipes in the newly restored 1930s kitchen. Adults \$7.62, Seniors & Youths \$5.42, Children: \$4.48 (plus tax). Paid parking next door at Casa Loma.

Swell Sundays: Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio at Spadina Museum

Sunday, December 4, 11 and 18, Noon to 5 p.m.
Family fun is now On The Air! Relive the golden age of radio at Spadina Museum. Throughout the afternoon you can make your own decoder craft, sample period refreshments and shake-a-leg flapper-style using how-to films from the time period. Join us for a live 1930s style, recreated radio show at 1 and 3 p.m.— we're even including the advertisements! Watch the behind-the-scenes fun of being on-air and perhaps you will be the member of the audience who'll be invited up to take part! Everyone can have a close up look at the

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period Foley equipment we'll be using to create the sound effects for the program. Adults \$10, Seniors/Youths \$8, Children \$6 (plus tax).

TODMORDEN MILLS MUSEUM

67 Pottery Road,
416-396-2819

Greenwillow Productions presents Willow Quartet by Joan Burrow

Opens November 18 and runs until December 3 Tuesday to Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. In this funny, dark, wise and intensely human play, Willow Quartet chronicles the story of a couple, torn apart by tragedy and loss, wrestling through the rage and grief to a new place of "normal." Enter the charming visiting musician, who acts as an unwitting guide through the turbulent waters of pain and longing. The characters are wonderfully nuanced, quirky and contradictory. The struggle for healing is rife with wicked humour and human vulnerability. Directed by Jane Carnwath, starring Patricia Casey, Andy Fraser, John Healy and Chris Owens. Evening performance tickets \$25. Sunday Matinees are Pay-What-You-Can. Call 647-342-7454 or www.secureseat.com.

Holiday Greeting Cards – A Workshop for Families (6 and Up)

Sunday, Nov. 27, 1 to 4 p.m. From pop ups to collage! Learn about the origins of holiday greeting cards while you create a set of personalized cards to send to loved ones. Suitable for children 6 years and up. Pre-registration required. Adults: \$15, Children \$8 (plus HST).

Toronto Watercolour Society presents Aquavision - A Juried Art Exhibition
November 30 - December 11

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Friday from 12 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m.

Opening Reception: Sunday, December 4, 2 to 4 pm. Gallery admission is free. Toronto Watercolour Society Members' water media art pieces are juried for best selection and highest quality of art standards and execution. This exhibition will display a wide variety of themes and subject matter. All interested members of the public and media are invited to attend and view this exhibition of portraits, florals, landscapes, architectural vignettes, abstractions and non-objective water media paintings in this colourful, creative and one-of-a-kind art show.

HISTORIC ZION SCHOOLHOUSE

1091 Finch Avenue East, east of Leslie Street, 416-395-7435

Christmas Open House Drop-in

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 - 4 p.m. Go back to school, way back, by exploring Zion's 1910 schoolroom. Get to know this wonderful educational resource right here in your community! Try out turn of the century school activities like writing on a slate or participating in a spelling bee and enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits while singing carols around the schoolroom piano.

Evenings Out

FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

250 Fort York Boulevard 416-392-6907
Parler Fort at Fort York National Historic Site Toronto: Built and Unbuilt Monday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. What gets built in Toronto, what doesn't and why? Join author, critic and journalist, John Bentley Mays, Mark Osbaldeston, author

of Unbuilt Toronto and Unbuilt Toronto 2 and Phil Goodfellow, co-author of A Guidebook to Contemporary Architecture in Toronto, for this inter-active discussion. \$10 (\$8.85 plus tax). Free for students with valid I.D.

GIBSON HOUSE

5172 Yonge Street 416-395-7432
To the New Year: A Gibson House Hogmanay Dinner December 29 and 30, 7 p.m. Gather at historic Gibson House for a special evening inspired by Hogmanay, a traditional Scottish celebration. 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's Eve of another time. As the evening closes, come together with staff to welcome our First Footer, celebrate last year's passing and bring luck and best wishes to Gibson House Museum for the New Year ahead. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$42.50 plus tax.

Just For The Kids

FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

250 Fort York Boulevard 416-392-6907
Gingerbread Make and Bake! Extra fun for Kids at Fort York - Ages 4 & Up December 27 to 31 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

While you enjoy a tour of Fort York your kids can join the historic cooks in the Officers' Mess kitchen to create old-fashioned gingerbread cookies. In this hands-on workshop, kids will use period cooking utensils and tools to sift flour, crush cinnamon, cloves or allspice and grate nutmeg and ginger as they prepare an 1800s gingerbread recipe. The cookies will be baked over the open hearth fire. Samples can be

taken home...if they last that long! Included with regular admission, just sign up in the Museum Store!

MACKENZIE HOUSE

82 Bond Street, 416-392-6915

Write a Letter to Santa Claus

Tuesday, November 22 until Saturday, December 24 Tuesday - Friday: 12 - 4 pm Saturday & Sun.: 12 - 5 pm Children love writing to Santa to share their Christmas wish lists. Select either a card or Christmas stationery that has been printed on our 1845 printing press and write a personal message with old-fashioned pen and ink. Drop the wish card into our magic post box for us to mail for you. Included with admission.

Holiday-Themed Crafts and Food Workshops for Adults and Families

COLBORNE LODGE IN HIGH PARK

Colborne Lodge Drive 416-392-6916

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops

Start your Christmas preparations by creating your very own Christmas wreath using nature's bounty. This 2-hour workshop is a popular social activity for groups of friends and families. Set in picturesque High Park, the Lodge offers a cozy historic ambience for this seasonal craft. A tour of the Lodge's decorated rooms and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration and pre-payment required, prices vary. Call for more information and to register. 416-392-6916.

Adult: Saturday, December 3 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Thursday, December 8 at

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6:30 p.m. \$30 plus tax. Sold Out!

Adult and Child (7 to 10 years) - Saturday, November 26 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 at 10 a.m. \$40 plus tax.

Adult and Youths (10 to 15 years) - Sunday, November 27 at 2 p.m. Youths must be accompanied by an adult, maximum of 2 youths per adult. \$51.50 plus tax. Sold Out!

MONTGOMERY'S INN
4709 Dundas Street West at Islington Avenue, 416-394-8113

Gingerbread House Workshop Sold Out!

Sunday, November 27, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Decorate your family's dream house together. All the supplies you need to create a classic gingerbread house will be provided. Additional dates in December. Pre-registration only. \$30 per house plus HST.

CITY WIDE EVENTS

November 12 - December 18
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.

Kidzfest

Buskertainment

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Window Wonderland

Ice, Wine & Dine

November 14 - 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 Sher-

way Gardens from

November 14 until December 23 at 6 pm. The bins are located in Sherway Square opposite Aritzia and next to the Guest Services Booth.

It's so easy to make the holidays a bit happier for a child. Last year, the CTV Toy Mountain collected 143,512 toys for less fortunate girls and boys. Please be generous and donate early to the CTV Toy Mountain! The Salvation Army will deliver these toys to needy children in our community in time for Christmas.

November 14 – 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-alongs with his little friends. Each session is limited to 40 children, designed with preschoolers 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.

Weekends November 19 - December 18

CHRISTMAS AT BLACK CREEK

Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway

www.blackcreek.ca, bcpvinfo@trca.on.ca, 416-736-1733

Event Time(s): Weekdays:

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

Weekends: 11 am - 4:30 pm

Create a new Holiday family tradition with so many memorable Victorian Christmas activities to choose from throughout the Village. Don't miss the special family programing happening on weekends in December, such as horse-drawn wagon rides, sit with Santa and cookie decorating, plus many more fun activities.

Shadow puppets to create and play 11:15 a.m.

Kids can make their very own shadow puppets. They can make up a play with their new puppets using our puppet theatre and then take their puppet home and create a shadow play - just like Victorian children did at Christmas time.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, beginning -12 p.m. Warm your hands with freshly roasted chestnuts. Then peel back the shell and enjoy their nutty flavour.

Old fashioned taffy pull, 1:00 p.m.

Get your hands sticky and enjoy candy the old-fashioned way! After pulling the hot taffy with your fingers, pop it in your mouth and savour the yummy treat.

Christmas Feasts & Flaming Puddings, 2:45 p.m.

After hearing about the origins of traditional Christmas foods, marvel as the flaming plum pudding enters the room, and then taste this old-fashioned Christmas treat.

Tour of Traditions

3:30 p.m.

Tour our historic houses and discover the origins of Christmas traditions popular today. Who was Santa Claus? Why do we send Christmas cards? Why do we put up Christmas trees and open presents on Christmas Day?

Mince-meat Tarts & Apple Cider

After an afternoon of strolling through the Village, purchase a homemade mince-meat tart and cider warmed over the fire in the Half Way House historic kitchen.

November 24 - December 4

ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Direct Energy Centre

www.oneofakindshow.com

Canada's largest show and-sale of works from over 800 artisans and designers. Shop for fashions, fine art, home decor and much more.

The One of a Kind Show is Canada's finest craft show, bringing innovative artists, craftspeople, and designers together to share their unique creations with the rest of the world. With a proud focus on homegrown talent, our Christmas and Spring Shows bring together the best of Canada, for a personal shopping experience like no other.

November 25 - December 18

GINGERBREAD

COOKIE FACTORY

Sherway Gardens

Be a part of this popular holiday tradition and join the Volunteers of Trillium Health Centre for their 20th Annual Gingerbread Cookie Factory at Sherway Gardens Fridays & weekends from November 25 to December 18. 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. For additional information call 416-621-1070.

For the past 20 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.

People of all ages have been participating in Sherway Gardens Gingerbread Cookie Factory and it has become part of many families' annual holiday traditions. More than 3,000 cookies are decorated each year to help the Trillium Health Centre.

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November 26

CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS & SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Nathan Phillips Square
The festivities kick-off on Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 pm with the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, fireworks and live musical performances and more. The entire city is marking the season with celebrations and lighting displays in the following Toronto neighbourhoods:
Albion Islington Square
Bloorcourt Village
Bloordale 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

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

Ongoing 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 1 @ 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

SPEAKEASY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

The Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West
www.speakeasyTO.com,
david@blttogo.com,
416-533-1374
Costs: \$1 - \$9 (Pay what you can, \$4.00 suggested)
Chestnuts roasting, sleigh bells ringing, and the season starts a-swingin'! Join us for holiday cocktails, a few good tunes, and another fantastic show at The Gladstone.
It's an evening of arts, crafts and seasonal fun. It's a chance to shop for hand-crafted holiday gifts. It's an opportunity for the public to see the work of 42 local artists ranging from quirky one-off ceramics to handmade soap, jewellery, books and hand painted Christmas cards.

December 2 - 18

LOWE'S TORONTO CHRISTMAS MARKET

Distillery District
www.torontochristmasmarket.com

Back for it's second holiday season, The Distillery District's Lowes Toronto Christmas Market will once again celebrate the romance and magic of a traditional Christmas. Inspired by the Old World and influenced by the new, this FREE annual event captures all of the tradition, heritage and charm of a European Christmas Market, while showcasing hundreds of unique and local handcrafted products. Family friendly entertainment includes musicians, carolers and children's choirs, holiday themed stage presentations, Rudolph's Reindeer Zoo and of course ... Santa and his roaming elves! There is great shopping, specialty beer and mulled wine gardens, sweets and treats, and all the great restaurants of The Distillery Historic District. Come and experience the spirit of Christmas at the Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market. Start your Christmas shopping early at the Lowes Toronto Christmas Market!

December 3 @ 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

ABORIGINAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE AND FLEA MARKET

Presented by: Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Road
www.ncct.on.ca,
cedarbasket@ncct.on.ca,
416-964-9087

Costs: Free
Other: Food will be sold as fundraiser.
Find unique holiday gifts for others or yourself. Buy directly from the artists! Everyone welcome to visit the oldest Aboriginal orga-

nization in Toronto. Try a Native style taco for lunch with proceeds going to the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto.

December 3, 4, 11 @ 2:00 pm & 4:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway
www.blackcreek.ca,
bcpvinfo@trca.on.ca,
416-736-1733

Members: Adult \$45.00
Children (under 12): \$22.50
Non-Members: \$49.95
Children (under 12): \$24.95
Celebrate the traditions of Christmas with a meal at Black Creek Pioneer Village and tour the Village. Reservations are required.

December 3, 10, 17 @ 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

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 environmentally Shopping Bag.

December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 (Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 - 6:00 pm)

THE ARTISANS' GIFT FAIR

The Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Avenue
www.artisansgiftfair.com,
artisan_shows@yahoo.ca
Costs: Free
The Artisans' Gift Fair is held every year at the Tranzac club, in the heart of the annex in downtown Toronto. Come and enjoy some free live music, have a beer at our cozy bar and browse through a maze of over forty artist's and artisan's unique

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gift ideas. You're sure to find a treasure!

December 10-11, 17-18 **6TH ANNUAL SANTA CRUISE**

Mariposa Cruises

Families are invited to join Santa and his elves for the 6th Annual Santa Cruise aboard the Northern Spirit. Tickets sell out quickly for this magical one hour cruise! Purchase tickets online at www.mariposa-cruises.com or call 416-203-0178. Children are encouraged to bring their wish lists to share with Santa and have their picture taken with him! Families will receive a complementary Winterfest photo frame courtesy of Queen's Quay Terminal. Afterwards, download your FREE photo with Santa by visiting www.waterfrontbia.com.

December 10, 17, 18 @ 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm **CHRISTMAS BY LAMP-LIGHT**

Black Creek Pioneer Village

Bathed in the glow of lamplight and dressed in its finest Holiday decor, Black Creek Pioneer Village welcomes you to enjoy live music, food and activities. Program only or with dinner options available. Performances include: The Playford Players (guitar and hammer dulcimer) Debra Hale (storyteller) The Ambiance Singers directed by Danny McErlain (Saturday, Dec 17) The York Highlands Chorus (Saturday, Dec 10)

December 10-11, 17-18 **WINTERFEST**

Toronto Waterfront

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 10-11, 17-18 **PAWSWAY'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION @ WINTERFEST**

Toronto's Waterfront

Find out if your pet (cat/dog) has been naughty or nice as Santa pays a special visit to PawsWay. Capture that special moment between Santa and your pet and help support a guide dog. \$2 from each photo will be donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Pet Photos with Santa December 10 -11 and 17-18 @ 12pm - 4pm

PawsWay (245 Queens Quay West)
\$10

PawsWay is open daily from 11am-5pm, general admission is FREE. Visit www.pawsway.ca for more details.

December 26 @ 10:00 am to 11:00 am

THE 36TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS WALK

Toronto Zoo

The Toronto Zoo is the place to be on Boxing Day! Join us in the Tundra Trek for this annual tradition, with a new twist, where zoo animals await their seasonal treats. Enjoy festive keeper talks throughout the day, where zoo animals will be surprised with Christmas-themed goodies.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Half Price Admission for everyone all day. Please note this is an outdoor event!

December 26 – January 8 **MAYA INSPIRES ROM FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Two Weeks of Holiday Programming for the Whole Family at New Lower Admission Prices
This year, the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) celebrates two weeks of ROM for the Holidays, from De-

ember 26, 2011 to January 8, 2012. Experience activities inspired by the feature exhibition Maya: Secrets of their Ancient World, including interactive programming, hands on activities and entertaining performances, great for the whole family.

December 31 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TORONTO ZOO THE 9TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY COUNTDOWN

Front Entrance, Indo-Malaya and Tundra Trek (doors open at 4:30 pm)

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT Special Animal Visits & Keeper Talks

Great Entertainment
Great Food

Ring in 2012 with some NEW animal friends!

Visit with some new and wild friends in the Indo-Malaya Pavilion and in the Tundra Trek. Don't miss some great entertainment including ABBAMANIA, The WotWots and Majinx Magic Show. Plus check out Meet & Greets with Shrek and of course some WILD animals! The fun begins at 5:00 pm and runs until 8:00 pm when we have our very own Kid's Countdown.

ON STAGE

November 25-27

A Christmas Carol *presented by Aurora Performing Arts Group* *Newmarket Theatre*

A Christmas Carol is brimming with emotional power and pure joy. Relive the cherished tale of Scrooge and Marley, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. This spectacular musical with its universal theme of love for all mankind is brimming with joyous songs and dances,

lavish scenery, authentic costumes and theatrical magic. A Christmas Carol celebrates the timeless Spirit of Christmas. A holiday classic is a family event you won't want to miss!

November 27

December 3-4

THE NUTCRACKER

The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts

This holiday classic is brought to life with gorgeous sets, costumes and live dynamic dancing by the Oakville Ballet Company under the direction of Amanda Bayliss. The Nutcracker is a visual and auditory feast that will appeal to all ages.

December 3 - 4

STATE BALLET THEATRE OF RUSSIA THE NUTCRACKER

Hammerson Hall, Living Arts Centre

The internationally celebrated State Ballet Theatre of Russia brings Vainonen's choreography to life in The Nutcracker. Elegant costumes and enchanting sets compliment the beautiful dances set to Tchaikovsky's musical score. Make this timeless traditional ballet a holiday event for the whole family.

December 4

THE SHOESTRING MAGIC FLUTE

(Opera For Children) Ages 4 - 10

by Shoestring Opera *Solar Stage Children's Theatre*

Introduce your children to the magic of opera! Shoestring Opera presents Mozart's famous story of Allegra and the dark forest. When Papageno enters pursued by a Dragon prepare to enjoy the fun and marvelous singing! A sell out last year!

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

December 7 - 8

THE NUTCRACKER

Rose Theatre Main Stage
Make some magical memories this holiday season! The incomparable State Ballet Theatre of Russia presents the beloved classic, featuring traditional choreography and sparkling imagery. A timeless holiday tradition, The Nutcracker is a perfect way to enjoy the season. Find a way to share this enchanting ballet with a loved one, and introduce your whole family to this superb production.
December 7, 8 at 7:30 PM

A CARTE BLANCHE CHRISTMAS

The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
December 8 to 11
This Christmas season bring the whole family and enjoy a production of Snow White and the Seven Aliens – “to infinity and beyond” – no space travel is required but audience participation, a sense of humour and wonderment are welcome.

December 9 - 10

The National Ballet of Cuba presents

THE NUTCRACKER

Hamilton Place
The Ballet Nacional de Cuba (BNC) constitutes one of the top five most prestigious dance companies of the world. Founded by Ms. Alicia Alonso, the Cuban National Ballet is the highest expression of the Cuban style of ballet. Since the founding of the BNC, the company's performances have simply exploded in the world's theatres in over 58 countries.

December 10 - 11

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

(Interactive Play) Ages 4+ by DuffleBag Theatre Solar Stage Children's Theatre

Join The Nearly World Famous DuffleBag Theatre for a holiday story and interac-

tive fun performed the way only DuffleBag can! A laugh-filled and perfect beginning to the holiday season! Booking early is suggested for this popular holiday show. Please note special times!

December 10

MIRACLE ON MERCER STREET

The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
Recommended for ages 6 to 12

Miracle on Mercer Street is Second City's hilarious family musical with a whimsical blend of live action and puppetry with an amazing collection of colourful diverse characters. Add to that a tuneful score by Glenn James and a memorable message about embracing Canada's cultural diversity, and you've got the makings of a holiday classic.

December 11,

THE SECOND CITY'S MIRACLE ON MERCER STREET

RBC Theatre, Living Arts Centre
Age 5+.

December 13, 7:30pm

MY FAIR LADY

Hamilton Place
Based on Shaw's play and Pascal's movie "Pygmalion," with book music and lyrics by Lerner and Loewe, MY FAIR LADY is triumphant. With "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" "With a Little Bit of Luck," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Get Me to the Church on Time" and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," it's no wonder everyone – not just Henry Higgins – falls in love with Eliza Doolittle. The show's 1956 Broadway production was a smash hit, followed by a hit London production, and a popular film version starring Audrey Hepburn-which won eight Academy Awards. It has been called "the perfect musical."

December 14 - 17

A CHRISTMAS CAROL - THE MUSICAL

Rose Theatre Main Stage
Complete with falling snow, exuberant dances, flying ghosts and the streets of Dickensian London, A Christmas Carol is brimming with emotional power and pure joy. A marvelously-told story set with beautiful melodies and touching lyrics, this spectacular musical ran for ten years at Madison Square Garden and the show's original song "A Place Called Home" has become a holiday standard. This Charles Dickens classic has the full Broadway treatment by the team of Alan Menken (Beauty and the Beast, Little Mermaid), Lynn Ahrens (Ragtime, Seussical) and Mike Okrent (Crazy For You, Me and My Girl).

December 15

THE ARROGANT WORMS CHRISTMAS

The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
It's Christmas time and the Arrogant Worms want to provide tuneful and silly escapism for everyone who needs it. And if you think you don't need it, well you're wrong. You do. The Arrogant Worms know what's best for you and what's best for you is The Arrogant Worms Christmas.

December 15 - 16

THE NUTCRACKER

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
Victoria Ballet Company presents The Nutcracker with Russian ballet star Anton Korsakov and rising Canadian ballet stars Anastasia Loskutov and Lisa Mironova. This ballet is staged according to the classical style of the Mariinski (Kirov) Theatre of St. Petersburg, Russia. It will take the audience through Mary's Christmas party and her magical journey into a world of imagination. Ballet students will also participate in the performance. This pro-

duction of the Nutcracker has received great reviews as one of the best in Canada.

December 17 - 18, 20 - 30

January 2 - 8, 14, 15

SLEEPING BEAUTY (Musical Play) Ages 3 - 10

Solar Stage Children's Theatre
This musical version of the Charles Perrault classic will enthrall you with its beautiful music and wonderful performances. Will Sleeping Beauty escape the Evil Queen's spell? Visit us to share in presentation of this timeless tale. With tuneful songs, spirited dancing, and interactive fun, this will be a great show for the holiday season. Please note special times!

December 20 at 7:00 pm

THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF SANTA CLAUS

The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
Based on the book by L. Frank Baum, author of The Wizard of Oz, this exciting story follows the early life of Santa Claus from being abandoned in the forest and adopted by the woodnymphs, through to making and delivering the very first toys.

December 29 & 30

DISNEY LIVE! THREE CLASSIC FAIRY TALES

Hamilton Place
Prepare to step into a world of wonder where wishing is only the beginning and dreams really do come true in Disney Live! presents Three Classic Fairy Tales. An enchanted quest featuring more than 25 Disney characters, this all-new stage production from Feld Entertainment®, the producers of Disney On Ice.

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

AIR CANADA CENTRE

December 29
Trans Siberian
Orchestra

CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

December 17, 8:00pm
Handel's Messiah With
Michael Burgess

GLENN GOULD STUDIO

December 9 @ 8:00 pm
Sinfonia Toronto - Holiday
Charm

December 10 @ 8:00 pm
Canadian Men's Chorus -
A Gentlemen's Christmas -
Winter's Chill

December 11 @ 7:30 pm
Singing Out! - Rise Up
Winter

December 16 @ 8:00 pm
Amici Chamber Ensemble
- Critics' Choice: What do
they really want to hear?

December 17 @ 8:00 pm
Aradia Ensemble -
The Dublin Messiah

December 18
Naria

HAMILTON PLACE

December 12, 8:00 pm
Paul Anka -
Christmas My Way

December 16, 7:30 pm
The Canadian Orpheus
Male Choir

December 17 at 2 pm &
7:30 pm
Pops Series: A Gospel
Christmas

December 17, 2:00 pm
A Christmas Special with
The Toronto All-Star Big
Band

December 18, 3:00 pm
Rita MacNeil and The Von
Trapp Children

HUGH'S ROOM

December 12, 8:30 pm
CBC Christmas Show with
The Foggy Hogtown Boys
& special guests Jenny
Whiteley & Oh Susanna

December 14, 8:30 pm
Quartette – Christmas
Show

December 15, 8:30 pm
Betty and the Bobs
Christmas Show

December 16, 8:30 pm
My Sweet Patootie presents
The Tanglefoot Untangled
Christmas Show

December 17, 1:00 pm
The Ault Sisters Celebrate
the Season – Matinee
Performance

December 17, 8:30 pm
The Nylons Christmas
Show

December 23, 8:30pm
Christmas at Hugh's Room
featuring Jacob Moon with
special guests Ali Matthews
& Mike Janzen

JANE MALLETT THEATRE, ST. LAWRENCE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

December 10, 2:00pm
Toronto All-Star Big Band:
A Christmas Special

LIVING ARTS CENTRE MISSISSAUGA

December 3
Mississauga Festival Choir
And On Earth Peace

December 3 - 4
State Ballet Theatre of
Russia:
The Nutcracker

December 8, 2011 @ 8 pm
Paul Anka - Christmas My
Way

December 9, 8:00 pm
Dysfunctional Holiday
Revue: Second City

December 10
Shlamak's Winter Funk

December 11
Freedom Village Christmas
Spectacular

December 17
Voices of Christmas

MARKHAM THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

December 4, 2:00 pm
Markham Concert Band:
A Seasonal Celebration

December 22 at 8:00 pm
Leahy Family Christmas

December 31
Jim Witter's New Year's
Eve Party

MASSEY HALL

December 10, 7:30pm
December 11, 3:00pm
St. Michael's Choir School

December 18, 2:00pm
Sing-Along Messiah:
Tafelmusik Baroque
Orchestra and Chamber
Choir

December 31, 7:30pm
Massey Hall's New Year's
Eve Comedy Extravaganza!

METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

December 13, 8:00pm
Hannaford Street Silver
Band: Yuletide Celebration

OAKVILLE CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ART

December 9 at 8:00 pm
Barra MacNeils Christmas

December 11 at 1:30 pm
& 4:00 pm
Family Christmas Concert

December 16 at 8:00 pm
The Good Lovelies

December 17, 8:00 pm
Freddy Cole Christmas
Holiday Show

December 18, 3:00 pm
Quartetto Gelato Christmas
Around the World

December 22 at 7:30 pm
John McDermott Christmas
Memories

OSHAWA/AJAX VARIOUS LOCATIONS

December 11, 3:00 pm
Durham Philharmonic
Choir: A Merry Little
Christmas

December 15, 16 at 7:30pm
Masterworks
Series: Handel's
Messiah With Michael
Burgess

PHOENIX CONCERT THEATRE

December 14
Andy Kim Christmas Show:
Andy Kim
Ron Sexsmith
Sarah Harmer
Kevin Drew
Brendan Canning
Alex Lifeson
Sean Cullen

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

RICHMOND HILL CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

December 2, 8 pm
Festival of Carols

December 4, 7:30 pm
**Opera Belcanto of South
Simcoe presents
The Joy of Music**

December 6, 8 pm
Czech Boys Choir

December 10, 8:00 pm
**Holiday Spectacular on the
Hill**

December 11, 8 pm
The Messiah

December 31, 10:00 pm
New Year's Eve

ROSE THEATRE BRAMPTON

December 3, 8:00 pm
**Brampton Symphony
Orchestra Presents Magic
Night – Holiday Season
Concert**

December 4, 7:30 pm
**Brampton Festival Singers
Presents Handel's Messiah**

December 9, 8:00 pm
**TVB Productions Presents
The Wonderful World of
Christmas, starring Ste-
phen Kabakos**

December 10, 8:00 pm
**City of Brampton Concert
Band Presents Christmas at
the Rose**

December 11, 3:00 pm
**Chinguacousy Swing
Orchestra Presents
Brampton Christmas Pops!**

December 31, 7:00 pm
**City of Brampton Presents
All Access New Years Eve
Glow Party**

ROY THOMSON HALL

December 3 @ 7:30 pm
**Christmas With The
Salvation Army**

December 11 @ 3 pm
**TSO - The Twelve Days of
Christmas
Special Family Concert**

December 13 @ 12 pm
**Toronto Mass Choir - The
Glory of Gospel**

December 14, 16, 18 - 21
**TSO - Toronto's Favourite
Messiah**

December 17
Toronto Children's Chorus

December 20, 21 @ 8 pm
December 21 @ 2pm
**TSO - Christmas Holiday
Pops**

December 22, 23 @ 8 pm
**The Canadian Tenors:
Home for the Holidays**

December 24 @ 10:30 pm
**MCC Toronto Christmas
Eve Service**

SONY CENTRE

December 9
**Stuart McLean & The
Vinyl Cafe -
2011 Christmas Tour**

December 17
Leahy Family Christmas

December 2
**The Canadian Tenors &
Friends: A Christmas to
Remember**

YONGE CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

December 17, 8:00 pm
December 18, 2:00 pm
**Andrew Craig's Gospel
Christmas Project**

CHRISTMAS AT CASA LOMA

Saturday Dec. 3 - Jan. 8
**THE LIBRARY
Professor Wick's Magical
Castle**
Out of the Factory Fantastic-comes a spectacular parade of impossibilities-a wonderful blend of mechanical wizardry, music and comedy delivered by an outlandish cast of "steam punk" characters. This magic show hosted by Lawrence Larouche is an interactive theatrical presentation that transports the audience into a world in which logic and disbelief are willingly suspended.
Showtimes: 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
There is an extra charge of \$1.00 + HST per person for this performance.
Bench and floor seating only.

**THE CONSERVATORY
The School of Wizardry**
The Casa Loma Conservatory will be a School of Wizardry this holiday season lead by Professor Pepper. The audience will be kept on their toes with bits of magic between juggling and balancing acts and will get the chance to learn some magic tricks of their own!
Showtimes: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Santa Claus

Remember to save time to visit Santa Claus! Photos With Santa on weekends and during peak season-professional photographer on site weekends. Santa is here 9:30-4:30, will leave at 1:00pm on Dec 24.)
Box Office closes at 1:00 p.m. December 24th-castle 2:00 p.m. Casa Loma is closed all day December 25th. Open Jan. 1st, 2012.

November 17 - 19
**Nutcracker Sweet -
A Seasonal Fair**

November 17-19
**Afternoon Tea at the
Nutcracker Sweet**

November 27
Holiday Brunch

December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18
Elves in the Workshop

December 4, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
Breakfast with Santa

December 7-21
Holiday Bake Sale

December 10
**Archery Intensive at Casa
Loma-Adults Only
Workshop**

December 29-30
**The Return of Date Night
at Casa Loma! Couple's
Archery**



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