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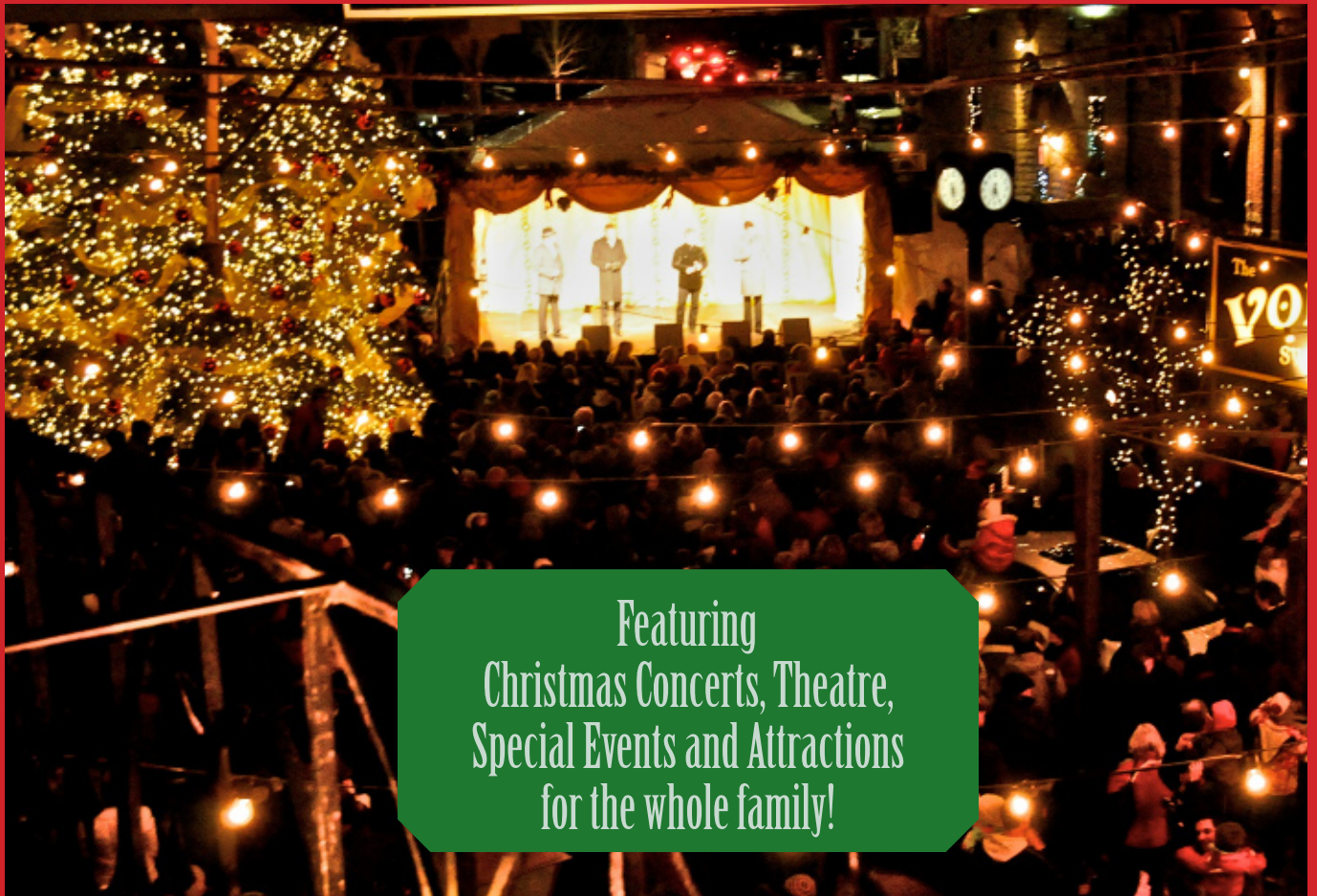
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From the editor



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.

THE DAY SANTA CAME TO TOWN with Mrs. Claus

Toronto Santa Claus
Parade 2012

Photos by Julian McGarvey



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
*Nov. 24 - Jan. 6, 2013
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 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 treats. Holiday admission prices apply: Adults \$7.08, Seniors \$4.42, Youths \$3.81, Children \$4.42 (plus tax)

**FORT YORK NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITE**
*250 Fort York Boulevard,
416-392-6907*

Fort York Frost Fair
*December 8 & 9,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*
Feel the excitement and charm of the festive season in Upper Canada about 200 years ago when the local Christmas Market was one of the social and shopping highlights of the year. Wander through the historic buildings of Fort York where merchants sell their merchandise inspired from the 18th and 19th century. Try your hand at one of the many activities

scheduled throughout the day, including printing your own Frost Fair souvenir. Stop and chat at one of the colourful stalls, staffed by a merchant dressed in period clothing. Warm yourself by the bonfire or the cheerful warmth of the open hearth in the Officers' Mess Kitchen. Included with regular Fort York admission.

**The Holiday Season
at Fort York**
*December 15 - 31,
Weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

Enjoy a visit to Fort York National Historic Site this festive season. 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 to find that special gift you won't find anywhere else. The Museum Store features gifts suitable for all ages and interests. Regular admission applies.

**Gingerbread Make and
Bake!**

*Extra fun for Kids at Fort
York (ages 4 and up)
December 27 -31 at
11 a.m. and 2 p.m.*
While you enjoy a tour of Fort York your kids can join the cooks in the Officers' Mess kitchen to create traditional gingerbread cookies. In this hands-on workshop, kids will use period cooking utensils and tools to sift flour, crush cinnamon, cloves or allspice, pound sugar and grate nutmeg and ginger as they prepare an 1800's gingerbread recipe. Samples can be taken home. If they last that long! Workshop is limited to 15 participants. Included with regular admission, sign up in the Museum Store.

GIBSON HOUSE
*5172 Yonge Street,
416-395-7432*

Holiday Season Tours
*Tuesday, November 20 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**

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**
*November 27 -
January 8, 2013*

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 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 dressed in greenery for the holidays. Plus! Until December 24 - Children are invited to write a letter to Santa Claus during their visit. Select a card that has been printed on our 1845 printing press, and write a personal message. Drop the wish card into our magic post box for us to mail for you.

Kids' Crafts
*December 27 to January 6,
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.*

Bring the family to visit the last home of Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie, then enjoy some kid time printing in the recreated printshop and doing an historically-based activity. Included with admission. Adults: \$7.08; Seniors: \$4.52; Youth/Children: \$4.42 (plus tax).

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

A Christmas Carol
*December 6, 13 and 14,
7 - 9 p.m.*

*December 8 and 22,
2 - 4 p.m.*

The Humber River Shakespeare Company presents the Dickens classic. Back by popular demand - this time as a full stage production - this holiday season staple is not to be missed! \$15 adults, \$10 children; tickets can be purchased on-line.

Holiday Season Tours
*November 29 - January 8,
Tuesday - Sunday, 1 to 5 pm
(Closed Mondays and
Holidays)*

*Tearoom Hours:
Tuesday to Sunday, 2 - 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,
Thomson Memorial Park,
416-338-8807*

Out of the Cold!
*Saturdays and Sundays in
November, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.*

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

Come in out of the cold and warm up by the fire! See how Scarborough's settlers baked over the open hearth and in the wood stove as they prepared for the cold winter ahead. Sample baked treats and a warm drink. Family activities for all ages! Admission is by donation.

Festive Christmas Weekends

Saturdays and Sundays in December, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visit another era this holiday season! Tour the festively decorated McCowan Log House and Cornell House, enjoy warm apple cider and sample some traditional holiday baking. Admission is Pay What You Can.

SPADINA MUSEUM: HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDENS 285 Spadina Road, 416-392-6910

A Roaring Twenties Christmas

November 27 - January 6, Tues. to Fri. 12 to 4 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12 to 5 p.m. Go back in time to the Christmas season of the 1920s and 30s in the meticulously and beautifully restored home of the well-to-do Austin family. You will see period decorations throughout the house and your tour will focus on the celebration of Christmas in Toronto during that era. Enjoy refreshments served in the historic kitchen. Holiday admission applies: Adults \$8.85; Seniors \$5.48; Youth \$7.08; Children \$5.75 (plus tax).

Swell Sundays: Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio
December 2, 9 and 16, 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Shows at 1 and 3 p.m.

Family fun is On the Air! Join us for an afternoon of seasonal fun that harkens back to the Golden Age of Radio when you visit Spadina Museum during Swell

Sundays in December. The highlight of these events is a live performance of Flashman: Fists of Freedom, a recreated radio play at 1 and 3 p.m. During the 1930s, radio reached its zenith with almost all Canadians tuning in on a daily basis for music, news and entertainment. Flashman follows the age-old storyline: Super hero meets girl. Super hero fights trees, vulture people, and an entire planet to win her back. Will true love win? Or will evil tear them and the universe apart? Science. Love. An electric mole. All come together in this fast-paced, comedic play. With live music, sound effects and a cast playing multiple roles, Flashman lets you experience those wonderful, early days of radio.

During the rest of your visit, enjoy 1930-style refreshments and see the period Christmas decorations throughout the house. Have fun making a secret message decoder, similar to the gimmicks advertisers would print on cereal boxes or send off to eager children who'd requested them by mail. During radio commercials, sponsors would provide a secret message that only those with decoders could decipher! Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors/Youth \$8 and Children \$6 (plus tax).

TODMORDEN MILLS MUSEUM 67 Pottery Road, 416-396-2819

A Christmas Carol with the East Side Players

Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m. Join us for a very special afternoon that will put you in a festive mood! This afternoon, members of East Side Players present a reading of Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic "A Christmas Carol." For tickets and further information, please

call 416-396-2819. Adults: \$10.62; Children \$4.42 (plus tax).

Regency Christmas in the Valley

Discover the simple pleasures and décor of a Regency-era Christmas at Todmorden Mills. Our early 19th-century historic homes are decorated traditionally for the season with real evergreen garlands as well as the "kissing bough" hanging in the Helliwell parlour, complete with apples, candles and mistletoe. Sample period festive desserts such as "Whim-Wham" and "Hedgehog Topsy Cake." Families can make Regency-style Christmas decorations as a take-home craft. Viktor Mitic's Eighteen Twelve bullet painting will be exhibited in the Papermill Gallery from December 22 to January 6 during regular opening hours and will serve as the inspiration for a take-home Redcoat or Laura Secord marionette. Adults \$5.31; Children \$2; Youth/Seniors \$3 (plus tax).

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

GIBSON HOUSE 5172 Yonge Street 416-395-7432

A Gibson House Hogmanay Dinner

December 29 and 30, 7 p.m. Gather at the historic Gibson House for a special evening inspired by the traditions of Hogmanay, the Scottish New Year 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 of another time. As the evening closes, come together with us to welcome our First Footer, celebrate our 2012 season and bring luck and best wishes to Gibson House Museum for 2013. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$44.25 plus tax per person.

MACKENZIE HOUSE 82 Bond Street, 416-392-6915

Hogmanay!

Friday, December 28, 7 to 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of Scottish music and foods at this traditional celebration of the New Year. The decorated house will be illuminated by gas and candlelight. Musicians Gin Lane will perform traditional music. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. \$22.50 plus tax.

MONTGOMERY INN 4709 Dundas St. West 416-394-8113

Carols in the Tavern

December 7, 7:30 p.m. Get some Christmas Spirit in the Tavern while you sing some nineteenth century carols and sip a historic drink. Enjoy savoury treats and mulled cider (included with admission price). Pre-

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registration required. \$20 plus tax.

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SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM
1007 Brimley Road, 416-338-8807

Desserts by Lamplight
Saturday December 8, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
A magical evening of lamp-lit rooms, decadent desserts and carolers. Space is limited for this fundraising event. Early bookings recommended. Pre-registration only. Call 416-338-8807 to purchase tickets. Ticket price \$20 plus tax.

JUST FOR THE KIDS

FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
250 Fort York Boulevard
416-392-6907

Gingerbread Make and Bake!
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COLBORNE LODGE IN HIGH PARK
Colborne Lodge Drive 416-392-6916

Adult and Child Wreath-Making Workshop
For Children 7 to 10 with an Adult
November 24 at 2 p.m.
Adults and children 7 – 10 years make a Christmas wreath together to take home. This 2-hour workshop is a unique opportunity to start the season doing a special activity together in the cosy historic ambience of Colborne Lodge's 19th-century kitchen. A tour of the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration & pre-payment required. \$40 plus tax for one adult and one child. \$10 plus tax for an additional child. Please note there is limited availability for a second child per adult.

Adult and Youth Wreath-Making Workshop
For Youths 10 to 15 with an Adult
November 25 at 2 p.m.
Adults and youths 10 to 15 years make their own Christmas wreaths. This 2-hour workshop is a unique opportunity to start the season doing a special activity together in the cosy historic ambience of Colborne Lodge's 19th-century kitchen. A tour of the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration & pre-payment required. Youths must be accompanied by an adult, maximum of 2 youths per adult. \$51.50 plus tax for one adult and one youth, \$20 plus tax for additional youths.

Christmas Trimmings Workshops
(For Kids 6 to 10 year old)
Saturday, December 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Get a few errands done when you drop off the kids who'll make a Christmas ornament to take home. A visit to the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$20 plus tax.

Christmas Cookie Creations for Children
(For Kids 8 to 12 year old)
Sunday, December 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Drop off the children, who will have fun making unique and tasty treats for the holidays in this historic baking workshop that uses a Canadian gingerbread recipe from the 1830s. While their cookies bake, participants will tour the house and discover Victorian Christmas traditions and stories. Later, they will take home the Christmas cookies they've made. They might even want to save a few for when Saint Nick comes to visit! Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$22.50 plus tax (includes supplies and a dozen cookies).

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Holiday Baking Bonanza
Ages 5 to 12
Saturday December 1, 1 to 4 p.m.
Sunday December 2, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bake holiday treats using traditional methods in the woodstove and at the hearth. Kids take home a recipe booklet and selection of goodies to share with the family! Pre-register online at toronto.ca/torontofun or call 416-338-4FUN. For more information call the museum at 416-338-8807.

Holiday Camps for Kids 5 to 12
Make 19th century toys, cook over the open hearth, play games and enjoy lots of outdoor fun.

One Day Camps:
Frosty Fun
Thursday, December 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Winter Magic
Friday, December 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Three Day Camp:
Holiday Adventure Camp
January 2 to 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All Holiday Camps offer extended care available for an additional fee. Pre-register for any or all of them online at toronto.ca/torontofun or call 416-338-4FUN.

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CITY WIDE EVENTS

November 17 -
December 23

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

Come experience the excitement of the big top as two performers from the Wonderful World of Circus showcase their skills. Don't forget your dancing shoes as the popular Dreamworks character, Puss In Boots will be hosting a fun and interactive dance party. Direct from the Lower Ossington Theatre, the casts of Pinkalicious and Freckleface Strawberry will be entertaining audiences with excerpts from each play throughout the day. Returning from last year's Kidzfest, Rick Rossini Magic is guaranteed to entertain and surprise audiences with his unique blend of magic and education. See rare birds up close as professional bird trainers take the stage for an interactive and energetic "Birds of Prey" show. With these acts, as well as many other free games and activities offstage, Kidzfest truly offers something to entertain children of all ages!

Buskertainment

Every Saturday Noon-2 pm
Various locations Downtown Yonge
Other Winter Magic events include Illuminite, Window Wonderland and Ice, Wine & Dine. Visit wintermagic.ca

November 26 -

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 26 until December 23 at 6pm. The bins are located in Sherway Square opposite Aritzia and next to the Guest Services Booth. Call 416-621-1070 for more information or visit www.sherwaygardens.ca.

It's so easy to make the holidays a bit happier for a child. 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.

Nov. 15 - Dec. 22

THE SANTA EXPERIENCE

Sherway Gardens

Tickets for the Santa Experience go on sale at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 10 in Sherway Square. Tickets cost \$7 per child with 100% of proceeds going to Sleeping Children Around the World. Sessions run approximately 45 minutes (including activity and photo opportunity).

Weekends November 17 -

December 23

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 programming happening on weekends in November and December, such as horse-drawn wagon rides, sit with Santa and cookie decorating, plus many more fun activities.

Tour of Traditions

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

Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

Warm your hands with freshly roasted chestnuts. Then peel back the shell and enjoy their nutty flavour.

Old Fashioned Taffy Pull

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

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.

Holiday Greetings

Kids can make their very own Victorian Christmas card.

Victorian Dancing

Tap your toes and learn the steps to a popular Victorian dance.

Mincemeat Tarts & Apple Cider

After an afternoon of strolling through the Village, purchase a homemade mincemeat tart and cider warmed over the fire in the Half Way House historic kitchen.
November 22 - December 2

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 30 -
December 23

GINGERBREAD COOKIE FACTORY

Sherway Gardens
Be a part of this popular holiday tradition and join the Volunteers of Trillium Health Centre for their 21st annual Gingerbread Cookie Factory at Sherway Gardens (Hwy 427 & the QEW) from November 30 to December 23. 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 will support seniors health services at the Trillium sites of The Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre. For additional information call 416-621-1070 or visit <http://www.sherwaygarden.com>.
For the past 21 years, local families have shown their support of the hospital 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

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at this festive fundraiser. Each year, people of all ages participate in the 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 hospital.

November 17
CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS & SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Nathan Phillips Square
 The festivities kick-off on Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 pm with the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, fireworks and live musical performances and more.

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 to end of December
BLOOR-YORKVILLE HOLIDAY MAGIC

Animated store front windows, enchanting light displays and charming decorations are yours to discover at:
The Bay
Bloor Street
Cartier
Devlish Angelz
Dlish Cupcakes
Harry Rosen

Holt Renfrew
Hudson's Bay Centre
Manulife Centre
Old York Lane
Over The Rainbow
Paper Things
Paul Pecorella Salon & Spa
Renaissance Court
Spirits Bar & Grill
Swarovski
Tiffany & Co.
Town Shoes
Village of Yorkville Park
Yonge & Bloor
99 Yorkville Avenue
William Ashley China
Williams-Sonoma

December 3 @ 8:00 pm to midnight

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 local artists ranging from quirky one-off ceramics to handmade soap, jewellery, books and hand painted Christmas cards.

November 30 - December 16
LOWE'S TORONTO CHRISTMAS MARKET

Distillery District
www.torontochristmasmarket.com
 This holiday season Toronto will once again celebrate the romance and magic of a traditional Christmas at Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market. 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 hand-crafted products. Family friendly entertainment includes musicians, carolers and children's choirs.

What is a Christmas Market? A Christmas market is a street market which celebrates the traditional sights, sounds and scents of Christmas and is staged during the weeks leading up to Christmas. These markets originated in Germany, beginning in the early 1400's, and are now being held in countries all over the world.

The 45 foot White Spruce tree featured at this year's Market was donated by Trees Ontario. The Tree is decorated with 18,000 lights and ornaments. Working with its partners, Trees Ontario is the largest not-for-profit tree planting partnership in North America. Their goal is to support the planting of 10 million trees a year by 2015. For more information, please visit treesontario.ca.

Magical lighting and seasonal décor

Magical lighting and décor displays which create an incredible traditional and romantic Christmas setting for visitors to enjoy. The street and squares of the Historic Distillery are transformed into a paradise of lights and colours, festive sounds and seductive smells.

Musical Entertainment

The stage hosts many activities and musical performances including: Carolers, Bavarian brass band concerts, classical organ concerts, trumpeters, children's choirs and more. An outdoor seating area is created around the stage. Variety of beer and mulled wine (Glühwein) gardens. There are many areas for visitors to lounge and enjoy

an authentic holiday beverage including many varieties of beer, mulled wine, hot rum beverages, European Christmas cocktails and much more. Mulled wine is one of the most popular beverages at European Christmas Markets.

Santa's Lane features a fairy tale forest maze, Santa's house, presented by Natrel Baboo
Children's Story Telling, Santa's Elves Workshop
 Meet and greet opportunities with Grimm's Brother characters and a gingerbread house.

South Pole. Gather up your little ones and experience the magic of an assortment of family-oriented rides like the Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-Round, and train rides.

December 1 @ 10:00 am - 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 organization in Toronto.

December 8, 15, 22 @ 2:00 pm & 4:30 pm
CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway
www.blackcreek.ca, bcpinfo@trca.on.ca,
Reservations: 416-667-6284

Celebrate the traditions of Christmas with a meal at

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

Black Creek Pioneer Village and tour the Village. Reservations are required.

December 7, 14, 21
@ 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 enviro-friendly Shopping Bag.

December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 (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 gift ideas. You're sure to find a treasure!

December 8-9, 15-16
**7TH ANNUAL
SANTA CRUISE**

Mariposa Cruises
Families are invited to join Santa and his elves for the 7th Annual Santa Cruise aboard the Northern Spirit. Tickets sell out quickly for this magical one hour cruise! Purchase tickets online at www.mariposacruises.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 8, 15 & 22
@ 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
**CHRISTMAS BY
LAMPLIGHT**

Black Creek Pioneer Village
Step into a Victorian Christmas. For three magical evenings, Black Creek Pioneer Village invites visitors to join in the holiday festivities. Bathed in the glow of lamp-light and dressed in its finest holiday decor, Black Creek comes alive with live music, food and activities. Program only or with dinner options available

November 24 - December 16
WINTERFEST

Toronto Waterfront
Santa will be making a special stop at Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront presented by Queen's Quay Terminal and The Waterfront BIA this holiday season! Visit Santa's Workshop in Queen's Quay Terminal from Saturday November 24 to Sunday December 16 (weekends only) for FREE arts and crafts. Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront offers a variety of activities for the entire family! For additional information, please visit www.waterfrontbia.com. "The holiday season is always magical at Toronto's Waterfront," states Carol Jolly, Executive Director, The Waterfront BIA. "There is so much for families to experience from cruising and photos with Santa to creating arts and crafts with our elves and lakeside skating to hotel getaways."

Santa's Workshop in Queen's Quay Terminal
Visit Santa's Workshop in Queen's Quay Terminal from Saturday November 24 to Sunday December 16 (weekends)

December 8-9, 15-16
**PAWSWAY'S HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION
@ WINTERFEST**

Toronto's Waterfront
Find out if your cat or dog has been naughty or nice as Santa pays a memorable visit to PawsWay during Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront on December 8, 9, 15 and 16 from 12pm-4pm. Capture that special moment between Santa and your pet and help support a guide dog. Photos cost \$10 (\$2 from each photo is donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides). 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 37TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREATS
WALK**

Toronto Zoo
The Toronto Zoo is the The Toronto Zoo is the place to be on Boxing Day! Join us for this annual tradition where the Zoo animals await their seasonal treats. Due to renovations in the Eurasia section of the Zoo (including our new home for the Giant Pandas), we will be adding a new twist to this annual favourite! For the year 2012, visit different animals throughout the Zoo site and find out what seasonal treat they receive! Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank. Half price admission for everyone all day. Happy holidays! Please note this is an outdoor event.

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

**TORONTO ZOO
THE 10TH ANNUAL NEW
YEAR'S EVE FAMILY
COUNTDOWN**

Visit with some new and wild friends in the Americas & Australasia Pavilions and in the Tundra Trek. Don't miss some great entertainment including "That 60s Show" tribute band, Kung Fu Panda and

Majinx Magic Show. Plus check out Meet & Greets with The WotWots 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 Kids' Countdown. Tickets and full information available at torontozoo.com. Please note this is an outdoor, ticketed event, prices applicable to all members, space is limited and we can not guarantee tickets will be available night of event

*Ongoing To
December 30*
CASA LOMA

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

*Sunday, November 25, 2012
Seating's 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm*
Brunch served in the stately elegance of Toronto's famous castle is an event to remember. The Library is a spectacular setting for your meal. After brunch, enjoy a self-guided tour of the castle.

**BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA**

December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 (9th - sold out), 15, 16, 22 and 23 (23rd - sold out)

Join Santa for Mozart's Symphony Breakfast in the beautiful Casa Loma Conservatory. Children will enjoy Amadeus Pancakes, Wolfgang Sausages, Score of Syrup and Butter, and Fruit Salad Symphony. Price also includes self-guided touring and Mozart's Magical Castle. Adults will enjoy a Composer's Breakfast Arrangement which includes assorted breakfast pastries, coffee, tea, orange juice and castle admission, self-guided touring.

Note all children will be seated together at round tables and seating is provided on the perimeter of the room for adults.

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

ELVES IN THE WORKSHOP

December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23

Bring your little elf to Casa Loma and join in the annual seasonal workshop. You and your little elf will enjoy creating a decorated homemade gingerbread house to hang on your family tree. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies as well.

MOZART'S MAGICAL CASTLE

This holiday season, Casa Loma and Opera Atelier will partner to create Mozart's Magical Castle, a month-long installation which will bring Toronto's castle to life with the sights and sounds of Mozart's beloved opera *The Magic Flute*. Running December 1-30, 2012, this unique interactive installation will feature a variety of performances, educational workshops, and creative activities that will expose participants of all ages to the music, dance and story of Mozart's most famous opera in the magical environment of Casa Loma. Artists from Opera Atelier's production (running April 6-13, 2013 at the Elgin Theatre) will be on-site to perform excerpts from *The Magic Flute*, a team of arts educators will help participants connect with the artist inside them, and activities such as scavenger hunt will ensure that all Casa Loma patrons will get to participate in the fun. Casa Loma will also be maintaining its holiday tradition of strolling carolers, an elves' workshop, beautiful decorations including a 25-foot tree, and - of course - visits with Santa Claus. This partnership marks a unique collaboration between two Toronto institutions, and will employ dozens of artists and arts educators in a community setting. It presents an

appealing opportunity for people of all ages to combine traditional holiday activities with cultural exploration in a fun, family-friendly environment. Participants will be transported by the magical atmosphere and will be captivated by the breadth of culturally enriching interactive activities. Programmed by arts-education professionals, this experience will provide a compelling introduction to one of history's greatest composers in a vibrant, engaging holiday environment.

PERFORMANCES (Great Hall)

December 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30

Performances will span three disciplines: Dance, Music and Drama. Dance performances will feature two Opera Atelier dancers performing choreography from *The Magic Flute*. Music performances will feature Opera Atelier principals singing some of *The Magic Flute's* famous arias. Drama performances will feature costumed arts-educators leading the audience through an abridged version of the opera's story.

WORKSHOPS (Library)

December 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30

Workshops have been created in three areas to correspond with the performances: Dance, Music and Drama. All workshops are led by professional artist educators on the Opera Atelier team. These workshops are designed and intended for all members of the family, to share in at one time. Space is limited.

INTERACTIONS (Throughout)

December 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30

Characters from *The Magic Flute* will wander throughout

the castle, engaging visitors with close up interactive experiences. You never know where drama, dance and song may surprise you right before your very eyes. It is these interactions that will allow the magic to ring through every corner of Casa Loma.

BUILD A DRAGON (Mezzanine)

December 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30

Throughout the day, children will be invited to create scales with craft supplies which will be added to a wall-sized dragon body. Over the course of the month, the participant community will create a unique art installation. Children will be encouraged with an attendant to explore their personal creativity.

SCAVENGER HUNT (Throughout)

December 1-24 and 26 - 30

Families will be encouraged at their own pace to participate in an interactive scavenger hunt. The hunt is designed to take participants throughout the Castle while learning more about *The Magic Flute* and Casa Loma.

STORYTIME

(Conservatory)
December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23

Children are invited to gather around and take a break while enjoying some enchanting stories read out live by a costumed interpreter.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP (Billiard Room)

December 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 24

Visit Santa in his Casa Loma workshop, he is ready to hear your little one's stories, secrets and wishes. And he always has time for a photo!

OLD FASHIONED TOUR (Throughout)

December 5, 6, 12, 13, 14,

17, 19, 20, and 21

Enjoy a costume guided tour through the Castle, with stories told through the eyes of one of the Pellatt butlers. Learn about how the family enjoyed the holidays in their beautifully adorned home.

STROLLING CAROLERS (Throughout)

December 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24

While you visit Casa Loma, the hall will be filled with music of the season, as sung by strolling costumed carolers.

ON STAGE

November 23 - January 5

**SNOW WHITE:
A DELICIOUSLY DOPEY
FAMILY MUSICAL**
Elgin Theatre

December 2
**DICKEN'S
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**
Runnymede United Church

December 4 - 30
**THE STORY
by MARTHA ROSE**
Presented by
Theatre Columbus
Evergreen Brickworks

December 4 - 29
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
*Young Centre for the
Performing Arts*
The Soulpepper theatre company's production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* has become something of a Toronto holiday tradition over the past few years. This version of Dickens' classic story, adapted from the original novella and directed by Michael Shamata, stars Soulpepper founding member Joseph Ziegler in the iconic role of Ebenezer Scrooge

December 6 - 8
**IT'S A WONDERFUL
LIFE**
Papermill Theatre
(at Todmorden Mills)

Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

December 7 – 23
THE CHRISTMAS STORY
 Church of the Holy Trinity
 19 Trinity Square

December 8
ARABESQUE WINTER GALA
 Estonian House
 958 Broadview Avenue

December 19 – January 5
THE NUTCRACKER: THE NATIONAL BALLET
 Four Seasons Centre for the Arts

December 21 - 30
DISNEY ON ICE: WORLDS OF FANTASY
Rogers Centre
 Four different Disney stories come together in one show at Disney On Ice: Worlds of Fantasy. The stars of Disney-Pixar's Cars and Toy Story 3 pair alongside traditional Disney's Tinkerbell and The Little Mermaid, meaning there's something for every Disney-loving kid (or kid at heart). Lightning McQueen, Mater and the rest of the Cars crew will race around the ice, while the Ariel and the mermaids explore their underwater kingdom, Tinkerbell and her fairies friends transport the audience to the magical Pixie Hollow and finally, the Toy Story gang have one more adventure featuring Buzz, Woody, Jessie and the rest.

DINNER THEATRES

November 8 -
 January 31, 2013
WINTER ROCKS
 Famous People Players
 Dinner Theatre
 343 Evans Avenue
 416-532-1137

December 2012
MIRACLE ON MERCER STREET
 (Ages 5-12)
 Second City

51 Mercer Street
 416-343-0011

FAMILY SHOW

Saturday, December 8, 15, 22, 29 and January 5
 Thursday, December 27
 Friday, December 28
 Wednesday, January 2
 Thursday, January 3
 Friday, January 4
JINGLE AND JANGLE
Two Elves. One Mission.
Stage West Dinner Theatre
 5400 Dixie Road
 905-238-0042

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

November 16 – December 2
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
 Fallsview Casino

November 30
THE HURON CAROLE
 Living Arts Centre
 Mississauga

December 1 & 12
A MERRY TSO CHRISTMAS
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 2
TORONTO CLASSICAL SINGERS
 Christ Church Deer Park
 1570 Yonge Street

December 2
THE BIG JINGLE: CARLY RAE JEPSEN CODY SIMPSON AUSTIN MAHONE BRIDGIT MANDLER SKY BLU (LMFAO)
 Air Canada Centre

December 4
CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY GRIMMFEST: HAPPILY EVER AFTER (4th)
FAIRY TALES FROM FAR-AWAY LANDS (5th)
OPERA TALKS: THE BROTHERS GRIMM (6th)
THE BROTHERS GRIMM 500th PERFORMANCE

PARTY (7th)
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (7th and 8th)
 Various Locations
 Visit www.coc.ca for times and locations.

December 5
21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TUBA FESTIVAL + CHOIR SING-A-LONG
 Nathan Phillips Square

December 6
VENITE ADOREMUS 2012
Featuring THE PRIESTS And AMABILE YOUTH SINGERS
 Koerner Hall

December 8
LIGHT: MUSIC IS THE BARNS CHAMBER CONCERT
 Artscape Wychwood Barns

December 8
CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 8 - 9
STUART McLEAN & THE VINYL CAFÉ
 The Sony Centre

December 9
ORCHESTRA TORONTO CHILDREN'S CONCERT
 Toronto Centre for the Arts

December 9
POLAR EXPRESS: A CONCERT FOR KIDS
 Toronto Centre for the Arts

December 12
TORONTO MENDELSSOHN CHOIR FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
 Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
 1585 Yonge Street

December 12 – 13
THE NIGHT IS COLD BU THE MUSIC'S HOT: CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY (FREE CONCERT SERIES)
 Four Seasons Centre

December 13
ANDY KIM CHRISTMAS SHOW
 The Phoenix Concert Hall

December 14
BARENAKED LADIES: HITS AND HOLIDAY SONGS
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 15
TORONTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 15
THE BARRA MacNEILS: AN EAST COAST CHRISTMAS
 Roy Thomson Hall

December 15 – 16
ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL
 Massey Hall

December 18
STUART McLEAN & THE VINYL CAFÉ
 Hamilton Place

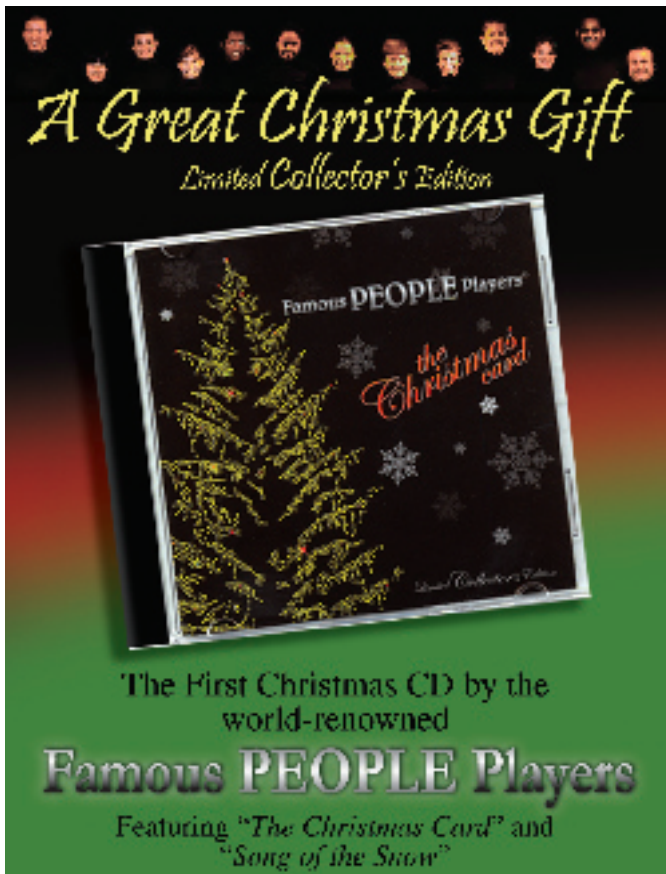
December 19 – 20
TAFELMUSIK: MESSIAH
 Massey Hall

December 21
MESSIAH with AMADEUS CHOIR + ONTARIO PHILHARMONIC
 Christ Church Deer Park
 1570 Yonge Street

December 23
TAFELMUSIK: SING-A-LONG MESSIAH
 Massey Hall

December 31
CITYTV NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH
 Nathan Phillips Square





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