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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 ACTIVITIES

#### COLBORNE LODGE IN HIGH PARK

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

#### Christmas in the Park with Colborne Lodge

*November 23 – January 5  
High Park*

#### FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

*250 Fort York Boulevard  
416-392-6907*

#### Fort York Frost Fair

*Sat. and Sun. December 7 and 8, 10 am to 5 pm*  
Feel the excitement and charm of the festive season in Upper Canada some 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 in period clothing will be selling quality merchandise inspired from the 18th and 19th centuries. Try your hand at one of the many activities scheduled throughout the day, including printing your own Frost Fair souvenir. Warm yourself by the bonfire or in the cheerful warmth of the Officers' Mess Kitchen. Included with regular Fort York admission.

#### MACKENZIE HOUSE

*82 Bond Street  
416-3926915*

#### Write A Letter to Santa

*Nov. 26 – Dec. 24, 2013  
MacKenzie House*

During the Victorian Christmas program at Mackenzie House, until December 24, children are invited to write a letter to Santa Claus during their visit.

Children love writing to Santa Claus to tell him about their Christmas wish lists. Select a card that has been printed on the 1845 printing press, and write a personal message. Drop the wish card into the magic post box and it will go to Santa! Included with admission.

#### A Victorian Christmas

*November 26 - January 5  
MacKenzie House*

Go back in time this festive season with a Christmas celebration at the Mackenzie House. Learn how Toronto families celebrated a traditional 19th century Christmas, with a tour of the decorated historic home. Guests are invited to enjoy mulled cider, and biscuits from the historic kitchen.

#### MONTGOMERY'S INN

*4709 Dundas St. West at Islington  
416-394-8113*

#### By Hand, Art and Craft Show and Sale

*December 7, 10 am to 5 pm  
December 8, 10 am to 4 pm*

Original art, painted porcelain, photography, semi-precious bead jewellery, unique clocks and beautiful fibre arts, all handcrafted to a high quality by 7 local artists. Come and find that special something for your home, friends or loved ones in the Briarly Room (Lower Level) on December 7th and 8th. Hope to see you there!

#### Carols in the Tavern

*Friday, December 6, 7:30pm  
Saturday, December 7, 7:30 pm*

Get some Christmas Spirit in the Tavern while you sing some nineteenth century carols and sip a historic drink. \$20 plus tax, savoury treats, mulled cider, cash bar for historic drinks. Pre-registration only.

#### A Christmas Carol

*December 5, 7 pm  
December 7, 2 pm  
December 12, 7 pm  
December 13, 7 pm  
December 21, 2 pm & 7 pm*

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! \$20 adults, \$10 children; tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.humberrivershakespeare.ca](http://www.humberrivershakespeare.ca)

#### Solfeggio Music Series at Montgomery's Inn

*December 14, 2 – 4 pm*  
Join in for **classical** music in the Community Room in partnership with Neapolitan Connection. This month features the soprano Luiza Zhuleva. Tours of the museum and refreshments are included in the ticket price. Adults \$25 plus tax, children under 12 \$12.50 plus HST. Tickets available at [www.neapolitanconnection.com](http://www.neapolitanconnection.com).

#### SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM

*1007 Brimley Road, just north of Lawrence in Thomson Memorial Park  
416-338-8807*

#### Festive Weekends in December

*December 7 - 29  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM*  
Go back in time at the Scarborough Museum every weekend for the month of December, as guests celebrate the holiday season.

Enjoy a walking tour of the decorated McCowan Log House and Cornell House, and learn about traditional festive activities in 19th century Toronto. Warm apple cider and traditional holiday treats are provided.

The Scarborough Museum is on the farm fields of Scarborough's first settlers, David and Mary Thomson, who settled there around 1798.

#### SPADINA MUSEUM: HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDENS

*285 Spadina Road  
416-392-6910*

#### A Roaring 1920s Christmas Tours

Experience a 1920s Christmas on a guided tour of Spadina. Holly wreaths, garlands of evergreens and mistletoe festoon the house based on the memories of the Austin family grandchildren. The 1920s Christmas tree and accompanying poinsettias fill the Palm Room with Christmas cheer. Nestled in the 1930s kitchen visitors will enjoy holiday treats made from recipes from the era and sip mulled cider warmed on the art deco gas range. Holiday Season admission prices apply: Adults \$8.85, Seniors \$7.08, Youths \$7.08, & Children: \$5.75 (plus tax).

#### Swell Sundays: Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio

*December 8, 12 to 5 p.m.*  
Family fun is On the Air! Join us for the next installment of our 1930s radio serial, "Flashman" – commercials included! Watch the behind-the-scenes fun of a live, radio drama. Enjoy themed crafts, refreshments and activities. Admission: Adults \$12, Seniors/Youth \$10 and Children \$8 (plus tax)

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## **TODMORDEN MILLS MUSEUM**

67 Pottery Road  
416-396-2819

### **A Regency Christmas in the Valley**

December 1, 2013 -  
January 5, 2014

Todmorden Mills invites guests to a Regency Christmas celebration complete with traditional decor and holiday treats. The 19th century home is decorated with real evergreen garlands, a mistletoe, and candles. Traditional desserts that are served into "Whim-Wham," a brandy and sherry truffle, and "Hedgehog Topsy Cake," a brand soaked sponge cake in the shape of a hedgehog. Families get the opportunity to make their own take-home Regency-styled Christmas decorations.

### **Holiday Treats From The Past**

December 14, 2013

Todmorden Mills presents Holiday Treats from the Past that features a selection of delectable festive desserts. The workshop is based on authentic 19th century recipes including plum cake, white gingerbread and more. Participants prepare and sample the Christmas treats on the open hearth of the Todmorden Mills Regency Cottage.

### **A Christmas Carol**

Presented by the East Side Players, A Christmas Carol is a classic Christmas story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the reason for the season. Read by the Players, along side Scrooge it includes everyone's favourite characters- Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. First published in 1843, by Charles Dickens, it tells of a

cold hearted man who finds the meaning of Christmas by looking to his past, present and future. A Christmas classic, it has been adapted for film, stage and opera.

## **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**  
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 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.

## **MACKENZIE HOUSE**

82 Bond Street,  
416-392-6915

### **Hogmanay!**

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**

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416-394-8113

### **Carols In The Tavern**

December 7, 7:30 p.m.

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### **A Christmas Carol**

Thursday December 6, 13  
and 14, 7 - 9 p.m. &  
Dec. 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.

### **SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM**

1007 Brimley Road,  
416-338-8807

### **Desserts by Lamplight**

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**

### **COLBORNE LODGE IN HIGH PARK**

South end of High Park on Colborne Lodge Drive.  
Limited free parking  
416-3926916

December 21-22

### **Christmas Cookie Creation**

for Children - Ages 8 to 12  
Saturday, December 21 and  
Sunday, December 22 from  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children 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. Participants will then 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 required. \$22.50 plus tax, includes supplies and a dozen cookies to bring home.

December 21

### **Christmas by the Hearth** for Ages 5 to 7

Youngsters enjoy the warmth of an historic Christmas by decorating gingerbread cookies prepared from an 1831 Upper Canadian cook book followed by an enchanting interval of Christmas stories from long ago as they snuggle up to the kitchen hearth. The afternoon ends with the



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kids going upstairs to peek at the Howards' Christmas tree and the presents underneath it. Pre-registration is required. \$17.50 plus tax, includes light seasonal refreshments.

## FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

250 Fort York Boulevard  
416-392-6907

### Extra fun for Kids at Fort York (ages 4 and 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 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 when you arrive.

### The Holiday Season at Fort York

December 15 - December 31

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.

## MACKENZIE HOUSE 82 Bond Street 416-3926915

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MacKenzie House

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### Breakfast With Santa Casa Loma

December 7 - 23

Breakfast With Santa is a communal breakfast event headlined by Santa Claus himself. Children are served two sausages, a fruit salad, a glass of orange juice and two pancakes with syrup and butter, while parents are entitled to two breakfast pastries each along with their choice of coffee, orange juice, or tea. After the meal and a visit with Santa, everyone is invited to take in a performance of Peter Pan.

## Holiday-Themed Crafts and Food Workshops for Adults and Families

### MACKENZIE HOUSE 82 Bond Street 416-392-6915

Saturday, December 7  
Christmas Baking Workshop for Adults

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Come and try your hand at Victorian Christmas baking in our historic kitchen, while learning about the tastes and culinary technology of the 1850s! Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. \$20 plus tax. Please call 416 392-6915 for further details.

## SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM

1007 Brimley Road, just north of Lawrence in Thomson Memorial Park  
416-338-8807

### Holiday Baking Bonanza

December 8

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! Ages 5 to 12. Pre-register online at [www.toronto.ca/torontofun](http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun) or call 416-338-4FUN. For more information call the museum at 416-338-8807. \$20

## TODMORDEN MILLS MUSEUM

67 Pottery Road  
416-396-2819

### Holiday Treats from the Past

December 14

A Cast Iron Chef Historic Cooking Workshop Rich plum cake, white gingerbread and more! Prepare and sample tasty Christmas treats on the open hearth of our Regency Cottage. Based upon authentic 19th-century recipes, these treats will surprise and delight the contemporary palate! Pre-registration required. Adult: \$20; Children over 8 years: \$15 (plus tax).

## COLBORNE LODGE IN HIGH PARK

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

### Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop

Dec. 7 - 23

The Colborne Lodge offers a two hour workshop on wreath-making in their 19th century kitchen. Celebrate the festive season in the cosy ambiance of the historic lodge, with a tour of the decorated rooms, and light refreshments. Participants are welcome to take their unique wreath home with them.

Each workshop is divided by age group:

Ages 7-10:

November 23 & 30

Ages 10-15:

November 24

& December 7

Adults & Youth:

November 23 &

December 8 & 12

## CITY WIDE EVENTS

Ongoing

### Toy Mountain A Toy Story

Sherway Gardens

This holiday season, CTV once again asks you to help bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children. Sherway customers are invited to deposit a new, unwrapped toy in the TOY MOUNTAIN bin at Sherway Square (opposite M for Mendocino).

The good people at The Salvation Army will deliver these toys to needy children in our community in time for Christmas. The Toy Mountain bins will be here starting the week of November 18th

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It's so easy to make the holidays a bit happier for a child – please be generous and donate early!

## Santa Experience 2013 - Sold Out!

A huge thank you to all the families who have visited with Santa this year. A portion of the monies raised from that tickets you purchased goes directly to Sleeping Children Around the World, a locally based charity that provides bed kits for needy children in developing countries. In the 12 years that Sherway Gardens has enjoyed the Santa Experience, our guests have raised just over \$300,000. Thank you! Visit [www.scaw.org](http://www.scaw.org) for more information on this amazing organization.

Unfortunately the Santa Experience is fully sold out for the 2013 season. To be the first know about ticket sales next year, please sign up at <https://register.shops.ca/en/7>

## BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

1000 Murray Ross Parkway  
416-736-1733

Nov. 16 – Dec. 23

### Christmas at Black Creek

Learn about the origins of Christmas foods, marvel at the flaming plum pudding and then taste this delicious Christmas treat.

### Christmas Feasts & Flaming Puddings

### Holiday Greetings

Make a Victorian Christmas card.

### Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

Savour this seasonal treat!

### Christmas Treats

Sample traditional Christmas goodies baked right in the Village.

### 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 Bloor West Village Bloor Yorkville Chinatown Church – Wellesley Village Corso Italia Downsview Park Downtown Yonge Emery Village Greek-Town 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

Nov. 27 – Dec. 14

### Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market

*Distillery District  
[www.torontochristmasmarket.com](http://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.

December 14 @ 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Aboriginal Christmas Craft Sale And Flea Market

*Native Canadian Centre of Toronto Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Road  
[www.ncct.on.ca](http://www.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. Try a Native style taco for lunch with proceeds going to the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto.

December 8, 15, 22 @ 1:30 pm & 4:30 pm

### Christmas Dinner @ Black Creek Pioneer Village

*Black Creek Pioneer Village 1000 Murray Ross Parkway  
[www.blackcreek.ca](http://www.blackcreek.ca)  
416-736-1733*

Celebrate the traditions of Christmas with a meal at Black Creek Pioneer Village and tour the Village. Reservations are required.

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

### The Artisans' Gift Fair

*The Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Avenue  
[www.artisansgiftfair.com](http://www.artisansgiftfair.com)  
Cost: Free*

Every year during the holiday season, The Artisans' Gift Fair hosts a fine collection of affordable one-of-a-kind gift products. Vendors

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gather at the Tranzac, located in the Annex at Bloor and Brunswick, displaying quality handcrafted gifts that range from funky contemporary to a sophisticated classic style. Whether you're buying for a friend or loved one, or buying for yourself, you're guaranteed to find a treasure.

*December 14, 15, 21, 22*  
**8th Annual Santa Cruise**  
*Mariposa Cruises*  
*Morning Santa Cruise:*  
*Boarding 10:30am, Cruising 11am-12noon*  
*Afternoon Santa Cruise:*  
*Boarding 1:30pm, Cruising 2pm-3pm*  
*Website: www.mariposa-cruises.com*

*Phone: 416-203-0178*  
 Families are invited to join Santa and his elves for the 8th Annual Santa Cruise presented by Mariposa Cruises aboard the Northern Spirit during Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront presented by the Toronto Port Authority. This enchanting one-hour cruise sells out quickly! Capacity for these popular family cruises is limited. Buy early and SAVE \$3.00 as it will sell out!

*December 7, 14, & 21*  
*6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*  
**The 36th Annual Christmas By Lamplight**  
*Black Creek Pioneer Village*  
 For three magical evenings, Black Creek Pioneer Village invites visitors to join in the holiday festivities. Bathed in the glow of lamplight and dressed in its finest holiday decor, Black Creek comes alive with live music, food and activities. Program only or with din-

ner options available.

*December 14, 15, 21, 22*  
**Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront**  
*www.waterfrontbia.com*  
 Celebrate the magic of the holiday on Toronto's Waterfront. There is so much for families to experience from cruising and photos with Santa to creating arts and crafts with elves and lakeside skating to decorating your own gingerbread cookie.

*December 12- 22*  
**Pet Photos With Santa**  
*11am - 1pm / 2pm - 5pm*  
*PawsWay*  
*245 Queens Quay West*  
*COST: \$10 +HST (\$2 from each photo is donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides)*  
 Find out if your cat or dog has been naughty or nice as Santa pays a memorable visit to PawsWay

*December 26 @ 10:00 am*  
**Christmas Treats Light Walk**  
*Toronto Zoo*  
 An annual event where Siberian Tigers, Reindeer and other animals receive their seasonal goodies. Strolling carollers, free hot chocolate following the walk. For information visit [www.torontozoo.com](http://www.torontozoo.com) or call 416-392-5929.

*Dec 26, 2013 to Jan 5, 2014*  
**ROM for the Holidays**  
 Enjoy two weeks of toys, games, and gatherings for the whole family starting December 26! Get into the holiday spirit with ROM for the Holidays (RFTH): two weeks of special family experiences at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). From Thursday

December 26, 2013 to Sunday January 5, 2014, this year's holiday activities are filled with toys, games, and excitement for all to enjoy with great value for your family. All ROM for the Holidays activities take place from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm daily, and are included with general admission

## ON STAGE

*December 7, 2013 - January 12, 2014*  
**Cinderella**  
*Solar Stage Theatre*  
*Price Summary: \$16*  
*Phone: 416-368-8031*  
 This interactive and humorous take on the story of Cinderella features music by Martyn Skrzypczyk. Cinderella is a lonely young woman cruelly mistreated by her stepsisters until a sudden twist of fate rewards her for her patience and kindness. This production is suitable for children aged 3 to 10. Special discounts are available on December 21 and 22 and again after New Year's Day on January 2 and 3.

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**A Christmas Carol**  
*Montgomery's Inn*  
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*December 7-22*  
**The Christmas Story**  
*Toronto Church of the Holy Trinity*  
 Now in its 76th year, The

Christmas Story is a nativity play about the birth of Jesus Christ. Witness the Archangel Gabriel appear to the Virgin Mary to foretell the birth of Jesus, rejoice at his virgin birth, and share in the wonder of the three shepherds that visit him bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Performed in mime by 100 community cast members, the play is narrated from a script based on the gospels of Luke and Matthew from the King James Bible. There is a different live baby Jesus every night and musical accompaniment by an organist and quartet of carolers.

*December 7-29*  
**Peter Pan**  
*Casa Loma*  
 Casa Loma's Peter Pan follows the players to three different areas of the castle as they reenact this children's classic: Late one night, Peter Pan listens in on a mother's bedtime stories to her three children. He enjoys them so much that he returns, but the lone daughter, Wendy Darling, sees him through an open window. In his haste to get away, Peter leaves his shadow behind and knows he must return once more to get it back. When he does, Wendy reattaches his shadow and Peter insists on taking her to visit his home, Neverland. Wendy agrees and sets herself up for countless adventures, including a battle with the dastardly Captain Hook and his gang of pirates.

*December 15*  
**The Nutcracker**  
*Living Arts Centre, Mississauga*  
 The State Ballet Theatre of



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Russia performs the world's most beloved ballet this Christmas. This Bolshoi Theatre version of the Nutcracker brings this timeless holiday tradition to life with dazzling imagery in this breathtaking rendition of the classic tale. The company of 60 distinguished dancers has showcased the unparalleled art of Russian ballet to countries throughout the world. The ballet dancers are laureates, diploma and Prize-Winners of Russian and international competitions. Guzel Suleymanova is a Laureate and Diploma-Winner of prestigious International competitions in Kazan, Perm, Kiev, Astana and Budapest. Gulsina Mavlyukasova is a Diploma-Winner and recipient of the special prize "Princess of Russian Ballet" and a special prize for Beauty and Charm at the International competition Arabesque (Perm), Gulnara Khalitova is a Diploma-Winner of the International competition of young ballet dancers named after S. Diaghilev in Moscow and laureate of competitions in Istanbul, Sochi, Krasnoyarsk and Donetsk

## HOLIDAY CONCERTS

### AIR CANADA CENTRE

December 7  
The Big Jingle

### CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

December 15  
Christmas Vespers

### HUGH'S ROOM

December 15  
The Ault Sisters Celebrate the Season Concert

December 15  
Darrelle London's Ho Ho Holiday Jam

December 16-17  
Have A Blues Xmas – A Tribute to the Queen of the Blues – Etta James

December 18  
A Quartette Christmas

December 21  
Jacob Moon presents Christmas at Hugh's Room – 3rd Annual Christmas Show

December 23  
John McDermott & Friends – Christmas Show

### JANE MALLET THEATRE ST. LAWRENCE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

December 19  
Phillip Addis, Baritone, with Emily Hamper, Pianist

### LIVING ARTS CENTRE MISSISSAUGA

December 12  
Darlene Love: A Darlene Love Christmas

December 13  
The Partland Brothers: Christmas Day

December 14  
Holiday Spectacular

December 16  
Season of Dreams 2013  
Voice Studio of  
Juliet Forrester

### MARKHAM THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

December 5  
The Manhattan Transfer

December 12  
Colm Wilkinson  
Broadway, Christmas and Beyond

December 13  
Darlene Love  
"It's Christmas of Course"

December 21  
Leahy Family Christmas 2013

### OAKVILLE CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ART

December 10  
Home for the Holidays

December 15  
Family Christmas Concert

December 20  
Quartette:  
20th Anniversary Christmas

December 22  
Andrew Craig Gospel  
Christmas Project

### THE ROSE THEATRE BRAMPTON

December 13  
Leahy Family Christmas

December 14  
Christmas At The Rose

December 18  
A Charlie Brown Christmas  
With David Benoit

December 20-22  
A Christmas Carol

December 21  
Wonderful World of  
Christmas

### SONY CENTRE

December 13-15  
Stuart McLean and The  
Vinyl Café – 2013  
Christmas Tour

December 16  
Christmas with The Tenors

### CASA LOMA

December 9, 12, 13, 16  
Holiday Music on the  
Wurlitzer Organ

### VIRGIN MOBILE MOD CLUB

December 11  
9th Annual Andy Kim  
Christmas Show  
Gord Downie  
Amy Millan  
Ron Sexsmith  
Kardinal Offishall  
Dan Hill  
The Trews  
Brendan Canning  
Kevin Drew



Andy Kim



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Toronto Santa Claus  
Parade

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