

Holidays in Downtown presents

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Your Guide to the Holidays in Downtown

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The Christmas Candle - AMC 24 Theatres:

When: Check website for times and dates. Deep in the heart of the English countryside lays the enchanting village of Gladbury. Legend has it every twenty-five years an angel visits the village candle-maker and touches a single candle. Whoever lights the Christmas Candle receives a miracle on Christmas Eve. But in 1890, at the dawn of the electric age, this centuries old legend may come to an end. Ticket prices vary. 565 N 3rd St 602-307-5371 · amctheatres.com.

Free Birds - AMC 24 Theatres: When:

Check website for times and dates. In this irreverent, hilarious, adventurous buddy comedy, directed by Jimmy Hayward (Horton Hears a Who!), two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks must put aside their differences and team up to travel back in time to change the course of history - and get turkey off the holiday menu for good. Ticket prices vary. 565 N 3rd St 602-307-5371 · amctheatres.com

The Best Man Holiday - AMC 24 Theatres:

When: Check website for times and dates. After nearly 15 years comes the long-awaited next chapter to the film that ushered in a new era of comedy. When the college friends finally reunite over the Christmas holidays, they will discover just how easy it is for long-forgotten rivalries and romances to be ignited. Ticket prices vary. 565 N 3rd St · 602-307-5371 amctheatres.com

Frozen - AMC 24 Theaters: When: Check website for times and dates.

A mountain climber and a young girl named Anna journeys through snowy peaks and dangerous cliffs to find the legendary Snow Queen and end the perpetual winter prophecy that has fallen over their kingdom. Based on the fairy tale 'The Snow Queen' written by Hans Christian Andersen and published circa 1845. Ticket prices vary. 565 N 3rd St · 602-307-5371 · amctheatres.com

Black Nativity - AMC 24 Theatres: When:

Check website for times and dates. In a contemporary adaptation of Langston Hughesa celebrated play, the holiday musical drama BLACK NATIVITY follows Langston (Jacob Latimore), a street-wise

teen from Baltimore raised by a single mother, as he journeys to New York City to spend the Christmas holiday with his estranged relatives Reverend Cornell and Aretha Cobbs (Forest Whitaker and Angela Bassett). Unwilling to live by the imposing Reverend Cobbs rules, a frustrated Langston is determined to return home to his mother, Naima (Jennifer Hudson). Langston embarks on a surprising and inspirational journey

owned by their former army commander. The dazzling score features well-known standards including Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, How Deep Is the Ocean and the perennial favorite, White Christmas. Experience this perfect treat with the entire family this holiday season. \$30 - \$75. 100 E McDowell Rd · phoenixtheatre.com

Turkey Day 5K - Wesley Bolin Plaza:

When: November 28, 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Warm up your Thanksgiving appetite with the Turkey Day 5K/10K! Since 1989, this event has brought family and friends together to start the day in a healthy way. New for 2013, they're offering a 1-Mile Gobbler Dash for kids ages 12 and under. Additionally, they're happy to introduce the Tot Trot, a 25-50 yard dash for kids ages 6 and under. \$8 - \$59. 1700 W. Washington

Arizona International Auto Show -

Phoenix Convention Center: When: November 28 - December 1. Times vary. 100 N. 3rd St. · 800-282-4842 phoenixconventioncenter.com

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner -

Phoenix Convention Center: When: November 28, 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Each year, The Salvation Army spreads holiday spirit to those less privileged in our community through our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In 2011, our holiday meal program served warm food to more than 6,000 individuals. The Salvation Army also delivered approximately 3,200 holiday meals to the homebound. 100 N. 3rd St. · 800-282-4842 · phoenixconventioncenter.com

Thanksgiving Brunch Feast at Province:

When: November 28, 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. An assortment of seasonal breakfast pastries; a build-your-own Belgian waffle station with assorted toppings; a create-your-own Benedict station with ingredients like smoked salmon, shaved roast beef, country ham, spinach, mushrooms, peppers, avocado, and traditional citrus hollandaise or ancho-chile hollandaise sauce; a variety of fresh salads such as the roasted beet salad, butternut squash fall salad, and seasonal sliced fruit salad; and a selection of decadent desserts like pecan tarts, pumpkin cheesecake bites, apple cider cake, and gingerbread flan. \$29 per adult, \$14.50 for

and along with his new friends, and a little divine intervention, he discovers the true meaning of faith, healing, and family. Ticket prices vary. 565 N 3rd St · 602-307-5371 amctheatres.com

White Christmas - Phoenix Theatre:

When: November 27 - December 24, times vary. Celebrate the holidays with this true Irving Berlin classic! Based on the beloved holiday film, this heartwarming musical features seventeen Irving Berlin songs. White Christmas is a great musical theatre story of two World War II veterans with a successful song-and-dance act. With love on their minds, they meet up with a duo of beautiful singing and dancing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be

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kids five to 12 years old, and kids under five years old eat free. 333 N Central Ave · 602-429-3500 · phoenix.provincerestaurant.com

5th Annual Ornament Marketplace - Heard Museum: When: November 28 - December 1, times vary. Also occurring on: November 29, November 30, and December 1. Decorate your home for the holidays with wonderful Native-themed ornaments hand-crafted by American Indian artists from the Heard Museum Shops during this fifth annual event! Choose from hundreds of ornaments in a variety of styles, media and colors for yourself or for unique holiday gifts. Prices vary. Free admission (museum admission additional). 2301 N Central Ave · 602-252-8848 · heard.org

Harvest Feast - Heard Museum: When: November 28, 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM. On Thanksgiving Day, the Heard invites visitors to sit down for the Harvest Feast, an American Indian-inspired meal for the holiday. Combining unique Native ingredients with traditional recipes, this year's menu features traditional Southwestern holiday dishes. Harvest Feast, which has been acclaimed by Rand McNally as one of the top activities on Thanksgiving Day, is also a wonderful way to celebrate this uniquely American holiday with family and friends. Member adults \$70; non-member adults \$85; children age 12 and younger \$40. Price includes gratuity. Beer, wine, cocktails are additional. Museum admission additional. 2301 N Central Ave 602-252-8848 · heard.org

Thanksgiving Feast in the Compass Arizona Grill: When: November 28, 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Treat your family and friends to the Compass Arizona Grill this Thanksgiving and enjoy a virtual feast featuring mesquite smoked turkey, agave glazed pit ham, roasted garlic crusted prime rib, pecan white fish, jumbo shrimp, mussels, crab claws, smoked bay scallops, salads, soups, artisan breads and specialty sides. Save room for your favorite holiday pies, cakes and tortes plus chocolate fondue and crème brûlée. \$59 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5-12. 122 N 2nd St, 24th Floor 602-440-3166 · compassarizona.com

A Thanksgiving Feast at District American Kitchen and Wine Bar: When: November 28, 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Butternut squash soup, harvest green salad, roasted turkey and giblet gravy, maple brown sugar glazed ham, corn bread and Andouille stuffing, toasted marshmallow yams, green bean casserole, Yukon smashed potatoes and gravy, house made cranberry sauce, autumn succotash, herb buttered pull apart rolls, mini pumpkin pies, sticky toffee AZ date pudding, huckleberry gingerbread, and

crème brûlée. \$34 for adults, \$17 for kids 4 to 12 years old, and kids younger than 4 eat free. 320 N 3rd St · 602-817-5400 districtrestaurant.com

Traditional Thanksgiving Feast at Province: When: November 28, 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM. A fall squash salad; an herb goat cheese salad with charred onions, lettuce and lemon vinaigrette; farm raised roasted turkey served with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, homemade gravy, and cranberry compote; brown butter Brussels sprouts; traditional corn bread stuffing; glazed sweet potatoes; and homemade pumpkin pie with whipped cream. \$28 per adult, \$14 for kids five to 12 years old, and kids under five years old eat free. 333 N Central Ave · 602-429-3500 phoenix.provincerestaurant.com

Red Monkey Work That Turkey - Monarch Theatre: When: November 28, 9:00 PM. Very Special Guest DJ Jask Thaisoul - Large/Soulfulic, also a special performance by the 9 piece house music cover band the House Music All-Stars. \$10. 122 E. Washington St. 602-229-1266

Gingerbread House Contest - Sheraton Hotel: When: November 29 - December 25. Also occurring on: November 30, December 1, December 2, and more... Set to various Christmas story themes where elaborately decorated edible creations are displayed in the hotels Park Lounge lobby throughout the Holiday Season. This year's gingerbread house theme takes inspiration from the movie, The Polar Express, where a young boy boards a powerful and magical train to visit Santa Claus in the North Pole. First place prize is \$1,000; Second place is \$500; Third place is \$250. Free to view. 340 N 3rd St · 602-262-2500 sheratonphoenixdowntown.com

Alternative Black Friday Vintage Market - CityScape: When: November 29, 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Think you know what Black Friday is all about? Think again! Avoid the crowds. Sleep in. Sip mimosas and local beers while shopping local vendors and listening to live music. All of this and more is happening at CityScape Phoenix's second annual Alternative Black Friday. CityScape is hosting a vintage market with over 20 local vendors including Meat Market Vintage, Antique Sugar, Grow-Op, Annie Boomer Vintage, Steel Magnolia, Ruby Mae, among many others. Similar to a Paris flea market, they will be selling vintage clothes, salvage, Mid-Century furniture, antiques, jewelry and home goods and decor. Browse the wares, enjoy the Mimosa Bar by Chloe's Corner as well as local beers and wine and listen to live music and DJs on the outdoor stage, all of which will be setup in Patriots Square. 1

E. Washington St. · 602-772-3900 cityscapephoenix.com

Seasonal Science Weekend - Arizona Science Center: When: November 29 - December 1, 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. With family in town for the holidays, celebrate the season and learn the science behind this festive time with a fun, family-friendly weekend. At Arizona Science Center, you can conduct your own seasonal science experiments including pine cone weather predictions, create snowflakes out of Borax, and learn the science of genetics. To help get everyone in the spirit you can pie your family, catapult your Thanksgiving leftovers, make spy juice from cranberries and donate canned food for the holidays. Fall in love with the science behind it all, only at Arizona Science Center. \$14.95. 600 E. Washington St. · 602-716-2000 azscience.org

Phoenix Flea - Heritage & Science Park: When: November 29, 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Also occurring on: November 30. Phoenix Flea is a community event created to showcase local artists and entrepreneurs, and to raise support for Phoenix area nonprofits and charities. Phoenix Flea is a seasonal market showcasing the work of an eclectic group of local vendors, designers and artisans specializing in antique and repurposed furniture, vintage clothing and collectibles, as well as unique jewelry, art, crafts and delicious food. Proceeds benefit the 100 Club of Arizona. No admission fee. 115 N. 6th St. · 602-262-5071 · phoenix.gov/parks/parks/heritagepk.html

Tom Van Dyke signs his book, A Cowboy Christmas - Heard Museum: When: November 29, 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM. For that particular person with a little bit of cowboy down deep inside, Van Dyke's book makes for a heartwarming holiday gift. Arizona state historian Marshall Trimble called A Cowboy Christmas a well-researched tale of an adventuresome young man, carving out a life that most men can only dream about. Hold on tight. It's a page turner and a fast ride. This magical tale fits like a vintage Stetson and good pair of boots. 2301 N Central Ave · 602-252-8848 heard.org

Ballet and Friends Presents The Nutcracker - Orpheum Theatre: When: November 29 - December 1, times vary. Ballet and Friends captivating staging of The Nutcracker unites world renowned dancers with exquisite choreography that brings all the magic of the season to life. Our beloved production was choreographed by our own Artistic Director, Slawomir Wozniak, for Teatr Wielki in Poznan, Poland while he was Principal Dancer at the National Opera in

Warsaw. Today, Mr. Wozniaks production still enchants crowds of ballet lovers with brilliant choreography and magnificent dancing both in Phoenix and Poland. From the very first show, Przemek Grzadzila has played Drosselmeyer. His delightful depiction of this mysterious, yet charming character is one of the unique aspects that distinguishes this Nutcracker production and makes it exceptional. This unrivaled production of The Nutcracker invokes charm, splendor and fantasy to create an enchanting interpretation of a holiday favorite. \$40. 203 W. Adams St. 800-745-3000 · ticketmaster.com

Holiday Pops - Symphony Hall: When: November 29 - December 1, times vary. Join The Phoenix Symphony and Phoenix Symphony Chorus as Guest Conductor Stuart Chafetz leads one of the Valleys most beloved holiday traditions, Holiday Pops. This festive concert features seasonal favorites and the ever popular holiday sing along. \$18 to \$83. 75 N. 2nd St. 602-495-1999 · phoenixsymphony.org

Spirits of the Season - CityScape: When: November 30 - January 1. A 5-week holiday cocktail competition, Spirits of the Season toasts the holidays the best way possible - with festive drinks! Skip the traffic after work or turn a Saturday into a self-guided walking tour and sample the concoctions from several Downtown bars and restaurants. From the Perfect Candy Cane to the Hog Nog these drinks aren't your average mulled wine. The best part? You decide the winner. Voting will begin Nov 30 and end Dec 18 in the quest to crown the Most Spirited Holiday Cocktail of 2013. Vote early, vote often, vote here: www.downtownphoenix.com/spirits. 1 E. Washington St. · 602-772-3900 cityscapephoenix.com

CitySkate Holiday Ice Rink - CityScape: When: November 30 - January 14, times vary - see banner page 7. Celebrate the season at CityScape Phoenix! This year the Valleys largest real ice rink will be in the middle of Central Avenue November 30th-January 14th. The cost of admission for skating is \$12 per person and includes skate rental. 1 E. Washington St. · 602-772-3900 cityscapephoenix.com

Tree Lighting and Ice Rink Grand Opening - CityScape: When: November 30, 2:00 PM until 11:00 PM. Ice skate on Central Avenue! This year the ice rink at CityScape will spill into the streets and Downtown is throwing a party to celebrate. Join the tree lighting event featuring carolers, face painting, storytelling, cookies and hot chocolate for the little ones as well as a grand entrance by you-know-who.

Don't miss photos with Santa, a figure skating show and the official tree lighting at 6 pm. No admission fee. 1 E. Washington 602-772-3900 · cityscapephoenix.com

Holiday Lights on Central - When: December 1 thru 31. A traditional annual light display to enhance Central Avenue from Camelback Road to the north and Baseline Road to the south. This community-building project, sure to brighten the spirits of all who travel this route, is a collaborative effort between the City of Phoenix and numerous area businesses, non-profits and civic-minded individuals. Free.

Holiday Tea - Irish Cultural Center: When: December 1, 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. A traditional afternoon tea of holiday fun, music, great conversation and of course, fantastic food and drinks. You will enjoy a fabulous selection of high quality homemade English scones, fairy cakes, Scottish shortbread and Irish soda bread, served with an assortment of beverages and fun Holiday favors. A full bar will also be available. Do not delay, as seating is limited and tickets are available in advance only. Adults \$25, Seniors 60+ \$20, Children under 10 \$15. No tickets available on the door. Buy online www.elainesaftemoontea.com. 1106 N Central Ave · 602-258-0109 · azirish.com

The Polar Express - Symphony Hall: When: December 1, 1:30 PM. Experience the magic of Christmas through the eyes of a young boy who, on Christmas Eve, boards a powerful magical train headed to the North Pole. This delightful adventure shows that the wonder of life never fades for those who truly believe. As images from the book are projected above the stage, the words on the pages of this Caldecott Medal-winner will come to life through music. Also help ring in the season by joining the Symphony in the annual holiday sing-a-long. \$11 - \$19. 75 N. 2nd St. · 602-495-1999 phoenixsymphony.org

CityScape Gingerbread House Display - CityScape: When: December 2 - 6. View Gingerbread Houses at the CityScape office tower lobby. This event is free and open to the public. Then join the party and help raise money for NHS Phoenix at their auction event on Saturday December 7th, 5:00pm - 8:00pm - RSVP only. 1 E. Washington St. · 602-772-3900 cityscapephoenix.com

Roll Out The Carol - Herberger Lunch Time Theater: When: December 3 - 19, Tuesday - Thursday only, 12:10 PM until 1:00 PM. Does your spirit start to sag when you hear Frosty thumpety-thump-thumping for about the hundredth time? Take heart, you are not alone! Roll Out The

Carol takes a fresh musical spin through the holiday season with traditional as well as politically correct non-specific festive diversion. Join us for a joyride of laughter and songs that will make your heart glad it's ChristmasKwanzaaHanukah. Presented by 16 Bars. \$6. 222 E. Monroe · 602-252-8497 herbergertheater.org

The Elves & The Shoemaker - Great Arizona Puppet Theater: When: December 4 - 22, Wednesday - Friday only at 10:00 AM, Sat 10 AM & 2 PM, Sunday 2 PM. Also occurring on: December 5, December 6, December 7, and more... Santa's elves come to help a poor shoemaker and his wife in this musical holiday favorite. Ages K and up. \$7 for children 2 and up and \$10 for adults. 302 W Latham St · 602-262-2050 · azpuppets.org

KMLE's Almost Acoustic Christmas - Comerica Theatre: When: December 5, 7:30 PM until 10:00 PM. Ring in the Holidays with the new KMLE @ 107.9 and the KMLE Almost Acoustic Christmas concert featuring live, intimate performances by some of your favorite new KMLE, new Country music stars! \$38. 400 W. Washington St. · 800-745-3000 livenation.com

Elf Happy Hour - My Big Fat Greek Restaurant: When: December 6 - 24, 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Help Elf Charities raise \$5,000 for St. Vincent De Paul to distribute in the form of money gift cards to needy families and individuals this holiday season. Upon check in, receive a beverage of choice (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), and select appetizers. 100% of your donation goes to directly to families in need and St. Vincent De Paul will furnish you a tax deductible email confirming your donation. Enjoy the Season with family and friends as you help benefit Phoenix families in need. \$20. 455 N 3rd St, #108 · 602-254-5730

PJs in the Park - Civic Space Park: When: December 6, 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Don your favorite holiday pajamas and board Downtowns own Urban Polar Express - METRO Light Rail - for a double feature holiday movie showing under the stars at Civic Space Park. Grab your friends and family for a viewing of Polar Express and National Lampoons Christmas Vacation. Free hot chocolate, holiday treats and a special visit from Santa will make it a night to remember. Free. 424 N Central Ave 602-262-4734 · downtownphoenix.com

Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail - Valley Youth Theatre: When: December 6 - 23, times vary. A very special Friend-and-Relation tells Christopher Robin a story of a

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Christmas Eve very long ago (about last year) when Eeyore, the old gray donkey who lives by himself in the thistle corner of Hundred-Acre Wood, was absolutely miserable. It seems that he lost his tail and Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet got all of their friends and a search was organized. There is a great deal of fun and excitement, plus delightful songs, in the adventure that follows. Its theme, which concerns caring, sharing and the importance of cultivating friends, makes this a very special and enchanting musical suitable for any occasion. \$18. 525 N. First St. 602-253-8188 x 2 · vyt.com

Ballet Arizona presents The Nutcracker - Symphony Hall: When: December 6 - 24, times vary. Also occurring on: December 7, December 7, December 8, and more... A holiday celebration to share! Dancing toys, mischievous mice, waltzing flowers and sparkling snowflakes dance to Tchaikovsky's sumptuous score performed by The Phoenix Symphony. This holiday classic tells the story of Clara and her magical Nutcracker Prince as they embark on a thrilling adventure. Each year Ballet Arizona rings in the season with Ib Andersen's The Nutcracker, creating memories to cherish forever. \$25 to \$135. 75 N. 2nd St. 602-381-1096 · balletaz.org

A Bloody Mary Christmas - Space 55: When: December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 8:00 PM; December 21, 7 PM. This year's production features an all-new cast performing the same raucous, raunchy play that audiences have embraced as an irreverent alternative to traditional holiday fare. It follows the exploits of retirees Bertha, Blanche and Mabel as they wage war with a ruthless homeowners association that wants to evict them from their Sun City condo on Christmas day. Please note: This show is both hilarious and heartwarming; however, it is not even remotely appropriate for children. \$15. 655 N Pierce St 602-663-4032 · space55.org

Christmas... the Magic Continues! - Herberger Theater Center: When: December 6 - 22, times vary. This annual musical cabaret feast will get you ready to celebrate the magic of the holidays and has become a Valley tradition - Christmas is not the same without it. Songs, both old and new, sung by some of the Valleys best voices brought together by Jeff Kennedy and his grand piano in our signature cabaret style setting with drinks and treats at the bar. It's all the perfect way to celebrate the Season and ring in the New Year. Produced by iTheatre Collaborative. The Kax Stage. \$33. 222 E. Monroe · 602-252-8497 herbergertheater.org

Tellin' It on the Mountain - Helen K Mason Performing Arts Center: When: December 6 - 22, times vary. The holidays are usually a time of love, joy and good will - unless, you lived in the Dean household. Their holidays were usually filled with turmoil, tears and the occasional chair flying across the room. These sisters were once at the height of their careers as the dynamic, chart topping group Sister Dean. Now estranged for many years they are asked to put their differences aside to come together once again to record a holiday CD. In this uplifting intimate musical drama, true love will stand strong and the power of the holiday spirit will be tested on this one not so silent night. 1333 E Washington St 602-258-8128 · blacktheatretroupe.org

Pearl Harbor Day Walk - City Hall: When: December 7, 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. In commemoration of this worldwide day of remembrance, the city of Phoenix is holding its annual Pearl Harbor Day Walk. The 2-mile walk begins at Phoenix City Hall and heads west to the Arizona State Capitol, then loops back around to the starting point. The entire walk should take an hour or less. The stop at the State Capitol is significant on this day, as the anchor from the USS Arizona, the ship that sunk during the attack 68 years ago, rests there. The goal for the walk is to have 1,177 people participate - one person to honor each of the brave souls that lost their lives that day. Free. 200 W. Washington St.

Arizona Rattlers Holiday Drive - CityScape: When: December 7, 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A toy drive and Red Cross Blood Drive along with various children activities that include free pictures with Santa Claus and the CityScape Phoenix CitySkate Ice Rink. All toy donations will be given to the Salvation Army and 3TV AZ Family Christmas Angel program. In their 28th year, the Christmas Angel program takes place in 18 malls across the Valley and Northern Arizona and is hoping to help 48,000 Arizona children this holiday season as this may be the only gifts they receive. 1 E. Washington St. · 602-772- 3900 cityscapephoenix.com

Frances Smith Cohen's Snow Queen - Herberger Theater Center: When: December 7 - 22, times vary. The Hans Christian Andersen classic to music by Sergei Prokofiev has become a don't-miss Valley holiday tradition for the entire family. Produced by Center Dance Ensemble. Stage West. \$27. 222 E. Monroe · 602-252-8497 herbergertheater.org

The Gift of the Magi - Orpheum Theatre: When: December 7 & 8, 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. DanceMotion presents a beautiful ballet

adapted by children's author Mary Amato, is based on the beloved story by O. Henry. This festive ballet will lift your spirit, make you laugh and have you dancing in your seat. The Gift of the Magi runs only 75 minutes, making it the perfect family outing for the holidays. \$17. 203 W. Adams St. 800-745-3000 · ticketmaster.com

Santa Paws - Arizona Center Grand Staircase: When: December 7, 14, and 21, 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Bring your pet and camera for a photo with Santa at the Arizona Center Grand Staircase. Donations will go to: Dec 7th - Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA; Dec 14th - Arizona Humane Society; Dec 21st - Almost Home Boxer Rescue. 400 E. Van Buren St. 602-271-4000 · arizonacenter.com

Gingerbread House Auction - CityScape: When: December 7, 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Help raise money for NHS Phoenix at their auction event. A fun-filled evening of competitive house bidding, raffles for great items, and food and drink to usher in the holiday season and support NHS Phoenix. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Kids under 12 are free. 1 E. Washington St. 602-772- 3900 · cityscapephoenix.com

Annual F.Q. Story Home Tour & Holiday Gift Sale - F.Q. Story Historic Neighborhood: When: December 7 & 8, 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. See inside some of the most unique homes in Phoenix. Sat eve: Holiday flair, Dickens Carolers, Luminarias. Sun: Food and gift vendors line the street. Street trolley available for transport Sunday. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 (\$1 off with a non-perishable food donation) at 9th Ave and Willetta, on the day of the tour or online (<http://www.fqstory.org/real-index.html>). 9th Ave. & Willetta

Alice Cooper's Christmas Pudding - Comerica Theatre: When: December 7, 7:00 PM. This holiday season shock rocker Alice Cooper will be in good company when he's joined by many of rock and rolls biggest stars, including Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley of KISS, Rob Zombie, and Vince Neil of Motley Crue. Proceeds from the event directly benefit Alice Coopers Solid Rock Teen Center. Celebrating its 13th season, Alice Coopers annual Christmas Pudding brings together some of the finest musicians, dancers, and comedians in today's entertainment history. Together, they create a magical evening of music, comedy, dance, and a bit of mayhem. This highly anticipated event brings fans from all over the world, year after year. \$38 - \$253. 400 W. Washington St. · 800-745-3000 livenation.com

Electric Light Parade 2013 - Central Phoenix: When: December 7, 7:00 PM.

The APS Electric Light Parade returns to the streets of central Phoenix. The 2013 parade theme is Wild West Holiday Roundup. The Electric Light Parade features holiday lights on everything from elaborate floats to marching bands. The Electric Light Parade is expected to attract thousands of spectators. In addition to the floats, performance groups and bands also will take part. The Parade travels along Central Avenue from Montebello to Camelback, east on Camelback to 7th Street, 7th Street south to Indian School Road. For more information about the parade, call 602-534-FEST.

9th Annual Rock for Tots - Last Exit Live:

When: December 7, 7:30 PM. Rock for Tots returns to benefit the Arizona Toys for Tots Foundation. This year's show will include an all-star lineup including Valley favorites Vayden, Ghetto Cowgirl, Jamie Woolford, Tramps and Thieves, Corey Gloden, Zumbia Brothers, and a special set by School of Rock and Sugar Skulls. Rock for Tots has been honored to be named an official host for Toys for Tots and has grown into a major holiday event both bands and fans look forward to each winter. There will be music all night with full band sets indoors and special acoustic sets outside. Free entry with unwrapped toy or \$10 cash donation. 717 S Central Ave · 602-271-7000 lastexitlive.com

Winter Wonderland Arts & Crafts Festival - Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center:

When: December 11, 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Unique handicrafts, dolls, quilts, hand knits, jewelry, wood crafts, treasures, holiday gifts, candles, Christmas decorations, and greeting cards. Free parking and free admission. 39 E Jackson 602-254-5081 · azoic.org

Phoestivus 2013 - Phoenix Public Market:

When: December 11 & 18, 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. A fun evening of holiday cheer in Downtown Phoenix and an opportunity to purchase gifts for your loved ones from over 100 local vendors. Shop local for the holidays. Bring friends and family to enjoy dinner from the food trucks and drinks at the Phoestivus beer garden. For your amusement, you will witness the World's Largest Phoestivus Pole, Feats of Strength, Airing of Grievances, Holiday Carolers and so much more. Proceeds to benefit the Phoenix Public Market, a program of Community Food Connections, a 501c3 non-profit organization. No admission fee. 14 E Pierce St · 602-430-8345 foodconnect.org/phxmarket

RePose Holiday Party - Repose Salon:

When: December 11, 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. RePose Salon & Spa will be hosting a

night of beauty for the holidays. Guests can enjoy skin treatments, mini-makeovers, hair styles, champagne and treats! Tickets are only \$20 and you can rsvp to 480-478-1701. 11 W Washington St., #240 · 480-478-1701 · cityscape.com

Silent Night, Deadly Night - FilmBar

Phoenix: When: December 11 & 16, 10:00 PM. The tale of Billy Chapmen, orphaned at five after witnessing the murder of his parents at the hands of a Santa suit-clad madman on Christmas Eve. Now eighteen and out of the brutal grip of orphanage nuns, Billy is forced to confront his greatest fear, sending him on a rampage, leaving a crimson trail in the snow behind him. Fangoria Presents, in conjunction with Screenvision, delivers this seasonal slasher essential in a stunning new HD transfer for the ultimate experience in ho-ho-horror. \$9. 815 N 2nd St · 602-595-9187 thefilmbarphx.com

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker - Orpheum Theatre:

When: December 12, 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM. The unique telling of the classic story of Masha (Clara) and her Nutcracker Doll told with true Russian flair. Moscow Ballet celebrates its 21st year of touring this performance across North America, and to much critical acclaim! The whimsical fantasy of Moscow Ballets Nutcracker is legendary, with the piece firmly enshrined as a Christmas staple for audiences across the country and in Canada. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker Suite, and Moscow Ballets Company of 40 Vaganova-trained dancers are the perfect combination for a holiday celebration for all. 203 W. Adams St. 800-745-3000 · ticketmaster.com

Snow Queen - Herberger Lunch Time

Theater Center: When: December 13 & 20, 12:10 PM until 1:00 PM. Frances Smith Cohen's magical retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen classic to music by Sergei Prokofiev. A special one-hour abridged version of this don't-miss Valley holiday favorite. Produced by Center Dance Ensemble. Stage West. \$6. Pre-order optional lunch by 5 pm the day before the show for \$6 - \$8. 222 E. Monroe 602-252-8497 · herbergertheater.org

Phoenix Festival of the Arts - Margaret T.

Hance Park: When: December 13 - 14, 10:00 AM until 9:00 PM; December 15, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. A weekend of live arts entertainment, arts vendors, a hands-on community mural, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, a children's area, and more. Celebrate artists and arts organizations from across Phoenix's cultural landscape. Hosted by Phoenix Center for the Arts in partnership with

Arizona Humanities. Free. 1134 N Central Ave · 602-534-2406 · phoenixcenterforthearts.org

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Family Pajama Party - Rosson House Museum:

When: December 13, 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. A festive family event. Wear your PJs and enjoy a special reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas in the foyer of the Rosson House. Outside there will be crafts and treats with specials in the Gift Shop. General Admission \$3; Member Admission Free. 113 N 6th St · 602-262-5070 rossonhousemuseum.org

Mingle Bells 2013 - Children's Museum:

When: December 13, 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. You can find out a lot about people by the cocktails they drink. Raise your holiday spirits and toast your individuality at Mingle Bells 2013. Drinks, food, mingling, live music by local band Southwest By Midnight, photo step and repeat, raffle, silent auction and hashtag prizes, and toy drive. Ticket includes two drink tickets from two fully stocked bars plus entrees and desserts. 6 pm - 9 pm. Preregistration ticket prices: Members \$30; Non-members \$50. Ticket prices will be higher at the door. 215 N 7th St · 602-253-0501 childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

Korn - Holmberg's Holiday Ho-Down - Comerica Theatre:

When: December 13, 7:30 PM. With Love and Death, Otherwise, and Eve to Adam. \$39 - \$45. 400 W. Washington St. · 800-745-3000 livenation.com

Sugar Plums and Jingle Bells - St. Mary's Basilica:

When: December 13, 7:30 PM. The Phoenix Boys Choir brings to life some of the most favorite holiday songs of all time. Artistic Director, Georg Stangelberger creates a holiday medley bursting with songs you love hear while you celebrate the season. Back by popular demand is the Sleigh ride - Jingle Bells medley with new choreography and, of course, the enactment of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas with brand new staging. Part of this musical holiday celebration includes Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata 191, a celebratory composition written for Christmas Day. 231 N 3rd St · 602-354-2100 phoenixboyschoir.org

Snow Much Fun - The Children's Museum of Phoenix:

When: December 14, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Sponsored by The Phoenix Coyotes. The Children's Museum will transform into a winter wonderland with 20 tons of snow, visits with Santa, family activities provided by the Phoenix Coyotes, winter-themed art projects and

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more. All Snow Much Fun Day activities are free with paid Museum admission.
215 N. 7th St. · 602-253-0501
childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

Food City Tamale Festival - Downtown Phoenix: **When: December 14 & 15, 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.** Showcasing some of the state's best tamales, many of which are made by members of various faith-based groups. Church volunteers make thousands of tamales in commercial kitchens to sell at the festival, which raises funds for charitable programs. Tamales will be sold in single orders or by the dozen. Free admission.
1st Ave to 4th Ave on Washington St.
myfoodcity.com

Holiday Craft Fair - Arizona Center: **When: December 14 and 21, 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM.** Find that unique, hand crafted gift!
400 E Van Buren St · 602-271-4000
arizonacenter.com

Annual Holiday Concert - Rosie's House: A Music Adademy for Children: **When: December 14, 3:00 PM until 4:30 PM.** Music fills our hearts with joy. You are invited to the annual Holiday Concert showcasing a Saxophone Quartet, Flute Ensemble with guest soloists and an Advanced Mariachi Ensemble. This year's concert will also feature instrumental and vocal solos of festive and classical repertoire. Free. 1875 N Central Ave.
602-252-8745 · www.rosieshouse.org

The 5th Annual Christmas Potluck - Irish Cultural Center: **When: December 15, 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM.** Bring a potluck dish to share. The Academy Band will be performing, and there will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Food items for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank will be collected, so please bring non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and baby diapers for donation. For reservations, call 602-524-0207. 1106 N Central Ave · 602-258-0109
azirish.com

Spirit Of The Season - Herberger Theater Center: **When: December 16, 7:00 PM.** A special event hosted by Center Dance Ensemble. Jeffrey Hattrick and Nicole Pesce return to the Herberger stage for their annual holiday season music concert, from jazz to classical that will touch your soul and warm your heart. Stage West. \$26 - \$41.
222 E. Monroe · 602-252-8497
herbergertheater.org

Star Wars Holiday Special & Toy Drive - FilmBar Phoenix: **When: December 18, 7:30 PM.** Nerd Nite and FilmBar present The Star Wars Holiday Special, the infamous 1978 TV movie set in the Star Wars galaxy. Chewbacca and Han Solo visit the Wookiee home planet of Kashyyyk to celebrate the

Wookiee holiday Life Day with his family, which includes his wife Malla, his son Lumpy and his father Itchy. As Chewbacca and Han are known Rebel agents, they are pursued by the Galactic Empire, who in the process invade Chewbacca's household. The special is notorious for its negative reception and regret from Star Wars creator George Lucas. It also officially introduces the bounty hunter Boba Fett. Highlights from the special will be played in conjunction with a special presentation from local Star Wars aficionado and former Ignite Phoenix Presenter Dustin Diehl. New Toys will be accepted and donated to Toys for Tots AZ. Patrons who donate will receive a FREE ticket to a future FilmBar Show. Tickets \$9. 815 N 2nd St · 602-595-9187
thefilmbarphx.com

Willow Luminaries - Willow Historic Neighborhood: **When: December 22 - 24, 5:00 PM.** As we hear all the wonderful traditions that neighbors practice at this time of year, the top of the list is the tradition of the Willow Luminaries. This community tradition has been a favorite for many years and this year is no exception. It will bring neighbors together to share some holiday cheer with the festive luminaries placed on the sidewalks lining the streets of the Willow neighborhood. *Between McDowell and Thomas, Central Ave and 7th St.* · willowhistoricdistrict.com

Annual Winter Solstice Celebration - Irish Cultural Center: **When: December 21, 5:30 PM.** The Winter Solstice marks the longest night of the year, and the word solstice means sun stands still. Different cultures have been celebrating this event since ancient times. Up until 1582, when the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian calendar, Christmas actually fell on December 21st. Christmas then rescheduled to December 25th, the same day that the Persian god, Mithra, was born. 1106 N Central Ave · 602-258-0109 · azirish.com

The Salvation Army Christmas Dinner - Phoenix Convention Center: **When: December 25, 9:30 AM.** Each year The Salvation Army spreads holiday spirit to those in need by providing meals at Christmas time. Christmas day doors open at 9:30 am, meal served at 11:30 am. Location: South Building.
100 N. 3rd St. 800-282-4842
phoenixconventioncenter.com

Christmas Day Dinner at District American Kitchen and Wine Bar: **When: December 25, 11:30 AM until 9:00 PM.** Family feasting can begin with a decadent three-course meal and wine pairing. First course is a choice of wild mushroom bisque with crispy shallots and opal basil or roasted baby beets

and Brussels sprouts with Crows dairy whipped goat cheese and agave mustard vinaigrette. Second course is a choice of Christmas ham with Saigon cinnamon glaze, herb marinated beef rib-eye with tamarind jus, or grilled salmon with fennel and chestnut salad. Second course is served with Yukon smashed potatoes with mama's gravy, citrus zest green beans, and MJ pull-apart rolls with garden herb butter. Third course is a salted caramel and hazelnut truffle tart with sweet cherry ice cream and hazelnut dust. 11:30 am - 9 pm. \$32 for adults, \$16 for kids 12 years old and younger, and \$16 for the wine pairing.
320 N 3rd St · 602-817-5400
districtrestaurant.com

Christmas Dinner Buffet in the Compass Arizona Grill: **When: December 25, 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM.** Mesquite smoked turkey, apple brined pork loin and roasted garlic crusted prime rib on the carving stations. Also featuring jumbo shrimp, mussels, crab claws and smoked bay scallops, salads, soups, artisan breads, accompaniments galore, and pastry shoppe delights that just will not stop. \$59 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5-12. Reservations required.
122 N 2nd St, 24th Floor · 602-440-3166
compassarizona.com

Holidays at the Heard - Heard Museum: **When: December 26 - 31, times vary.** A Southwestern tradition, Holidays at the Heard is a great way to spend time with family and friends. Exciting performances and artist demonstrations introduce visitors to traditional and contemporary American Indian music, dance and art throughout the week. Steele Auditorium. Free with museum admission. 2301 N Central Ave
602-252-8848 · heard.org

Snow Week - Arizona Science Center: **When: December 26 - January 1, 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.** How much fun would tons of snow in downtown Phoenix be? Arizona Science Center is celebrating the season with over 30 tons of snow in Heritage and Science Park, ice sculptures, gingerbread houses, candy day, IMAX Penguins 3D, and so much more. 600 E. Washington St. · 602-716-2000
azscience.org

New Year's Eve Celebration - Symphony Hall: **When: December 31, 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM.** End the year on a high note as Randall Craig Fleischer, a Leonard Bernstein fellow, conducts The Phoenix Symphony in the Valleys most popular New Year's Eve Celebration. Enjoy the seasonal classics of this joyous and popular musical celebration that is sure to sell out. \$30 to \$99.
75 N. 2nd St. · 602-495-1999
phoenixsymphony.org

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Squid Ink Sushi.....\$10 | Caramel Frappe Spiced Martini
1130 The Restaurant...\$10 |
| Life and Limb
Blue Hound Kitchen and Cocktails.....\$9 | Winter Sangria
Hard Rock Cafe.....\$10 |
| Mistletoe Martini
Canyon Cafe.....\$8.5 | Cafe Racer
LUSTRE Rooftop Garden.....\$9 |
| Santa-gria
Crescent Ballroom.....\$5 | Perfect Candy Cane
Province.....\$5 |
| Hog Nog
District American Kitchen & Wine Bar.....\$9 | Spiced Pumpkin Pie
The Duce.....\$10 |

Velvet Rope
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- Dec. 24 - Stand Up Live tickets to Al Madrigal
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