


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DTPHX

Downtown Phoenix, Arizona

dtphx.org


December 21st–December 27th, 2015

Celebrate the Holidays In Downtown! Look for the  next to this season's events.

// Monday December 21st

A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail

Valley Youth Theatre:

 A very special friend-and-relation tells Christopher Robin a story of a 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. A musical celebration of sharing and caring.

10 am & 12:30 pm. \$18.

525 N. First St.

602-253-8188 x 2 vyt.com

Meet Me Downtown

Phoenix The Corner: Walk or jog the 3-mile route. It's great aerobic exercise for all ages and levels. Weekly raffle includes sports tickets. Local restaurants and merchants to provide discounts just for you.

Check-in starts at 5:15 pm.

Free. 50 W. Jefferson St.

520-548-3741

meetmedowntownphx.com

The Santaland Diaries - Arizona Theatre Company

 Herberger Theater Center: Feeling a little naughty this holiday season? You'll fit right in at David Sedaris's cult classic The Santaland Diaries. If a hilariously funny anti-holiday tale is what you need in your stocking, Crumpet the Elf is providing just the thing. Center Stage. 7:30 pm. \$43 - \$51. 222 E. Monroe St. 602-256-6995 arizonatheatre.org




MURRAY & PETER PRESENT - CHRISTMAS QUEENS

In addition to stocking stuffers this holiday season, Phoenicians will have a chance to catch their favorite drag stars — stuffed in their own stockings — as they take over Orpheum Theatre on December 27th.

Korbe Canida Crescent Ballroom: In January 2012, Korbe established her quirky, heartfelt and truth telling identity as a musician through an impressive first live performance as a solo artist. 7 pm. Free. 308 N. 2nd Ave 602-716-2222 crescentphx.com

Catch The Fire The Trunk Space: With The Mental Code, Girl Boner, and The Cadaver Dabba Doos. 7:30 pm. \$5. 1506 Grand Ave 602-256-6006 thetrunkspace.com

Sonoran Serenade Big Band Christmas The Nash: Back for  the second annual Christmas Show! This 19 piece big band is based in Scottsdale and has been playing throughout the Greater Phoenix area for over 10 years. It is directed by former Airmen of Note arranger Mike Crotty and will feature several of his fantastic holiday arrangements. The band has two fantastic vocalists in the persons of Kathy Bradford and Cornelius Bishop. This show will surely

put you in the holiday mood and have you humming along with familiar songs like "White Christmas", "Santa Baby" and "Feliz Navidad". The band's members are top rated musicians who look forward to bringing some Christmas cheer to The Nash. Grab your friends and make it a special night of Holiday memories. The Sonoran Serenade Big Band always fills the Nash so get there early to get a good seat. 7:30 pm. \$10. 110 E. Roosevelt 602-795-0464 thenash.org

Jason and the Brownstones

The Lost Leaf: 9 pm. Free.
914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014
thelostleaf.org

// Tuesday December 22nd

A Winnie-the-Pooh

Christmas Tail Valley Youth
Theatre: See Monday for
more details. 10 am. \$18.

Lunch Time Pop-Up Park

Arizona Center: BREAK THE
MONOTONY! Forget eating
lunch at your desk, get away
from that "ergonomic" chair
and get outside at the Arizona
Center Pop Up Park. Oversized
games, sunshine, board games
and a DJ await. 11 am to 1 pm.
Free. 400 E. Van Buren St.
602-495-1500 dtphx.org

The Nutcracker - Ballet

Arizona Symphony Hall: The
magic of The Nutcracker
illuminates the stage with
more than 150 performers,
hundreds of costumes, and the
beauty and athleticism of Ballet
Arizona's nationally recognized
dancers. A timeless holiday
tradition for all ages. 7 pm.
\$15 - \$158. 75 N. 2nd St.
602-381-1096 balletaz.org

The Santaland Diaries - Arizona Theatre Company

Herberger Theater Center:
See Monday for more
details. 7:30 pm. \$43 - \$51.

Nautabot CD Release Party

The Nash: Nautabot is
comprised of a diverse group
of emerging artists that aim to
push the stylistic boundaries of
jazz, and provide high energy,
memorable performances by
producing music with simple
melodies and infectious drums
and bass. 7:30 pm. \$10. 110 E.
Roosevelt St. 602-795-0464
thenash.org

Courtney Marie Andrews

Crescent Ballroom: When she
isn't touring many lands, she is
writing and recording in her
secret cave. With Justin
Moody. 8 pm. Free.
308 N. 2nd Ave 602-716-2222
crescentphx.com



SPACE 55 - A BLOODY MARY CHRISTMAS

Retirees Blanche, Mabel, and Bertha protect their Sun City home
from a vicious HOA, maintain a buzz, and focus on liaisons past and
present as Space 55 presents A Bloody Mary Christmas.

A Bloody Mary Christ-

mas Space 55: Space 55's

perennial Holiday
musical for people

who hate the holidays and
musicals. Sun City retirees
Blanche, Bertha and Mabel
sing, dance, and drink
themselves silly as they
battle a heartless home-
owner's association that
tries to evict them from
their condo on Christmas
Eve. You'll laugh, you'll
cry, you'll pee a little. This
show is not even remotely
appropriate for children.
8 pm. \$15. 655 E. Pierce St.
602-663-4032
space55.org

Holiday Favorites - Arizona

Opera Phoenix Theatre: The
spectacular talents of
Arizona Opera and
Phoenix Theatre join together
again in this heart-warming
and nostalgic holiday show.
Singers from Arizona Opera
will perform selections from
memorable holiday movie
favorites such as White
Christmas, and Miracle on 34th
Street. Sure to become a new
Phoenix tradition, this is a
perfect way to wrap up the
holiday season with friends and
family! Hormel Theatre. 8 pm.
\$25 - \$40. 100 E. McDowell
602-254-2151
phoenixtheatre.com

Vinyl Station 3rd Annual

Christmas Show Valley Bar:

Dynamic energy and
precise yet organic timing.
Vinyl Station is an Indie rock
band for fans of Ryan Adams,
Coldplay, and David Gray.
8 pm. \$8. 130 N. Central Ave.
602-368-3121
valleybarphx.com

House of Stairs

The Lost Leaf:
9 pm. No cover. 914 N. 5th St.
602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org

// Wednesday December 23rd

A Winnie-the-Pooh

Christmas Tail Valley Youth
Theatre: See Monday for
more details.
10 am & 12:30 pm. \$18.

The Nutcracker - Ballet

Arizona Symphony Hall: See
Tuesday for details. 2 pm &
7:30 pm. \$15 - \$158.

A Christmas Carol - Arizona Theatre Company

Herberger
Theater Center: Have you
been nice all year? Santa
has just the thing for you. One
of the Valley's most celebrated
comedic actresses, Katie
McFadzen, brings to vivid life
Charles Dickens's famous A
Christmas Carol. Using
Dickens's immortal words, this
one-woman tour-de-force will
bring you the heart warming
story like you've never seen or
heard it before. Center Stage.
2 pm & 7:30 pm. \$43 - \$51. 222
E. Monroe St. 602-256-6995
arizonatheatre.org

Waist Watchers - The

Musical! Herberger Theater
Center: Written by Alan
Jacobson, set in Cook's
Women's Gym, the show takes
a lighthearted look at four
adult women dealing with
assorted body image issues by
using some 25 popular songs
with parody lyrics -- in the
same vein as Menopause the
Musical. Waist Watchers The
Musical! covers issues like
dieting, exercise, plastic
surgery, sex over the age of
forty, and the relentless search
for a positive self-image. Stage
West. 7 pm. \$49.50 - \$57.50.
222 E. Monroe 602-252-8497
herbergertheater.org

Phoenix Suns vs. Denver Nuggets

Talking Stick Resort
Arena: 7 pm. Tickets start at
\$14. 201 E. Jefferson
800-745-3000 suns.com

Hannibal Bureess Stand Up
Live: If Steven Wright, Mos Def
and Dave Chappelle had a
baby, that would be disgusting,
but it would sound like
Hannibal Bureess. 7:30 pm &
9:45 pm. \$30.50. 50 W
Washington 480-719-6100
standuplive.com

The Wizard of Oz Phoenix
Theatre: Prepare to go over the
rainbow with the entire family
this holiday season. Travel with
Dorothy as she journeys to the
magical land where scarecrows
wish for brains, lions are afraid
of their roars, tin men long for
hearts and witches come in all
varieties. No trip down the
Yellow Brick Road would be
complete without you and your
munchkins so follow us as we
make our way for the glow of
the Emerald City! Mainstage.
7:30 pm. \$30 - \$75. 100 E.
McDowell Rd. 602-254-2151
phoenixtheatre.com

The Cody Rowlands-Paul Melhus Quintet

The Nash:
7:30 pm. \$15.
110 E. Roosevelt St.
602-795-0464 thenash.org

Dino-Prov The Trunk Space: With a special extra-super-dippy-trippy guest troupe. Hosted by Robot Destroyers From Planet Earth. 7:30 pm. 1506 Grand Ave 602-256-6006 thetrunkspace.com

Okilly Dokilly - A Very Nedal X-Mas Valley Bar: Okilly Dokilly is the world's only Nedal band. With Treasure Mammal, JJCNV, and Cult Of The Yellow Sign. 8 pm. \$5. 130 N. Central Ave. 602-368-3121 valleybarphx.com

Holiday Cabaret with Maestro Jeff Kennedy Phoenix Theatre: In the spirit of an intimate New York cabaret, Maestro Jeff Kennedy leads from the grand piano and hosts six of the best vocalists in the Valley as they join him in a selection of holiday songs, both new and familiar, in giving a unique perspective on the season. Maestro Kennedy giftedly blends comedic, sentimental and lesser-known gems, arranged for soloists and also performed in tight harmonies by this talented company. Grab your favorite drink at the lobby bar and join the celebration for a fun, hilarious and often touching evening of holiday cheer. Hormel Theatre. 8 pm. \$25 - \$35. 100 E. McDowell 602-254-2151 phoenixtheatre.com

Jared & the Mill Crescent Ballroom: With Harrison Fjord, and Bear Ghost. 8 pm. \$17. 308 N. 2nd Ave 602-716-2222 crescentphx.com

A Bloody Mary Christmas Space 55: See Tuesday for more details. 8 pm. \$15.

What's The Big Idea The Lost Leaf: 9 pm. Free. 914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org

The Santaland Diaries - Arizona Theatre Company Herberger Theater Center: See Monday for more details. 10 pm. \$43 - \$51.

// Thursday December 24th

The Wizard of Oz Phoenix Theatre: See Wednesday for more details. 12 pm. \$30 - \$75.

The Nutcracker - Ballet Arizona Symphony Hall: See Tuesday for more details. 1 pm. \$15 - \$158.

A Christmas Carol - Arizona Theatre Company Herberger Theater Center: See Wednesday for more details. 2 pm. \$43 - \$51.

Waist Watchers - The Musical! Herberger Theater Center: See Wednesday for more details. 2 pm & 7 pm. \$49.50 - \$57.50.

Downtown Sundown Phoenix Public Market: At sunset, the Phoenix Public Market will become a weekly hub for dinner, drinks, entertainment and shopping with over 25 of the Valley's unique local vendors. 5 pm to 9 pm. Free admission. 721 N. Central 602-430-8345 phoenixpublicmarket.com

Kinetic Catalyst The Lost Leaf: 9 pm. No cover. 914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org

// Friday December 25th

The Salvation Army Holiday Dinner Phoenix Convention Center South: Each year The Salvation Army spreads holiday spirit to those in need by providing meals at Christmas time. Doors open at 9:30 am, meal served at 11:30 am. 33 S. 3rd St. 602-252-4478 salvationarmy.org

Cherie Cherie / Roar - A Very Crescent Christmas Crescent Ballroom: 8 pm. Free. 308 N. 2nd Ave 602-716-2222 crescentphx.com

Waist Watchers - The Musical! Herberger Theater Center: See Wednesday for details. 8 pm. \$49.50 - \$57.50.



Aries Spears Stand Up Live: Ever since Chicago native Aries Spears was 14 years old, he has been a force to be reckoned with in the comedy scene throughout America. His quick wit, charisma and ferociously aggressive style of comedy have earned him critical acclaim, high accolades, and above all, a busy schedule. 7 pm. \$22. 50 W Washington 480-719-6100 standuplive.com

DJentification (A Christmas Night Get Down) Valley Bar: 9 pm. Free. 914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org

Somethin Else The Lost Leaf: 9 pm. Free. 914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org

// Saturday December 26th

Phoenix Public Market: Local small-scale agriculture and local artists and crafters intersect in the heart of the city. Everything offered for sale at the Open-Air Market is grown or made by the person selling it. 8 am - 1 pm. Free admission. 721 N. Central 602-430-8345 phoenixpublicmarket.com

Community Yoga Project Civic Space Park: Ashtanga yoga in the beautiful park scenery. Bring a mat, some water and a friend! 8:30 am. Free. 424 N. Central 602-257-5138 valleymca.org/lincoln

Holidays at the Heard Heard Museum: A Southwestern tradition, a must-see for your family, friends and out-of-town guests. Visitors can enjoy fry bread as they experience American Indian music and dance performances including crowd favorites like hoop dancing and fancy dancing. In addition to music and dance performances twice daily, visitors can also enjoy 12 exhibit galleries including 'Home: Native People in the Southwest' as well as two exhibits that feature hands-on craft activities and artwork. 11:30 am & 1 pm. 2301 N Central 602-252-8848 heard.org

A Christmas Carol - Arizona Theatre Company Herberger Theater Center: See Wednesday for more details. 1 pm. \$43 - \$51.

Waist Watchers - The Musical! Herberger Theater Center: See Wednesday for more details. 2 pm & 8 pm. \$49.50 - \$57.50.

The Wizard of Oz Phoenix Theatre: See Wednesday for more details. 2 pm & 7:30 pm. \$30 - \$75.

The Nutcracker - Ballet Arizona Symphony Hall: See Tuesday for details. 2 pm & 7:30 pm. \$15 - \$158.

 **Phoenix Suns vs. Philadelphia 76ers** Talking Stick Resort Arena: 7 pm. Tickets start at \$14. 201 E. Jefferson 800-745-3000 suns.com

Aries Spears Stand Up Live: See Friday for more details. 7 pm & 10:15 pm. \$22.

Cafe Jaleo: Tradicional Cumbia, Salsa y Cubano Valley Bar: Live performance by Cafe Jaleo featuring Camilo and Alvaro Moreno from Colombia playing original material. 7:30 pm. \$5. 130 N. Central Ave. 602-368-3121 valleybarphx.com

HOLIDAYS IN DOWNTOWN

Enjoy the holidays Downtown Phoenix-style:
With fun festivities and near-perfect weather all season long.
dtphx.org/holidays

Joe Herrera's Landscaping

Crew The Nash: Joe Herrera-trumpet, Brice Winston-sax, Mike Ozuna-guitar, Chris Finet-bass, Rob Moore-drums. 7:30 pm. \$20. 110 E. Roosevelt 602-795-0464 thenash.org

IHWYP The Trunk Space: With Inhalants, Natalie Eickmeyer, and Cactussin. 7:30 pm. \$6. 1506 Grand Ave 602-256-6006 thetrunkspace.com

A Bloody Mary Christmas

Space 55: See Tuesday for more details. 8 pm. \$15.

The JJ's Band Copper Blues: The JJ's feature many of the most accomplished musicians in Metro Phoenix. 8:30 pm. No cover. 50 W Jefferson 480-719-5005 copperblueslive.com

Level 9 The Lost Leaf: 9 pm. No cover. 914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org

Kismet Christmas Dinner

Crescent Ballroom: Super Kismet 'Christmas Dinner' Edition! Join DJ Sean Watson, MyKill, DJ Ariel and friends for a supersized Kismet - the weekly dance night at Crescent. 20% off all food, all night. 9 pm. Free. 308 N. 2nd Ave 602-716-2222 crescentphx.com

Day After Xmas Bash

ThirdSpace: Wigh Zack Phillips, Andrew Jemsek, WotM, and Mrs. Howl. 9 pm. No cover. 1028 Grand Ave. 602-258-1536 thirdspacephx.com

The Factory - New Wave

Valley Bar: With DJ tristan. 10 pm. \$3. 130 N. Central Ave. 602-368-3121 valleybarphx.com

// Sunday December 27th

Holidays at the Heard Heard Museum: See Saturday for more details. 11 am to 3 pm.

The Nutcracker - Ballet

Arizona Symphony Hall: See Tuesday for details. 1 pm & 5:30 pm. \$15 - \$158.

Waist Watchers - The

Musical! Herberger Theater Center: See Wednesday for more details. 2 pm & 6 pm. \$49.50 - \$57.50.

The Wizard of Oz Phoenix Theatre: See Wednesday for more details. 2 pm. \$30 - \$75.

A Bloody Mary Christmas

Space 55: A holiday musical for people who hate holidays and hate musicals. See Tuesday for more details. 5 pm. \$15.

Andrew Schiller Jam

Session The Nash: Every Sunday the true spirit of jazz plays out on stage at The Nash, as student and pro musicians play together, unrehearsed, in a variety of combinations. There's always a solid core trio. Student jazz musicians are welcome, with house band, grand piano, guitar and bass amp, drum set and sound all provided. Singers welcome. 6 pm. \$8. 110 E. Roosevelt St. 602-795-0464 thenash.org

Trivia Night

Crescent Ballroom: Try your luck at trivia for great prizes, such as free tickets, bacon, and gift cards to Crescent or Stink-weeks Records. D Heimback hosts and plays jams in between rounds. 6 pm. Free. 308 N. 2nd Ave. 602-716-2222 crescentphx.com

Aries Spears

Stand Up Live: See Friday for more details. 7 pm. \$22.

They Call Me Brooksie - A

Variety Show Crescent Ballroom: "So our friend and family member Brooksire convinced us to give him the stage for the night. We're not quite sure what he plans to do, but since he shows up to work, and makes us laugh, we figured why not, right? Expect a lot of laughter, some great insight on the past, present and future of Phoenix as well as a Vinyl Station sighting." 8 pm. \$10 - \$12. 308 N. 2nd Ave 602-716-2222 crescentphx.com

Christmas Queens

Orpheum Theatre: Here comes RuPaul's Drag Race contestants signing all your favorite holiday songs, well - their versions of it. The Christmas Queens show will be a like a holiday variety hour gone bananas. Expect roof-raising performances, face-melting makeup and costumes, and definitely some jokes about baby Jesus. Hosted by Willam, with Alaska, Katya, Jinx, Sharon and Ginger. The holidays were never this naughty. 8 pm. \$38 - \$82. 203 W. Adams 877-840-0457 phoenix.ticketforce.com

DJ Dehga The Joint

The Lost Leaf: 9 pm. Free. 914 N. 5th St. 602-258-0014 thelostleaf.org



Questions about Downtown Phoenix?

Call an Ambassador at (602) 495-1500.

We're here to help you have a great experience downtown!

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