

DP&L Presents

DAYTON



HOLIDAY

FESTIVAL

2017
calendar
of events



Downtown's the place for holiday fun!

Thru Nov. 19 • The House

The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.
The Human Race Theatre Company presents a hilarious comedy about a couple selling their home and the new owners' plans for it. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Thru Dec. 31 • Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; call for times.

See the only Midwest showing of this exhibit, featuring 75 works by the Czech master, Alphonse Mucha. Call for cost. 223-4278.

Nov. 7-12 • An American in Paris

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; call for times.

New Tony-Award-winning musical about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an indomitable city. Call for cost. 228-3630.

Nov. 10 & 11 • Dayton Woman's Club Annual Holiday Bazaar

Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; Fri. 12-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Browse a variety of gift items, baked goods, holiday decorations, cards, jewelry, and raffle items. The Friday dinner & Saturday lunch are open to the public; reservations are required. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Nov. 11, Dec. 9 & 23 • ARTventures

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 1-3 p.m.
Take your family on an ARTventure! Stop by the DAI's Experientcenter for fun and creative art-making experiences. All ages. 223-4278.

Nov. 13 & 17 • Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble Performances

Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2, 444 W. Third St.; 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Nov. 17.
Enjoy Sinclair's Concert Band's Fall Concert on Nov. 13, and music from the Jazz Ensemble on Nov. 17. Free admission. 512-2341.

Nov. 14-17 • 88th Annual Waffle Shop

Christ Episcopal Church, 20 W. First St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Made-from-scratch waffles with sausages are on the menu, which also includes soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts, and drinks at reasonable prices. In addition to the eat-in and carry out dining, the Waffle Shop includes a craft bazaar, bake sale, rummage sale, and raffle. Call for cost. 223-2239.

Nov. 16-19 • It's a Wonderful Life:

A Radio Play

First Lutheran Church, 138 W. First St.; Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.

Undercroft Players presents the beloved holiday classic as a live 1940s radio broadcast. Adults \$10, youth \$5. Cash only at the door.

Nov. 16-Dec. 23 • Holiday Gift Gallery

Dayton Visual Arts Center, 118 N. Jefferson St.; Tues.-Sat, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

DVAC's popular holiday show returns with a fine art and fine craft gift-able gallery featuring 75+ Miami Valley artists along with three Holiday Trunk Shows featuring local artists on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 & 14. 224-3822.

Nov. 16 & 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, & 28 • Tiny Thursdays

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The popular child and caregiver program, Tiny Thursdays, features storytime, a fun gallery hunt, and a creative take-away art-making activity. Call for cost. 223-4278.

Nov. 17 & 18 • Doc Severinsen's 90th Birthday Bash

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m.
Celebrate Doc Severinsen's 90th birthday with an evening of jazz and pop favorites when Doc himself joins the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra for two fun-filled evenings. \$13-79. 228-3630.

Nov. 17-19 • Sugarplum Festival of Trees

Dayton Masonic Center, 525 Riverview Ave.; see website for times.

TWIGS, an auxiliary of Dayton Children's Hospital, invites you to its Sugarplum Festival of Trees, featuring a holiday brunch and a Prince & Princess Ball on Saturday, Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, a Kids Korner, and much more. Info at childrensdayton.ejoinme.org/sfot2017.

Nov. 17-Dec. 3 • The Christians

The Dayton Theatre Guild, 430 Wayne Ave.; call for times.

A play that asks "What happens when something we believe will always remain the same suddenly changes?" Call for tickets and info. 278-5993.

Nov. 19 • Harvest Dinner

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 5:15 p.m.

Join us for an informal choral program with a potluck dinner to follow. Reservations required; call or register online at westminsterdayton.org. Call for cost. 223-7285.

Nov. 22 • The Mitten Story Walk

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; during open hours.

Take a magical winter walk indoors! Stroll the "forest path" and enjoy *The Mitten*, a classic Ukrainian folk tale, and mitten-themed activities. Donations of new mittens and gloves are welcome. 463-BOOK.

Nov. 22 • Stock-Up Wednesday

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Market will be open to pick up your last-minute needs for Thanksgiving, including homemade breads, fresh turkeys and hams, pies and cakes, flowers, and more. Many vendors are accepting pre-orders. 228-2088.

Nov. 22 & 24 • Such a Night: The Last Waltz Live

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 8:30 p.m.

Nearly 30 local musicians will once again gather on the stage of the DAI's NCR Renaissance Auditorium to recreate the historic performances of The Band's *Last Waltz*. Proceeds benefit WYSO 91.3 and the DAI. Tickets start at \$25. 223-4278.

Nov. 23 • Thanksgiving in Dayton: "A Feast of Giving"

Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.;

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The 40-plus-year tradition of the free Beerman Family Thanksgiving Dinner in Dayton continues. No tickets required. All are welcome. RTA bus rides available. 263-4500.

Nov. 23 • Thanksgiving Buffet

Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.;

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to an elegant holiday buffet and let us indulge your tastes of the season. Reservations required. Call for cost. 228-1124.

Nov. 24-26 • Five Rivers

MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Weekend

MetroParks Ice Rink, RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.;

Nov. 24 & 25: 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Nov. 26: 1-5 p.m.

Spend the holiday weekend creating lasting memories with friends and family at MetroParks Ice Rink! \$7. 274-0126.

Nov. 24-Dec. 29 • Live Music Fridays

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.;

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Enjoy live music from local musicians each Friday during lunchtime at the library. 463-BOOK.

Nov. 24-Dec. 31 • RTA Holiday Bus

Watch for the special RTA Holiday Bus this season, featuring festive decorations and free candy canes for riders! The featured route can be found at facebook.com/IRideRTA.

Nov. 25 • Small Business Saturday

Various locations throughout downtown.
Keep your money local and "shop small" at downtown's unique small retailers and businesses this Small Business Saturday and all holiday season long! Several downtown businesses will host special sales and events.



Nov. 25 • Link's Free Ride Day

Link Bike Share stations throughout downtown;

all day.

Take advantage of Link's Free Ride Day on Small Business Saturday! To get a free 30-minute trip, just visit any Link bike kiosk and follow the prompts on the screen. Normal usage fees apply for trips over 30 minutes. linkdayton.org.

Nov. 25 • Family Show

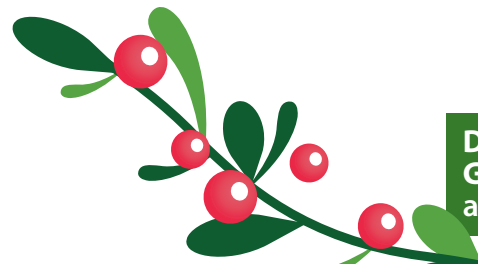
Wiley's Comedy Joint, 101 Pine St.; 1 p.m.

Enjoy a special family show with Dave Dugan - your kids can take the stage to tell jokes! Adults: \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Ages 13-17: \$5. 12 and under free. 224-5653.

Nov. 26 • Try Broomball

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., 6-8 p.m.

Let the Dayton Broomball Association take you through the broomball basics! Learn the rules, get on-ice instruction, and scrimmage with other participants. Ages 18 and up. \$10. Registration required. Call 278-2607 for more information.



Dayton Holiday Festival events,
Grande Illumination, Family Weekends
and more — ahead!



More details at DaytonHolidayFestival.org

Nov. 24 • The Grande Illumination
presented by DP&L, magic glasses sponsored by CareSource

Courthouse Square, Third & Main Sts.; 4-9 p.m.
Watch the holidays light up during Dayton's traditional tree lighting. At 7:45 p.m., approximately 50,000 colored lights will brighten the two-story-tall tree on Courthouse Square. Free. 224-1518. Media sponsor: Big 106.5 FM.

Nov. 24 • The Dayton Children's Parade Spectacular in Lights

Along Second, Main and Fourth Sts., 7:45 p.m.
Immediately following the tree lighting, Dayton's traditional holiday parade will round the corner of Second and Main streets. Watch decorative seasonal floats, horses, drill teams and bands, and some special holiday treats — all illuminated by more than 100,000 lights. Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 24 • Live Reindeer
sponsored by DP&L

Courthouse Square; 4-9 p.m.
Come meet our North Pole ambassadors! Two of Santa's reindeer will be available to meet on Courthouse Square. Don't miss your chance to take your picture on Santa's sleigh! Free.

Nov. 24 • Junior League of Dayton's Holiday Adventure

sponsored by McAfee Heating and Air-Conditioning
Courthouse Square; 4-8 p.m.
Kids will go on an adventure around the festival footprint. Children who visit all of the stops will receive a free book. Free.

Nov. 24 • Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays Contest

sponsored by B94.5 Hot Country
The Old Court House, Third & Main Sts.; 4-8 p.m.
View all the delicious contest entries and the award-winning houses. Best in Show will receive \$500. Winners will be announced on the Main Stage before the tree-lighting ceremony. Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 24 • Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
Second & Main Sts.; 4-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy a wagon ride through downtown!
Suggested donation, \$1 per person. 224-1518.

Nov. 24 • Holiday Village
sponsored by Spectrum Reach; games and crafts sponsored by Hollywood Gaming - Dayton Raceway

Kettering Tower lobby, 40 N. Main St.; 4-9 p.m.
Enjoy festive crafts, games, live holiday music, and lots of surprises inside this fantasy village for kids. Free.

Nov. 24 • Street Fair on Third
sponsored by Fifth Third Bank
Third Street between Main and Ludlow; 4-9 p.m.
Don't miss all the free carnival rides for kids! 224-1518.

Nov. 24-Dec. 23 • The Tike's Shoppe
sponsored by DP&L
Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Ludlow entrance; weekends and special hours.
A special shop run by kids, for kids — and priced within a kid's budget. Also, visit Santa during special hours. YES! for Youth manages The Tike's Shoppe. 301-8349. Additional support from ABC 22/Fox 45 and the Victoria Theatre Association.



Nov. 24-Dec. 31 • Wintergarden Wonderland
Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Main Sts.; Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat.: 12-4 p.m. Closed on non-performance Sundays.
Experience the magical Rike's department store holiday window displays and other activities. (Windows not accessible during private events. Call to confirm hours.) 228-7591.

Nov. 24-Jan. 2 • Virginia Kettering's Holiday Train Display
Kettering Tower lobby at the corner of Second & Main Sts.; lobby hours Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
View this one-of-a-kind model train display given to the community by Mrs. Virginia Kettering. Display may be viewed through the building windows at Second & Main anytime. 224-1518.

Dec. 5-15 (Selected Dates) • Noontime Entertainment

Various downtown buildings; call for dates.
Enjoy free holiday performances by orchestras, vocal and dance ensembles, a cappella groups, concert bands, and show choirs in office buildings downtown. Visit daytonholidayfestival.org for dates, group listings, and performance locations. Free. 224-1518.

Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10 • Learn to Ice Skate
MetroParks Ice Rink, RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Children's Course: 11-11:30 a.m., Youth/Teen Course: 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Adult Course: 12-12:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of ice skating during a three-week course for children (ages 3-5), youth/teens (ages 6-17), or adults (18 and up). Skills you'll learn include getting on and off the ice, falling safely and getting up on your own, skating forward and backward, and more. \$50 fee includes the use of skates. Register for a three-week session and receive two free skate admissions. Registration required. 274-0126.

Nov. 28 • The Commodores - KMCF 29th Annual Heart to Heart
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8:30 p.m.
The Kettering Medical Center Foundation's 29th Annual Heart to Heart Gala features Motown legends The Commodores. \$27-67. 228-3630.

Nov. 28 & 29 • A Christmas Carol
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
A beloved holiday tradition returns to the Victoria Theatre with memorable characters and traditional carols. \$30-50. 228-3630.

2017 Dayton Holiday Festival Family Weekends

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Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 • Uno's Pizza with Santa
Uno Chicago Grill, 126 N. Main St.; 11 a.m.
Have a special lunch with Santa, and then visit the Tike's Shoppe at the Schuster Center. Reservations required. Call for cost and reservations. 910-8000.

Dec. 2, 9 & 16 • Family Movie Series
media sponsor Mix 107.7
The Neon Movies, 130 E. Fifth St.; noon.
Bring the family for fun, festive holiday films. Enjoy *Prancer* on Dec. 2, *Miracle on 34th Street (1947)* on Dec. 9, and *Home Alone* on Dec. 16. Titles subject to change - call theater for confirmation. Free admission for kids 12 and younger, \$2 for adults. 222-7469.

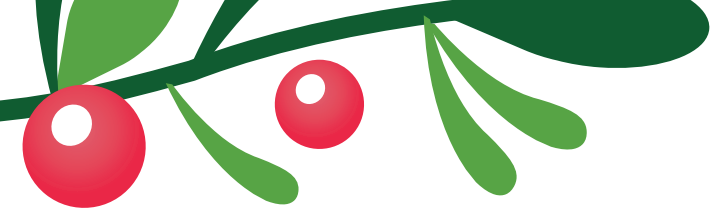
Nov. 29 • A Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 7:30 p.m.
Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. Call for costs. 228-3630.

Nov. 30 • Learn to Curl
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., 6-8 p.m.
Participants can choose between a Learn to Curl session led by Curl Troy or a recreational pickup game against other local curlers. \$25. Register as a team of four or an individual at curltroy.org.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 • Doktor Kaboom! Look Out! Science Is Coming!
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; Thurs. 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.
Doktor Kaboom takes his audience on an educational tour of the modern scientific method with humor. Grades 2-8. For info: 228-7591.

Dec. 1 • Special Holiday First Friday
Various downtown venues; 5-10 p.m.
Shop for unique holiday gifts, many of them handmade by local artisans, and enjoy special holiday-themed entertainment. This free monthly art hop also features art exhibit openings, sales events and a variety of entertainment. Visit downtowndayton.org for details. Free. 224-1518.





Dec. 1 • Free Photos with Santa & Gift Gallery

Clash Dayton, 521 E. Fifth St.; call for times. Clash will set up its gallery with locally made and vintage gifts priced at \$50 and under, and offer free photos with Santa.

Dec. 1 & 2 • Handmade Holiday

Yellow Cab Building, 700 E. Fourth St.; Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. This art and craft bazaar brings together dozens of local artisans and vendors selling unique, locally made goods. For more info, visit facebook.com/handmadeholidaydayton.

Dec. 1, 2, 8, & 9 • Little Women

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; call for times. Dare 2 Defy Productions presents the popular story, based on Louisa May Alcott's classic 1869 semi-autobiographical novel. \$16.50-25. 228-3630.

Dec. 1-22 • Holiday Art Sale

K12 Gallery for Young People, 341 S. Jefferson St.; M-F 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Handmade works by our local artists just in time for the holidays. Visit our gallery to find your perfect gift ideas: paintings, pottery, jewelry, cards, and glass works of art will all be available. 461-5149.

Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, & 23 • Ride the Sugarplum Shuttle!

Routes throughout downtown; 6-8 p.m. For a fun and festive way to get around downtown, hop on the Sugarplum Shuttle! Downtown pedal wagons will deck their hauls with holiday music, lights, and more, and run routes through the Oregon District and downtown to RiverScape. Yule have to pedal these ridings of comfort and joy, but yule have fun! Family-friendly & free.

Dec. 2 • Christmas Walk in Downtown Dayton

Meet at 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ohio Wander Freunde Volkswalk Club presents a noncompetitive walk through the decorated streets of downtown. Start between 9 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Contact 878-8381 for details. Free.

Dec. 2 • Reindeer Training

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 2-3 p.m. Play reindeer games and make crafts to prepare you for the big night. Each reindeer will earn their antlers and an official Santa's Reindeer certificate. PreK-4th grade. Free. Register in advance. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 2 • Dayton Gay Men's Chorus: Christmas Cotillion

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 6 p.m. Reminisce with seasonal songs and holiday standards, featuring the voices of area men who are sure to entertain. \$20. Visit daytongaymenschorus.org for info.

Dec. 3 • Breakfast with Santa

Trinity Center, 272 Bainbridge St.; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, picture with Santa, crafts and activities, and more. Ages 3-8: \$9, Ages 2 and under: \$3. 228-1223.

Dec. 3 • Holiday Bazaar

The Trolley Stop, 530 E. Fifth St.; 1-6 p.m. Trolley Stop's customers bring handmade scarves, preserves, jewelry, decorations, photographs, pottery, paintings, wood carvings, and more for sale, along with a potluck dinner to share. Visit trolleystopdayton.com for details.

Dec. 3 • EDGE Concert Series Performance

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 3 p.m. A string quartet from the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra will perform selections from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* and other repertoire.

Dec. 3 • Advent/Christmas Dinner and Choral Program

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 5 p.m. Join us for a potluck dinner with an informal choral program to follow. Call for info. 223-7285.

Dec. 3 • The Illusionists Presents Adam Trent

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7 p.m. An immersive evening of magic, comedy, and music perfect for the entire family. \$35-55. 228-3630.

Dec. 3 • A Doll's High Tea

The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 2-4 p.m. Bring your favorite doll to DWC's Victorian mansion decorated for the season for a high tea, featuring petite tea confections and desserts. There will be a meet and greet for all the dolls, and a doll parade through the club. Reservations required. Call 228-1124.

Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, & 27 • Dinner Theatre: Holiday Sockhop Homicide

The Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. Fifth St.; 7 p.m. Join the students and staff of Mountain Valley High at their annual Holiday Sockhop – this year at Spaghetti Warehouse. Enjoy a delicious dinner, dancing, holiday cheer, and a murder mystery! Call for reservations and price. 461-3913.

Dec 6 & 13 • Backcountry Cooking

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 6-8:30 p.m. Experiment with a variety of cooking methods from fast and light freezer bag meals to more elaborate gourmet entrees and desserts using different types of backpacking stoves. Ingredients and utensils provided. Ages 18 and up. \$15. Registration required. 228-2088.

Dec. 7 • Nutcracker Storytime

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 10-10:30 a.m. Special guests from Dayton Ballet School will perform stories and dances from *The Nutcracker*. Ages 3-5. Free. 463-BOOK

Dec. 8 • Christmas Candelight Dinner

The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the company of friends and family in a beautifully decorated Victorian house. A fantastic dinner party is planned! Call 228-1124.

Dec. 8 & 9 • A Swingin' Holiday Celebration

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m. The Dayton Philharmonic SuperPops Series presents an evening of swingin' holiday classics. \$13-79. 228-3630.

Dec. 9 • Wind Symphony Concert

Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2, 444 W. Third St.; 8 p.m. Free concert with guest soloist Nan Raphael. 512-2341.

Dec. 9 & 10 • Mistletoe Magic Holiday Marketplace

Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy an array of holiday goods for purchase, demonstrations, entertainment, Santa visits, sampling, and more. \$5, free for kids 12 and under. Visit cloudshows.biz for more information.

Dec. 10 • Live Nativity

Across from Trinity Church, corner of Bainbridge & Fifth Sts.; starts at noon. Stop by a free, live Nativity scene in the parking lot across from Trinity Church. For more info, call 228-1223.

Dec. 10 • Holiday Victorian Buffet

The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday and let the Dayton Woman's Club prepare and serve you a beautiful buffet with some of the DWC's favorite foods. Call for cost 228-1124.

Dec. 10 • Clash Dayton's "A Holiday Inspired Fashion Show"

Club Masque, 24 N. Jefferson St.; 7-10 p.m. A mix of local designers, classic vintage, and ready-to-wear party dresses perfect for holiday events and special occasions. \$10.

Dec. 10 • Winter Concert

Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; Schuster Center; 3 p.m. The DPYO presents their annual winter concert. \$8. For tickets, call the DPAA Education Department at 224-3521 ext. 1136.

Dec. 12-17 • A Christmas Story

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; call for times. The classic holiday film comes to life on stage in a fresh new way with all your favorite comic moments. \$30-60. 228-3630.

Dec. 14 • Mad Science: Engineer Gingerbread Houses

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5 p.m. Construct gingerbread marvels with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. Grades 4-6. Free. Register in advance. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 14 • Christmas Concert

Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, 505 S. Ludlow St.; 7 p.m. The CJ concert band, string ensemble, choirs, a cappella groups, and more come together to perform the sounds of the season. Free.



Dec. 14-17 • A Charlie Brown Christmas

Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2, 444 W. Third St.; call for times.

The holiday TV special comes to life when Charlie Brown tries to convince his friends that there's no magic left in a Christmas that's too commercial. \$8. 512-2341.

Dec. 15 • Bach's Lunch

The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; 10 a.m. and noon. The Carillon Brass will play two free holiday concerts in a light-hearted, audience-friendly format. Bring a lunch to enjoy while listening to fun, festive music! Call for details. 224-3521.

Dec. 15 • Noonday Carol Sing

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; noon. Get into the holiday spirit with carol singing. Lunch for a nominal fee will follow. 223-7285.

Dec. 15 & 16 • Santa Visits the Market

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St., Dec. 15: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 16: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa will be taking time away from his busy schedule to visit the 2nd Street Market. Be sure to let Santa know what's on your wish list, including Market goodies! Bring your camera for this wonderful photo opportunity. Santa will be sure to have a treat for everyone who stops by. Free. All ages. 228-2088.

Dec. 15-17 & 19-23 • The Nutcracker

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; call for times. The Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra will perform the musical score live during the Dayton Ballet's production. This beloved story comes to life in this annual production that is more than just a ballet — it's a tradition. \$17-72; call for availability. 228-3630.

Dec. 16 • Lunch with Santa & Paddy G. Family Show

Wiley's Comedy Joint, 101 Pine St.; 1 p.m. Enjoy lunch with St. Nick and a special show with Pat Godwin. Adults: \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Ages 13-17: \$5. 12 and under free. 224-5653.

Dec. 17 • Sugarplum Tea

Dayton Ballet Barre; The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 12:30-2 p.m. Yummy snacks, hot beverages, and a few surprises! A wonderful way to expand on the tradition of seeing *The Nutcracker*. Presented by the Dayton Ballet Barre. \$15. Call 228-3630 or visit ticketcenterstage.com.

Dec. 17 • Christmas with DC Ensemble

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 2-3:30 p.m. The "Soulful Sounds of Christmas" - a performance for adults and families. Free. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 17 • Handel's Messiah

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 6:30 p.m. Join the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra for this choral masterpiece at the gorgeous Westminster Presbyterian Church. \$14-31. 228-3630.

Dec. 18-22 • Cookies, Candy, and Brew

Buckeye Laptop, 133 N. Ludlow St.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by Talbott Tower to see the window display - vintage animated toy elves work hard to repair devices and convert film to digital format! Enjoy festive music, lights, snacks, and prizes. 985-2006.

Dec. 19 • Blue Christmas

First Lutheran Church, 138 W. First St.; 5:30 p.m. An intimate, reflective service where hope meets those who don't necessarily see the "joy" in Christmas. 238-7238.

Dec. 21 • Spark Club: World Holiday Cards & Crafts

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5 p.m. Make holiday greetings for families experiencing homelessness. Grades 4-6. Free. Register in advance. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 24 & 25 • Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Skates

MetroParks Ice Rink, RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Christmas Eve, 1-8 p.m. Christmas Day. Enjoy the festive atmosphere as you sip hot chocolate by the outdoor fireplaces. Admission includes ice skate rental. \$7. 278-2607.

Dec. 28 • Crafternoon: Upcycled Snow Globes

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5 p.m. Make a snow globe using a plastic water bottle. Grades 4-6. Free. Register in advance. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 30 • New Year's Eve Party

Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third St.; 2-3 p.m. Ring in the New Year early with a balloon drop, crafts, and a photobooth! Balloon drop takes place at 2:45 p.m. Families and kids of all ages are welcome. Free. Register in advance. 463-BOOK.

Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve Brunch & Prix Fixe Dinner

Mudlick Tap House, 135 E. Second St.; Brunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dinner 4-9:30 p.m. Start your day with a special NYE brunch, or celebrate later with a prix fixe dinner. Call for details. 895-4066.

Dec. 31 • Annual New Year's Eve Dinner

The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 5:30 p.m. Invite your friends to ring in the new year with you at the beautiful clubhouse. Call for details. 228-1124.

Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve: The Grand Tour

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main Sts.; 8 p.m. Dancers from the Dayton Ballet, vocalists from the Dayton Opera, and the instrumentalists of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra combine their talents for an artistic celebration of the New Year. Enjoy appetizers and sweets beforehand, champagne at intermission and a balloon drop at concert's close. \$17-74. 228-3630.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 • New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Skates

MetroParks Ice Rink, RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. New Year's Eve, 1-8 p.m. New Year's Day. Start your New Year's Eve party at MetroParks Ice Rink, or be the first to skate in 2018! \$7 admission includes skate rental. 278-2607.



Special thanks to **The Virginia W. Kettering Dayton Holiday Festival Fund**



For the most up-to-date listing of downtown events, visit **downtowndayton.org**.

Calendars are produced by the Downtown Dayton Partnership. For more information, call (937) 224-1518. Information is subject to change without notice. Please call the corresponding venue for specific event details.

