



**DAYTON HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**  
Season Kickoff Events  
Friday, November 24

More details at [DaytonHolidayFestival.org](http://DaytonHolidayFestival.org)



2023  
**calendar of events**

Downtown's *the* place for holiday fun!



The Virginia W. Kettering Dayton Holiday Festival Fund



**Nov. 24 • The Grande Illumination**

presented by AES Ohio, Main Stage sponsored by Sinclair College, magic glasses sponsored by CareSource, holiday tree sponsored by Premier Health

Courthouse Square, Third & Main sts.; 3-8 p.m.

**NEW TIME!** Watch the holidays light up during Dayton's traditional tree lighting. At 7:00 p.m., approximately 50,000 lights will brighten the big tree on Courthouse Square! Free. 224-1518. *Media sponsor: iHeartRADIO.*

**Scheduled to Perform:**

- 3:05-3:25 p.m. - Dayton Metro Barbershop Chorus
- 3:30-3:55 p.m. - Berachah Valley
- 4:05-4:30 p.m. - Gwen Brown
- 4:40-5:05 p.m. - Tori Adams
- 5:15-5:40 p.m. - SaxTone
- 5:50-6:20 p.m. - Reyna Spears Holiday Band
- 6:30-6:50 p.m. - Dayton Celebration Chorus
- 6:55 p.m. - Dayton Celebration Chorus (Jingle Bells sing-along)

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

presented by White-Alten Chevrolet

Along Second, Main and Fourth sts., 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following the tree lighting, watch seasonal floats, horses, drill teams and bands, and some special holiday treats - all illuminated by more than 100,000 lights. Free. 224-1518.

*LED parade lights sponsored by NECA/IBEW Electrical Professionals.*

**Nov. 24 • Live Reindeer**

sponsored by AES Ohio

Courthouse Square; 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Come meet our North Pole ambassadors! Two of Santa's reindeer will be available for photos on Courthouse Square. Free.

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

sponsored by Wright-Patt Credit Union

Courthouse Square; 3-7 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**

The Old Court House, Third & Main sts.; 3-7 p.m.

View all the delicious contest entries and the award-winning houses, and vote for your favorite! Free. 224-1518.

**Nov. 24 • Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides**

sponsored by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

Second & Main sts.; 3-6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wagon ride through downtown! Suggested donation of \$1 per person. 224-1518.

**Nov. 24 • Holiday Village**

Stratacache Village, 40 N. Main St.; 3-8 p.m.

Enjoy festive activities, music, and lots of surprises for kids. Free.

**Scheduled to Perform:**

- 3:30-4:15 p.m. - Magic by Dave
- 4:30-5:15 p.m. - Roz Puppet Show
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Juggling: Craig Muhlenkamp
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. - Young Professionals Choral Collective

**Nov. 24 • Street Fair on Third**

sponsored by altafiber

Third St. between Main and Ludlow; 3-8 p.m.

Don't miss all the free carnival rides for kids! 224-1518.

Ongoing Events through the Season

**Nov. 24-Jan. 1 • Downtown Jingle Lights**

East Monument Avenue and Main Street

See downtown streets transformed into an interactive, drive-thru light show, choreographed to the beat of your favorite holiday tunes! Free. 224-1518.

**Nov. 24-Jan. 1 • Virginia Kettering's Holiday Train Display**

Stratacache Tower lobby at the corner of Second & Main sts.;

View in building lobby Mon-Sat, or through windows anytime.

View this one-of-a-kind model train display given to the community by Mrs. Virginia Kettering. (Use Second St. building entrance.) 224-1518.

**Nov. 24-Jan. 3 • Rike's Holiday Windows**

presented by Dayton Live

Schuster Center Wintergarden, Second & Main sts.; Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and before every performance at the Schuster Center. Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Experience a reimagining of the Rike's department store holiday window displays that once stood at this busy downtown corner. (Not accessible during private events. Call 228-7591 to confirm hours.)

**Nov. 25 • Shop Small, Win Big!**

Downtown Goodies Giveaway with The Real Elf

Various locations throughout downtown; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Real Elf returns to Dayton! Take an "elfie" with him during his stops throughout downtown, and enter to win gift baskets with goodies from downtown businesses. More info at [daytonholidayfestival.org](http://daytonholidayfestival.org). 224-1518.

**Dec. 1-29 • Whimsical Windows Contest**

sponsored by Dayton.com

Select businesses throughout downtown.

Enjoy shopping, dining and exploring downtown in festive atmosphere where downtown Dayton's small businesses show off their creativity and decorate their storefront windows for the holidays. Vote for your favorite window display online.

**Dec. 2, 9, & 16 • Family Movie Series**

sponsored by Dayton Children's and The Rubi Girls

The Neon Movies, 130 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m.

Bring the family for fun, festive holiday films. Enjoy *Frozen* on Dec. 2, *Home Alone* on Dec. 9, and *The Muppet Christmas Carol* on Dec. 16. Free admission for kids 12 and younger, \$2 for adults. 222-7469.

**Titles subject to change - call theater for confirmation.**

**Dec. 9, 10, 16, & 17 • Uno's Pizza with Santa**

Uno Chicago Grill, 126 N. Main St.; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Have a special lunch with Santa. Reservations required. Call for cost and reservations. 910-8000.

**Ongoing • The CoSHOP**

The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St. at The Dayton Arcade;

Weds.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 11-4 p.m.

The Co's SHOP, located in its home at The Dayton Arcade, features unique and handmade giftables all year long, including such holiday gift options as glass, jewelry, kitchenware, ornaments, cards, and gift wrap. 224-3822.

**Ongoing • Art Exhibits at DAI**

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

The DAI presents *Henri de Toulouse Lautrec: The Birth of Modern Paris, Arts & Crafts Pottery of Marblehead, and Around Tokyo: Hiroshige II's Views of Famous Places in Edo*. Visit [daytonartinstitute.org](http://daytonartinstitute.org) for details on each exhibit. 223-4278.

**Ongoing • Exhibit: Shon Walters: The Hole Belly**

The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St.; Weds.-Sun., call for times.

The Co presents a fusion of nature and craftsmanship from a visionary sculptor renowned for his mastery in transforming found and sourced wood into awe-inspiring sculpture. An artist talk with Shon Walters will be held Nov. 10. 224-3822.

**Thru Nov. 12 • Angry, Raucous, & Shamelessly Gorgeous**

The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.

Two remarkable women confront their differing world views with humor and grace - and still manage to find common ground. \$10-53. [humanracetheatre.org](http://humanracetheatre.org). 228-3630.

**Thru Nov. 19 • Wednesday's Child**

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

DTG presents a fast-paced thriller that will keep you guessing. Call for tickets and info. 278-5993.

**Thru Dec. 16 • Small But Mighty Gift & Fine Art Exhibition**

Dayton Society of Artists, 48 High St.; Fridays & Saturdays 12-5 p.m.

At the DSA's small works exhibition, all work is 12" x 12" or smaller and includes a wide variety of mediums and styles. The gift shop is full of original and handmade ornaments, cards, jewelry and more. 228-4532.

**Nov. 6-Jan. 29 • Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theatre:**

**Oh What a Christmas It Will Be!**

The Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. Fifth St.; 7 p.m.;

Mondays & occasional Wednesdays - call for dates.

Enjoy a fun, family event featuring a three-course dinner alongside a holiday murder mystery show. \$39.95. Call for reservations. 461-3913.

**Nov. 9 • Discovery: It's Okay to Be Different - Stories by Todd Parr**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

With his signature blend of playfulness and sensitivity, Todd Parr explores important and timely subjects under three different titles. \$5. [daytonlive.org](http://daytonlive.org). 228-3630.

**Nov. 10 & 11 • Mozart's Jupiter Symphony**

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.

The Dayton Philharmonic presents a program of orchestral heavyweights. \$20.50-82.50. [daytonperformingarts.org](http://daytonperformingarts.org). 228-3630.

**Nov. 11 • Science Saturdays**

The Engineers Club, 110 E. Monument Ave.; 9:30 a.m.

A live, free show that brings science to life with audience participation. November's theme is "Marvels of the Military: Past, Present, Future." [facebook.com/ScienceSat](http://facebook.com/ScienceSat).

**Nov. 11 • Dayton Literary Peace Prize:**

**A Conversation with the Authors**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 4 p.m.

The Victoria Theatre stage will play host to national and international authors whose works are recognized as advancing the cause of peace through literature. [daytonlive.org](http://daytonlive.org). 228-3630.

**Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 • ARTventures**

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 1-3 p.m.

Guided by a museum educator, each ARTventure explores the artistic processes of a highlighted artwork in the museum's collection with a variety of art-making experiences. [daytonartinstitute.org](http://daytonartinstitute.org). 223-4278.

**Nov. 11-January 7 • Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience**

Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.; call for times. Closed Dec. 25.

See a 19th century artist through a 21st century lens, as more than 300 of Van Gogh's most famous works come alive in this immersive exhibit. [beyondvangogh.com/city/dayton](http://beyondvangogh.com/city/dayton).

**Nov. 14-17 • Waffle Shop**

Christ Episcopal Church, 20 W. First St.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Waffle Shop returns! Enjoy made-from-scratch waffles with sausages, soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts, and drinks at reasonable prices for a good cause. [daytonchristepiscopal.com](http://daytonchristepiscopal.com).

**Nov. 14-19 • Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical**

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

The Grinch decides to steal Christmas away from the holiday loving Whos in this timeless story of the true meaning of Christmas. \$29-119. [daytonlive.org](http://daytonlive.org). 228-3630.

**Nov. 15 • Blues Night with Eric Jerardi & Noah Wotherspoon**

The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 7 p.m.

The Brightside's annual Blues Night returns. [thebrightsidedayton.com](http://thebrightsidedayton.com).

**Nov 17 & Dec. 15 • Storytime at the Market**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Read "When Winter Comes" on Nov. 17 and "Whose Footprint is That?" on Dec. 15. Then do a fun winter craft. Registration required. \$3. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Nov. 18 • Ringing in the Holidays**

Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., 6:30-10 p.m.

Annual holiday gala featuring live music, desserts, silent auction & more. \$95/non-member, \$85/member. 293-2841.

**Nov. 18 • Classic Albums Live - Stevie Ray Vaughan: Texas Flood**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.

Classic Albums Live performs Stevie Ray Vaughan's 1983 debut studio album its entirety. \$25-35. [daytonlive.org](http://daytonlive.org). 228-3630.

**Nov. 18-27 • Square One Holiday Sale**

Square One Salon & Spa, 506 E. Third St., Call for times.

Give the gift of beauty and wellness this Holiday Season. Get an additional \$20 gift card (valid in Jan/Feb 2024) with every gift card purchase of \$100. Stock up on your favorite Aveda products with 25% off in-stock retail! [squareonesalon.com](http://squareonesalon.com).

**Nov. 19 • Global Artisan Fair**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; call for times.

Visit with artisans from Iran, Colombia, and Afghanistan, among others. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Nov. 19 • Choral Vespers**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 4 p.m.

Enjoy the Westminster Choir with organ, harp, and percussion, and handbell by the Westminster Ringers. 223-7285.

**Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & 17 • Skinner Pipe Organ Performances**

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 2-3 p.m.

Hear the museum's restored Skinner pipe organ and see the beautifully renovated Mimi & Stuart Rose Auditorium. 223-4278.

**Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 3, 17, & 20, Jan. 14 & 28 • Dayton Dinner Theater**

The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 6-9 p.m.

Food, live music, trivia, and favorite movies! See *Star Wars: A New Hope* Nov. 19, *Barbie* Nov. 26, *Elf* Dec. 3, *A Christmas Story* Dec. 17, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* Dec. 20, *The Princess Bride* Jan. 14, and *The Goonies* Jan. 28. More info at [thebrightsidedayton.com](http://thebrightsidedayton.com).

**Nov. 21-Dec. 30 • A Carillon Christmas**

Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., call for times.

See Carillon Park's campus transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer, including the Carillon Tree of Light! Adults \$14, seniors \$12, children \$10, under 3/members free.

**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 Thanksgiving needs or a one-of-a-kind gift from one of the Market's artisans. 228-2088.

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

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; call for time.

More than 25 local musicians recreate the historic performances of The Band's *Last Waltz*. Tickets and more info at [suchanight.org](http://suchanight.org).

**Nov. 22 • Werksgiving**

The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 8 p.m.

The annual Werksgiving music celebration is happening again with The Werks and special guests Dustin Smith & The Daydreamers. More info at [thebrightsidedayton.com](http://thebrightsidedayton.com).

**Nov. 22-Feb. 29 • Polar Bear Express**

Routes throughout downtown; call for dates, times, and cost.

Book a ride aboard the abominably decorated Pedal Wagon for a 2-hour pedaling adventure through the festive streets of Dayton at a discounted winter season rate. Reservations required. [pedalwagon.com/dayton](http://pedalwagon.com/dayton). 388-3006.

**Nov. 23 • Thanksgiving Buffet**

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

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



**Nov. 24 • MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Day**

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Create lasting memories with friends and family at MetroParks Ice Rink! Rink is open thru March 1. \$10. 278-2607. metroparks.org/ice-rink.

**Nov. 24 • Grande Illumination Make and Take Art Project**

K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; call for times.  
K12 will offer a holiday-themed crayon mosaic make-and-take project. k12tejasgallery.org.

**Nov. 24 • Meet Daniel Tiger & Katerina Kitty Cat**

The International Peace Museum, 10 N. Ludlow St.; call for times.  
Meet Daniel Tiger and Katerina Kitty Cat and create fun crafts during the Dayton Holiday Festival kickoff! peace.museum.

**Nov. 24 & 25 • Black Friday Sale**

Wild Whiskers, 33 S. St. Clair St.; call for times.  
Make sure to get a gift for your furry friends! Special savings for Black Friday and holiday shopping.

**Nov. 24 & 25 • McPherson Town Holiday Home Tour**

McPherson Town Historic District; Fri. 4-8 p.m., Sat. 3-7 p.m.  
Nine historic homes, decorated for the holidays, will be featured on the guided walking tour, including a newly-renovated condominium in the converted Hawthorne School building built in 1886. Tours are scheduled every 12 minutes and will accommodate 15-20 people. Guests will also make a stop in a dessert house for refreshments. \$20 in advance (via eventbrite), \$25 day of (at Ed Smith Flowers & Gifts).

**Nov. 24-Dec. 31 • RTA Holiday Bus**

Oh, what fun it is to ride the Greater Dayton RTA's holiday bus! This year's holiday bus features a candy cane theme. It will run along Dayton routes through Dec. 31 with holiday music, free candy canes, and appearances by the big man himself – Santa! For the holiday bus route and schedule information, visit iriderta.org.



**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! Many downtown businesses will host specials and events. While you're out today, meet The Real Elf and enter to win prizes from downtown businesses! See left panel for details.

**Nov. 25 • Link's Free Ride Day**

Link Bike Share hubs throughout downtown; all day.  
Take advantage of Link's Free Ride Day on Small Business Saturday! To get five 30 minute trips, download the Link Dayton app and set-up your account. Enter code SMALL2023 in the coupons and credits section to redeem the free rides. Normal rates apply for trips over 30 minutes. Offer only valid 11/25/23. linkdayton.org.

**Nov. 25 • Small Business Saturday Special at Norman's**

Norman's Pet Supply, 225 N. Main St.; call for times.  
During Small Business Saturday, a portion of each purchase at Norman's will be donated to Paw Patrol Rescue.

**Nov. 25 • Record Store Day Black Friday**

Omega Music, 318 E. Fifth St.; 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Omega opens early with the Dayton area's largest selection of limited edition Record Store Day titles, in addition to hundreds of new and used albums.

**Nov. 25 • Christkindl Market at Front Street**

Front Street Galleries, 1001 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Featuring original artwork and more from 250+ artists and small businesses to shop from! Outdoor market, indoor studios/galleries and shops, selfies with Santa, food, music, and more! frontstreet.art.

**Nov. 25 • Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live: King For A Day!**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 2 p.m.  
A brand-new adventure in the Neighborhood of Make-Believe where Daniel learns just what it takes to be King. \$45.50-95.50. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

**Nov. 25-Jan. 31 • Black Friday Savings & Holiday Gift Card Celebration**

The Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. Fifth St.; call for times.  
Nov. 25, buy a \$50 gift card and get free \$20 in Celebration Bonus Bucks. Includes a free \$5 Celebration Bucks Bonus Card when you purchase a \$25 gift card.

**Nov. 26 • Try Broomball**

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., 6-8 p.m.  
Grab your friends, come to the MetroParks Ice Rink and let the Dayton Broomball Association take you through the broomball basics! Learn the rules, get on-ice instruction and scrimmage with other participants. Wear gloves and gym shoes. No experience necessary. \$10. metroparks.org. 274-0126.

**Nov. 28 • Straight No Chaser: Sleihin' It Tour**

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.  
Enjoy the captivating sound of nine unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music. \$39-69. daytonlive.org.

**Dec. 1 • Teatime at the Market**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Design your own unique signature blend for your friend and family this holiday season. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**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.



**Dec. 1 • First Fridays Open Mic Night**

Third Perk Coffeehouse, 146 E. Third St.; 7-11 p.m.  
Come perform at Open Mic Night with hosts Tiffany Countryman and Stevin Crane. Live DJ, food, drinks, and fun! Doors at 7, mic at 9. \$10.

**Dec. 1 & 2 • Handmade Holiday**

Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.; Dec. 1, 5-10 p.m.; Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Drinks, food trucks, and an art and craft bazaar that brings together dozens of local artisans and vendors selling unique, locally made goods. facebook.com/handmadeholidaydayton

**Dec. 1-23 • Winter Gift Gallery**

K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Artists will showcase paintings, ceramics, blown glass, prints, and jewelry for sale. k12tejasgallery.org.

**Dec. 2 • Dayton Gay Men's Chorus Concert**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 2 & 6 p.m.  
Celebrate the season with holiday songs and frivolity, featuring the voices of area men who are sure to entertain. daytongaymenschorus.org.

**Dec. 2 • Holiday Pops: Canadian Brass**

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.  
The world's most famous brass quintet joins the Philharmonic in this special holiday concert. \$23.50-88.50. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 2 & 3 • In the Spirit of... Grace**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.  
Dayton Contemporary Dance Company presents its popular holiday event. \$15-75. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 2, 9, & 16 • Holiday Mini Markets at the MetroParks Ice Rink**

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 4-8 p.m.  
Ice skating and holiday shopping, all in one visit! Find treats, gifts, and more from some of your favorite Market vendors. metroparks.org.

**Dec. 3 • Winter Concert**

Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; Schuster Center; 2:30 p.m.  
The DPYO presents its annual winter concert. \$8.50-33.50. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 3, 10, & 17 • Learn to Ice Skate**

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Children's Course: 10-10:30 a.m., Youth/Teen Course: 10:30-11 a.m.  
Learn the basics of ice skating during a three-week course. Children's course will cover how to get on and off the ice, how to fall safely and get up on your own. Youth/teen course will include skating forward and backward edges on a circle, three-turns, backward stops, bunny hop, lunges, and front and back crossovers. \$50 fee includes the use of skates and two free skate admissions. Registration required. metroparks.org. 274-0126.

**Dec. 5 • Dirty Dancing in Concert**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.  
Enjoy the hit film on a full-size cinema screen with a live band and singers performing the iconic songs. \$60-100. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 6-8 • Holly Days at The Dayton Arcade**

The Dayton Arcade, 35 W. Fourth St.; call for times.  
Holly Days at the Arcade Presented by AES Ohio return, featuring holiday shopping from small business vendors, food trucks and sweet treats, live entertainment curated by Culture Works, a cash bar, and holiday surprises. arcadedayton.com.

**Dec. 6-10 • Season's Greetings: A Holiday Cabaret**

PNC Arts Annex, 46 W. Second St.; 7:30 p.m.  
The amazing voices of Gina Handy and Philip Drennen, with Deron Bell and his merry melody makers, combine for a festive cabaret experience! \$30. 228-3630.

**Dec. 7 • Sunset at the Market: Holiday Fun**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
An evening of holiday shopping, music and good cheer. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Dec. 7 • Voctave**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 8 p.m.  
The a cappella sensation performs in Dayton. \$35-65. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 8-10 & 15-17 • The Nutcracker**

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts., call for times.  
The Dayton Philharmonic 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. \$23.50-88.50. Sensory-friendly performance Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 10 • A Doll's High Tea**

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 for cost. 228-1124.

**Dec. 10 • The Hip Hop Nutcracker**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 2 & 7:30 p.m.  
A contemporary dance, re-mixed and re-imagined version of the classic, smashing hip hop dance and Tchaikovsky's timeless music together into a heart-stirring and inspirational holiday event. \$35-85. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 10 • Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra**

Dayton Masonic Center, 525 W. Riverview Ave.; 3 & 7 p.m.  
MVSO's Home for the Holidays concert. Free. mvso.org.

**Dec. 10 & 17 • Native Christmas Tree Sale**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Tabletop trees, wreaths, holiday gnomes, and more will be available for purchase. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Dec. 13 • Handel's Messiah**

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.  
Join the Dayton Philharmonic and Chamber Chorus for one of the most glorious oratorios of all time. \$23.50-88.50. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 13-23 • Reindeer Sessions**

The Loft Theatre, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.  
You won't look at The North Pole the same way again in this hilarious and unexpected ride! \$10-53. humanracetheatre.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 14 • Artisan Night - DIY Workshops**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
An evening of holiday workshops, including tabletop decorative arrangements, stamped jewelry, fused glass, and many more. All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Dec. 14 • Christmas Concert**

Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, 505 S. Ludlow St.; 7 p.m.  
Featuring the CJ concert choir, concert band, liturgical choir, percussion ensemble, string ensemble and a cappella groups. Free. 461-3740.

**Dec. 14-17 • 'Twas the Night before Christmas and We're Home Alone!**

Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, 444 W. Third St., call for times.  
Two holiday favorites mashed into a delightful "tail" of pets discovering the many different ways humans celebrate the holidays. Call for cost. 512-2341.

**Dec. 15 • Noonday Carol Sing**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson; noon.  
Get into the holiday spirit with handbell music and carol singing. Lunch follows. 223-7285.

**Dec. 15 • Ekoostik Hookah & Subterranean**

The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 7:30 p.m.  
Annual holiday psychedelic rock night and jam band family reunion for the season. More info at thebrightsidedayton.com.

**Dec. 15 & 16 • Annual Holiday Musicals**

Black Box Improv Theater, 518 E. Third St.; call for times.  
One hour of the weekend house team performing improv, followed by an improvised musical and some holiday songs. 241-2002.

**Dec. 15-17 • Holiday Vintage Sale**

Edward A. Dixon Gallery, 222 N. St. Clair St.; Fri. 3-8 p.m., Sat./Sun. 12-5 p.m.  
A wide range of vintage items will be available for sale at the gallery during this weekend-long pop-up.

**Dec. 15-17 • Cirque Dreams Holidayze**

Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; call for times.  
A brilliant and whimsical family holiday spectacular that wraps a Broadway-style production around an infusion of contemporary circus arts. \$42.50-102.50. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

**Dec. 16 • Santa Visits the Market**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Meet the jolly old elf as he walks the Market, passing out candy canes! All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Dec. 17 • Breakfast with Santa**

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; call for times.  
Join Santa and his Elves for a tasty breakfast prepared by market vendors. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

**Dec. 17 • Sugarplum Tea**

Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 12:30-2 p.m.  
Yummy snacks, hot beverages, and a few surprises prior to the Nutcracker matinee. Presented by the Dayton Ballet Barre. \$25. 228-1124.

**Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Skate**

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Enjoy the festive atmosphere and holiday music as you skate and sip hot chocolate. Admission includes ice skate rental. \$10. 278-2607.

**Dec. 31 • Sixth Annual New Year's Eve Silent Disco & Ball Drop**

Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.; 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.  
Dance into the new year with Dayton's Silent Disco and enjoy a complimentary midnight bubbly toast. Presale tickets at daytonsilentdisco.com.

**Dec. 31 • Downtown Countdown: A New Year's Celebration**

The Dayton Arcade, 35 W. Fourth St.; 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
On January 1st, Culture Works will begin celebrating our 50th year of service to the Dayton Region. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone with an amazing New Year's Eve party in the Dayton Arcade! Guests will enjoy delicious appetizers, festive drinks, live entertainment and arts experiences, and a champagne toast at midnight. cultureworks.org.

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

RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 1-8 p.m. New Year's Eve, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. New Year's Day.  
Start your New Year's Eve party at MetroParks Ice Rink, or be the first to skate in 2024! \$10 admission includes skate rental. 278-2607.

**DOWNTOWN Jingle Lights**  
November 24 - January 1  
An interactive, drive-thru light show!  
East Monument Avenue and Main Street  
See downtown streets transformed into an interactive, drive-thru light show, choreographed to the beat of your favorite holiday tunes! Free. 224-1518.

**DOWNTOWN DOLLARS**  
Makes a great holiday gift!  
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