



2024 calendar of events

Downtown's the place for holiday fun!



The Virginia W. Kettering Dayton Holiday Festival Fund



Ongoing • Exhibit: Merry Grinchmas: Art of Dr. Seuss' Holiday Classic and (B)ART! America's Funniest Animated Family

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; call for times. Two of America's most beloved animated works come together for this special exhibition featuring original cel art, concept drawings, and more. Visit daytonartinstitute.org for details on each exhibit. 223-4278.

Thru Dec. 14 • 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 also is full of original and handmade ornaments, cards, jewelry and more. 228-4532.

Thru Dec. 21 • Art Exhibits at The Co

The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St.; Weds.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The Co presents Curtis Mann: *Precious Blood*, Sean Wilkinson: *Flora* and John Lauer: *Demon Heads*. An artist talk featuring Mann and Wilkinson will be held November 22. 224-3822.

Thru Dec. 22 • Holiday Greenery Crafting

Now + Zen DIY Studio, 121 E. Third St.; Thurs.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Stop in for a jolly good time with whimsical holiday plant projects, including terrarium snowmen, air plant ornaments, and more! 813-7122.

Thru Feb. 28 • 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 and to the best bars and restaurants. Reservations required. pedalwagon.com/dayton. 388-3006.

Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1, 8, & 15 • 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. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19 • Tiny Thursdays

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Children 3-5 and a caregiver will have story time in the galleries, followed by an art project. daytonartinstitute.org. 223-4278.

Nov. 8 & 9 • Beethoven, London, and a World Premiere

Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m. Take a trip to London courtesy of two British composers, along with Beethoven's bold and beautiful First Piano Concerto. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Nov. 8-Jan. 12 • Holly Jolly Social: A Holiday Pop-Up Experience

Two Social, 123 E. Third St.; call for times and details. Two Social is decking the halls and transforming into a festive haven with cheerful decor, seasonal cocktails, and plenty of holiday spirit.

Nov. 8, 15, 22, & 29 • Community Fitness at the Market

2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Enjoy yoga classes on Nov. 8 and 22, and Tai Chi and Qigong on Nov. 15 & 29. All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Nov. 9 • 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. 228-3630.

Nov. 9 & Dec. 14 • 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. 223-4278.

Nov. 10 • Sinclair Jazz Ensemble and Youth Jazz Ensemble
Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, 444 W. Third St., 2 p.m. Enjoy a special performance by Sinclair's Jazz ensembles. sinclair.edu.

Nov. 11-Dec. 30 • Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theatre:

First Degree Mistletoe
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. 13 & 24, Dec. 1, 8, 18, & 22 • Dayton Dinner Theater Movie Parties

The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 6-9 p.m. Food, live music, trivia, costumes, and favorite movies! See *Mean Girls* Nov. 13, *Clue* Nov. 24, *Elf* Dec. 1, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* Dec. 8, *A Christmas Story* Dec. 18 and *It's a Wonderful Life* Dec. 22. More info at daytondinnertheater.com.

Nov. 14 • Bob Ross Auto Group Jazz & Beyond: Puzzle of Light

Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Local favorites Puzzle of Light perform in the museum's Shaw Gothic Cloister. daytonartinstitute.org. 223-4278.

- **Nov. 14 • Crochet 101: Star Ornament**
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 6:30-8 p.m. Learn a few basic crochet stitches to create an ornament or gift wrap embellishment. Adult and teen beginners welcome. All supplies provided. Register in advance via DaytonMetroLibrary.org. 463-2665.

- **Nov. 14 • Classic Albums Live - Eagles: Their Greatest Hits**
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m. Classic Albums Live performs the beloved Eagles greatest hits album. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

- **Nov. 14-16 • Holiday Bazaar & Rummage Sale**
Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 5-8 p.m. Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 16. Stop by the Club throughout the weekend to find treasures at the Holiday Bazaar & Rummage Sale. 228-1124.

- **Nov. 15 • The Piano Guys**
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m. A musical quartet that transcends the confines of style and genre. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

- **Nov. 16 • The Second Official Voltron Art Show**
Mike's Vintage Toys, 508 E. Fifth St.; 7 p.m. See 30 pieces of Voltron themed art at part of this multi-city celebration of vintage toys. 813-4363.

- **Nov. 16-Dec. 31 • Ohio Plein Air Society Exhibition**
K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Stop by to see the Ohio Plein Air Society's work. k12tejasgallery.org.

- **Nov. 17 • Let's Talk Electric Vehicles**
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Check out EVs and meet representatives from Drive Electric Dayton. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

- **Nov. 17 • Choral Vespers**
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St.; 4 p.m. Enjoy the Westminster Choir with instrumentalists presenting works by Back and Mendelssohn. 223-7285.

- **Nov. 19-22 • 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.

- **Nov. 21 • Christmas & Holiday Decor Exchange**
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 6:30-8 p.m. Preparing for the season with the same old decor? Bring in your old Christmas/winter/holiday decorations and swap with your neighbors for something new! For adults. 463-2665.

- **Nov. 21 • Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna**
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m. The illustrious group of child musicians perform Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, popular songs, and, of course, holiday favorites. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

- **Nov. 21-Dec. 21 • The CoSHOP Holiday Shopping**
The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St. at The Dayton Arcade; Weds.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; preview party Nov. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Contemporary Dayton's CoSHOP gets a holiday refreshing of new handmade ornaments, cards, decor and all sorts of giftables from a selection of local artists and artisans. At the Nov. 21 Preview Party, enjoy shopping, browsing the current exhibitions, and light bites from Gather. 224-3822.

- **Nov. 22 • Mike Birbiglia: Please Stop the Ride**
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7 p.m. A performance from the popular comedian, writer, director, and actor. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

- **Nov. 22 & 23 • Elf in Concert**
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m. See the holiday classic on the big screen as the Dayton Philharmonic performs the original score live. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

- **Nov. 24 • Global Artisan Market**
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Enjoy music, culture sharing, and wares from artisans who recently arrived in this country. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

- **Nov. 26-Dec. 1 • A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical**
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; call for times. The uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

- **Nov. 27 • 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.



DAYTON HOLIDAY FESTIVAL Season Kickoff Events Friday, November 29

More details at DaytonHolidayFestival.org

November 29 events begin at 3 p.m., leading up to the tree lighting and parade at 7 p.m.

The Grande Illumination presented by AES Ohio
Magic glasses sponsored by CareSource, holiday tree sponsored by Premier Health

Courthouse Square, Third & Main sts.; 7:00 p.m. 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.

The Dayton Children's Parade Spectacular in Lights presented by White-Allen Chevrolet

Along Second & Main sts., 7:00 p.m. (Slightly new route this year - visit daytonholidayfestival.org for details.) 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.

Main Stage Entertainment sponsored by Sinclair College
Courthouse Square, Third & Main sts.; 3:05-6:55 p.m. Enjoy holiday songs and other live entertainment on the Courthouse Square Main Stage leading up to the tree lighting.

Scheduled to Perform:
3:05-3:30 p.m. - Dayton Celebration Chorus
3:35-4:15 p.m. - SaxTone
4:25-5:05 p.m. - Tori Lee
5:15-5:55 p.m. - Cafe Con Leche
6:05-6:55 p.m. - Sam King + The Suspects

Live Reindeer sponsored by AES Ohio
Courthouse Square; 3:30-6:30 p.m. Come meet our North Pole ambassadors! Santa's reindeer will be available for photos on Courthouse Square. Free.

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.

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.

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
Second Street near Main Street; 3-6:15 p.m. Enjoy a ride through downtown on a decorated wagon pulled by horses! 224-1518.

Candy Cane Clubhouse
Stratacache Tower, 40 N. Main St.; 3-7 p.m. Enjoy festive kids' entertainment, crafts, face painting, balloon twisting & more! Free.

Scheduled to Perform:
3:00-3:50 p.m. - Magic by Dave
4:00-4:50 p.m. - Juggling by Crazy Craig Muhlenkamp
5:00-6:00 p.m. - Disney Princess Sing-Along and Meet & Greet
6:00-7:00 p.m. - River City Puppet Show

Street Fair on Third
Third St. between Main and Jefferson sts.; 3-8 p.m. Don't miss all the free carnival rides for kids! 224-1518.

Ongoing Events through the Season aes Ohio

Nov. 29-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. 29-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 reimaging 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. 30 • 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. Schedule of stops and more info at daytonholidayfestival.org. 224-1518.

Dec. 2-27 • Whimsical Windows Contest sponsored by Dayton.com
Select businesses throughout downtown. Enjoy shopping, dining and exploring downtown in a 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 - see downtowndayton.org.

Dec. 7, 14, & 21 • Family Movie Series sponsored by Dayton Children's & THE NEON
THE NEON, 130 E. Fifth St.; 11 a.m. Bring the family for fun, festive films. Enjoy *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* on Dec. 7, *Happy Feet* on Dec. 14, and *Santa Claus: The Movie* on Dec. 21. Free admission for kids 12 and younger, \$2 for adults. 222-7469. **Titles subject to change - call theater for confirmation.**

Dec. 7, 14, & 21 • Winter Wonderland at Rabbit Hole Books
Rabbit Hole Books, 27 W. First St.; 1-5 p.m. Santa's workshop is coming to downtown Dayton! Little ones are invited to shop for gifts in a kid-sized store, enjoy tasty holiday treats, and take a photo with the big man in red! 999-4092.



Nov. 27 • *Such a Night: The Last Waltz Live*
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 8 p.m.
More than 25 local musicians recreate the historic performances of The Band's *Last Waltz*. Tickets and more info at daytonlive.org.

Nov. 29 • 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 February. Admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607. metroparks.org/ice-rink.

Nov. 29 • 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. 29 • 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 make-and-take project. k12tejasgallery.org.

Nov. 29 • 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. 29 • Open House & Warming Station
Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 3-8 p.m.
Stop by the Dayton Woman's Club during the holiday festival to warm up and see the Victorian mansion. 228-1124.

Nov. 29 & 30 • Black Friday & Small Business Saturday
Wild Whiskers, 33 S. St. Clair St.; call for times.
Make sure to get a gift for your furry friends! Stop in for big savings on your favorite pet products! 234-7860.

Nov. 29-Dec. 15 • The Woman in Black
The Dayton Theatre Guild, 430 Wayne Ave.; call for times.
The Dayton Theatre Guild presents a fast-paced thriller that will frighten and delight you! Call for tickets and info. 278-5993.



Nov. 30 • 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 Season Kickoff panel for details.**

Nov. 30 • Christkindl Market at Front Street
Front Street Galleries, 1001 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Indoor shopping from more from 250+ artists and artisans! Free selfies with Santa, OSU/Michigan game in the beer tent, food trucks, holiday craft beer, activities for all ages, studios, boutiques, and more! frontstreet.art.

Nov. 30-Dec. 23 • RTA Historic Christmas Trolley
Before nestling the children all snug in their beds, check out the Greater Dayton RTA's Historic Christmas Trolley - #559! The 1948 Marmon-Herrington TC-48, famous for its simulated fireplace and plush seat for Santa, is back this holiday season for special events featuring photos with the trolley and Santa, free hot cocoa and coffee, and a chance to ride through downtown on this piece of Dayton history. Now "dash away all" to www.iritderta.org to view the schedule of events.

Dec. 1, 8, & 15 • Learn to Ice Skate!
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave., Children's Course: 11-11:30 a.m., Youth Course: 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., Teen/Adult Course: 12:20-12:50 p.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 and Teen/Adult courses 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. Registration required. metroparks.org. 275-7275.

Dec. 1-23 • Winter Gift Gallery (Local Artist Nook)
K12 Gallery for Young People & TEJAS, 341 S. Jefferson St.; Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Artists will showcase paintings, ceramics, blown glass, prints, and jewelry for sale. k12tejasgallery.org.

Dec. 1-31 • RTA Holiday Bus
Santa is coming to town aboard the Greater Dayton RTA's holiday bus! This year's holiday bus features a winter wonderland 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 iritderta.org.

Dec. 4 • Culture Works' Sweet Indulgence
The Dayton Arcade, 35 W. Fourth St.; 7-9:30 p.m.
Enjoy an evening of indulgence with Winans Chocolates, savory bites, live musical performances, visual art presentations from talented local artists, and romantic wine tastings. Tickets available at cultureworks.org

Dec. 4-8 • Season's Greetings: A Holiday Cabaret
PNC Arts Annex, 46 W. Second St.; call for times.
The amazing voices of Gina Handy and Philip Drennen, with Deron Bell and his merry melody makers, combine for a festive cabaret experience! 228-3630.

Dec. 4, 7, 11, 14, & 18 • Guided House Tours
Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; Weds. 1 p.m., Sat. 1, 3, & 4 p.m.
Take a guided tour of DWC's historic Victorian mansion, circa 1850! Learn about the building's history and the founding women who were community leaders and used the Club to promote music, art, education, civil rights, and suffrage.

Dec. 5 • Adult Craft Club: Shrinky Dink Ornaments
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 6:30-8 p.m.
Color on plastic and shrink it down in our toaster oven to make custom holiday ornaments! Perfect for gifting or decorating your own tree! 463-2665.

Dec. 6 • Teatime at the Market
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join Pat Frock with Sweet Emmy Herbals as she instructs you how to use base, additions and your own special blends to make a tea that represents you. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Dec. 6 • 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. 6 • Good Grief! Themed Holiday Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 7-10 p.m.
Calling all Peanuts fans! Skate with the magic of Charlie Brown, featuring themed music and decorations that will make you feel like part of the gang. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 6 • Amahl and the Night Visitors
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.
This story of three mysterious kings following a star to bring gifts to a wonderful child is the perfect beginner's opera and a joyous way to usher in the holiday season. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 6 & 7 • Handmade Holiday
Yellow Cab Tavern, 700 E. Fourth St.; see website for times.
Drinks, food trucks, and an art and craft bazaar that brings together dozens of local artisans and vendors selling unique, locally made goods. For more info, visit facebook.com/handmadeholidaydayton.

Dec. 7 • 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. \$30. daytongaymenschorus.org.

Dec. 7 • Christmas with the Petersens
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 7:30 p.m.
A special Christmas concert with the American roots music band The Petersens. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 7 • Hometown Holidays
Schuster Performing Arts Center, Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.
The Dayton Performing Arts Alliance presents its annual holiday concert, full of sing-a-longs, toe-tapping holiday melodies, and traditional carols. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 7, 14, & 21 • Holiday Mini Markets at the MetroParks Ice Rink
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 5-8 p.m.
Ice skating and holiday shopping, all in one visit! Shop from 2nd Street Market vendors while you warm up in the Comfort Tent. metroparks.org.

Dec. 8 • O Christmas Tea: A British Comedy
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 3 p.m.
London's three-time Impresario Award-winning duo celebrate friendship at Christmas. Ages 6 and up. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 8 & 15 • 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 • 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. 11-13 • Holly Days at The Dayton Arcade
The Dayton Arcade, 35 W. Fourth St.; 3-8 p.m.
Holly Days at the Arcade Presented by AES Ohio and Cox First Media return, featuring holiday shopping from more than 30 vendors, delicious food, cash bars, live entertainment curated by Culture Works, and festive fun for the whole family. More information at arcadedayton.com.

Dec. 11-22 • A Frosty Night
The Human Race Theatre Company, 126 N. Main St.; call for times.
Sharon Frosty, Frosty the Snowman's wife, knows that he's up to no good and follows his trail to the North Pole. Laugh 'til you're blue with this **adults-only** comedy. \$10-53. humanracetheatre.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 12 • Sunset at the Market: Holiday Magic
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 5:30-8:30 p.m.
An evening of holiday shopping, carolers, artisans, food, and more. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Dec. 12-15 • Holiday Vintage Sale
Edward A. Dixon Gallery, 222 N. St. Clair St.; Thurs. 12-5 p.m., Fri. 3-8 p.m., Sat./Sun. 12-5 p.m.
Vintage artwork and other art will be available for sale at the gallery during this weekend-long pop-up.

Dec. 13 • Skate & Scare! Themed Holiday Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 7-10 p.m.
Enjoy a chillingly fun night of ice skating with A Nightmare Before Christmas themed skate event featuring fun music, decor, and a spook-tacular good time. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 13-15 & 20-22 • 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 new production. This beloved story comes to life in this annual production that is more than just a ballet — it's a tradition. Sensory-friendly performance Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 14 • Victorian Christmas Ghost Stories
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 2-3 p.m.
In the Victorian era, a popular way to celebrate Christmas was the telling of ghost stories. Local History Librarian Rachael Bussert will share stories from Dayton and around the U.S. that were told in gatherings and in local newspapers. Wear your holiday finest. All ages. Register via DaytonMetroLibrary.org. 463-2655.

Dec. 15 • Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra
Dayton Masonic Center, 525 W. Riverview Ave.; see website for times.
MVSO presents its holiday concert. mvso.org.

Dec. 15 & 22 • Breakfast with Santa
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 8:30 & 9:45 a.m.
Join Santa and his Elves for a tasty breakfast prepared by market vendors \$15. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Dec. 15 & 22 • Santa Visits the Market
2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Meet the jolly old elf as he walks the Market, passing out candy canes! All ages. Free. metroparks.org. 228-2088.

Dec. 18 • Family Program: Winter Crafts
Dayton Metro Library, Main Library, 215 E. Third St.; 4-5 p.m.
Families are invited to explore and create together with activities geared toward children ages 3-12. Themes will include art, crafts, building, engineering, games, and social emotional wellness. 463-2655.

Dec. 18 • 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. daytonperformingarts.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 19-22 • 'Twas: A Holiday Musical
Sinclair Community College, Blair Hall Theatre, 444 W. Third St., call for times.
A family-friendly story of holidays explained by pets left alone on Christmas Eve. Call for cost. 512-2341.

Dec. 20 • 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. 20 • Santa Is Coming! Themed Holiday Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 7-10 p.m.
Lace up your skates and channel your inner Elf! Dress up as Buddy or don your favorite holiday sweater and enjoy music and decorations straight out of the movie. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 20 & 21 • Annual Holiday Musicals
Black Box Improv Theater, 518 E. Third St.; call for times.
The Black Box theater pulls out all the stops for a very popular annual holiday musical show with a musical medley, comedic scenes made up on the spot, and a completely improvised musical where even the songs are extemporaneous. 241-2002.

Dec. 21 • Christmas with C.S. Lewis
Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.; 2:30 p.m.
The story of how Lewis' encounter with fellow author J.R.R. Tolkien forever changed his Christmas celebrations. daytonlive.org. 228-3630.

Dec. 22 • Sugarplum Tea
Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St.; 12:30-2 p.m.
Yummy tea party foods, hot beverages, a short dance class, and a reading of The Nutcracker prior to the Nutcracker matinee. Presented by the Dayton Ballet Barre. \$25. ticketsource.us/dayton-ballet-barre.

Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Start a holiday tradition by skating with your friends and family at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Enjoy splendid scenery, outdoor warming stations, and hot cocoa. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 27 • Wizarding World Skate
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 7-10 p.m.
Accio ice skates! Dress up in your best wizard outfit and enjoy the enchanting decor and music at this Harry Potter themed night. Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.

Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve with Ekoostik Hookah & Subterranean
The Brightside, 905 E. Third St.; 8 p.m.
Ring in the new year with a great musical celebration at The Brightside! More info at thebrightsidedayton.com.

Dec. 31 • Seventh 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 & Jan. 1 • New Year's Eve / Day Skates
RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.; 11 a.m.-8 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 2025! Daily admission \$7, skate rental \$3. 278-2607.



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