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Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival

NOVEMBER 21, 2024 – JANUARY 1, 2025

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Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival

November 21, 2024 – January 1, 2025
Downtown Milwaukee

It's a glowrious time to be Downtown! Our parks and streets are aglow with holiday spirit and more than a half million brilliant bulbs. Meanwhile, a flurry of shows, Santa photo ops and exceptional dining opportunities are beckoning friends and family to gather here all season long!



One of the Festival's main attractions is its abundance of lights. Sparkling light displays and larger-than-life sculptures transform Cathedral Square Park, Zeidler Union Square, Pere Marquette Park and Red Arrow Park. Explore these whimsical winterland scenes at your own leisure or jump on the Jingle Bus, a guided tour led by Milwaukee Downtown's Public Service Ambassadors that encapsulates all the must-see scenes.

But that's not all we're offering on the convenience front. We've also bundled six weeks of holiday happenings into this handy guide. So, whether you're interested in concerts, theater, sports or meeting the jolly old elf, we've got you covered. Just browse the countless ways to celebrate the magic of the season and plan your Downtown adventure!

Extend Your Visit with Dinner or an Overnight Stay.

Downtown Milwaukee has an expansive menu of dining options, from casual pub fare and modern steakhouses to global cuisine and everything in between. Our hotels also cater to a wide array of needs, with options ranging from dog-friendly accommodations to fully furnished chef's kitchens on each floor. Visit milwaukeeholidaylights.com to browse restaurant and hotel listings. And while you're there, check out Downtown Milwaukee's retail offerings, too!



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Kickoff & Jingle Bus

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Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival Kickoff Extravaganza

Thursday, November 21 | 6:30pm

Pere Marquette Park

Pre-show entertainment starts at 5:30pm

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It will be a celebration of holiday peace and love as we illuminate more than a half million twinkling lights sprinkled throughout Downtown Milwaukee. Kickoff festivities will include live music, dance performances, free cookies and hot cocoa, fireworks, a visit from the Clauses and more. Plus, you can hop on the Jingle Bus for free after the show!



CAN'T MAKE IT DOWNTOWN?

Tune in to WISN 12 at 6:30pm for a live broadcast, presented by Stein's Garden & Home.



Jingle Bus Rides

Weather permitting

December 5 – December 29

Thu – Sun | 5pm to 9pm

Courtyard Milwaukee Downtown

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

COURTYARD
BY MARRIOTT

Ooh and ahh at the winter wonderland scenes scattered throughout Downtown Milwaukee by hopping on a Jingle Bus tour, powered by KB Excursions.

This 40-minute narrated tour highlights the main attractions of the Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival, including our four parks: "Community Spirit Park" at Cathedral Square Park, "Santa's Celebration Square" powered by We Energies" at Zeidler Union Square, "¡Felices Fiestas! sponsored by Generac" at Pere Marquette Park and "Slice of Ice Lights" at Red Arrow Park.

Jingle Bus tickets are \$8 per person and must be purchased in advance at milwaukeeholidaylights.com. Hurry! Availability is limited. Guests can choose their tour date and time online, with an option to participate in a Spanish tour.

Buses will depart from Courtyard Milwaukee Downtown, 300 W. Michigan Street. Discounted parking is available for Jingle Bus riders at InterPark The Avenue Garage, 615 N. 2nd Street, thanks to Interstate Parking. Please see the Jingle Bus information table for parking validation. Guests are invited to enjoy the vendors at the 3rd Street Market Hall while waiting to catch the Jingle Bus.

Please note the Jingle Bus will operate free from Pere Marquette Park on Kickoff night, Nov. 21. Jingle Bus service is weather permitting.



CATHEDRAL SQUARE PARK

Community Spirit Park

SPONSORED BY MADISON MEDICAL AFFILIATES, IDEAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Each year, this park transforms into a festive forest of more than 100 evergreen trees. Take a close look at each tree's unique ornamentation, as they have been artfully decorated by area schools and organizations. Be sure to discover the magical Singing Tree, presented by Madison Medical Affiliates, which twinkles in real time to the sound of music, singing and clapping.



Ideal PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



WISCONSIN AVENUE – 6TH STREET TO PROSPECT AVENUE

Cascading Chandeliers

The lights along Downtown Milwaukee's main street guide your way with glittering chandeliers that feature a new gold motif, and harp lamps embellished with decorative sculptures throughout. As you tour along Wisconsin Avenue, by car or on foot, take a gander at the festive décor within each storefront. Looks like everyone is feeling the warmth and joy of the holiday season.



PERE MARQUETTE PARK

¡Felices Fiestas!

SPONSORED BY GENERAC & MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

It's a celebration of the season! Animated snow boys and snow girls will deliver cheers and smiles through a series of sculptures depicting winter sports.



RED ARROW PARK

Slice of Ice Lights

SPONSORED BY WATERSTONE BANK, MGIC & MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Home to the "Slice of Ice" skating rink, Red Arrow Park will twinkle with holiday décor, setting the mood for enchanting evenings.



ZEIDLER UNION SQUARE

Santa's Celebration Square powered by We Energies

SPONSORED BY WE ENERGIES FOUNDATION & MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Snap a photo of Santa's electric reindeer at Celebration Square! This interactive park is the perfect place for families to create a memory near the cozy fireplace, snuggled on the oversized chair or sleigh, or inside the giant picture frame.



Santa's Mailbox

SPONSORED BY EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION WITH SUPPORT FROM SERVING OLDER ADULTS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS - PIONEER BRANCH 2

November 12 – December 16

Cathedral Square Park

Downtown has a magical connection to the North Pole right in Cathedral Square Park. Drop your child's letters and wish lists into Santa's Mailbox to receive a personalized reply from the big guy himself! No postage required. Just remember to include a return address.



Ornament Trail

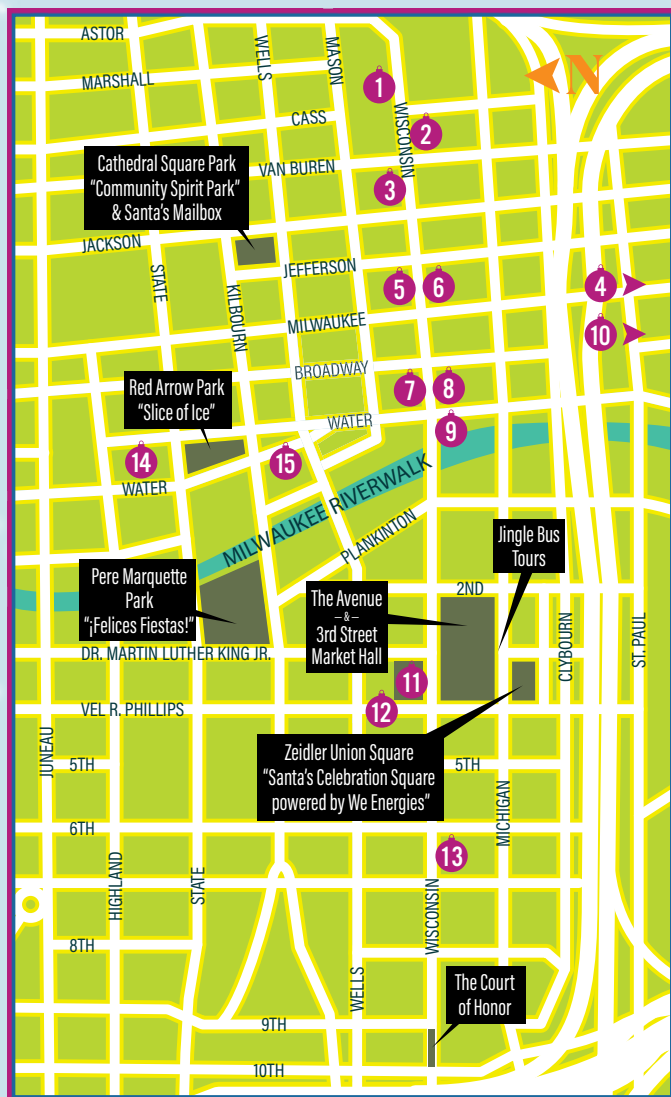
Ornament Trail

The Ornament Trail

November 21, 2024 – January 19, 2025
Downtown Milwaukee

Coordinated by Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21 and the Downtown Placemaking Task Force, The Ornament Trail will again adorn Wisconsin Avenue and select locations on Water Street and in the Historic Third Ward. The art installation will feature 15 larger-than-life ornaments, each hand-painted by a locally or nationally renowned artist with Milwaukee ties.

Get an ornament trail activity guide and enjoy discounts and promotions from nearby businesses along the way. Pick up yours at Milwaukee Downtown at 301 W. Wisconsin Avenue, or go to milwaukeeholidaylights.com to download a copy.



1. Untitled

The Couto Brothers

SPONSORED BY NORTHWESTERN
MUTUAL AND MILWAUKEE BREWERS
Northwestern Mutual –
720 E. Wisconsin Avenue

2. Current Pastimes

Dave Watkins

SPONSORED BY U.S. BANK CENTER
U.S. Bank Center – 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue

3. Dwennimmen ("Ram's Horns")

**Brad Anthony Bernard
and Grace Gasser**

SPONSORED BY 600 EAST
600 EAST Café –
600 E. Wisconsin Avenue

4. Winter Reflections

Josephine Rice

SPONSORED BY
KIMPTON JOURNEYMAN HOTEL
Kimpton Journeyman Hotel –
310 E. Chicago Street

5. Loteria Holiday

Nicole Acoſta

(Former Pfister Artist in Residence)

SPONSORED BY THE PFISTER HOTEL
The Pfister Hotel –
424 E. Wisconsin Avenue

6. Merry & Bright in Flight

John Kowalczyk

SPONSORED BY PNC
PNC – 411 E. Wisconsin Avenue

7. Flourish & Frolic

Emma Daisy Gertel

SPONSORED BY TWO-FIFTY AND HNTB
Two-Fifty – 250 E. Wisconsin Avenue

8. The Four Graces

Nova Czarnecki

SPONSORED BY
RAILWAY EXCHANGE BUILDING AND
THE COLBY ABBOT BUILDING
Railway Exchange Building –
229 E. Wisconsin Avenue

9. Merry in Pink

Monique Machut

SPONSORED BY CHASE TOWER
Chase Tower – 111 E. Wisconsin Avenue

10. Winter's Rabbit

Drew York

SPONSORED BY
BENSON'S RESTAURANT GROUP
The Edison – 332 N. Broadway

11. Paz, Amor y Amistad (Peace, Love and Friendship)

Mauricio Ramirez

SPONSORED BY 310W
The Capital Grille –
310 W. Wisconsin Avenue

12. Snow Season

CERA

SPONSORED BY BAIRD
Baird Community Commons
Wisconsin Avenue & Vel R. Phillips Avenue

13. Painting the Town

Big Shot Robot

SPONSORED BY J. JEFFERS & CO.
The Clark Building –
633 W. Wisconsin Avenue

The Court of Honor

Enjoy holiday décor surrounding
the statues and monuments
on this West Wisconsin
Avenue median.

SPONSORED BY
MILWAUKEE DOWNTOWN, BID #21
Wisconsin Avenue between
9th and 10th Streets

14. The Joys of Winter

Rozalia Singh

SPONSORED BY
REINHART BOERNER VAN DEUREN
1000 N. Water Street

15. Life Has Always Gathered Here

Jeff Zimpel

(Former Saint Kate Artist in Residence)

SPONSORED BY
SAINT KATE – THE ARTS HOTEL
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel –
139 E. Kilbourn Avenue

For current information about
The Ornament Trail,
visit milwaukeeholidaylights.com.

Holiday Happenings

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Thu, November 21 | 6:30pm

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Pere Marquette Park

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Music, dancing, Santa and a thrilling fireworks display combine for the brightest night of the year. Best of all, it's free, right down to the cookies, cocoa and Jingle Bus rides. Pre-show entertainment begins at 5:30pm.

Christmas at Pabst Mansion

November 21 – January 5

Pabst Mansion

414.931.0808 | pabstmansion.com

It's a self-guided holiday tradition the whole family can enjoy! From glitz and glam to train tracks and holiday magic around the tree, each room is decked from tip to mistletoe.

The Ornament Trail

November 21 – January 19

Downtown Milwaukee

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Explore 15 larger-than-life, hand-painted ornaments by locally and nationally renowned artists.



Trainfest 2024

November 23 & 24

Baird Center

414.908.6000 | bairdcenter.com

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of miniature railroading! The show features hundreds of booths of train manufacturers and retailers, as well as huge operating exhibits, activities for kids, free seminars and more.

FEZtival of Trees

November 23 – 30

Tripoli Shrine Center

414.933.4700 | tripolishrine.com

Walk through a wonderland of trees decorated by local businesses and organizations, snap a photo with Santa and enjoy a light show during the week of Thanksgiving. Then, place a bid for a chance to win a fully decorated tree, to take a piece of the holiday spirit home with you.



Cream City Creatives Holiday Market

Sun, November 24 | 10am to 3pm

Turner Hall Ballroom

creamcitycreatives.com

This annual holiday market has been bringing Milwaukee to life with creativity since 2014. Shop from dozens of vendors offering local goods that make perfect gifts for family and friends.

Pfister Hotel Thanksgiving Bountiful Brunch

Thu, November 28 | 11am to 3:30pm

The Pfister Hotel

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Celebrate in the breathtaking atmosphere of the Pfister Grand Ballroom, the perfect destination for your family's cherished Thanksgiving. There is much to be thankful for, from appetizers and entrees to side dishes and desserts, plus all the traditional trimmings.

Milwaukee Turkey Trot

Thu, November 28 | 9am

Veterans Park

wisconsinruns.com

Join the flock during the annual Turkey Trot. It's your pre-turkey workout. Your body will thank you later!

Thanksgiving at Mason Street Grill

Thu, November 28 | 1pm to 8pm

Mason Street Grill

414.298.3131 | masonstreetgrill.com

Enjoy an all-American feast for this quintessential holiday with a special Thanksgiving prix fixe menu. Private dining rooms are also available for your family gathering.

Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner

Thu, November 28 | 11am to 7pm

ARIA at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Experience an artisanal American Thanksgiving at ARIA. Enjoy a special prix fixe menu featuring special dishes as well as traditional Thanksgiving favorites.



Twilight Tours

November 29 – December 29 & January 4

Thu – Sat | 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Pabst Mansion

414.931.0808 | pabstmansion.com

A self-guided evening tour with twinkling lights, live holiday music, and drinks for purchase like glühwein and hot pecan whiskey cider to give you that warm Christmas glow!

Santa's Mailbox

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AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER
CARRIERS – PIONEER BRANCH 2

November 12 – December 16

Cathedral Square Park

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Place a child's letter to Santa in Santa's Mailbox. Be sure to include a return address because Santa and his extra special helpers will ensure each child receives a personalized reply. Holiday spirit delivers the letters. No postage required!

Cheer District, illuminated by We Energies Foundation

November 15 – January 15

Deer District

deerdistrict.com

Cheer District, illuminated by We Energies Foundation, will feature B93.3's Letters to Santa mailbox, fireworks on New Year's Eve, and the City of Milwaukee Christmas Tree Lighting.

Deck the Streets and Village

November 16 – January 31

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Experience the magic of the holiday season inside two of MPM's most beloved exhibits, *Streets of Old Milwaukee*, and *European Village*, where the walkthrough turn-of-the-century streetscapes have been transformed into winter wonderlands.

Holiday Happenings

Pfister Tree Lighting Ceremony

Fri, November 29 | 5pm to 6:30pm
The Pfister Hotel

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Join The Pfister Hotel for a signature holiday tradition as Santa lights the spectacular lobby tree. Sip warm drinks and nibble on a holiday treat while you enjoy the fun. Nonperishable food items will be collected for Hunger Task Force.



Small Business Saturday

Sat, November 30
Historic Third Ward

414.273.1173 | historicthirdward.org

Explore the unique offerings around the Historic Third Ward as you #shopsmall. Stop into the many independent businesses in the neighborhood to check off goodies on your gift list.

Milwaukee Makers Market

Sat, November 30 | 10am to 4pm
Sun, December 1 | 10am to 4pm
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Support local crafters, artists and creators by browsing dozens of booths featuring clothing, visual art, candles, home goods and so much more. This no-charge-to-enter artisan showcase is the perfect opportunity to shop for co-workers, pets, uncles, aunts and everyone in between.

2024 Holiday Marketplace

November 30 – December 1
11am to 4pm

Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.276.8686 | saintkatearts.com

Enjoy the holiday ambiance of Saint Kate's ARC Theatre while interacting and connecting with over 60 local artists and vendors. This holiday showcase is the ideal place to find perfect gifts for friends and family, all while taking in the sights and sounds of local music and art!

Slice of Ice

December thru Mid-March 2025
(weather permitting)

Red Arrow Park

414.289.8791 | countyparks.com

Ice skate in the heart of Downtown at the "Slice of Ice" rink while surrounded by twinkling lights and dazzling décor.

Father Christmas Visits the Mansion!

December 1 – 22
Sun | 3pm to 5:30pm
Pabst Mansion

414.931.0808 | pabstmansion.com

With his lantern, walking stick and white-trimmed red cloak, a whimsical Father Christmas travels south to visit the Pabst Mansion each Sunday during the holiday season. Create magical memories with letter writing to Santa, holiday treats for purchase, and room after room of enchanting Christmas displays.

Hover Craft: Handmade Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

Sun, December 1 | 12pm to 6pm
Pritzlaff Building

hovercraftmke.com

Milwaukee's creative community comes together for the 15th year of Hover Craft, brimming with one-of-a-kind handiwork. Thousands of shoppers peruse this holiday showcase, so snag your ticket to shop online in advance.

Holiday Happenings



Breakfasts with Santa

Sun, December 1, 8 & 15
Harley-Davidson Museum

414.287.2778

motorrestaurant.com/happenings

Enjoy a full morning buffet with the jolly old man in the bright red suit at the home of all things black and orange. Decorate cookies and write letters to Santa. Tickets required.

Jingle Bus Rides

December 5 – 29
Thu – Sun | 5pm to 9pm
(weather permitting)

Courtyard Milwaukee Downtown

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Marvel at Downtown's spectacular sights aboard the convenient Jingle Bus. For \$8 per person, visitors can relish in the festive panorama while a narrator shares stories of the jolliest attractions and landmarks. Advance ticket purchase required.

City of Milwaukee Christmas Tree Lighting, illuminated by We Energies Foundation

Thu, December 5
Deer District

deerdistrict.com

The 11th annual City of Milwaukee Christmas tree lighting will take place in Deer District.

MIAD Holiday Sale

December 5 – 7
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
414.847.3200 | miad.edu

Each year during the first week of December, MIAD students and alumni show off their wares ranging from sculptures, paintings and photographs to jewelry, stickers, greeting cards and more. Shop their affordable offerings and view the on-campus galleries while you visit.



Christmas in the Ward

Fri, December 6 | 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Catalano Square

414.273.1173 | historicthirdward.org

Dash into the holiday season with festivities under the Historic Third Ward's Christmas tree. This night is packed with live entertainment, food trucks, local shopping, and photo ops alongside Santa and his reindeer.

Christmas Lights & Desserts Bus Tour

Fri & Sat | December 6 – 22
Various Locations

414.255.0534 | milwaukeefoodtours.com

Show off your ugly Christmas sweater and spread some holiday cheer on the Christmas Lights & Desserts sing-along! This Santa-approved bus tour is the perfect mix of tasty treats and light-hearted holiday spirit.



Holiday Happenings

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Photo Credit: Milwaukee Food & City Tours

Santa's Christmas Cavalcade

Sat, December 7 | Departs at 5pm
Fri, December 13 | Departs at 5pm
Downtown Milwaukee

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com
See Santa and Mrs. Claus on the festive route riding atop a vintage fire truck. Sarah Fierek will also be on board singing jazzy holiday tunes. Route departs from the Milwaukee Public Market and travels throughout Downtown.

Breakfast with Santa Saturdays

December 7 & 8, 14 & 15
8:30am & 11am

The Pfister Hotel

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Back by popular demand, guests can share a jolly breakfast with Santa and his elves in The Pfister's newly-renovated Grand Ballroom.

Brunch with Santa

December 7 & 8, 14 & 15
9am & 11:30am

Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.935.5950 | saintkatearts.com

Start a new holiday tradition at Saint Kate's Brunch with Santa and create lifelong memories! Guests will have the opportunity to experience a plentiful brunch in Saint Kate's festive ballroom and visit with the jolly man himself.

"Very Merry" Celebration at the Milwaukee County Historical Society

Sun, December 8 | 10am to 1pm
Milwaukee County Historical Society

414.273.8288 | milwaukeehistory.net

Families are invited to bring their kids to take pictures with Santa (*prints available to purchase*) and enjoy some treats from Mrs. Claus' kitchen. There will be kids' activities, coloring pages and holiday music.

Storytime with Santa

Sun, December 8 & 22 | 11am to 1:30pm
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Enjoy a festive adventure with enchanting tales and holiday cheer. Santa will share stories and spread joy as the holiday magic comes to life at Discovery World.

Old Milwaukee Mixer

Thu, December 12 | 7pm to 9:30pm
Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Eat, drink, and be merry during this after-hours party. Stroll through the *Streets of Old Milwaukee* decked out for the holidays while learning about how people celebrated the season during the Victorian period. Enjoy tunes from the Checkmate Barbershop Quartet and get your photo taken for a personalized holiday card to commemorate the occasion! 21+ event.

Cocoa with the Clauses

PRESENTED BY MADISON MEDICAL AFFILIATES

Sat, December 14 | 11am to 2pm
Cathedral Square Park

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Santa and Mrs. Claus return for this annual cocoa klatch. The free outdoor event is a chance for kids to share their wish lists and for moms and dads to grab a keepsake photo. Elves and other holiday characters will also be there! Plus, complimentary cookies and hot cocoa sponsored by Taste of Home and Dunkin' will be provided.



European Village Alive!

Sat, December 14 | 11am to 3pm
Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

MPM's *European Village* exhibit will "come alive" as docent interpreters in period clothing take you to holiday celebrations of the past. Visitors will learn the history of European traditions, many still around today, including greeting cards, Christmas trees, wreaths, gingerbread, mistletoe, holly, nativity scenes, and stockings.



Cocoa & Claus

Sat, December 21 | 9am to 12pm
Betty Brinn Children's Museum

414.390.5437 | bbcmkids.org

Santa is stopping by Betty Brinn Children's Museum before he heads out on his big Christmas Eve voyage! Families are invited to the Museum for Santa story time and photo opportunities, and a build-your-own toy activity in Santa's Workshop. Hot cocoa will be available for purchase. Event tickets cost \$20 and include access to the Museum's interactive floor exhibits. Advance ticket purchase recommended.

ARIA Christmas Dinner

Tue, December 24 | 2pm to 9pm
Wed, December 25 | 10am to 8pm
ARIA at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Experience delicious holiday specialties steeped in the culinary tradition of the Midwest at ARIA. Enjoy festive offerings inspired by all the comforts of a home-cooked feast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Christmas Around Milwaukee Bakery Bus

Fri – Sun | December 6 – 22
Various Locations

414.255.0534 | milwaukeefoodtours.com

The Christmas Around Milwaukee Bakery Bus will fill your bellies with holiday cookies and your hearts with good cheer while you make delicious memories. Great for a girls outing or family celebration!

Santa Cycle Rampage

Sat, December 7 | 9am
Various Locations

wisconsinbikelfed.org

Join more than 1,500 fellow Santas, Mrs. Clauses, reindeer, grinchies, snowmen, elves, dreidels and more for this 12-mile slow-rolling holiday party on wheels.

Cocoa and Candy Canes with Santa

Sat, December 7 | 12pm to 2pm
Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.6170 | mpm.edu

This Sustainer+ members-only event includes a private photo-op with Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as hot cocoa, candy canes, and holiday-themed arts and crafts. Reservations are required and space is limited!

Holiday Happenings

Mason Street Grill Christmas

December 24 & 25
Mason Street Grill

414.298.3131 | masonstreetgrill.com

Experience classic American favorites and enjoy delicious Christmas specials, in addition to the regular menu. Private dining rooms are also available for your special holiday gathering.

Christmas Celebration Brunch

Wed, December 25 | 9am to 1:30pm
The Pfister Hotel

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Head to The Pfister's newly-renovated Grand Ballroom for a Christmas celebration featuring a spectacular buffet that includes an assortment of the finest salads and starters, entrees, desserts and cocktails.

Afternoon Tea

Wed – Sun, Ongoing
The Pfister Hotel – Blu

414.935.5950 | thepfisterhotel.com

Treat your family and friends to a relaxing afternoon experience with an incredible panoramic view of Downtown. You'll feel like royalty with tea, sandwiches and pastries served on silver platters by a Pfister tea butler. Reservations required.

Holidays on the Hoan

Various Dates
Hoan Bridge

lightthehoan.com

Throughout the season, Milwaukee's iconic Hoan Bridge will be lit up on select dates. Please visit their website or social media @lightthehoan for up-to-date information.

Theater & Comedy

Clyde's

Now thru November 24
Broadway Theatre Center – Studio Theatre

414.291.7800 | milwaukeechambertheatre.org

In a diner kitchen that might be hell, limbo or just a greasy spoon off the Pennsylvania turnpike, four formerly incarcerated cooks strive for redemption through their shared quest to create the perfect sandwich.

Almost, Maine

November 20 – December 15
Next Act Theatre

414.278.0765 | nextact.org

One cold, clear winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of "Almost, Maine," find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees may bruise and hearts may break, but as magic fills the air, the pieces finally fall into place – almost.



Courtesy of Northern Sky

Lumberjacks in Love

Now thru January 12
Milwaukee Repertory Theater – Stackner Cabaret

414.224.9490 | milwaukeeep.com

A smash hit in Wisconsin and around the country from the creators of "Guys on Ice," don't miss this hilarious show filled with up north humor and fun-loving songs.

Oliver!

November 15 – December 29
Broadway Theatre Center – Cabot Theatre

414.291.7800 | skylightmusictheatre.org

A captivating musical version of Charles Dickens' classic novel, "Oliver Twist."

The Hip Hop Nutcracker

Fri, November 22 | 7:30pm
Marcus Performing Arts Center – Uihlein Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

A holiday mash-up for the whole family, this contemporary dance spectacle reimagines a classic tale by combining hip hop dance and Tchaikovsky's timeless music into a heart-stirring and inspirational holiday event.



Photo Credit: Michael Brosilow

Marie and Rosetta

Now thru December 15
Milwaukee Repertory Theater – Stiemke Studio

414.224.9490 | milwaukeeep.com

Unearth the unsung roots of the "Godmother of Rock 'n' Roll" and her wide-eyed protégée as they become one of the most influential teams in music history.



Photo Credit: Timothy Norris

Studio K Flamenco Presents The Flamenco Nutcracker



Saturday, December 7, 2024
3:00 pm and 7:00 pm
South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center
www.flamenconutcracker.com



Theater & Comedy

Thunder from Down Under

Fri, November 22 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

A sizzling hot international sensation that will set the stage on fire with captivating performances and infectious energy.

Maria Bamford

Sat, November 23 | 7:30pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

It's an evening of laughs with Maria Bamford, a renowned comedian revered for her deeply personal and experimental comedy about mental illness.



Photo Credit: Michael Brosilow

A Christmas Carol

November 26 – December 24
Pabst Theater

414.224.9490 | milwaukeekeerep.com

Milwaukee's favorite holiday tradition returns to fill the Pabst Theater with enchanting music, dance, costumes, special effects and Christmas cheer.

ELF The Musical

November 26 – December 1
Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Uihlein Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

The hilarious modern Christmas classic about Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole.



'Twas The Night Before... by Cirque du Soleil

November 27 – December 1
Miller High Life Theatre

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

'Twas The Night Before... is Cirque du Soleil's first holiday show, based on the classic poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholas."

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

November 29 – December 29
Marcus Performing Arts Center – Todd
Wehr Theater

414.267.2961 | firststage.org

Come home for the holidays as the most famous reindeer of all soars off the screen and lands at First Stage this season.



Photo Credit: Paul Ruffolo

D-Rock's Live Taping Special

Sat, November 30 | 7:30pm
Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

D-Rock is set to bring his unique brand of humor to the Marcus Center for a special live taping, hosted by Keep a Smile On Your Face (K.A.S.O.Y.F.) Entertainment.

Theater & Comedy

Black Nativity

December 5 – 8
Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Hughes' joyous holiday musical is a testament to his timeless work, telling the story of the Nativity through a combination of scripture, poetry, dance and song from the African-American perspective.

Dan Soder

Sat, December 7 | 7pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Add some humor to your holidays with New York City-based comedian and actor Dan Soder who's best known as "Mafee" on the hit series "Billions" on Showtime.

The Nutcracker: Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium

December 7 – 24
Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Uihlein Hall

414.902.2103 | milwaukeeballet.org

After its landmark opening year of record-setting audience attendance and universal critical acclaim, The Nutcracker: Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium is back and more magical than ever! Journey into the Imaginarium to experience the wonder of the holidays.



Photo Credit: Rachel Malehorn



Photo Credit: Jenny Plevin

History That Doesn't Suck with Professor Greg Jackson

Thu, December 12 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Professor Greg Jackson tells the epic tale of "The Unlikely Union," weaving defining moments in American history (1754-1865) into a thrilling narrative of a young nation struggling to form, define and reform itself.

René Vaca

Fri, December 13 | 7pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

After dropping out of college to pursue his passion for comedy, Vaca has made significant strides as a stand-up comedian, writer and actor.

PAW Patrol Live!

December 14 – 15
Miller High Life Theatre

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

With heroic action, catchy tunes and bark-loads of interactive fun, PAW Patrol's electrifying new adventure is sure to leave tails wagging and audiences cheering.



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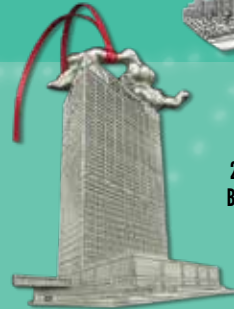
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Candlelight: A Tribute to Adele

Thu, November 21 | 8:30pm
The Abbey at St. James 1868

stjames1868.com

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Old Crow Medicine Show

Fri, November 22 | 8pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Hear from America's most beloved old-time string band and one of Nashville's most revered musical torchbearers.

Bach's Christmas Oratorio

November 22 – 24
Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

Now considered one of Bach's most opulent musical achievements, his Christmas Oratorio went unheard for over a century after its first performances, until a resurgence of holiday celebrations brought it back into fashion.

Jeezy

Sat, November 23 | 8pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Hear a career-spanning set, from "Soul Survivor" (featuring Akon) and "My Hood" to "White Girl" and "Corporate Thuggin'."

Concert for Peace

Sun, November 24 | 5pm
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

414.229.4308 | presentmusic.org

A powerful Thanksgiving concert infused with gospel influences and a call for unity against brutality.

Showtime at the Apollo

Wed, November 27 | 6pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

An all-ages show featuring dance teams, comedians and all genres of music.



Blippi: Join The Band Tour!

Fri, November 29 | 6pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

C'mon and join Blippi to make music in your hometown in the brand new live Blippi: Join the Band Tour!

Black Friday Retro Dance Party

Fri, November 29 | 6pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

It's a Black Friday retro dance night! Radio Radio, The Salford Lads Club, Substance101 and DJ Paul H team up for the biggest retro dance party of the year!





The Muppet Christmas Carol

November 29 – December 1
Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

Experience Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale as only the Muppets can tell it. The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra plays the memorable score while the delightful family film plays on the big screen.

Christmas with Lorie Line

Sun, December 1 | 3pm

Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Spend an intimate evening with Lorie Line around the piano as she shares heartwarming stories and celebrates the true meaning of Christmas.

Prometheus Trio Milwaukee

Mon, December 2 | 7pm

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music –
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414.276.5760 | wcmusic.org

The Prometheus Trio performs their blend of classical chamber music, creating an unforgettable experience for all.

"Festival Carols & Bells" Holiday Pajama Jamboree

Wed, December 4 | 7pm

Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Bradley Pavilion

262.853.6085 | festivalcitysymphony.org

Enjoy an hour of kid-friendly music, featuring a joyous sing-along finale with Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival." It's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit and create delightful memories together.

Canadian Brass

Thu, December 5 | 7:30pm

Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

Ring in the holiday season with the internationally renowned, award-winning Canadian Brass performing seasonal favorites, holiday classics and brass standards.



Joe Russo's Almost Dead

Thu, December 5 | 8pm

The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Truck back in time with a Grateful Dead cover band that plays with an unmatched rawness and energy.

The Commercialists: Charlie Brown Christmas

Fri, December 6 | 7pm & 9pm

Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

Local favorites The Commercialists bring their annual holiday tradition back to the Bradley Symphony Center. Sit right on the stage as you experience a live performance of the Vince Guaraldi Trio's "A Charlie Brown Christmas," complete with bar service.

Harry Potter in Concert

December 6 – 8

The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Experience "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 2" in a way you've never seen it before! The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra performs the iconic score as the film is projected onto a high-definition screen.

Adrian Dunn's Wonderful: A Soulful Celebration

Sat, December 7 | 7:30pm

Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

Drums, guitars, and tambourines will alight in a festive celebration of an adventurous, deeply soulful musical style that continues to inspire hope and spark change.

A Nostalgic Night with Macaulay Culkin following a Screening of "Home Alone"

Sat, December 7 | 8pm

Miller High Life Theatre

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Enjoy a special screening of the timeless classic, "Home Alone," followed by an exclusive moderated interview and audience Q&A with the one and only Macaulay Culkin.

R&B Forever Tour: Bell Biv DeVoe, "TGT" Tyrese, Ginuwine Tank, Silk

Sun, December 8 | 7pm

Fiserv Forum

414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com

The pinnacle R&B event of the season, this show spans three decades of iconic hits in one night.

Florentine Opera Concert at MPM

Mon, December 9 | 1pm

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

The Florentine Opera's Baumgartner Studio Artists return to MPM to perform Christmas hymns and classic holiday songs in front of the *Butterfly Vivarium*. This event is part of SPARK!'s annual celebration but also open to Museum visitors.



Luminare Christmas

Thu, December 12 | 7:30pm

Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Experience a Christmas rock concert that will take you on a powerful visual and musical journey.

Carols & Classics

Thu, December 12 | 7:30pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

414.291.5700 | florentineopera.org

Listen to timeless Christmas and holiday music from around the world, featuring the Florentine Opera's Baumgartner Studio Artists and Milwaukee Children's Choir.

Dean Z – The Ultimate Elvis Christmas

Fri, December 13 | 7:30pm

The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

It won't be a Blue Christmas for Elvis fans this year! Dean Z, known as one of the world's greatest Elvis tribute artists, brings his energy to town.



Candlelight: Christmas Carols on Strings

Fri, December 13 | 6:30pm & 8:30pm

Sat, December 21 | 6:30pm

The Abbey at St. James 1868

stjames1868.com

Enjoy a live, multi-sensory musical experience in an awe-inspiring location.

Music & Movies

Voices of Glad Tidings

December 13 – 15
Basilica of St. Josaphat
414.481.8801 | belcanto.org

Enjoy songs of comfort and joy sung by Bel Canto Chorus.

Hometown Holiday Pops

December 14 – 22
Bradley Symphony Center
414.291.7605 | mso.org

Celebrate the season with a musical jubilee of cherished classics, yuletide carols and festive sing-alongs performed by your one and only orchestra.

The King's Singers

Mon, December 16 | 7:30pm
Bradley Symphony Center
414.291.7605 | mso.org

Celebrate the magic of Christmas with The King's Singers, who have represented the gold standard in a cappella singing on the world's greatest stages for over 50 years.

Pentatonix

Tue, December 17 | 7pm
Fiserv Forum

414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com
Pentatonix's holiday tradition returns with its biggest Christmas tour yet! The three-time GRAMMY® Award-winning and Daytime EMMY® Award-nominated quintet will stop at Fiserv Forum to celebrate this year's holiday season.



Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis

Thu, December 19 | 8pm
The Riverside Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

The holiday tradition continues! Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis has been America's favorite holiday tradition for more than 35 years!



Squirrel Nut Zippers' Christmas Caravan

Fri, December 20 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

The Squirrel Nut Zippers bring their joyous, raucous Christmas Caravan Tour back again, performing all of the hits from holidays past.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Sun, December 22 | 3pm & 7:30pm
Fiserv Forum
414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra will bring its monumental winter tour, "The Lost Christmas Eve," to Fiserv Forum, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Hunger Task Force.

An Evening with Peter Billingsley & A Christmas Story

Sat, December 28 | 7pm
The Pabst Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Enjoy a screening of the 1983 film and a moderated Q&A where Billingsley will share stories from the movie set, behind-the-scenes photos, and memories from the Christmas classic.



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Ongoing
Downtown Milwaukee
sculpturemilwaukee.com

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Triangulador: The Art of Liubóv Szwako

Now thru December 2
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.276.8686 | saintkatearts.com

This kaleidoscopic survey of the artist's self-taught, hard-edged and richly textured compositions presents the mature realization of Szwako's childhood engagement with graffiti lettering and graphic design. The exhibit includes a site specific mural installation.

Gil Reid and Friends: Working on the Railroad

Now thru December 22
Grohmann Museum

414.277.2300 | msoc.edu/grohmann-museum

Gil Reid and Friends is a must-see for any rail fan. From initial sketches to printed product, the railroad art of this amazing watercolorist is joined by other images of railroading from the museum's collection.

A Century from Sopra Mare

Now thru December 22
Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum

414.296.1101 | villaterrace.org

Uncover the hidden histories of the Villa Terrace, from private residence to iconic Milwaukee landmark. See items from the Smith family on display for the first time, and learn about the Villa's origins and the numerous Milwaukeeans who have built this space.

The Milwaukee Road: Rails of Innovation

Now thru December 31
Central Library

414.286.3000 | mpl.org

This exhibit celebrates one of America's most transformative railroads. Officially known as the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, the Milwaukee Road was a pioneering force in rail transportation, shaping the Midwest and beyond.

Currents 39: LaToya M. Hobbs, Carving Out Time

Now thru January 5
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Carving Out Time shows the artist balancing her many priorities. Its five 8-by-12-foot scenes depict moments in a typical day for Hobbs, her husband and their two children, ending with a self-portrait of Hobbs in her studio when she finally has time to create new work.



LaToya M. Hobbs (American, b. 1983), printed by BIG INK (founded 2012), "Scene 2: Homeschool and Housework", from the series "Carving Out Time", 2020–2021. Purchase, with funds from the Lucia K. Stern Trust, Kevin Fahey and Ray Grzebielski Fund, Cory and Michelle Nettles, the African American Art Alliance, Brewers Community Foundation, Angela and Virgis Colbert, Print Forum, and Gregory and Lisa Wesley, M2023.292.2a-c. Image courtesy of LaToya M. Hobbs, artist, and Ariston Jacks, photographer.

Groundbreaking: The Evolution of a Natural History Museum

Now thru January 20
Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

MPM invites visitors on a journey through the institution's past, present and future, to explore the ways it has changed and grown with its many revolutionary achievements and to see how this tradition of innovation will continue in its new home.

Against the Grain: The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin

Now thru January 26
Jewish Museum Milwaukee

414.390.5730 | jewishmuseummilwaukee.org

Bernard Perlin was a minority, outsider, gay man, and pursuer of truth, beauty, and justice. This exhibit celebrates and brings deserved visibility to an individual who lived passionately and unapologetically against the grain.

Robert Longo: The Acceleration of History

Now thru February 23
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Robert Longo has long examined the effects of our image-saturated culture. The artist sources his subject matter from the media to create ambitiously scaled charcoal drawings that reflect on the construction of symbols of power and authority. That includes images of animals and nature, as well as global conflicts and protest movements.



Robert Longo (American, b. 1953), "Untitled (Snow Storm Forest)", 2023. Charcoal on mounted paper. 93 1/4 x 140 in. (236.86 x 355.6 cm). Private collection.

Light and Shadow: John Constable's English Landscapes in Print

Now thru March 16
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

The renowned nineteenth-century landscape painter John Constable produced, with printmaker David Lucas, a series of mezzotint prints based on some of his oil sketches, watercolors and drawings. The prints depict the English countryside and demonstrate the "chiaroscuro of nature" through various dark and light tones.



John Constable (English, 1776–1837), engraved by David Lucas (English, 1802–1881), A Seabeach (detail), from Various Subjects of Landscape, Characteristic of English Scenery, from Pictures Painted by John Constable R.A., printed 1830, published 1830–32. Mezzotint. Image: 5 1/2 x 8 5/8 in. (13.97 x 21.91 cm). Purchase, Erich C. Stern Fund, in memory of Lucia K. Stern, and the Gertrude Nunnemacher Schuchardt Fund, presented by William H. Schuchardt, M1997.53.7.

True Story: Photography, Journalism, and Media

November 15 – March 16
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Drawn from the Museum's photography and media arts collection, True Story: Photography, Journalism, and Media explores ways that photographers and artists have understood and wielded the power of images to convey the events of our world.



Homegrown: Wisconsin Pop Culture

November 15 – March 22
Milwaukee County Historical Society
414.273.8288 | milwaukeehistory.net

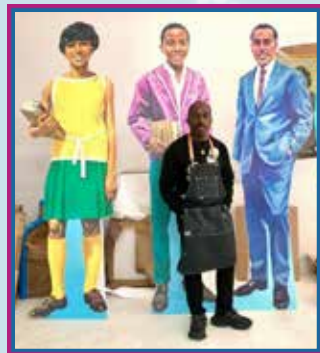
From the Packers and Oscar Meyer to Liberace and Trixie Mattel, join the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Milwaukee County Historical Society as they partner to present the exhibition "Homegrown: Wisconsin Pop Culture." Learn about iconic Badger State contributions to TV, media, sports and industry, from Happy Days to Harley Davidson to Hildegard and more. View items spotlighting Wisco-culture and gain a better understanding of our place in popular culture history.



On Site: Derrick Adams: Our Time Together

Now through May 11
Milwaukee Art Museum
414.224.3200 | mam.org

Baltimore-born, Brooklyn-based artist Derrick Adams reframes historical Black narratives and examines the role of the media in shaping identity.



Artist Derrick Adams in his Brooklyn studio.
Photo courtesy of Derrick Adams Studio.

8th Annual Book Sale

Sat, November 16 | 10am to 4pm
Sun, November 17 | 12pm to 4pm
Milwaukee County Historical Society
414.273.8288 | milwaukeehistory.net

Rifle through photos, books, postcards, magazines and other items. All proceeds support Milwaukee County Historical Society.



Milwaukee Art Museum Store: Holiday Shopping Weekend

November 29 – December 1
10am to 5pm
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Kick off your holiday shopping in the reimagined Museum Store and find the perfect gift for all of the art lovers on your list! Now spanning two floors, the store offers an expanded collection of the art-inspired designs you know and love, plus even more jewelry, designer pieces, and Museum-exclusive treasures.

Farm to Frame

Opens December 6
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

The paintings and prints featured in Farm to Frame depict scenes of crop production specific to Wisconsin and give insight into the daily life of a farmer. Some works present romanticized views of the trade, while others showcase the harsh realities of rural life.

Gallery Talks

Various Dates and Times
Milwaukee Art Museum

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Ongoing, Wed | 9:30am to 11am
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

This Lake Michigan exhibit showcases the fish in our own backyard. Watch divers in the 85,000-gallon Lake Michigan tank as they care for and feed sturgeon.



Kohl's Design It! Lab Open

Ongoing, Sat & Sun | 9am to 3:30pm
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Bring the whole family to the Kohl's Design It! Lab to make wonderfully creative projects that you can take home. Projects can take anywhere from 5-20 minutes.

Animal Encounters

Sat, December 14 | 10am to 10:30am
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Reptiles and snakes are some of the most fascinating creatures on the planet. Join Discovery World aquarists for an adventure in the Great Lakes Future exhibit as you meet the animal ambassadors that call Discovery World home.



Story Time in the Galleries

Ongoing, Sat | 10:30am to 11am
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Meet in Windhover Hall near the admission desks and walk with the reader to the galleries. Then listen to a story that relates to a work of art before creating a drawing inspired by what you have seen and heard.

Drop-In Art Making: Kohl's Art Studio

Ongoing, Sat & Sun | 10am to 4pm
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Drop in for family art-making activities inspired by the Museum's collection and exhibitions. The studio project changes each month to highlight new mediums and techniques.

Space Aliens

Opens November 1 | 12pm & 3:45pm

Milwaukee Public Museum –
Daniel M. Soref Planetarium

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

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Thu, November 21 & December 19
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Betty Brinn Children's Museum

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All guests receive free admission to the Betty Brinn Children's Museum on the third Thursday of every month.



Mermaid Echo Live

Sun, December 1 | 11am & 12:30pm
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Mermaid Echo connects kids with aquatic ecology in a creative way. Watch Echo swim with underwater friends while you learn about freshwater and the creatures that call the water home.



Family Magic Show

Sun, November 24 & December 29
2pm to 3pm

Brumder Mansion

326.236.1868

Bring the family and have some magical fun at the Brumder Mansion. Hosted by magicians and comedians Two Brothers One Mind and featuring a rotating cast of entertainers.



Kohl's Thank You Thursday

Thu, December 5 | 10am to 5pm
Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

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UWM Panther Arena

414.227.0550 | mkedogpark.com

The Milwaukee Admirals host their annual bring-your-dog-to-the-game day. Proceeds from tickets bought through mkedogpark.com will benefit the fundraising efforts to develop Downtown Milwaukee's first public dog park.

MKE Tip-Off

Sun, December 15 | 12pm, 2:30pm, 5pm

Fiserv Forum

414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com

Kwik Trip Holiday Face-Off College Hockey Tournament

December 28 & 29 | 1:30pm

Fiserv Forum

414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com



Harlem Globetrotters

Tue, December 31 | 12pm & 5pm

Fiserv Forum

414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com



Milwaukee Admirals

UWM Panther Arena

414.227.0550 | milwaukeeadmirals.com

vs. Rockford Icehogs

Sat, November 30 | 6pm

vs. Cleveland Monsters

Tue, December 3 | 7pm

vs. Iowa Wild

Fri, December 13 | 7pm

vs. Texas Stars

Sat, December 21 | 6pm

vs. Chicago Wolves

Fri, December 27 | 7pm

vs. Cleveland Monsters

Mon, December 30 | 7pm



Milwaukee Bucks

Fiserv Forum

414.227.0599 | bucks.com

vs. Indiana Pacers

Fri, November 22 | 6:30pm

vs. Charlotte Hornets

Sat, November 23 | 7pm

vs. Washington Wizards

Sat, November 30 | 7pm

vs. Atlanta Hawks

Wed, December 4 | 7pm

vs. Washington Wizards

Sat, December 21 | 7pm

vs. Brooklyn Nets

Thu, December 26 | 7pm



Milwaukee Wave

UWM Panther Arena

414.224.WAVE | milwaukeewave.com

vs. Monterrey Flash

Sat, December 7 | 6:05pm

vs. Baltimore Blast

Fri, December 20 | 6:35pm

vs. Dallas Sidekicks

Sat, December 28 | 6:05pm

vs. Dallas Sidekicks

Tue, December 31 | 3:05pm

Marquette University – Men's Basketball

Fiserv Forum

414.288.4668 | gomarquette.com

vs. Stonehill

Wed, November 27 | 8pm

vs. Western Carolina

Sat, November 30 | 1pm

vs. Wisconsin

Sat, December 7 | 12:30pm

vs. Butler

Wed, December 18 | 8pm



Marquette University – Women's Basketball

Al McGuire Center

414.288.4668 | gomarquette.com

vs. IU Indy

Sun, November 24 | 12pm

vs. Indiana State

Tue, December 3 | 6:30pm

vs. Illinois State

Sun, December 8 | 2pm

vs. UW Milwaukee

Sun, December 15 | 2pm

vs. Stonehill

Sat, December 21 | 12pm

UWM Men's Basketball

UWM Panther Arena

414.229.5886 | mkepanthers.com

vs. Portland State

Fri, November 22 | 7pm

vs. Wofford

Sat, November 23 | 3pm

vs. St. Thomas

Sun, November 24 | 1:30pm

vs. Cleveland State

Thu, December 5 | 7pm

vs. North Central

Sun, December 22 | 2pm

vs. IU Indy

Sun, December 29 | 2pm

UWM Women's Basketball

Klotsche Center

414.229.5886 | mkepanthers.com

vs. Northern Illinois
Sun, November 24 | 12pm

vs. Green Bay
Wed, December 11 | 6pm



MSOE Women's Basketball

Kern Center

414.227.2850 | msoeraiders.com

vs. Mount Mary University
Tue, November 26 | 7pm

vs. Rockford University
Wed, December 4 | 7:15pm

vs. UW Platteville
Wed, December 11 | 7pm

vs. UW Superior
Mon, December 23 | 1pm

MSOE Men's Hockey

Kern Center

414.227.2850 | msoeraiders.com

vs. Adrian College
Fri, December 13 | 7pm

vs. Adrian College
Sat, December 14 | 3pm



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New Year's Eve & Day

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Tue, December 31 | 7pm to 12:30am
The Pfister Hotel – Blu

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Ring in the New Year in style at Blu. The Pfister Hotel's signature cocktail lounge on the 23rd floor. Flexible time slots are available! Live music will add to the celebration. Enjoy special packages, including reserved tables, premium champagne, party favors and a dessert display. VIP packages with stellar views are available.

NYEMKE

Tue, December 31
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
nyemke.com

The 3rd Annual NYEMKE party is back! This event is a high-end New Year's Eve experience designed to be the best party in Milwaukee. Dress to impress and be ready to have an amazing night full of great decor, drinks and entertainment with a Casino Royale theme. Don't miss out on the ultimate New Year's Eve celebration!



New Year's Eve Dinner at ARIA

Tue, December 31 | 5pm to 11pm
ARIA at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Ring in 2025 with an enhanced New Year's Eve menu at ARIA.

New Year's Eve at Giggly

Tue, December 31
Giggly at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel
414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Ring in the New Year at Milwaukee's only champagne bar, Giggly at Saint Kate! Enjoy a distinct selection of champagne, cocktails and wine as you count down to 2025.

New Year's Eve at the Bar

Tue, December 31 | 3pm
The Bar at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel
414.291.4797 | saintkatearts.com

Join Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel for live musical entertainment, party favors, and a champagne toast at midnight.



New Year's Eve at Mason Street Grill

Wed, December 31 | 5pm to 10pm
Mon, January 1 | 4pm to 9pm
Mason Street Grill

414.298.3131 | masonstreetgrill.com

With acquaintances old or new, Mason Street Grill is the place to be to ring in the New Year. Enjoy wood-grilled classics and fresh seafood along with a special New Year's Eve prix fixe menu for \$125 per person. Private dining rooms are also available for your special holiday gathering.

New Year's Day Brunch

Wed, January 1 | 8am
Giggly at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel
414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Start 2025 right at Giggly, Milwaukee's only champagne bar, with a New Year's Day celebration featuring spectacular Bubbles & Brunch!



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