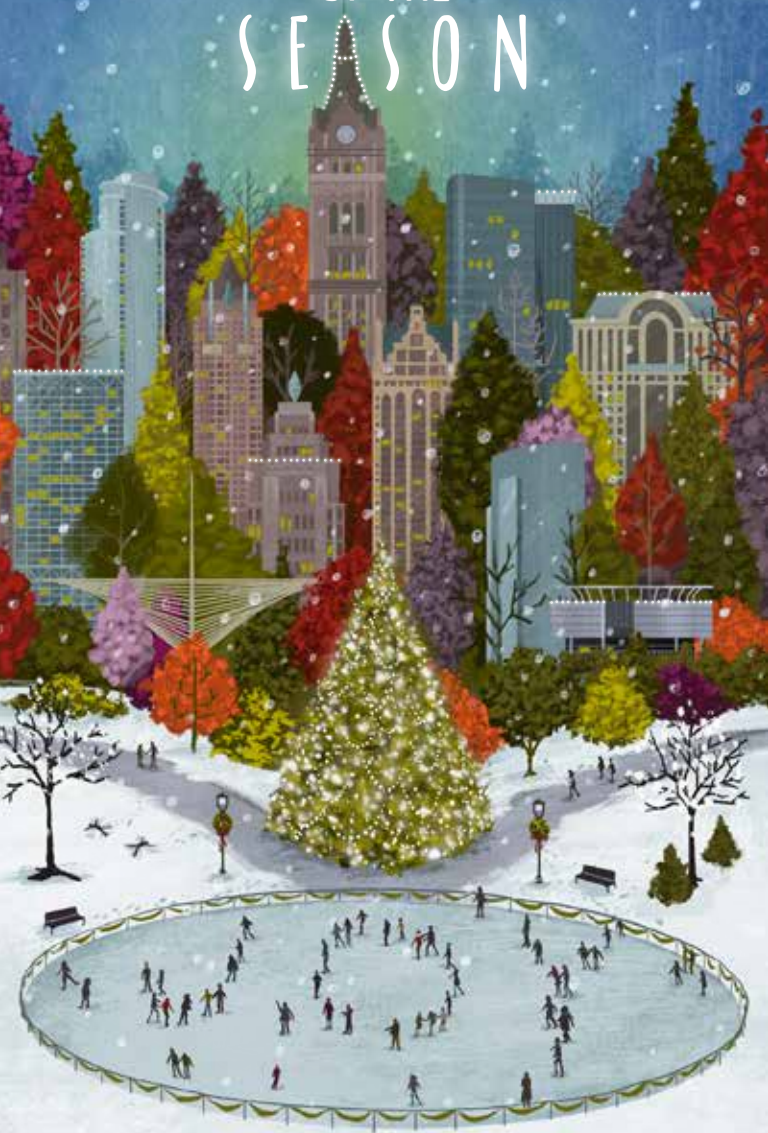


MILWAUKEE HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON



MILWAUKEE HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 20, 2025 - JANUARY 1, 2026
DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE

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Brighten your spirits with more than a half million holidays lights, charming interactive displays and a ho-ho-host of festive events. It's all part of the 27th annual Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival presented by Johnson Financial Group, where holiday revelers are treated to a season of wonder and amazement.

The highlight of the Festival 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 for a guided tour led by Milwaukee Downtown's Public Service Ambassadors.

While you're Downtown discovering the sights, tack on dinner, a show, ice skating or a meet-and-greet with the head elf himself. We've stuffed six weeks of holiday highlights into this handy guide, to help make your visit extraordinary. So, whether you're here for an afternoon or an extended stay, make Downtown Milwaukee the highlight of your season!

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KICKOFF & JINGLE BUS

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Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival Kickoff Extravaganza

Thu, November 20 | 6:30pm
Pere Marquette Park
Pre-show entertainment starts at 5:30pm

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FINANCIAL GROUP*



We're brightening spirits with more than a half million holiday highlights, and we invite you to celebrate with us when we switch them on. Other highlights of the evening will include live music, dance routines, fireworks, a visit from the Clauses, free goodies and more. Then, take a free Jingle Bus tour of the scenes sprinkled throughout the rest of Downtown.

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 Tours

WEATHER PERMITTING

December 5 – December 28

Fri – Sun | 5pm to 9pm

Red Arrow Park

Ooh and ahh at the winter wonderland scenes scattered throughout Downtown Milwaukee by hopping on the Jingle Bus, 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 Zeldler Union Square, "¡Felices Fiestas!" at Pere Marquette Park, and "Slice of Ice Lights" at Red Arrow Park.

Jingle Bus tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased at milwaukeeholidaylights.com. Guests can choose their tour date and time online, with an option to take a Spanish language tour on Sundays. Tickets may also be purchased on-site with cash.



This year, buses will depart from the Festival's new Warming House sponsored by Verizon at Red Arrow Park. Jingle Bus riders will receive a complimentary cocoa and cookie from Biggby Coffee and can enjoy ice skating before or after their tour once the Slice of Ice rink opens. Skate rentals are \$11 for adults and \$9 for children. Ice skating is free with your own skates.

Jingle Bus parking is available at the BMO Tower garage, 771 N. Broadway, for only \$3.24, thanks to Interstate Parking. Please see the Jingle Bus info table for parking validation.

Please note, the Jingle Bus will operate free from Pere Marquette Park on Kickoff night, Nov. 20. Jingle Bus service is weather permitting.



Please note, events and activities are subject to change or cancellation.

SIGHTS TO SEE

CATHEDRAL SQUARE PARK

Community Spirit Park

SPONSORED BY 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 nearly 100 area schools and organizations. Be sure to discover the magical Singing Tree, which twinkles in real time to the sound of music, singing and clapping.



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SIGHTS TO SEE

RED ARROW PARK

Slice of Ice Lights

SPONSORED BY MGIC & MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Home to the Jingle Bus Warming House and the "Slice of Ice" skating rink, Red Arrow Park twinkles with holiday décor, setting the mood for enchanting evenings.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
PARKS

MGIC



PERE MARQUETTE PARK

¡Felices Fiestas!

SPONSORED BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Holiday fantasies come to life in this fairytale scene featuring a dragon, prince and princess, toy soldiers and a giant castle. Other lighted sculptures include a frog transforming into a prince, a unicorn and a wizard.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
PARKS

Santa's Mailbox

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

November 10 – December 14
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.



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.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
PARKS



WE Energies
Foundation



WISCONSIN AVENUE – 8TH STREET TO PROSPECT AVENUE

Cascading Chandeliers

Nearly 20 glittering chandeliers guide guests along Downtown's main street. Decorative storefronts and embellished harp lamps add to the enchantment.



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THE ORNAMENT TRAIL

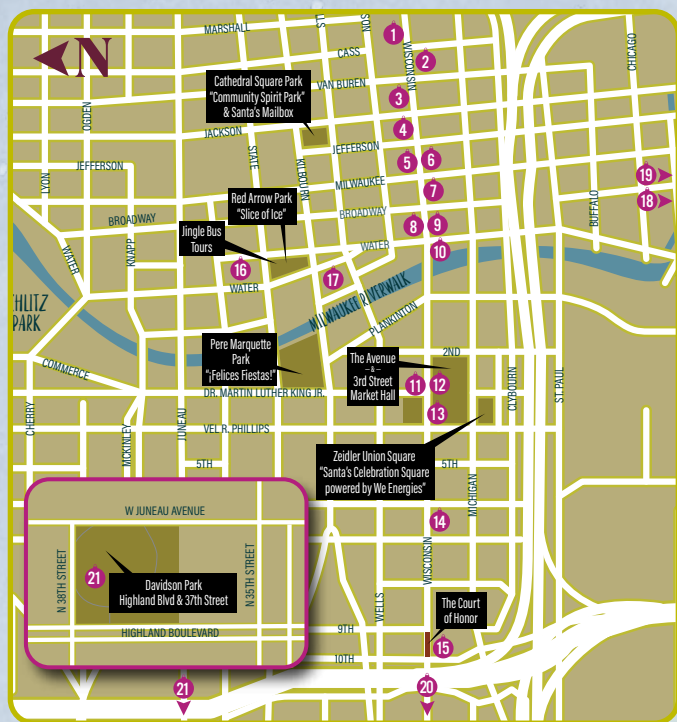
THE ORNAMENT TRAIL

November 20 – January 18

Downtown Milwaukee

Coordinated by Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21 and the Downtown Placemaking Task Force, The Ornament Trail adorns Wisconsin Avenue, as well as select locations on Water Street and nearby neighborhoods, including the Historic Third Ward and Near West Side. New this year, the art installation has expanded to 20 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, 301 W. Wisconsin Avenue, or go to milwaukeeholidaylights.com to download a copy.



1. Blossom

DANIEL FLEMING

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 CAFÉ
600 EAST CAFÉ –
600 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE

4. Untitled

THE COUTO BROTHERS

THE MILWAUKEE CLUB –
706 N. JEFFERSON 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. Winter's Rabbit

DREW YORK

333 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE

8. Flourish & Frolic

EMMA DAISY GERTEL

Sponsored by Two-Fifty and HNTB

TWO-FIFTY – 250 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE

9. The Four Graces

NOVA CZARNECKI

Sponsored by Railway Exchange Building
and The Colby Abbot Building

RAILWAY EXCHANGE BUILDING –
229 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE

10. Merry in Pink

MONIQUE MACHUT

Sponsored by Chase Tower

CHASE TOWER – 111 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE

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

MAURICIO RAMIREZ

Sponsored by 310W

310W PLAZA – 310 W. WISCONSIN AVENUE

12. The Wonder Years

ADJUA NSOROMA

THE AVENUE – 301 W. WISCONSIN AVENUE

13. Wrapping Paper

BYADA MEREDITH

HUB640 – 331 W. WISCONSIN AVENUE

14. Painting the Town

DAVE WATKINS

THE CLARKE BUILDING –
633 W. WISCONSIN AVENUE

15. 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

16. The Joys of Winter

ROZALIA SINGH

Sponsored by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren
REINHART BOERNER VAN DEUREN –
1000 N. WATER STREET

17. 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

18. Winter Reflections

JOSEPHINE RICE

Sponsored by Historic Third Ward
SKYLIGHT MUSIC THEATRE –
158 N. BROADWAY

19. Snow Season

CERA

Sponsored by Historic Third Ward
322 N. BROADWAY

20. The Frost Bound Familiar

THYLA ARDEN

Sponsored by Near West Side Partners
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY – CAMPUS

21. Holiday Harley

CK REED

Sponsored by Harley-Davidson Foundation
DAVIDSON PARK – 3725 W. JUNEAU AVENUE

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

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Afternoon Tea

Wed – Sun, Now through December 31
11am to 2pm

The Pfister Hotel – Blu

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Enjoy a tableside tea blending of Rishi Tea, your very own Pfister Tea Butler, fresh scones, sandwiches and pastries, and panoramic views. Reservations required.



Santa's Mailbox

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November 10 – December 14

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!



Deck the Streets and Village

November 16 – January 25

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

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



Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival Kickoff Extravaganza

PRESENTED BY JOHNSON FINANCIAL GROUP

Thu, November 20 | 6:30pm

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 tours. Pre-show entertainment begins at 5:30pm.

The Ornament Trail

November 20 – January 18

Downtown Milwaukee

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Explore 20 larger-than-life, hand-painted ornaments by locally and nationally renowned artists.



Merry & Bright in Flight by John Kowalczyk

Christmas at Pabst Mansion

November 20 – January 4

Pabst Mansion

414.931.0808 | pabstmansion.com

A holiday tradition the whole family can enjoy! Delight in the wonderment of Christmas at the Pabst Mansion, where no two Christmases are the same. From glitz and glam to a winter wonderland, each room is decked from tip to mistletoe.



City of Milwaukee Christmas Tree Lighting

CHEER DISTRICT, PRESENTED BY THE WE ENERGIES FOUNDATION

Fri, November 21 | 5pm to 7pm

Fiserv Forum Plaza

deerdistrict.com

The 112th annual City of Milwaukee Christmas tree lighting will take place in Deer District. Enjoy free hot cocoa, live performances, and a visit from Santa and his reindeer. Program begins at 6pm.

Deer District Holiday Market

CHEER DISTRICT, PRESENTED BY THE WE ENERGIES FOUNDATION

November 21 – 30 | 4pm to 9pm

Fiserv Forum Plaza

deerdistrict.com

Deer District will tip off the winter season by hosting the first Deer District Holiday Market, presented by Deer District BID #53. The market will showcase a curated lineup of local vendors, holiday-themed photo opportunities, and seasonal food and beverage specials. The market is free to attend and will be open daily, excluding Nov. 27.

FEZtival of Trees

November 22 – 29

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 home.

Harley-Davidson Deer Widows Weekend

Sat, November 22 | 1pm to 5pm

H-D Museum

414.287.2789 | h-dmuseum.com

Skip the woods and head to the H-D Shop for fashion, freedom and fun — all in one place. Ladies, this one's for YOU. While they're in the woods, you'll be hunting deals, style and good times. Enjoy live music, themed cocktails, raffles and exclusive offers. Wear blaze orange or camo for an additional 10% off your purchase.

Milwaukee Turkey Trot

Thu, November 27 | 9am

McKinley and Veterans Parks

wisconsinruns.com

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

Pfister Hotel Thanksgiving Bountiful Brunch

Thu, November 27 | 11am to 4:30pm

The Pfister Hotel – Grand Ballroom

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Guests will enjoy an array of fresh seafood on sculpted ice, a harvest of fresh salads and starters, an Artisan Wisconsin cheese station, and a room full of chefs preparing eggs and succulent carved meats — plus all the traditional trimmings. Reservations required.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Thanksgiving at Mason Street Grill

Thu, November 27 | 1pm to 8pm
Mason Street Grill

414.298.3131 | masonstreetgrill.com

Enjoy an all-American grill for this quintessential holiday. Mason Street Grill's regular menu will be available along with a Thanksgiving prix fixe menu.



Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner

Thu, November 27 | 11am to 7pm
The Studio at Saint Kate –
The Arts Hotel

414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Gather your loved ones for a Thanksgiving dinner that feels like home. This prix fixe menu includes all the favorite traditional dishes, so families can enjoy every moment and focus on what truly matters: making cherished memories around the table. Reservations required.

Annual Pfister Tree Lighting Ceremony

Fri, November 28 | 5pm to 6:30pm
The Pfister Hotel

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Santa returns to light The Pfister Hotel's spectacular lobby tree. Sip warm drinks and nibble on a holiday treat. Non-perishable food items will be collected for Hunger Task Force.

Twilight Tours at Pabst Mansion

Thu – Sat, November 28 – December 27
& January 3

4:30pm to 7:30pm

Pabst Mansion

414.931.0808 | pabstmansion.com

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the Mansion at night. Music will fill the space and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Breakfast with Santa

November 29 & 30,
December 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21
8:30am or 11am

The Pfister Hotel – Grand Ballroom

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Start a new tradition or continue one with a jolly breakfast with Santa and his elves. Every child will receive a special gift and can write a letter to Santa and make crafts during their experience. Complimentary professional family photos with Santa will also be available. Reservations required.

Saint Kate Holiday Marketplace

November 29 & 30 | 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 with over 60 local artists and vendors. Find the perfect gifts for friends and family, all while taking in the sights and sounds of local music and art!



Small Business Saturday

Sat, November 29

Historic Third Ward

414.273.1173 | historicthirdward.org

Explore the unique offerings around the Historic Third Ward as you #shopsall.

Milwaukee Makers Market

Sat, November 29 | 10am to 4pm

Sun, December 21 | 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.

Storytime with Santa

Sun, November 30 | 10am to 1:30pm

Sun, December 21 | 10am to 1:30pm

Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Discovery World hosts storytime and photos with Santa at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. Between sessions, Santa will stroll the building.

Santa Visits Pabst Mansion

Sun, November 30 – December 21

3pm to 5pm

Pabst Mansion

414.931.0808 | pabstmansion.com

Father Christmas will stroll the Mansion to greet guests and pose for pictures.



Hoan for the Holidays

Various Dates

Hoan Bridge

lightthehoan.com

Celebrate the season as one of the city's most iconic landmarks shines with holiday-centric colored lights.

MIAD Holiday Sale

December 4 – 6

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.



Credit: Eric Halverson

Christmas in the Ward

Fri, December 5 | 5pm 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.

Jingle Bus Tours

Fri – Sun, December 5 – 28

5pm to 9pm

(weather permitting)

Red Arrow Park

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

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

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Christmas Lights & Desserts Bus Tour

Fri – Sun, December 5 – 23

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 lighthearted holiday spirit.



Santa's Christmas Cavalcade

Sat, December 6 | Departs at 5pm

Fri, December 12 | Departs at 5pm

Downtown Milwaukee

414.220.4700 | milwaukeeholidaylights.com

See Santa and Mrs. Claus along their 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.

Santa Cycle Rampage

Sat, December 6 | 9:30am

Various Locations

414.626.1540 | wisconsinbikfed.org

Join more than 2,000 Santas, Mrs. Clauses, reindeer, grinchies, snowmen, elves, dreidels and more for this 13-mile slow-rolling holiday party on wheels.

Holiday Fun for Families at the H-D Museum

Sat, December 6, 13 & 20 | 10am to 4pm

H-D Museum

414.287.2789 | h-dmuseum.com

Celebrate the season with hands-on holiday activities for kids of all ages. Families can craft metal repousse ornaments, design moto-themed holiday cards, and make wearable paper reindeer headbands—all inspired by the art and mechanics of Harley-Davidson. Plus, kids can enjoy a scavenger hunt throughout the museum.

Christmas Around Milwaukee Bakery Bus

Fri – Sun, December 6 – 21

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 a family celebration!

Holidays on The Hop

Sun, December 7, 14 & 21 | 4pm to 6pm

thehopmke.com

Enjoy live music and holiday cheer on Downtown's free streetcar service. Guests include Marquette University's The Meladies (Dec. 7), JL Russell (Dec. 14) and Sarah Fierek (Dec. 21). Each event also includes free holiday cookies.



Hover Craft: Handmade Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

Sun, December 7 | 12pm to 6pm

Pritzlaff Building

hovercraftmke.com

Brimming with one-of-a-kind handiwork, get your ticket online today!

"Very Merry" Celebration at the Milwaukee County Historical Society

Sun, December 7 | 10am to 1pm

Milwaukee County Historical Society

414.273.8288 | milwaukeehistory.net

Families are invited to bring their kids to take pictures with Santa and hear stories from Mrs. Claus. There will be festive food, jolly music and loads of fun for all ages.

Breakfast with Santa at the H-D Museum

Sun, December 7, 14 & 21 | 10am to 2pm

H-D Museum – Rumble

414.287.2789 | h-dmuseum.com

Celebrate the season with a festive family brunch and a visit from Santa Claus himself. Each reservation includes a hearty holiday brunch buffet, a cookie decorating station, letter writing to Santa, holiday movies, and a visit and photo opportunity with Santa (bring your own camera).



Slice of Ice

December through Early March 2026 (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. Skate rentals are \$11 for adults and \$9 for children. Ice skating is free with your own skates.

Sugar & Spice Gingerbread Workshop

December 9 – 11 & 16 – 18

The Pfister Hotel

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Hosted by The Pfister Hotel's talented pastry team, this delightful experience invites guests of all ages to decorate a beautifully pre-assembled gingerbread house with an abundant array of confections. Registration required.

Old Milwaukee Mixer

Thu, December 11 | 7pm to 9:30pm

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Eat, drink and be merry! Celebrate the season with an after-hours holiday mixer set in the glow of the *Streets of Old Milwaukee* and *European Village* exhibits. Savor curated small bites with perfectly paired seasonal drinks as you explore how winter traditions were celebrated in the Victorian era and beyond. Enjoy festive décor, a barbershop quartet, photo ops and more. Visit mpm.edu for tickets.

Cocoa with the Clauses

Sat, December 13 | 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 will be provided, thanks to Educators Credit Union.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

European Village Alive!

Sat, December 13 | 11am to 3pm
Milwaukee Public Museum
414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Learn about the history of European holiday traditions from MPM's docents, dressed in period attire, who will share stories with visitors throughout the delightfully decorated *European Village* exhibit. Included with admission.

Brunch with Santa

December 13 & 14 | 9am & 11:30am
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel
414.276.8686 | 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. Reservations required.

Cocoa & Claus

Sat, December 20 | 9am to 12pm
Betty Brinn Children's Museum
414.390.5437 | bbcmkids.org
Snap photos with Santa, sip hot cocoa and stay for story time. Purchase tickets online.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Dinner

December 24 & 25 | 4pm to 9pm
The Studio at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel
414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

This holiday season, give yourself the gift of a hassle-free celebration. Visit The Studio for a prix fixe menu filled with festive favorites. Reservations required.



A Mason Street Grill Christmas

Wed, December 24 | 4pm to 9pm
Thu, December 25 | 1pm to 8pm
Mason Street Grill

414.298.3131 | masonstreetgrill.com
Experience classic American favorites in a sophisticated environment for Christmas Eve or Day.

Pfister Christmas Celebration Brunch

Thu, December 25 | 9am to 2:30pm
The Pfister Hotel
414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Enjoy a spectacular buffet featuring a delicious assortment of fresh seafood, Wisconsin's finest cheeses, carved meats, omelets made to order, holiday salads and starters, a vast array of mouth-watering entrées, and decadent desserts loved by big and small elves alike. Reservations required.

Holiday Nights at Il Cervo

Ongoing
Il Cervo
414.279.6660 | ilcervorestaurant.com
Celebrate the season with handcrafted holiday cocktails and skyline views from Milwaukee's rooftop Italian restaurant. Cozy up by the firepits and toast to the holidays high above the city.

THEATER & COMEDY

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Now through December 21
Associated Bank Theater Center –
Stackner Cabaret

414.224.9490 | milwaukeeep.com
This uplifting classic comes to life as a high-energy radio play, blending retro charm with humor, heart and hilarious hijinks gift wrapped for you and your loved ones of all ages.

Come From Away

November 4 – December 14
Associated Bank Theater Center –
Checota Powerhouse Theater
414.224.9490 | milwaukeeep.com
Revel in the inspiring true story of nearly 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Canada that welcomed them with open arms. A joyous celebration of kindness, community and the power of human connection.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat®

November 14 – December 28
Broadway Theatre Center –
Cabot Theatre
414.291.7800 | skylightmusictheatre.org
Get ready for a vibrant holiday treat. Follow the trials, tribulations and triumphs of Biblical superstar Joseph, who is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers.

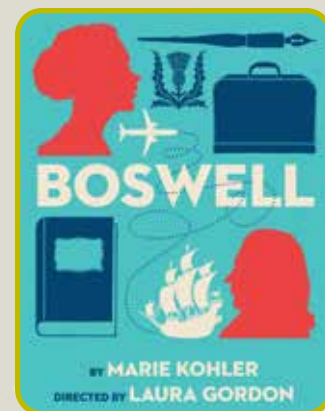
Murder Girl

November 14 – 30
Broadway Theatre Center –
Studio Theatre
414.291.7800
milwaukeechambertheatre.org
Discover a hilarious and heartfelt new mystery blending classic suspense with small-town soul, proving that sometimes the family you'd kill for are the same people you'd love to kill.

BOSWELL

November 19 – December 14
Next Act Theatre

414.278.0765 | nextact.org
Heart and mind spar wittily in this festive, epic and historical adventure of friendship, travel and the written word.



The Pigeon Gets a Big Time Holiday Extravaganza

November 21 – December 28
Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Todd Wehr Theater
414.267.2966 | firststage.org
Catchy tunes, silly stories, goofy gifts and audience antics: It's all in this brand-new musical party.

Wheel of Fortune LIVE!

Fri, November 21 | 7:30pm
Marcus Performing Arts Center –
Uihlein Hall
414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org
An all-new live stage show where audience members are selected as contestants.

Jeff Arcuri: (UN)Scripted

Fri, November 21 | 7pm & 9:30pm
The Riverside Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
A master of comedy and a genius at crowd work, Arcuri's stories are wickedly hilarious.

THEATER & COMEDY

Atsuko Okatsuka: The Big Bowl Tour

Sat, November 22 | 7pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Blending joy and vulnerability, Okatsuka captivates audiences worldwide with masterful storytelling.

A Drag Queen Christmas

Sat, November 22 | 8pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Get ready for your favorite queens performing live on stage.

Theresa Caputo

Sun, November 23 | 3pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Long Island medium, and star of the Lifetime series *Raising Spirits*, Caputo shares her gift to communicate with those who have passed on.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas – The Musical

November 25 – 30
Marcus Performing Arts Center – Uihlein Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Magnificent sets and costumes inspired by Dr. Seuss' original illustrations help transport audiences to the whimsical world of Whoville in this timeless story.



James Schultz as The Grinch and Xavier McNight as Young Max in the Touring Company of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*. Credit: Jeremy Daniel

A Christmas Carol – 50th Anniversary Production

November 25 – December 24
The Pabst Theater

414.224.9490 | milwaukeeerep.com

Milwaukee's favorite holiday tradition fills The Pabst Theater with enchanting music, dance, costumes, special effects and Christmas cheer.



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

November 26 – 30
Miller High Life Theatre

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Based on the classic poem, *'Twas the Night Before...* features thrilling acrobatics, lovable characters and a soundtrack that includes holiday classics re-invented by Cirque du Soleil.

Gabby's Dollhouse Live!

Fri, November 28 | 1pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

This brand-new stage show inspired by the magical world of the global preschool sensation.

Bingo Loco

Sat, November 29 | 6pm & 10pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Experience the world's largest bingo party!

Christmas with C.S. Lewis

Sun, November 30 | 2pm
Marcus Performing Arts Center – Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Join C.S. Lewis, portrayed by David Payne, on Christmas Eve as he shares an unforgettable assortment of Yuletide recollections.

Rory Scovel: Know Your Enemy Tour

Thu, December 4 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Comedian, actor and writer, Scovel brings his unpredictable standup special.

The Nutcracker: Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium

December 6 – 26

Marcus Performing Arts Center – Uihlein Hall

414.902.2103 | milwaukeeballet.org

Adventure into the dreamlike world of Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium. Nearly 200 dancers, including students of Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy, will illuminate Tchaikovsky's famous score.



Marie Harrison-Collins (*Nutcracker*, 2023). Credit: Rachel Malehorn

Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet

Sat, December 6 | 2pm
Miller High Life Theatre

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

A spectacular holiday experience featuring an international cast, whimsical puppetry, and opulent costumes and sets hand-crafted by the finest artisans of Europe.

Black Nativity

December 11 – 14

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.

TRAYF (Staged Reading)

Mon, December 15 | 7:30pm
Next Act Theatre

414.278.0765 | nextact.org

A staged reading of a road-trip bromance, *TRAYF* is a funny ode to the turbulence of youth and the friends that see us through.

The Second City's Jack Frost Roasting on an Open Fire

December 19 & 20

Marcus Performing Arts Center – Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Seasonal songs, sharp sketches and a healthy dose of improv all wrapped up in a hilariously irreverent package.

Champions of Magic: Holiday Spectacular

Sat, December 20 | 7:30pm
The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

Dazzling illusions, breathtaking, grand-scale magic and festive surprises for the whole family are delivered in this high-energy, interactive show.



Jeff Dunham: Artificial Intelligence Tour

Tue, December 30 | 7pm
Miller High Life Theatre

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

One of the most successful comedians in the past three decades, Dunham and his suitcase characters are back on the road.

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Handel's Messiah

November 21 – 23

Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

Handel's Messiah is among the most revered oratorios of all time, and in the hands of conductor and 18th century interpreter Nicholas McGegan, it is simply sublime. The spotlight shines on the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this season.



Thanksgiving: Of Being Numerous

Sun, November 23 | 5pm

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

414.229.4308 | presentmusic.com

The four-time GRAMMY-winning choir The Crossing will perform a new commissioned piece that examines individuality within a broader social context. The event will begin and end with performances by the southern/Ho Chunk family drum, Little Priest Singers.

A Celtic Christmas

Sun, November 23 | 6pm

Marcus Performing Arts Center – Uihlein Hall

414.273.7206 | marcuscenter.org

Prepare to be enchanted with some of the world's finest Irish dancers and musicians bringing the spirit of Christmas to life.



Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: Magic, Moonlight and Mistletoe Tour

Tue, November 25 | 8pm

The Riverside Theater

414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com

A variety show-styled evening featuring popular genre-twisting covers, with a few holiday classics sprinkled in.

Home Alone 2: Lost in New York in Concert

November 28 – 30

Bradley Symphony Center

414.291.7605 | mso.org

The timeless charm of the classic film combines with a vibrant, live orchestral performance for a hilarious, heart-warming festive outing for the entire family. Presentation licensed by Disney Concerts. All rights reserved.



Twilight in Concert

Sun, November 30 | 7:30pm
The Riverside Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
Relive the film that started it all to a cinematic live-to-film experience in an enchanting candlelit setting.

Celebrating the Season in Song

Wed, December 3 | 5:30pm
The Milwaukee Club
414.291.5700 x 224 | florentineopera.org
Step inside the historic Milwaukee Club for a night of music, cocktails and easy elegance. It's the perfect blend of festive cheer and a touch of fancy, without the fuss.

Holiday Pajama Jamboree

Wed, December 3 | 7pm
Marcus Performing Arts Center – Bradley Pavilion
262.853.6085 | festivalcitysymphony.org
Join Festival City Symphony for a free hour of festive, family-friendly music that captures the spirit of the season. Pajamas, teddy bears and blankets are welcome!

The Commercialists

Fri, December 5 | 7pm & 9pm
Bradley Symphony Center
414.291.7605 | mso.org
Experience a live performance of the Vince Guaraldi Trio's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, performed by local favorites The Commercialists. The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra will not perform at this event.

Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone in Concert

December 5 – 7
The Riverside Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
An evening of music and magic as the first movie of the unforgettable series is presented with a live orchestra.

Samantha Fish, Cedric Burnside and Jon Spencer

Wed, December 5 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
Get ready for a remarkable night of blues and rock 'n' roll, featuring three GRAMMY-nominated acts that define the current day and future of blues rock.

MGK: Lost Americana Tour

Sat, December 6 | 8pm
Fiserv Forum
414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com
Multiplatinum selling artist mgk blends rap, rock and alt-pop to deliver a high-energy spectacle that makes his shows a must-see worldwide.

Thievery Corporation

Sat, December 6 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
Genre-defying electronic music continues to enthrall audiences for 25 years and counting.

Florentine Opera Holiday Concert

Mon, December 8 | 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. Included with admission.



Carols & Classics

Thu, December 11 | 7:30pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
414.291.5700 x 224 | florentineopera.org
Enjoy an evening of peaceful reflection and timeless music with the Florentine Opera, and a special performance by the Milwaukee Children's Choir.

Hometown Holiday Pops

December 13 – 21
Bradley Symphony Center
414.291.7605 | mso.org
Join your Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra as they deck Allen-Bradley Hall with holiday cheer. Sheer musical magic and holiday memories with family and friends await as they usher in another joyful season of celebration.



Squirrel Nut Zippers – Christmas Caravan

Sat, December 13 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
The raucous *Christmas Caravan Tour* is back again with its collection of heartwarming ballads and boisterous dance tunes.

Chris Isaak – Live on Tour

Mon, December 15 | 7:30pm
The Riverside Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
The platinum-selling and GRAMMY-nominated singer and actor returns with his library of hits spanning over four decades.



Sixpence None The Richer presents "O'Night Divine: A Sixpence Christmas"

Mon, December 15 | 8pm
Turner Hall Ballroom
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
A family-friendly evening of Christmas classics delivered in the band's distinctive style of indie-rock guitars and dynamic vocals.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis

Sun, December 21 | 3pm
The Riverside Theater
414.242.8200 | pabsttheatergroup.com
A mesmerizing holiday tradition featuring 15 musicians playing more than 20 instruments against a backdrop of dazzling multimedia effects.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Ghosts of Christmas Eve

Sat, December 27 | 3pm & 7:30pm
Fiserv Forum
414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com
Christmas' rock powerhouse brings its legendary holiday show, *The Ghosts of Christmas Eve: The Best of TSO & More*, back to life with pyros, lasers and powerful storytelling.

Candlelight Concerts: 90s Unplugged

Sun, December 28 | 5:30pm
Hilton Milwaukee

Coldplay & Imagine Dragons

Sun, December 28 | 7:45pm
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Milwaukee Art Museum
414.224.3200 | mam.org

Every Thursday night, meet up with friends for an artful evening together! Wander the galleries and ease into the weekend with live music and a bar in Windhover Hall. Admission is pay-what-you-wish.



Credit: Front Room Studios

Guided Central Library Architectural Tours

Sat, Ongoing | 11am to 12pm
Central Library
414.286.3000 | mpl.org

Join a docent-led tour of Central Library. The Docent will share the history of the Milwaukee Public Library and provide insight on architectural points of interest.

Sculpture Milwaukee

Ongoing
Downtown Milwaukee
sculpturemilwaukee.com

Experience world-renowned sculptures along Downtown's Wisconsin Avenue.

MAM After Dark: Retro Rewind Silent Disco

Fri, November 21 | 7pm to 11pm
Milwaukee Art Museum
414.224.3200 | mam.org

Hit the dance floor with your headphones during this night of throwbacks where you control the beat.

In Homage by Muneer Bahaudeen

Now through November 30
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel
414.276.8686 | saintkatearts.com

Realized in richly textured collages, In Homage commemorates artist Muneer Bahaudeen's heroes and home by interweaving West African religion and mythology with his African American experience.

Reviving the Dance of Death

Now through November 30
Milwaukee Art Museum
414.224.3200 | mam.org

An introspective look by Albert Besnard and Max Klinger into how sudden and unpredictable death can be.



Jonas Wood, "Kiki with Leopard in My Studio", 2020. Oil and acrylic on canvas. 65x65 in. (165.1 x 165.1 cm). Promised gift of Christine A. Symchych and James P. McNulty PG2021.3. ©Gagosian

Looking Forward: New Gifts of Art

November 7 – February 15
Milwaukee Art Museum
414.224.3200 | mam.org

An exhibition celebrating a wide range of recent and promised gifts that is shaping the future of the Milwaukee Art Museum.



Science on Tap Lecture: "Our Lakes, Our Science: Underwater Archaeology in the Great Lakes"

Thu, November 20 | 7pm
Milwaukee Public Museum
414.278.2728 | mp.m.edu

Guest lecturer Dr. Ashley Lemke, an archaeologist and Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, will take the audience on a journey back in time and below the surface of our Great Lakes, exploring her research in Lake Huron and what it can tell us about ancient Indigenous cultures.



The Legend Lives On – 50 Years Later

Now through December 1
Grohmann Museum
414.277.2300
msoe.edu/grohmann-museum

An exhibition marking the 50th Anniversary of the sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald.

SPARK! – Becoming Brew City

Tue, December 2 | 11am to 12:30pm
Milwaukee County Historical Society
414.273.8288 | milwaukeehistory.net

A program for people with memory loss and their care partners, each SPARK! monthly edition features interactive exhibit experiences in a welcoming environment.



Milwaukee History Trivia Night

Wed, December 10 | 7pm
Vagabond Milwaukee
414.273.8288 | milwaukeehistory.net

Milwaukee County Historical Society hosts an evening of Milwaukee history trivia. The game is free to play. Bring your friends or join a team!

Human Condition: A Study of the Body

Now through December 11
Charles Allis Art Museum
414.296.1101 | charlesallis.org

A rotating community exhibition that explores the complexity of the human form and our evolving relationship with it.

ART & HISTORY



Credit: 9 Easy Pieces

Gertrude & Friends: The Wisconsin Magic Realists

December 12 – July 2026
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

The Midwest's early realists are featured in this display, which explores the themes of self-representation, the landscape and the life of objects.

Uncover Clutter

Now through January 11
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.276.8686 | saintkatearts.com

A three-dimension exploration of collage by James Allen.

9 Easy Pieces

Now through January 11
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.276.8686 | saintkatearts.com

Nine artists independently explore the tradition of collage.

Zurich by Late Afternoon

Now through January 11
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.276.8686 | saintkatearts.com

An exhibition exploring the relationship between found image and constructed form. Leonard Beck's groundbreaking work from the 1950s through the 1970s serves as both counterpoint and connective thread to the three contemporary artists featured.

The Beat Goes On

Now through January 18
Villa Terrace Museum & Gardens

414.293.5678 | villaterrace.org

Sixty years of American culture is shown through the lens of sheet music's vibrant visual and musical history.

The Bradley Collection of Modern Art: A Bold Vision For Milwaukee

Now through January 19
Milwaukee Art Museum

414.224.3200 | mam.org

Select works from Mrs. Harry Lynde "Peg" Bradley's extraordinary gift 50 years ago are presented like never before.



Wassily Kandinsky (French, b. Russia, 1866-1944), "Fragment for Composition VII (Center)", 1913. Oil on canvas. 34 1/8 x 39 1/8 in. (88.74 x 100.17 cm). Milwaukee Art Museum, Gift of Mrs. Harry Lynde Bradley, M1958.12

Violins of Hope: Strings of Jewish Resistance and Resilience

Now through January 25
Jewish Museum Milwaukee

414.390.5730

jewishmuseummilwaukee.org

A powerful and emotionally resonant collection of restored stringed instruments tell the stories of Jewish musicians during the Holocaust.



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FAMILY DISCOVERIES

Drop-In Making: Kohl's Art Studio

Sat & Sun, Ongoing | 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.

Kohl's Design It! Lab

Sat & Sun, Ongoing | 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.

Story Time in the Galleries

Sat, Ongoing | 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.

Animal Encounters

Fri – Sun, Ongoing | 10am, 11am & 12pm
Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Meet Discovery World's animal ambassadors and gain a better understanding of our Great Lakes ecosystem.



Kohl's Thank You Thursdays

Thu, November 6 & December 4
10am to 5pm
Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Enjoy free access to the permanent exhibits on the first Thursday of every month.

Community Access Day

Thu, November 20 & December 18
9am to 7pm

Betty Brinn Children's Museum

414.390.5437 | bbcmkids.org

All guests receive free admission on the third Thursday of every month.



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The S.T.E.A.M. of Motorcycles — Science. Technology. Engineering. Art. Math. Motorcycles.

Sat, November 22 | 10am to 4pm
H-D Museum

414.287.2789 | h-dmuseum.com

Join the H-D Museum for a hands-on journey into the STEAM behind the machines! Designed for curious minds of all ages, this event blends creativity and learning through interactive exhibits, experiments and design challenges.



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FAMILY DISCOVERIES

Saturday Spotlight: Native American Heritage

Sat, November 22 | 11am to 3pm

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Bring the whole family to learn about Native American heritage. Stop by the early learning classroom where Museum educators will read stories and do crafts that explore Indigenous cultures. The older learners can go on a 30 min. docent tour through MPM's Native American exhibits to learn about Indigenous foods. Included with admission.



Daniel M. Soref Planetarium & Dome Theater

Now through January 22

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

From deep sea adventures to out-of-this-world stargazing and animal kingdom discoveries in the Serengeti, MPM's giant-screen films take guests around the world.

Winter Break at Milwaukee Public Museum

December 22, December

29 – January 2

Milwaukee Public Museum

414.278.2728 | mpm.edu

Join MPM educators as they highlight some of their favorite frozen topics during winter break. Feel the furs that cover Arctic animals, discover how to tell apart horns, tusks and antlers, and explore the differences between the mammoths and mastodons that both called ancient Wisconsin home. Included with admission.

Sci-Fi Family Day

Sun, November 23 | 9am to 3:30pm

Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Dive into a universe of fun as you interact with droids, build epic Lego creations, and learn all about tabletop and board games. This exciting event is your chance to explore the fascinating intersection of STEM with the iconic characters and creations from your favorite sci-fi sagas. Perfect for fans of all ages, this is a day you won't want to miss.

Code & Create Day

Sat, December 6 | 9am to 3pm

Discovery World

414.765.9966 | discoveryworld.org

Explore the world of coding with fun introductory challenges designed to unleash your inner inventor.



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Fiserv Forum
 414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com



Harlem Globetrotters

Fri, December 26 | 12pm & 5pm
Fiserv Forum
 414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com

Kwik Trip Holiday Face-Off

December 28 & 29 | 4pm
Fiserv Forum
 414.227.0511 | fiservforum.com

Milwaukee Admirals

UWM Panther Arena
 414.227.0550 | milwaukeeadmirals.com

vs. Iowa Wild
 Wed, November 26 | 7pm

vs. Rockford Icehogs
 Sat, November 29 | 6pm

vs. Iowa Wild
 Wed, December 3 | 7pm

vs. Chicago Wolves
 Sat, December 13 | 6pm

vs. Grand Rapids Griffins
 Sat, December 27 | 6pm

vs. Rockford Icehogs
 Tue, December 30 | 6:30pm



Milwaukee Bucks

Fiserv Forum
 414.227.0599 | bucks.com/single

vs. Philadelphia 76ers
 Thu, November 20 | 7 pm

vs. Detroit Pistons
 Sat, November 22 | 7pm

vs. Portland Trail Blazers
 Mon, November 24 | 7pm

vs. Brooklyn Nets
 Sat, November 29 | 7pm

vs. Detroit Pistons
 Wed, December 3 | 7pm

vs. Philadelphia 76ers
 Fri, December 5 | 7pm

vs. Toronto Raptors
 Thu, December 18 | 7pm
 First 10,000 fans will take home an extra gift – holiday wrapping paper, courtesy of Kohl's.

vs. Washington Wizards
 Wed, December 31 | 7pm
 Join the team for an official (basket)ball drop to ring in the new year.



Milwaukee Wave

UWM Panther Arena
 414.224.9283 | milwaukeeewave.com

vs. Baltimore Blast
 Fri, December 19 | 6:35pm

vs. Empire Strykers
 Wed, December 31 | 3:05pm

Marquette University – Men's Basketball

Fiserv Forum
 414.288.4668 | gomarquette.com

vs. Central Michigan
 Sat, November 22 | 1pm

vs. Valparaiso
 Tue, December 2 | 7pm

vs. Georgetown
 Wed, December 17 | 7:30pm

vs. Seton Hall
 Tue, December 30 | 6pm

Marquette University – Women's Basketball

Al McGuire Center
 414.288.4668 | gomarquette.com

vs. Butler
 Sun, December 7 | 3pm

vs. Le Moyne
 Sun, December 14 | 1pm

vs. Truman State
 Sat, December 20 | 12pm

vs. St. John's
 Mon, December 29 | 6:30pm

UWM Men's Basketball

UWM Panther Arena
 414.229.5886 | mkepanthers.com

vs. Robert Morris
 Sat, December 6 | 7pm

vs. Indiana State
 Sun, December 14 | 1pm

vs. Purdue Fort Wayne
 Mon, December 29 | 7pm

UWM Women's Basketball

Klotsche Center
 414.229.5886 | mkepanthers.com

vs. Youngstown State
 Fri, December 5 | 6pm

vs. Ripon
 Sun, December 14 | 1pm

vs. Wisconsin Lutheran
 Sat, December 20 | 12pm



MSOE Men's Basketball

Kern Center
 414.277.2850 | msoeraiders.com

vs. Carroll University
 Tue, November 25 | 7pm

vs. Coe College
 Sat, November 29 | 2pm

vs. Dominican University (Ill.)
 Wed, December 3 | 7pm

MSOE Women's Basketball

Kern Center
 414.277.2850 | msoeraiders.com

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 Sat, December 6 | 7pm

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vs. Trine University
 Fri, November 21 | 7pm

vs. Trine University
 Sat, November 22 | 3pm

vs. Saint Mary's University (Minn.)
 Tue, November 25 | 7pm

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New Year's Eve at Noon

Wed, December 31 | 9am to 2pm

Betty Brinn Children's Museum

414.390.5437 | bbcmkids.org

Get a jumpstart on your yearend celebration. Ring in 2026 with the whole family at New Year's Eve at Noon! Purchase tickets online.

New Year's Eve at Mason Street Grill

Wed, December 31 | 5pm to 10pm

Mason Street Grill

414.298.3131 | masonstreetgrill.com

With acquaintances old or new, enjoy wood-grilled classics and fresh seafood, as well as a special New Year's Eve prix fixe menu.

New Year's Eve at the Bar

Wed, December 31 | 3pm

The Bar at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.291.4797 | saintkatearts.com

Celebrate New Year's Eve in style at the Bar, where live music, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight are in store.

New Year's Eve Dinner

Wed, December 31 | 5pm to 11pm

The Studio at Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel

414.270.4422 | saintkatearts.com

Enjoy a delicious prix fixe menu, then pop some bubbly and make a toast to the new year.

Your Window to the World on New Year's Eve

Wed, December 31 | 7pm

The Pfister Hotel – Blu

414.273.8222 | thepfisterhotel.com

Celebrate in style at The Pfister Hotel's signature cocktail lounge on the 23rd floor. Enjoy stunning skyline views, live music, festive party favors, bubbles, desserts and more.



New Year's Eve Fireworks

Wed, December 31 | 10pm

Cheer District, presented by the We Energies Foundation

deerdistrict.com

Ring in the new year with a fireworks display, following the Milwaukee Bucks game!

New Year's Day Brunch

Thu, January 1 | 6:30am to 1pm

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