

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



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LaBelle Lights returns to LaBelle Winery Derry for a fifth season, kicking off Nov. 14 and running through Jan. 18.

'Tis the season for festive fun

A guide to parades, performances and more across the Granite State

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Special to the Union Leader

From twinkling light displays and parades to craft fairs and festive performances, the Granite State is packed with seasonal celebrations now through New Year's Eve.

Here's a roundup at where to find holiday cheer this season.

Holidays on stage

• Safe Haven Ballet
presents “The Nutcracker”
at several local venues
this season, including
Oyster River High School
(55 Coe Drive, Durham)
on Sunday, Nov. 9; The
Colonial Theatre (609 Main
St., Laconia) on Saturday,
Nov. 29; the Capitol Center
for the Arts’ Chubb Theatre
(44 S. Main St., Concord)
on Saturday, Dec. 6; the
Nashua Center for the Arts
(201 Main St.) on Saturday,
Dec. 13; and Pinkerton
Academy’s Stockbridge
Theatre (5 Pinkerton St.,
Derry) on Saturday, Dec.
20. See safehavenballet.org
for pricing details on each
show.

• **The Players' Ring Theatre** (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) presents the holiday play "**Ye Merry Gentlemen**," with performances every Thursday through Sunday, from Friday, Nov. 14, through Sunday, Nov. 30 (except for Thursday, Nov. 27). Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursdays; 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. On Nov. 30, performance times are at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. General admission is \$32. See playersring.org.

• **Southern NH Dance Theater** presents **"The Nutcracker"** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) from Thursday, Nov. 20, through Sunday, Nov. 23. Tickets range from \$40-\$54. Visit palacetheatre.org

• The beloved holiday classic **"A Christmas Carol"** returns to the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) with performances every Thursday through Sunday, from Friday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 28 (except for Thursday, Dec. 25). Tickets



REN RAGLEY

The Players' Ring Theatre in Portsmouth presents the holiday play "Ye Merry Gentlemen" from Nov. 14-30.

range from \$40-\$64. Visit palacetheatre.org.

• **Weathervane Theatre's** (389 Lancaster Road, Whitefield) holiday season runs from Friday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Dec. 6, with productions of **"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"** (all ages), **"Miracle on South Division Street"** (recommended ages 12 and up), and **"Who's Holiday!"** (adults only). See weathervanenh.org for pricing details.

• **Actor, director and producer Gerald Dickens**, the great-great-grandson of literary icon Charles Dickens, returns to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.) on Friday, Nov.

28, at 7 p.m. to perform his uniquely vibrant one-man adaptation of **"A Christmas Carol."** Tickets range from \$31.30-\$77. See nashuacenterforthearts.com.

• Multi-platinum symphonic metal group **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** brings its “**Ghosts of Christmas Eve**” winter tour to the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) on Friday, Nov. 28, with showtimes at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$55. See snhuarena.com.

- Catch the **Methuen Ballet Ensemble's performance of "The Nutcracker"** at Saint Anselm College's Dana Center for the Performing Arts (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on

Saturday, Nov. 29, with performances at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$38. See tickets.anselm.edu.

• Boston-based rock powerhouse **Divas with a Twist** will perform a holiday concert at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Visit palacetheatre.org.

• See **Mannheim Steam-roller Christmas** by Grammy Award-winner Chip Davis at the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord) on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$63.50-\$138.50. Purchase them online at ccanh.com.

- See **A Country Christmas**



PHOTO BY MARISA KIRBY

Jorge Donoso and Kelly Strandemo star in the family-friendly production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," presented by the Weathervane Theatre in Whitefield. Show dates are Nov. 30, Dec. 4 and Dec. 6.

with the Ayla Brown Band
at Saint Anselm College's Dana Center for the Performing Arts (100 St. Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$19.50-\$49.50. See tickets.anselm.edu.

• The **Bedford Dance Center** presents "**The Nutcracker**" at Saint Anselm College's Dana Center for the Performing Arts (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50. See tickets.anselm.edu.

- The **New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus** has several upcoming "**Peace & Goodwill**" holiday performances.

including at Christ the King Lutheran Church (3 Lutheran Drive, Nashua) on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.; the Capitol Center for the Arts' BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.; Stratham

• The **Scott Spradling Band** presents a **Rockin' Big Band Christmas** at the Rex Theatre

(23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$34. See palacetheatre.org.

• **Symphony NH presents**
Jingle Brass at the Capitol
Center for the Arts' BNH
Stage (16 S. Main St., Con-
cord) on Saturday, Dec. 6,
at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$34.
Visit ccanh.com.

• **The Concord Dance Academy presents "A Holiday Spectacular"** at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St.) on Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7, with performances at 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25. Visit concorddanceacademy.com.

• Enjoy an **"Un-Silent Night: An Epic Sing Holiday Sing Along"** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$45-\$50. See palacetheatre.com.

- Catch the **Boston Pops Holiday Concert** at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$78.25. See snhuarena.com.

• **Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas** takes the stage at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.)

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on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$86-\$110. Visit nashuacenterforthearts.com.

• **Safe Haven Ballet presents “A Charlie Brown Christmas”** at the Capitol Center for the Arts’ Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord) on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$45-\$55. See ccanh.com.

• **A Celtic Christmas**, featuring local Irish groups The Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio and The Spain Brothers, will be at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 13. Performances are at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$34. Visit palacetheatre.org.

• **Symphony NH performs its annual Holiday Pops concert** at the Keefe Center for the Arts (117 Elm St., Nashua) on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$20-\$60. Visit symphonynh.org.

• **Turning Pointe Center of Dance presents “The Nutcracker”** at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St.) on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and

available at the door or at turningpointcenterofdance.com.

• **The Manchester Choral Society presents the Duke Ellington Sacred Concert and Holiday Pops** at Manchester Memorial High School (1 Crusader Way) on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30 general admission. Visit mcsnh.org.

• Enjoy a **Celtic Family Christmas** with Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.) on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$54-\$110. See nashuacenterforthearts.com.

• **The Heather Pierson Trio performs A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas** at the Capitol Center for the Arts’ BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$31 in advance, \$36 at the door. See ccanh.com.

• **The Capital Jazz Orchestra presents its Holiday Pops concert** at the Capitol Center for the Arts’ Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord) on Sunday, Dec.

14, at 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$46.25-\$61.25. Visit ccanh.com.

• **Granite State Dance Center presents a “Holiday Spectacular”** at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St.) on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. See granitestatedancecenter.com.

• See the **Canadian Brass perform “Making Spirits Bright”** at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.) on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$54-\$99. Visit nashuacenterforthearts.com.

• **The Eric Mintel Quartet will perform A Charlie Brown Christmas** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$34. Visit palacetheatre.org.

• Holiday rockers **The Wizards of Winter** take the stage at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry) on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$50-\$65. Visit tupelohall.com.

• See **David Clark’s Music of Billy Joel with a Christmas Twist** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$34. See palacetheatre.org.

• **Ballet Misha** returns to Saint Anselm College’s Dana Center for the Performing Arts (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) to perform **“The Nutcracker”** on Saturday, Dec. 20, and Sunday, Dec. 21. Performances are at 1 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$30-\$35. Visit tickets.anselm.edu.

• Enjoy **A Sinatra Christmas with Rich DiMare and the Ron Poster Trio** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. Tickets range from \$34-\$40. Visit palacetheatre.org.

• **The New Hampshire School of Ballet presents**



PHOTO BY GRACE L. KRAMER

Marisa Kirby stars as a grown-up Cindy Lou Who in the adults-only comedy “Who’s Holiday,” presented by the Weathervane Theatre in Whitefield. Show dates are Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 4.

“The Nutcracker” at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St.) on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$28 and available at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord), or at the door on the day of the performance. Visit nhschoolofballet.com.

Festive light tours and strolls

• **LaBelle Lights** returns for a fifth year to LaBelle Winery in Derry (14 Route 111), lighting up on Friday, Nov. 14. The display runs most Tuesdays through Sundays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. in November and December, and Thursdays through Sundays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. in January, wrapping up Jan. 18. New this year, **LightsFest** is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., featuring a community tree lighting ceremony,

fireworks, holiday characters, live performances and seasonal outdoor activities. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for kids ages 4-12 and free for kids under 3. Purchase your tickets at labeledwinery.com.

• **The Gift of Lights** returns to New Hampshire Motor Speedway (1122 Route 106, Loudon), beginning Thursday, Nov. 27, and running through Jan. 4. Now in its 15th season, this 2.5-mile drive-thru light show has become a family tradition. Hours of operation are 4:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 4:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with extended hours from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Dec. 21 through Dec. 28. A flash sale begins on Monday, Nov. 10, at 8 a.m., with up to \$10 off admission. See giftoflightsnhms.com.

• Back for the second season, the **Holly Jolly Journey** will illuminate the grounds of Mel’s Funway Park (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield) with millions of festive lights, from Friday, Nov. 28, through Jan. 11 (except on Wednesday, Dec. 24). Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for kids ages 4-12; and free for kids ages 3 and under. Ticket packages of four are also available for \$80. Purchase tickets online at hollyjollyjourney.com.

• A Gate City tradition, the **Nashua Holiday Stroll** returns to downtown Main Street for its 30th year on Saturday, Nov. 29. Drawing more than 30,000 attendees annually, this free, family-friendly event features a candlelit walk, three live entertainment stages, street performances, food vendors, visits with Santa Claus and more. Visit downtown-nashua.org for a complete schedule of events.

• **The Candlelight Stroll** returns to Strawberry Banke Museum (14 Hancock St., Portsmouth) for a 46th year in 2025. Guests can walk through historic houses adorned in festive decorations while enjoying music, demonstrations and seasonal displays. Dates are Fridays through Sundays, from Dec. 5 through Dec. 21, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. New this year is a Day-light Stroll scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. Nonmember ticket rates are \$35 for adults; \$17.50 for kids and teens ages 3-17; and free for kids under 3. See strawberrybanke.org.

Holiday parades and runs

• A longstanding holiday tradition, the **Concord Christmas Parade** returns for the 74th year on Saturday, Nov. 22, kicking off at 9:30 a.m. at Hazen Drive before

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Two Events to Honor 250 Years of the United States Marine Corps



Join the **New Hampshire Marine Corps League** on **Monday, November 10th at the Statehouse @ 7:00 am** for a cake cutting ceremony marking the **Marine Corps’ 250th Birthday** and breakfast with Governor Ayotte.

The **250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball** is a night where Marines and families gather to celebrate the bonds that make our Corps strong. Held at **Easterseals NH Military & Veteran Campus in Franklin, NH on November 10, 5-10PM** <https://nhmarines.org/marine-corps-250th-birthday-ball>



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travelling to Loudon Road, Canterbury Road and ending at Pembroke Road. Follow the “2025 Concord, NH Christmas Parade” page on Facebook for updates.

• The annual **Manchester Holiday Parade** is set for Saturday, Dec. 6, kicking off at 4 p.m. on Elm Street in downtown Manchester. The parade directly follows the annual Lil’ Elf Runs and the BASC Santa Claus Shuffle, respectively beginning at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park (723 Elm St.). Follow the “MHT Holiday Parade” page on Facebook for updates, or email mhtholidayparade@gmail.com.

• Always the first Saturday in December, the **Exeter Holiday Parade** returns on Saturday, Dec. 6, kicking off at 5:30 p.m. from Osram on Portsmouth Avenue and winding down to Water Street past the Bandstand. Visit exeternhholidayparade.com.

• Don your most festive outfit and head to Northeast Delta Dental (2 Delta Drive, Concord) for the annual **Jingle Bell Run** on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 8:30 a.m., to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Register online at jbr.org/newhampshire.

• **Merrimack’s 33rd annual Holiday Parade** is set for Sunday, Dec. 7, stepping off at 3 p.m. at The Commons Shopping Plaza (515 Daniel Webster Highway) before heading south, turning right onto Baboosic Lake Road, left on McElwain Street and ending in the Town Hall parking lot (6 Baboosic Lake Road). See merrimackparksandrec.org for more details.

• The **Ugly Sweater 4-Miler** is back for a 10th year on Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at 9 a.m. at Backyard Brewery & Kitchen (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester). This 21-plus only event will include a post-race party, music, drinks and



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more, with proceeds benefiting the Humane Society for Greater Nashua, New Hampshire SPCA and the Monadnock Humane Society. Registration is \$40 and is available at runsignup.com.

Tree lightings and festivals

• The **Bekdash Shriners of New Hampshire** will hold its **25th annual Festival of Trees**, from Saturday, Nov. 22, through Sunday, Nov. 30 (except on Thursday, Nov. 27). The event features decorated trees donated by local businesses, organizations and families that will be raffled off at the center (189 Pembroke Road, Concord) on Nov. 30. There also will be visits with Santa Claus and refreshments at the center’s Candy Cane Cafe. Raffle tickets are \$5 for attendees ages 12 and up and free for kids under

12. Visit bekdashshriners.org.

• The **32nd annual Methuen (Mass.) Festival of Trees** lights up from Nov. 22 to Dec. 6. The tradition features more than 300 beautiful and creatively decorated trees, mini trees and wreaths. The festival includes \$5,000 cash raffle, online auction, gift show, children’s scavenger hunt and a visit with Santa. Go to methuenfestivaloftrees.com for more information.

• **Concord’s 40th annual Christmas Tree Lighting** is set for Friday, Nov. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the State House plaza (107 N. Main St., Concord). Follow the “Concord’s Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration” page on Facebook for updates.

• Check out more than 50 decorated trees and gift baskets that will be raffled off at the sixth annual

Milford Festival of Trees to benefit Share Outreach at the First Congregational Church Parish House, 10 Union St., from Nov. 28-30, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, \$20 per family.

• Pelham Community Spirit is organizing its annual **Southern New Hampshire Festival of Trees** at Sherburne Hall (6 Village Green, Pelham). The nine-day event begins Friday, Nov. 28, and runs through Saturday, Dec. 6, when trees donated by local businesses and community organizations will be raffled off. The festival also features daily live entertainment, a scavenger hunt, visits with Santa Claus and more. Raffle tickets are available for \$5 for a sheet of 25 tickets, while festival admission is

\$5 for attendees ages 12 and up and free for kids under 12. Visit pelhamcommunityspirit.org.

• **Rochester Main Street’s Festival of Trees** returns to Studley’s Flower Gardens (82 Wakefield St., Rochester) from Thursday, Dec. 4, through Saturday, Dec. 6. Local businesses and organizations decorate and donate themed Christmas trees that are raffled off. Raffle tickets are \$20 for every 25 tickets sold. See rochestermainstreet.org.

• The **Bedford Women’s Club’s fourth annual Festival of Trees** will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church (4 Church Road) on Friday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to festively decorated trees that will be raffled off, the festival will feature

a holiday market and live entertainment. Visit bedfordwomensclub.org.

• **Amherst’s Tree Lighting Ceremony** is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Follow “Amherst Tree Lighting Festival” on Facebook for updates.

• **Friday Night Under the Lights** returns to Main Street in Goffstown on Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit goftownmainstreet.org for updates.

• **Windham’s annual Tree Lighting** is Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2:30 to 5 p.m., on the town common. Enjoy photos with Santa Claus as he arrives by fire truck, along with hot chocolate and cookies, a DJ, crafts and more. Visit windhamnh.gov.

• Don’t miss **Portsmouth’s annual Illuminated Holiday Parade**, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m. with a tree lighting ceremony in Market Square. At 6 p.m. the parade will step off from Islington and Summer streets, traveling from Goodwin Park along Islington, through Congress Street and down Pleasant Street before concluding at the intersection of State and Pleasant streets. See portsmouthchamber.org.

• **Merrimack’s annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held at Abbie Griffin Park (behind Merrimack Town Hall, 6 Baboosic Lake Road) on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3:45 p.m. The free community event will include a DJ, a live performance by the Merrimack High School marching band, visits and storytime with Santa Claus and more. Visit merrimackparksandrec.org.

• **Raymond’s 10th annual Festival of Trees** will be held from Thursday, Dec. 11, through Sunday, Dec. 14, at New Life Church (84 Nottingham Road, Raymond).

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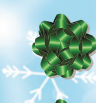
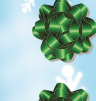
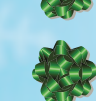
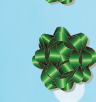
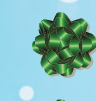
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Windham’s Crossing Life Church will host its annual Christmas at the Crossing on Dec. 5-6, featuring an indoor Christmas market, a kids’ zone, photos with Santa Claus and more.

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Follow the “Raymond Festival of Trees” Facebook page for updates.

- More holiday celebrations**
- **Christmas at the Castle** returns to Castle in the Clouds (455 Old Mountain Road, Moultonborough) for another season in 2025, on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from Nov. 22 through Dec. 7. Tours of the historic Lucknow Mansion are available with festive decorations by local businesses. Each day also includes complimentary hot cocoa and cookies, holiday crafts and photos with Santa Claus, and lunch served in the Carriage House Restaurant. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids and teens ages 5-17, and free for kids ages 4 and under. Visit [castleintheclouds.org](#).
 - **Charmingfare Farm** in Candia is hosting several fun holiday events in November and December including **The Christmas Tree Spree**, **Santa’s Christmas, Encore of the Lights** and a **New Year’s Eve Ride**. Go to the farm’s website for information on times and tickets for these family-friendly events: [visitthefarm.com](#).

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- Derry will celebrate **A Very Derry Holiday** on Saturday, Nov. 29, featuring several events in and around town throughout the day, including a holiday parade at 1 p.m. from West Broadway to Crystal Avenue, as well as crafts, cookie decorating and photo opportunities with Santa Claus from 2 to 5 p.m. at Veterans Hall (31 W. Broadway) and a tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. at 1 W. Broadway. See the full schedule of events at [gdchamber.org](#).
- **Intown Concord’s Midnight Merriment** returns to downtown Concord on Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to midnight. Get started on your holiday shopping from participating local businesses along Main Street while enjoying lights, s’mores, cocoa, music and more. Admission is free. Visit [intownconcord.org](#).
- **Christmas at the Crossing** returns to Crossing Life Church (122 N. Lowell Road, Windham) on Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 9 p.m. each evening. Enjoy festive wagon rides, an indoor Christmas market, a kids’ zone with games, face-painting and crafts, photo opportunities with Santa Claus, bonfires, hot cocoa and more. Admission is free. See [windhamcrossing.org](#).
- Don’t miss the fourth annual **Light Up the Village** event in Hooksett on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m., which will feature food and drinks from Robie’s Country Store, musical performances, holiday storytimes, caroling, photo opportunities with Santa Claus and more. Visit [lightupthevillage.wordpress.com](#).
- Join the Children’s Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) for its annual **Jingle Bell Extravaganza** on Sunday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 14. Attendees can choose one of two ticketed time slots (1 to 2:45 p.m. or 3:15 to 5 p.m.) to enjoy photo opportunities with Santa Claus, hands-on holiday craft activities and a magical science experiment, all while they explore the museum’s many interactive exhibits. Tickets are \$20 for museum members and \$25 for nonmembers. Online pre-registration is required, and pajamas are welcome. See [childrens-museum.org](#).

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New Year’s events

- New Hampshire-born comedian **Justin McKinney** will perform his annual **Year in Review comedy show** at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.) on Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 31; performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, and 5 and 8 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets range from \$43.25-\$44.25 and can be purchased online at [nashuacenterforthearts.com](#).
- Ring in the new year with **comedian and actor Jimmy Dunn** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. See [palacetheatre.org](#).
- Enjoy New Year’s Eve dinner at the **Bedford Village Inn**. The Inn will be celebrating with a **four-course prix fixe New Year’s Eve dinner**. Seating times are from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Visit [bedfordvillageinn.com](#).
- Enjoy a **Groovy New Year’s Eve Gala**, presented by Headliners Comedy Club, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St.) on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m., featuring a ticketed dinner with cocktails, a Beatles

- tribute band, a DJ, a comedy show and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets start at \$35. Visit [headlinersnh.com](#).
- **Sheraton Nashua** (11 Tara Blvd.) will hold a **New Year’s Eve Gala** on Wednesday, Dec. 31, featuring dinner, a comedy show, music and a champagne toast at midnight. Masquerade masks are encouraged. Tickets are \$50 for the gala only, \$110 for the gala and dinner. See [headlinersnh.com](#).
 - **Sky Meadow Country Club** (6 Mountain Laurels Drive, Nashua) hosts a **New Year’s Eve gala** on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m., with dinner, dancing, a DJ, a toast and live performances from comedians Jody Sloane and Mark Riley. Tickets are \$110 and can be purchased online at [headlinersnh.com](#).
 - Join Arts Alley (20 S. Main St., Concord) for a **New Year’s Eve Gala** on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m. Ring in 2026 in style with a festive cocktail hour, appetizers, a five-course buffet dinner, a cash bar, a live Dueling Pianos performance, a DJ and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are \$125. Visit [artsalleyconcordnh.com](#).
 - Get ready for **Goffstown First Night: Rockin’ New Year’s Eve Celebration** on Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit [goffstownmainstreet.org](#) for updates.
 - **First Night Portsmouth** returns for a 49th year to downtown Portsmouth on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Visit [portsmouth.org](#) or follow Pro Portsmouth on Facebook for updates.
 - Celebrate New Year’s Eve with a **fireworks display on Hampton Beach** (between B and C streets) on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. Admission is free. See [hamptonbeach.org](#).

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For sign-up or info, contact Denise Castonguay at denise@bhshelter.org or call (603) 238-7511

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SCAN ME

Weekend Top 5

SNHU Arena hosts pop-punk reunion

MANCHESTER — Pop-punk icons A Day to Remember and Yellowcard join forces for the “Maximum Fun Tour,” hitting SNHU Arena on Saturday.

Special guests The Wonder Years and Dinosaur Pile-Up round out the lineup.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m., with the show starting at 6:15 p.m. Tickets start at \$55 through Ticketmaster.

More info: snhuarena.com.

Tribute to Paul McCartney takes stage at Tupelo Hall

DERRY — Experience “Live and Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney” at Tupelo Music Hall on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Tony Kishman, a veteran of Broadway’s “Beatlemania,” pays tribute to McCartney’s legendary catalog, from Beatles classics like “Hey Jude” and “Let It Be” to solo hits such as “Maybe I’m Amazed” and “Live and Let Die.” Tickets are \$45.

More info: tupelomusichall.com.

Triple bill of comedy set for Saturday in Nashua

NASHUA — Get ready to laugh out loud at “Comedy at Court Street,” happening Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Nashua Center for the Arts’ Court Street Theatre.

The show features a triple bill of New England stand-up talent including Steve Bjork, Emily Ruskowski and Zach Valencia. Tickets are \$29.

More info: nashuacenterforthearts.com.

Skiers, snowboarders in spotlight for ‘Pressure Drop’

CONCORD — Teton Gravity Research will premiere its new ski and snowboard film “Pressure Drop” at BNH Stage on Sunday, with showings at 3 and 7 p.m. Doors open an hour before each show.

The film follows top skiers and snow-



JAY LEHRHAUPT/VILLAGE PLAYERS

The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro presents the final weekend of “Sweeney Todd.”

boarders through locations including Alaska, British Columbia, Norway and Wyoming. TGR athletes will attend the screenings for signings and photos.

Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$18 for youth (3 p.m. show only), with prices increasing \$5 at the door.

More info: ccanh.com.

‘Sweeney Todd’ concludes its run in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Don’t miss the final weekend of “Sweeney Todd” at the Village Players Theater. Stephen Sondheim’s Tony Award-winning musical follows an exiled barber’s return to 19th-century London and his bloody partnership with Mrs. Lovett, the pie maker with a sinister secret ingredient.

Performances are on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$26.50 and can be purchased online or at the door. Parental discretion is advised.

More info: village-players.com.

Get a jump on shopping with holiday craft fairs this weekend in Concord and Bedford

Shopping season is here, and the craft fairs are already starting. Check out these two fairs happening this weekend.

Great New England’s second annual **Holiday Craft & Artisan Show** is happening at Capital City Sports and Fitness (10 Garvins Falls Road, Concord) on Saturday, Nov. 8, and Sunday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. More than 100 exhibitors will showcase a variety of handmade creations. Admission is \$5 and covers both days, with kids ages 14 and under free. Visit gncraftartisanshows.com.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the annual **Bedford Handmade Fair**, returning to Bedford High School (47 Nashua Road) on Sunday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission and parking are free. See “Bedford Handmade Fair” on Facebook.

— Matt Ingersoll

Saint Kathryn's Annual
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Thomas Mesa
Cello
Nicholas Burns
Piano

11/7, 7:30pm
Stonewall Farm
Keene, NH

11/9, 3pm
The Park Theatre
Jaffrey, NH

Book tickets online:
ashuelotconcerts.org

Advice

In-laws’ open-door policy creates tension

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are celebrating our second anniversary. For the most part, we’re very happy. He’s the best friend I’ve ever had. The problem is his family. They’re wonderful people who have welcomed me with open arms. But they are also extremely clingy and lack common boundaries.

We recently moved to a larger home that’s closer to them but farther from my family. Now that we live closer, they constantly pop in unannounced for visits at inconvenient times, such as while I’m getting dinner plated up. His mother has been told many times that we are private people and don’t like a lot of company, but she still keeps doing the same thing. She’s also try-

Dear Abby
Jeanne Phillips



ing to throw parties at our house and talking about putting in a pool, even though we have told her no repeatedly.

And, Abby, when one family member shows up, you can almost guarantee that two or three more will show up soon after. When we moved in, my family came to see the house. They had been here no more than five minutes when his entire family — aunts, cousins, everyone — showed up and took over! Consequently, my

family didn’t really get to visit or even see the house because things got too chaotic. Please help.

— LOSING IT IN ALABAMA

DEAR LOSING IT: When you married into your husband’s family, they welcomed you as one of their own. If I read your letter correctly, they view you as a family member, and your family as blended into their own. Because you need more privacy and boundaries than you have been able to establish, you may need your husband to help you get the message across in a way they can accept without becoming offended.

Write to Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Host a tea party with all the kids

DEAR HELOISE: After reading the suggestion about gifting a child’s tea set to a grandmother with a new granddaughter, I just had to say that any grandchild would love tea parties! I started tea parties with my granddaughter, but the boys felt very excluded (which they were at first).

Now I do tea parties with all the kids and have finger foods (cut fruits, veggies, tiny cookies and tea sandwiches). Manners are exaggerated. For example: “Sister, would you care for tea?” There are lots of “please’s” and “thank you’s.” They take turns pouring and serving. We use water in the teapot, and I have a special tea quilt that soaks up spills so that there’s never any worries about accidents. I love your hints!

— Gladys, via email



Hints from Heloise

Giving flower bulbs

DEAR HELOISE: Instead of sending flowers when someone passes, I prefer to give a basket of flower bulbs. They can be divided among family members or planted in multiple locations. Flower bulbs are available year-round in amazing varieties and will grow as a lovely reminder of the loved one who passed.

When someone young passes away, I usually give white flower bulbs. One family sent me a lovely note and a picture of the King Daffodils that bloomed the following

spring on the widow’s wedding anniversary. They were amazed and so grateful for how nature delivered; it was such perfect timing.

And as bulbs naturalize, the flower bed becomes fuller and can again be divided with family and friends. Thank you for gathering and sharing all the wisdom that people have.

— Susan Newman, in Marthasville, Missouri

Cooking veggies

DEAR HELOISE: This is a hint on how to cook vegetables: If they grow underground, put them in cold water and then cook them. If they grow above ground, put them in boiling water and then cook.

— V.J., in North Carolina

Send hints to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001 or email Heloise@Heloise.com.

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