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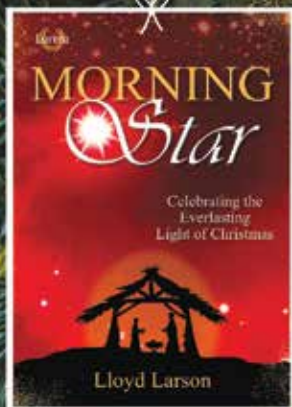
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ALSO ON THE COVER Katelyn Sahagian talks to three members of the same Nashua area family who currently have their art on display as part of St. Joseph Hospital's Healing through the Arts gallery (page 31). Michael Witthaus highlights some concerts to look forward to throughout the month of December (page 48). Matt Ingersoll catches up with the owners of Cafe la Reine and New Hampshire Doughnut Co., who respectively have opened new locations in Manchester (page 38) and Bedford (page 39).

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Money for more broadband

Gov. Chris Sununu submitted a letter to the members of the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee on Nov. 18, urging the acceptance and expenditure of \$40 million for the Broadband Connect Program, according to a press release. In the letter, Sununu states that the program is “absolutely critical” for New Hampshire to retain and attract workforce, businesses, telehealth and other investments, and that broadband is necessary for access to health care, education and mental health services. “Delay of this authorization until 2023 puts extreme risk into our ability as a state to fulfill the promise to our constituents of high speed and affordable broadband in our most vulnerable areas,” Sununu wrote. “I ask that you support the citizens who are counting on this broadband item today.” The Committee approved a similar proposal for \$50 million in July, providing 23,000 New Hampshire locations with access to high-speed, reliable internet.

Help for energy costs

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, along with U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan and U.S. Reps. Annie Kuster and Chris Pappas, have submitted a letter to the Department of Energy urging the acceleration of distribution of federal funds and programs under the bipartisan infrastructure law and Inflation Reduction Act to help cut energy costs for New Hampshire residents and to reduce the demand for fossil fuels. “As we enter into the winter months, we write to highlight specific challenges New Hampshire faces as global events continue to stoke volatility in oil and natural gas markets that in turn impact home heating costs and electricity prices for our constituents,” the letter

stated. According to a press release, the delegation also called for preparation to use emergency authorities if warranted, and for the Department to work with federal agencies, industry fuel suppliers, utilities, grid operators, the State and other stakeholders to ensure that the energy infrastructure in place will be sustainable amid potential severe weather conditions this winter. The request follows an announcement made by the delegation earlier this month of the approval of \$33.9 million in federal funding to support the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP), which funds New Hampshire’s Fuel Assistance Program and helps low-income households pay their home heating and energy bills and other related expenses.

Decreased enrollment

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced that student enrollment in the state’s K-12 public schools is down by about 1 percent from last year. According to a press release, there are currently 161,755 students enrolled in New Hampshire public schools for the fall of 2022, compared to 163,600 students enrolled in 2021, and 163,288 students enrolled in 2020. Pre-pandemic, in 2019, student enrollment was at 171,866. Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education, said in the release that New Hampshire’s birth rate, which is currently the second lowest in the country at 8.8 per 1,000 population, along with an aging population, are contributing factors. “For the past two decades, student enrollment in New Hampshire has experienced a steady decline,” he said. “It is important for school leaders to understand how declining enrollment numbers may be impacting their districts and how to plan accordingly for the future.”

Child care policy

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has announced a new policy effective Dec. 15 in which new hires in child care will not be permitted to start work until their background checks are complete — a process that can take six weeks or longer — NHPR reported. Under the current policy, employers can apply for a waiver from DHHS allowing new hires to start work immediately under the condition that they are not left alone with children until their background checks are completed. According to the article, the consensus among child care employers is that the new policy will make hiring a struggle, and that weeks-long job vacancies will be detrimental to their operations. DHHS stated that the waivers put them at risk of noncompliance with federal rules regarding child care workers and background checks, which could cost them a \$700,000 penalty.

Fish & Game dispatch

New Hampshire Fish and Game Dispatch will be administered by New Hampshire State Police Dispatch within the New Hampshire Department of Safety, effective Nov. 25. According to a press release, the State Police Dispatch will relay calls to Fish and Game Conservation Officers. “For the past year or so, after-hours calls to our dispatch number have been handled by State Police, but this change will make it permanent and it will now be effective 24/7/365,” NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement Division Chief Colonel Kevin Jordan said in the release. The number currently used for Fish and Game Dispatch, 603-271-3361, will remain the same.

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Winter parking rules begin in **Manchester** on Thursday, Dec. 1, with even-odd parking on one side of the street only (even during even-numbered calendar months, so in December for example; odd during odd-numbered months, like January), from 1 to 6 a.m. through April 15. All vehicles must be off streets during snow emergencies. See manchesternh.gov.

The **Dover** Public Library will host a lecture on Indigenous land stewardship on Monday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. billed as “Celebrate N’Dakinna and the Life of Indigenous People on the Cochecho.” The presentation is in-person with a virtual viewing option. Call 516-6050 or go to library.dover.nh.gov to register.

The BJ Cirnigliaro Memorial Fund of Absolute Title (which has offices in **Bedford**, Concord and Portsmouth) donated a total of \$20,000 to five local organizations: Families in Transition, Southern New Hampshire Services, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - New Hampshire Chapter, Gather and Waypoint, according to a press release.

FEMA Funds

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded nearly \$9 million to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse the state for the cost of providing Covid tests to the public. According to a press release, DHHA had contracted with Clear ChoiceMD to offer free testing seven days a week at Clear ChoiceMD Urgent Care facilities in Belmont, Lincoln and Keene between December 2021 and March 2022. A total of 56,616 tests were administered during that period. FEMA has awarded more than \$181 million in assistance to New Hampshire to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses, the release said.

School credit programs

Three new programs have been approved for New Hampshire’s Learn Everywhere program, an alternative pathway for students to earn high school credit. According to a press release, the programs include Spanish NVivo, which provides access to Spanish language acquisition opportunities; EnCube Labs, which will be supplemented with the existing Zero2Maker and Zero2Entrepreneur programs to help students learn through applied STEM while also building venture-launching skills; and FitMoney, a free financial literacy program. Launched in 2018, Learn Everywhere now offers 15 programs for New Hampshire students to earn credit outside of the classroom.

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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

Land and water

The Nature Conservancy gets a new director

Meet Rachel Rouillard, the new state director of The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire.

Q: *What is your background conservation work?*

I'm a New Hampshire native. I grew up in Keene. My parents were teachers — science teachers, specifically — so I was definitely raised in a home where they helped us cultivate a real appreciation and wonder for the natural world. We went to a lot of state and national parks. That was just part of our home life. ... I followed that through school and into my career. ... I got an internship in the town planning office in Milford, and that's where I got my first taste of thinking about natural resource protection and land use. I also worked for the City of Manchester, doing some economic development and historic preservation work. ... I was appointed as the first executive director of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. ... Then, I was running a National Estuaries Program, which is an EPA Clean Water Act Program, here on the coast, and I did that for a little over a decade.

What led you to The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire?

The mission of protecting land and water for people — of being both a steward of our natural resources and of our human communities — is something that's really central to who I am and everything I've done over the course of my career. Thinking about the intersection of our natural world and people, how natural resources support our communities and sustain us, and how people can both use and value those natural resources, is something that is really interesting to me and really drives me.

Just for fun

Favorite animal? I really appreciate oysters. One adult oyster can clean 30 to 50 gallons of water for us a day. It's amazing. And, you know, they taste really good.

Favorite plant or tree? I love a native blueberry shrub. The shrub is beautiful in the fall, and the blueberries are delicious.

Favorite outdoor activity? I enjoy walking in the woods on a nice trail. Not hiking — just walking.

Favorite nature spot in New Hampshire? Wagon Hill Farm in Durham. It sits at the mouth of the Oyster River. Some days, you can really smell the saltwater coming in from the ocean through the estuary.

Your perfect trail mix — what's in it? You have to start with peanut M&Ms. Some protein granola, pecans, dried cranberries and flaked coconut.



Rachel Rouillard. Courtesy photo.

What does your job as state director entail?

It's thinking a lot about partnerships, about how we can bring the creativity, resources and innovations that we have at TNC into those partnerships and how we can work collaboratively. ... We work with other land trusts and state agencies to protect the lands and waters that we rely on and that are most critical to our future. These are

the lands that are producing our clean drinking water. How can we improve public health outcomes while protecting biodiversity? ... We also think about new ways that places can be used for recreation, how we can create more recreation opportunities for people and make them accessible to as many people as we can. Having opportunities to be in nature is really important to people's well-being and to an overall society that's healthy, vibrant and equitable.

What are some of the long-term goals you're working on?

We're thinking a lot about climate change and what we're doing with our partnerships to really prepare for the impacts of climate change. We're working to develop new solutions to help us address the aging infrastructure that we have when it comes to increasing storm events so that we can minimize the risk to public health and to public investment in infrastructure going forward. As our climate warms, we're also facing an increased threat from new pests that are coming north and affecting our plant and animal species, so we have to think about how to build resilience in our ecological communities. We're thinking about carbon and how we can help ensure opportunities for adequate carbon storage in the environment that we're protecting and investing in. Lastly, we're looking at clean energy and how we can work with our partnerships in the state to advance clean energy policies.

What do you find rewarding about your work?

On a personal level, I want to be part of something that is bigger than myself. I think we all feel that way. We all want to do something that we feel has deeper meaning and connection and benefit to others. I take that really seriously and appreciate the opportunity to be a steward of resources for our future. ... In this line of work, you have to be really open-minded and always adapting the way that you're thinking and working. I love the creativity and the challenge that's associated with that. — Angie Sykeny



No turkey in Celtics start



If you are a Celtics fan you wake up this Thanksgiving morning thankful for how the season has started. That's because without the game-altering shot-blocking of **Robert Williams** to be counted on until late December at best and with the team being led

by an untested 34-year-old coach in the wake of the **Ime Udoka** disaster, you really had no idea what direction it would all take.

But with a seven-game winning streak in progress and an NBA-best 11-3 record as I write this for my early Thanksgiving deadline, things couldn't have gone much better.

Here's how it all went down.

Differences From Last Year: There was a lot of hand-wringing early on because the defense wasn't as stingy as it had been in the run to the NBA Finals, when they had the top-ranked D in basketball. First, I don't know why anyone expected them to match that with Lob it to Rob on the DL. But judging defense is also not solely done with points allowed, as that's often a function of pace of play, because it reduces the number of possessions a team has to score. And with them leading the league in scoring at 120 points a game they are running more and thus the possessions are way up. A more reliable indicator is the shooting percentage by the bad guys because it shows how they are defending in each individual possession. It's up a bit; not having Williams could account for that. So I don't think the D is that off overall as the points allowed suggest.

What To Like Best: The passing has improved. Ditto for the ball movement in half court, which is different from find-the-open-man creative passing. Both of which speak to why the scoring is up. But what I like best is how well they are playing together. They're tight. They know who's open and get them the ball with no dilly-dallying and it doesn't matter who it is. That's a sign of a good team.

Leadership: Given the job, Udoka last year and the choice to replace him with a guy who was just 34 and had never been a head coach above Division 2 was a bit concerning. While I'm not ready to put him in the Hall of Fame just yet, I like what I have seen so far for two reasons. They have kept all the improvements that came last year from **Marcus Smart**, **Jaylen Brown** and **Jayson Tatum**, like better shot selection and taking it to the basket being the first option. And they are running much more, which accentuates the athletic advantage Tatum and Brown offer. You really won't be able to judge it until a bad stretch hits and the big games arrive. But so far so good on **Joe Mazzulla**.

The Stars

Jayson Tatum: Contrary to the gushing from the cheerleader (Scal) and **Sean Grande**, he hasn't even been the best player those watching

this year have seen. That would be **Donovan Mitchell**, who outplayed him down the stretch and in OTs in both losses to Cleveland. But he has clearly taken up a step over last year and is now legitimately moving up the list of the best Celtics. With the year he's having, I might take him over **Paul Pierce** because he's a better passer and defender.

Jaylen Brown: Extreme athleticism that lets him defend and rebound aside, what I like about him is how he adds something new to his game each year. This year it's better passing and court awareness, which has made him even better.

Marcus Smart: He's finally become a real point guard as opposed to a guy doing that because he's the only one they have to play there. He now directs the action, gets the ball to people when they can do something with it, and has dramatically improved his shot selection, which has improved his three-point shooting. He also scores below the foul line on pull-up Js and post ups, which he's good at because of his strength. And then there's the reason I never would have traded him when others wanted to: his toughness.

Al Horford: I love this guy because he's the most under-appreciated player in the NBA. A versatile defender who can cover anyone over 6'6", who doesn't need shots but can make them from distance when it counts. The backbone of the team.

The Depth: The 2016-2017 dumpster fire season's depth hurt them because most of the players were even in talent with skills that duplicated each other and all thought they should play more. This bench is deep but constructed with guys who have specific roles and skills. The leader is **Malcolm Brogdon**, who I'd been begging **Danny Ainge** to trade for for four years. He is a consistent and clutch scorer who is great at getting below the foul line to score or dish. As much as I focus on what he's not (not tall enough, limited offensively) **Grant Williams** is really reliable. What I should focus on is that he's always in the right place, a versatile defender who does the dirty work and puts in the work needed to get better as his expanding offensive game shows. The other guys like **Sam Hauser**, **Payton Pritchard** and **Luke Kornet** are looking for a chance to play and are happy when it comes.

Biggest Surprise: When newly signed **Daniilo Gallinari** went down for the year this summer many wanted a quick trade. Rather than panic, **Brad Stevens** elected to see what the untested Hauser could do in that role, and it looks like he was right. Again, it's just 14 games, so no HoF nomination until we see how he does when teams make it a priority to give him no room to shoot. But with him shooting them at 48.5 percent, the jolt he gives off the bench is a plus, even when targeted for a defensive mismatch.

Hopefully it all continues.

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Scouting for Food

Scouts from the Daniel Webster Council – Boy Scouts of America participated in the recent Scouting for Food event, collecting an estimated 100,000 food items from across New Hampshire to support more than 60 agencies, food pantries and soup kitchens, according to a press release.



Daniel Webster Council's 35th annual "Scouting for Food" week. Courtesy photo.

QOL score: +1

Comments: A total of 109 troop units participated in the two-weekend event (with the kids putting up door hangers the first Saturday of November and retrieving food the next week), the press release said.

Public safety award

A New Hampshire public safety leader has been awarded the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award by The First Responder Network Authority, according to a press release. First-Net Authority named John Stevens the recipient of the award, which honors leaders in public safety who



Chief Richard Carrizzo, Vice Chair of the First Responder Network Authority Board, awards John Stevens, New Hampshire public safety leader, with the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award. Courtesy of FirstNet Authority.

have contributed to the advancement of broadband communications for public safety personnel, the release said Stevens has served as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator in the Office of the Commissioner and the Division of Emergency Services and Communications for the New Hampshire Department of Safety for nearly a decade. In his position, he is responsible for coordinating a variety of statewide public safety communications, including broadband planning and the deployment of FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network.

QOL score: +1

Comment: As of 2017, all 50 U.S. states have opted in to a plan to have FirstNet deployed in a public-private partnership with AT&T, according to the FirstNet website.

A rough winter

New Hampshire advocacy groups are predicting homelessness rates in the state to rise this winter as a result of the growing costs of rent, fuel and gas, WMUR reported. According to the article, the latest housing report also predicted a greater risk of homelessness among New Hampshire residents; state officials said they are expecting the number of homeless youth to be around 14,000 this year; and mortgage rates are just short of 7 percent, which is the highest they've been in two decades.

QOL score: -2

Comment: In October, New Hampshire Housing announced that it would be forced to put its NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program on pause after the U.S. Treasury announced that New Hampshire will not receive any additional resources to continue the program beyond Dec. 29.

QOL score: 86

Net change: 0

QOL this week: 86

What's affecting your Quality of Life here in New Hampshire?

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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS NOVEMBER 24 AND BEYOND

Friday, Nov. 25

Shops across the Granite State are participating in **Small Business Saturday**, including Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester), Toadstool Bookshop (375 Amherst St., Route 101A, Nashua) and Double Midnight Comics (245 Maple St., Manchester). Downtown Nashua will be handing out plaid bags for Plaid Friday at The Telegraph (110 Main St.



in Nashua) while supplies last; visit downtownnashua.org.

Saturday, Nov. 26

The Fools, a Massachusetts rock band that has traveled the world performing and has had record-breaking radio play-time of their music, are coming to Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry) today at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased online at tupelohall.com.

(150 Ash St., Manchester) is screening the documentary **The Eagle Huntress** (2016) today at 2 p.m. The documentary follows the story of a 13-year-old girl in Mongolia who is trying to become the first female eagle huntress in her family. Tickets are free for members of the museum and included in the price of admission for visitors. Visit currier.org.

Sunday, Nov. 27

The Currier Museum of Art

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The Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) is welcoming **Sophie B. Hawkins** today at 4 p.m. Hawkins, a Grammy award winning artist, has performed in films and television, sold out concert venues, and played Janis Joplin in the critically acclaimed national tour of the play *Room 105*. Ticket prices start at \$55 and can be bought at ccanh.com.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Saint Anselm College has a **men's basketball game** today at 1 p.m. against Franklin Pierce University at Stoutenburgh Gymnasium (73 College Road in Manchester). Saint Anselm is 1-2 this season, while Franklin Pierce is 1-1. Tickets cost \$10 per person and can be bought at the gym's ticket stand. See saintanselmhawks.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has men's

and women's **basketball games** today against Adelphi University. SNHU's women's game will be at The Stan Spiro Field House (2500 N. River Road, Manchester) at 5:30 p.m.; the men's game will be at 7:30 p.m. Visit snhupenmen.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Marek Bennett, New Hampshire based author of several graphic novels, will discuss his new graphic novel **The Civil War Diary of Freeman Colby Volume 3 (1864)**, the third book in a series about a New Hampshire school teacher based on primary sources, today at Gibson's Bookstore (45

S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibbonsbookstore.com) on at 6:30 p.m. See Bennett's work at marekbennett.com, where you can find more about the Freeman Colby series as well as videos about making comics. 🗨️



Save the Date! Thursday, Dec. 1

Legally Blonde, the award-winning musical, is coming to the Chubb Theatre (44 S Main St, Concord) on Thursday, Dec. 1. The show, based on the Reese Witherspoon movie of the same name, follows Elle as she attends Harvard Law to win back the man who broke her heart. Tickets cost \$76 and up and can be purchased at ccanh.com.

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Welcome to Hippo's Holiday Guide — our annual listing of fun happening from Drinksgiving (a.k.a. the night before Thanksgiving) through New Year's Day.

Looking for parades, tree lightings, *Nutcracker* productions or cookie-related events to get you in the seasonal mood? We've got that as well as Turkey Day road races, holiday comedy, arts markets and so much more.

Know of a bit of holiday cheer we missed? Let us know at news@hippopress.com. Now get out your calendar and start filling your season with fun!

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Wobble for a landing

This year's pre-Thanksgiving options

By Michael Witthaus
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The night before Thanksgiving is often called Drinksgiving. It's Friendsgiving for the sober and sober-curious, the Pre-Gobble Wobble for others (OK, maybe the last one is an invented term). Historically for most watering holes, the day before Turkey Day (Wednesday, Nov. 23 this year) is the second busiest of the year, after New Year's Eve. Whatever one chooses to call it, the evening offers a chance to meet up with old friends and contemplate a four-day weekend

of overeating and familial bonding.

Here are a few options to consider, from concerts to karaoke, song pulls and serenades, with or without adult beverages.

- **American Legion Post 69** (45 Washington St., Somersworth, 692-9898) Acoustic Radio plays. Tickets \$8 at ticketleap.com.

- **Amphora** (Hood Commons, 55 Crystal Ave., No. 3, Derry, 537-0111) Eddie Sands is a versatile singer and guitarist who plays a variety of familiar songs.

- **Area 23** (State Street, Concord, 881-9060) Open Mic Wednesday starts at the appropriate

time of 6:23 p.m.

- **Bonfire Country Bar** (950 Elm St., Manchester, 217-5600) Nashville by way of New Jersey country singer Nikki Briar performs.

- **Boston Billiard Club** (55 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 943-5630) Drop some bucks on poker and dice, or play it safer at the weekly trivia.

- **Canterbury Shaker Village** (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511) During the annual Holiday Stroll, get into the Christmas spirit with a light show choreographed to classic holiday songs, enjoy professional carolers or sing a few yourself at the Carol-a-oke stand.

- **Castaways Boat House** (209 Ocean Blvd., Seabrook, 834-6030) High School Reunion Karaoke with DJ.

- **Castro's Back Room** (972 Elm St., Manchester, 606-7854) Boo Boo Groove plays jazz and blues at this downtown cigar bar.

- **Chapel + Main** (83 Main St., Dover, 842-5170) Dan Blakeslee loves the sweet spot between Halloween and Christmas, so his show in Dover should be a treat.

- **Chen Yang LI Riverside Lounge** (520 South St., Bow, 228-8508) DJ Kenny P hosts karaoke at this beloved Chinese eatery's downstairs bar.

• **Chop Shop** (920 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-7706) Karaoke with DJ Manny starts at 7:30 p.m.

• **Chunky's Cinema Pub** (707 Huse Road, Manchester, 206-3888) Thanksgiving Homecoming Comedy Show stars veteran standup Kenny Rogerson.

• **Club Victoire** (111 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-9753) Enjoy rock covers from area band The Side Gig.

• **Copper Door** (15 Leavy Drive, Bedford, 488-2677) In what's becoming a tradition, area favorite Chad LaMarsh sings and plays guitar.

• **Copper Door** (41 S Broadway, Salem, 458-2033) As this location celebrated its fifth anniversary, Jodee Frawlee plays for diners and imbibers.

• **Copper Kettle To Go** (39 Main St., Wilton, 654-2631) Singer-songwriter Paul Driscoll performs for customers picking up treats for tomorrow's feast.

• **Crow's Nest** (181 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 974-1686) Bite The Bullet rocks the house.

• **Davignon Snowshoe Club** (218 Wilson St., Manchester, 623-8239) Jennifer Mitchell performs with her band at the show, which is open to the public.

• **Defiant Records & Craft Beer** (609 Main St., Laconia, 527-8310) Mike Loughlin brings his original rock tunes and this unique hybrid of vintage vinyl and craft beer.

• **Derryfield Country Club** (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880) D-Comp Band is a regular favorite at this Manchester restaurant and bar.

• **Dwyer's Pub** (96 Bridge St., Portsmouth, 319-6770) David Corson, a singer-songwriter praised for his personal lyrics and personable performing skills, plays an evening set.

• **Fody's** (9 Clinton St., Nashua, 577-9015) There's trivia between music from Joe McDonald at 6 p.m. and Ben Harris at 10 p.m.

• **Fody's** (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946) Two area musicians perform: Kevin Hopkins at 5 p.m. and Brian House at 8:30 p.m.

• **Fratello's** (155 Dow St., Manchester, 624-2022) Singer and piano player Jordan Quinn performs covers and originals.

• **Fratello's Italian Grille** (799 Union Ave., Laconia, 889-2022) Piano music from Richard Cumming.

• **Getaway Lounge** (157 Franklin St., Manchester, 627-0661) Mugshot Monday plays classic rock hits with Wally Nichols on drums.

• **Giuseppe's** (312 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-3313) Harmonizing husband-and-wife duo The Sweetbloods perform soothing cover songs.

• **Granite State Music Hall** (546 Main St., Laconia, 884-9536) Country singer Jodie Cunningham returns with Close Range. DJ Tim Parker hosts karaoke, along with mechanical bull rides.

• **Hawg's Pen Café** (1114 Route 11, Farmington, 755-3301) Barrington rock cover band Daisy Cutter 6 plays favorites.

• **Hermanos** (11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669) Brian Booth plays covers.

• **Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club** (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-5299) The James



Chad LaMarsh. Courtesy photo.

Montgomery Band is joined by Blues Music Hall of Famer Christine "Beehive Queen" Ohlman. Tickets \$10 to \$45 at ticketmaster.com.

• **Lithermans Limited** (126 Hall St., Unit B, Concord, 219-0784) Not music, but four music-themed taproom releases: One Hit Wonder, Keep On Keepin' On, Soul Doubt and Cosmic Bakers.

• **Lynn's 102 Tavern** (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832) Syndicate plays its final show.

• **Michael's Flatbread & Grill** (8 Stiles Road, Salem, 893-2765) The Regular Gents are an eclectic acoustic duo playing fun versions of songs spanning the decades.

• **Music Hall Lounge** (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400) Pre-holiday comedy as former Fallon writer headlines Midweek Comedic Relief, with support from Alex Giampapa, John Balgio and Izzy da Rosa. \$10.

• **Nashua Garden** (121 Main St., Nashua, 886-7363) Three bands share the stage, beginning with Tumbletoads kicking off the night, followed by The Faith Ann Band, and then The Humans Being.

• **Pasta Loft** (220 E Main St., Milford, 378-0092) Plan B plays a special Thanksgiving Eve show.

• **Pipe Dream Brewing** (40 Harvey Road, Londonderry, 404-0751) Reggae rock stalwarts Supernothing play a free show.

• **Portsmouth Gas Light** (64 Market St., Portsmouth, 430-9122) Amanda Dane Band performs in the nightclub.

• **Press Room** (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186) Get funky up and family-ready with Harsh Armadillo and The Bulkheads with a portion of the \$20 and \$25 tickets going to the Gather NH charity.

• **Rage Cage** (10 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 402-4196) Get the angst out of your system by smashing a few things in advance of the family gathering at this specialty venue dedicated to stress reduction through destruction.

• **Riley's Place** (29 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 325-2177) Bat Magoon Band performs at a restaurant offering comfort, Cajun and barbecue.

• **Saddle Up Saloon** (92 Route 125, Kingston, 347-1313) Have fun, win prizes and enjoy classic rock, soul, blues and modern sound while playing games with Musical Bingo Nation.

• **Sea Dog Brewing** (9 Water St., Exeter, 793-



April Cushman. Courtesy photo.

5116) Dyer Holiday, duo from Lowell, Mass., play a mix of classic rock, country and folk music.

• **Stark Brewing Co.** (500 Commercial St., Manchester, 625-4444) Two options on tap, Cox Karaoke and F.O.L.D. Glow Night (\$10 event charge) with dancing lessons under black light. For the adventurous, wear white and neon colors, paint your face or bring light-up bracelets.

• **Stone Church** (5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700) A show celebrating Ape The Grim's new release *i Deal, Too* includes support from The Perceptionists (Mr. Lif & Akrobatik), Bakari JB, Rayel, Bugout and DJ Clashious Clay. \$20, 21+.

• **Strange Brew** (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) First Responders' Night with Jake Pardee & Friends at this favorite downtown restaurant and tap room.

• **Stripe Nine Brewing** (8 Somersworth Place, Somersworth, 841-7175) Dancing Madly Backwards is back at a Somersworth microbrewery.

• **Stumble Inn** (20 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 432-3210) Small Town Stranded, a longtime favorite area band, performs.

• **Telly's** (235 Calef Hwy., Epping, 679-8225) The 603s duo holds forth on Thanksgiving Eve.

• **The Goat** (50 Old Granite St., Manchester, 222-1677) NEMA Best Country Artist Winner April Cushman and free line dancing get things going at 7:30 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. by Sugah Rush — the Eric Grant Band sporting a dancier vibe.

• **The Goat** (142 Congress St., Portsmouth, 590-4628) Alex Anthony returns.

• **Thirsty Moose** (21 Congress St., Portsmouth, 427-8645) Hijacked plays rock 'n' roll.

• **To Share Brewing** (720 Union St., Manchester, 836-6947) Back to the '90s party in the taproom from 3 to 9 p.m.

• **Tower Hill Tavern** (264 Lakeside Ave., Laconia, 366-9100) Trivia Night in the Lakes Region.

• **Village Trestle** (25 Main St., Goffstown, 497-8230) Live music with Bobby and Amberly performing.

• **Wally's Pub** (144 Ashworth Ave., Hampton Beach, 926-6954) Eric Marcs released his solo debut *Hope* in 2020, a collection of indie rock; he performs with his band Solid Ground. 🍷

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Race through the holidays

5Ks on Thanksgiving and beyond

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Lace up those sneakers Thursday morning — there are about a dozen Turkey Trot road races to wake you up Thanksgiving morning. And if that puts you in the holiday running spirit, check out the races hitting the streets the rest of this season.

Thanksgiving Day races

Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 24.

- The 14th annual **Bow Athletic Club – Bow PD Turkey Trot 5K** has an 8 a.m. start time for adults, teens and kids. Advance registration costs \$35 for adults, \$25 for ages 13 to 19 and \$15 for 12 and under (plus \$5 on the day). The race location is Bow High School (55 Falcon Way); see totalimagerunning.com/events.

- The Rotary Club of Merrimack's **5K Turkey Trot** starts at 8 a.m. at Merrimack Middle School (31 Madeline Bennett Drive), where on-location race-day registration will run from 7 to 7:30 a.m. and costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 13 and under. See merrimack5k.com.

- The **Dover Turkey Trot** starts at 8:30 a.m. and is described as a 5K race for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities, according to doverturkeytrot.com. The start and finish is Garrison Elementary School in Dover and registration on the day costs \$30, \$15 for fourth-graders and younger.

- The **Free Fall 5K** starts at 8:30 a.m. and begins and ends at the Rochester Community Center (150 Wakefield St. in Rochester). Registration costs \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 13 to 17, \$15 for ages 7 to 12, and is free for 6 and under (plus \$5 to register on race day). See freefall5k.com.

- The **Hampstead Turkey Trot**, a 5K, starts at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anne's Church (26 Emerson Ave. in Hampstead). Registration costs \$20 for 18+ and \$15 for 62+ and ages 5 to 17. Same-day sign-up is from 7 to 8 a.m. See hampsteadnh.us/recreation.

- The **Seacoast Rotary's 5K Turkey Trot** starts at 8:30 a.m. in Portsmouth. Registration costs \$35 for ages 20+, \$25 for ages 13 to 19 and \$15 for ages 12 and under. See seacoastrotary.org.

- The **Dartmouth Health Fisher Cats Thanksgiving 5K** starts at 9 a.m., beginning and ending at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in downtown Manchester. Lil' Turkey Trot, a kids fun run, will be held in the stadium at 8:30 a.m. Registration for ages 12 and up costs \$35 in advance or \$40 on race day (if available); for kids 11 and under it's \$15 in advance or \$20 on race day (if available). See millenniumrunning.com.

- The 15th annual **Gilford Youth Center Turkey Trot 5K Race and Family Walk** will start at 9 a.m. (8:45 a.m. for walkers) at the youth center (19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford). Registration costs \$26 per person or \$90 for a



The Jingle Bell Run. Courtesy photo.

family of up to five people. See gilfordyouth-center.com.

- The 16th annual **Lake Sunapee Turkey Trot**, a 5K where costumes are encouraged, starts at 9 a.m. at the Sunapee Harbor gazebo with a 1K Chicken Run for kids starting at 8:15 a.m. and going down Lake Avenue. Registration costs \$30 for ages 13 to 64, \$15 for ages 65 and up and \$10 for ages 12 and under (kids 12 and under running in the Chicken Run are free). See sunapeeturkeytrot.com. The event and a pre-registration event from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, will feature a pie sale; pies are \$10 each.

- The 28th Annual **Windham Turkey Trot**, which offers 1-, 3- and 5-mile options, starts at 9 a.m. at 74 Blossom Road in Windham. You can pre-register but you can also just show up on the day; registration costs are by donation with proceeds going to Shepherd's Pantry. See windhamturkeytrot.org.

Thanksgiving weekend

Races Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27.

- The Amherst Junior Women's Club will hold its **Trot Off Your Turkey 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run** on Saturday, Nov. 26. The fun run starts at 9 a.m. and the 5K starts at 9:30 a.m.; both runs start and end at the Congregational Church in Amherst. Registration costs \$25 for the 5K and \$10 for the fun run; register in advance or register before the race on the day. See ajwcnh.org.

- Bishop Brady High School (25 Columbus Ave. in Concord; bishopbrady.edu) will hold its **Galloping Gobbler 4-mile race** on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 9:30 a.m. Registration costs \$30 for ages 16 and up and \$20 for ages 15 and under. Bib pickup is 8 a.m. on race day.

More holiday races

- The **BASC Santa Claus Shuffle**, a 3-mile race where Santa costumes are included and stations along the way offer Santa's favorite food groups (milk & cookies, maple syrup, chocolate and candy), takes place Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in downtown Manchester, starting and ending in Veterans Park. The Stonyfield Organic Lil' Elf

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Santa in the Gate City

Nashua's Winter Holiday Stroll returns

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The Winter Holiday Stroll in Nashua returns for the first time since 2019 on Saturday, Nov. 26.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with a candlelit procession along Main Street, from City Hall to Library Hill, where the holiday tree will be lit to kick off the event as well as the holiday season.

"I really want to bring the community together in a way that we haven't been together in a few years now," said Carolyn Walley, the executive director of Great American Downtown, which organizes the event.

"In previous years we've seen about 35,000 to 40,000 people," Walley said. "We haven't had it in the past two years, so [this year] we're expecting at least 40,000, maybe 45,000. There's a big buzz about it going around."

Live entertainment will start at 5:45 p.m. with more than 30 different acts performing throughout the downtown area, along with food and novelty vendors. There will also be an indoor craft fair at Saint Patrick's Church from 3 to 9 p.m. Attendees will also be able to play carnival games and enjoy food from different food trucks.

Some new editions to this year's event will include a caricature artist, an ax throwing trailer, and Santa's Village at 30 Temple



Photo by Karyn Emmert.

St., where Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present along with a kids' train ride.

"This is an event that people grow up with. I was raised in Nashua [and] I've been going to this event since middle school," Walley said. "It's one of those events that people have gone to their whole life [and are] bringing their kids to now. ... The fact that it hasn't happened in the past two years, everybody was really upset about it, so it's very much missed, and ... the ... response the community has given it [now that it's] being brought back has been overwhelming."

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- The **2022 Jingle Bell Run**, a 5K where festive costume dress is encouraged, will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at 9:30 a.m. at the West Side Ice Arena in Manchester. Day-of registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event will include ornament and cookie decorating for kids, according to events.arthritis.org, where you can register for the event. Registration costs \$45 in advance, \$50 on the day for timed runners; \$40 in advance and \$45 on the day for untimed runners (both include shirt and jingle bells), the website said.

- The Greg Hill Foundation's **Jingle All the Way 5K** at Cisco Brewers in Portsmouth will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Dig out your ugly sweaters or favorite holiday outfit for the post-race celebration with live music, food and a post-race beer for 21+, according to ghfjingle5k. Registration costs \$30 for 21+ and \$10 for 20 and under.

- **Yule Light Up the Night**, a 2.1-mile

race through the Gift of Lights display at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, will start at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11. Registration costs \$25 for ages 12+, \$15 for ages 4 to 11 and \$10 for ages 3 and under (plus \$5 to register on race day, if available). See millenniumrunning.com.

- The **Tito's Ugly Sweater 4 Miler**, to benefit Second Chance Ranch Rescue, Humane Society of Greater Nashua and the Salem Animal Rescue League, will take place Saturday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m. The race begins and ends at Backyard Brewery (1211 Mammoth Road in Manchester) and features a post-race party with a Tito's Handmade Vodka beverage. See hsfm.org/uglysweaterrun.

New Year's Day races

New Year's Day is Sunday, Jan. 1, in the year 2023 if you can believe it.

- The **Apple Therapy and Derry Sports & Rehab Millennium Mile**, a one-mile downhill race on Mammoth Road in Londonderry, starts at a forgiving 2 p.m. Registration costs \$20 for 12+ and \$10 for 11 and under, with the first 1,250 registrants getting a winter hat (if available, registration on race day costs \$5 more). See millenniumrunning.com.

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The classic holiday season productions of *A Christmas Carol* and *The Nutcracker* fill the calendar through Christmas. Here's where to catch a show:

- The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) presents *A Christmas Carol* from Nov. 25 through Dec. 23, with showtimes on Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m., with an additional show on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$46. Visit palacetheatre.org or call 668-5588.

- The Methuen Ballet Ensemble performs *The Nutcracker* at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$35. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities.

- Northeastern Ballet Theatre presents *The Nutcracker* at the Kingswood Arts Center (396 S. Main St., Wolfeboro) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth and seniors. Tickets purchased at the door are an additional \$5. Visit northeasternballet.org.

- New England Dance Ensemble presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Nov. 26, and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Drive, Salem). Tickets cost \$40 to \$55. Visit nede.org.

- Sole City Dance presents *The Nutcracker* at Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) on Thursday, Dec. 1, and Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$28 for adults and \$24 for students and seniors. Visit rochesteroperahouse.com.

- Gerald Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, brings his one-man

performance of *A Christmas Carol* to the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for youth and students, \$35 for seniors and \$45 for adults. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities. Dickens will also do two shows in Nashua on Saturday, Dec. 3. The first, *Mr. Dickens is Coming*, will be at the Nashua Senior Center (70 Temple St.) at 12:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20. The second, *A Christmas Carol*, will be at Nashua Community College (505 Amherst St.) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$40. Visit fortingage.com/dickens2022.

- The Hatbox Theatre (Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road, Concord) presents *Dickens' A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 2 through Dec. 18, with showtimes on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$22 for adults, \$19 for students, seniors and members and \$16 for senior members. Visit hatboxnh.com.

- The Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) presents *A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 2 through Dec. 22, with showtimes on Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., with additional shows Monday, Dec. 19, through Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$27 for students and seniors age 65 and up and \$17 for kids under age 12. Visit playersring.org or call 436-8123.

- Bedford Dance Center presents *The Nutcracker Suite* on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$23. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities.

- Portsmouth School of Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Exeter High School auditorium (1 Blue Hawk Drive, Exeter). Tickets cost \$25. Visit psb-nh.com.

- The New Hampshire Theatre Project presents a one-woman theatrical performance of *A Christmas Carol* by Jennifer



The Palace Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*. Courtesy photo.



Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater presents *The Nutcracker*. Courtesy photo.

Munro at the West End Studio Theatre (959 Islington St., Portsmouth), with showtimes on Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$26 for students, seniors and veterans, with a livestream option also available for \$20. Visit nhtheatreproject.org.

- The Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) presents *A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 9 through Dec. 17, with showtimes on Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$22 to 28. Visit rochesteroperahouse.com.

- Turning Pointe Center of Dance presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord). Tickets cost \$20. Visit turningpointecenterofdance.com.

- Dance Visions Network presents *The Nutcracker Suite Acts I & II* on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 and 5 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$22 plus a \$4 surcharge. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities.

- North Country Center for the Arts at Jean's Playhouse and Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative present *A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story* at the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia),

with showtimes on Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 for youth and students, \$20 for seniors and \$22 for adults. Visit belknapmill.org/powerhouse-theatre-collaborative.

- Safe Haven Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord) on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$34.50 to \$44.50. Visit ccanh.com.

- Ballet Misha presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1 and 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$34. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities.

- New England School of Dance presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m., at the Stockbridge Theatre (Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry). Tickets cost \$32.25. Visit newenglandschoolofdance.com.

- The New Hampshire School of Ballet presents *The Nutcracker Suite* at Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m.; and at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$25. Visit nhschoolofballet.com.

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The Elf and the Grinch

Holiday fun on local stages



Ogunquit Playhouse presents *Elf the Musical*. Photo by Julia Russell.

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It's not all *Nutcracker*. Here are some of the other holiday-themed shows on local stages.

- The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth) presents *A Christmas Story: The Musical* Nov. 25 through Dec. 23, with showtimes on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 to \$44. Visit seacoastrep.org.
- Pontine Theatre presents *A New England Christmas* at Plains School (1 Plains Ave., Portsmouth) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. Shows can also be livestreamed. Additional showtimes that are sold out in person but can be livestreamed are on Friday, Nov. 25, at 3 p.m., and Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$29 for adults and \$26 for youth and seniors age 65 and up. Visit pontine.org.
- The Ogunquit Playhouse presents *Elf The Musical* at the Music Hall Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth) Nov. 28 through Dec. 16, with showtimes on Wednesday and Saturday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. (no 1:30 p.m. show on Wednesday, Nov. 30); Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., with an additional show on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1:30 p.m.; and Sunday at noon and 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$50 to \$101, with youth tickets starting at \$45. Visit themusichall.org.
- The Bedford Youth Performing Company presents *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at Derryfield School (2108 River Road, Manchester) on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$17.50 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Visit bypc.org.
- Break a Leg Legally presents a holiday murder mystery, *Who Killed Santa Claus?*, at The Strand (20 Third St., Dover) Dec. 2

through Dec. 11, with showtimes on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 for the Sunday shows and \$20 for the Friday and Saturday shows. Visit breakalegally.com.

• See *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities.

• The Franklin Footlight Theatre presents *Holiday One-Acts* at the Franklin Opera House (316 Central St., Franklin), with showtimes Thursday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and youth. Call 934-1901 or visit franklinoperahouse.org.

• The Majestic Theatre presents *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry) on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 to \$20. Visit majestictheatre.net.

• The Garrison Players present *Inspecting Carol* at the Garrison Players Arts Center (449 Roberts Road, Rollinsford) Dec. 9 through Dec. 18, with showtimes on Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Visit garrisonplayers.org.

• The Peacock Players present *A Charlie Brown Christmas* at the Court Street Theatre (14 Court St., Nashua) on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2, 4 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 and 4 p.m. Ticket sales are TBA. Visit peacockplayers.org.

• Safe Haven Ballet presents *The Grinch* at the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia) on Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for youth and \$30 for adults. Visit coloniathatrea.com.

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Merry and bright

Midnight Merriment returns to downtown Concord

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Downtown Concord's 29th annual Midnight Merriment celebration kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, and goes until midnight.

"Many of the downtown stores stay open until midnight and some of them do different things to promote people shopping later in the evening, so some of them will do special deals," said Jessica Martin, the executive

Intown Concord's 29th annual Midnight Merriment

When: Friday, Dec. 2, 5 p.m. to midnight

Where: Downtown Concord

Cost: Free admission

Visit: intownconcord.org

director of Intown Concord, which organizes the event.

Holiday music will play as people walk the downtown streets surrounded by festive lights and displays.

In addition to shopping, attendees can make s'mores, drink hot chocolate, participate in a holiday dance party and have their picture taken with Santa Claus at City Plaza.

There are new additions to this year's event, including a free shopping trolley sponsored by Xfinity.

"It will take people to some of the areas downtown that aren't as easily accessible by foot," Martin said.

Another addition is a gingerbread show-down contest at Eatxactly Sweet Cafe.

Between the sales and festivities, this event helps create the incentive to shop locally.

"Black Friday is the week before, so it's

just another push for people to shop local [and] support downtown businesses. ... Not only are you buying your holiday gifts, but you're also keeping your money local, [and] supporting your friends and your neighbors in doing that, so it's really important," Martin said.

Some of the businesses will partner with nonprofits, and firefighters will be present asking for donations for muscular dystrophy. Members of the Concord Dance Academy's Booster Club will be at the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce offering free gift wrapping.

"Some of the goals for this event are always to support the downtown businesses, educate the public on the importance of shopping local, [try] to kick off the holiday season on a good foot [and] put Concord on the map as far as being a holiday shopping destination," Martin said. "Another smaller



Midnight Merriment. Courtesy photo.

goal is to try to expand people's definition of downtown, so that's why we're using the free trolley this year so [people can explore] some of our really fun, interesting shopping destinations."

Martin said that "[Midnight Merriment is] just a really quintessential New England holiday experience." 🍷

Holiday happenings

Twinkling lights, seasonal parades and holiday festivals to set the mood

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Get ready to celebrate the season with the best festivals, light shows and more that New Hampshire has to offer. Check out the list below for information about a bunch of the celebrations happening across the Granite State.

- The annual **LaBelle Lights** display is back this year with more than 500,000 lights strung up across the winery (14 Route 111 in Derry; labellewinery.com) now through Jan. 15, 2023. Tickets cost \$16 for visitors 13 and older, \$8 for 4- to 12-year-olds, \$10 for those 65 and older, and are free for those younger than 4. On Friday nights in December, there will be special themes: Dec. 2 is Crazy Christmas Hats Night; Dec. 9 Ugly Holiday Sweaters Night; Dec. 16 is Christmas Pajamas Night, and Dec. 23 Best Santa Costume Night.

- The **Bektash Shriners Festival of Trees** continues at the Bektash Shrine Center (189 Pembroke Road in Concord). Admission costs \$5 for ages 12 and over. Peruse the decorated trees and enter the raffle to win the tree (or trees) that you like best. Raffle tickets cost \$5 for 25 (tickets can also be purchased online for an additional fee). The drawings will be done on Sunday, Nov. 27, the end of the festival. The festival is open Tuesday, Nov. 22, and Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to bektashshriners.org

- **Gift of Lights** will start on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 24, at 4:30 p.m. and will run through Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at the New

Hampshire Motor Speedway (1122 Route 106 North in Loudon). The two-and-a-half-mile display will be open every night between those days, weather permitting. The tour will be open 4:30 to 10 p.m. this weekend; Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3; Thursday, Dec. 8 through Monday, Dec. 26; and Friday, Dec. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 31. It's open until 9 p.m. the rest of the days. Tickets cost \$35 per car, \$60 per bus. Visit nhms.com to purchase tickets. Special nights include: pajama night (Monday, Nov. 28); Loudon Food Pantry Community Night (Tuesday, Nov. 29); pet night (Wednesday, Nov. 30); National Christmas Lights Day (Thursday, Dec. 1); Christmas sweater night (Tuesday, Dec. 6) and first responders night (Wednesday, Dec. 7).

- Join Pelham for the 13th annual **Southern New Hampshire Festival of Trees** at Sherburne Hall in the Municipal Building (6 Village Green). The festival opens on Friday, Nov. 25, and will run through Saturday, Dec. 3. Times vary across the days. Visit snhfestivaloftrees.pelhamcommunityspirit.org.

- The **Plaistow Festival of Trees** will be from Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27, at Plaistow Fish and Game (18 May Ray Ave.) Times vary for each day of the raffle event and festivities. Check calendar.time.ly/v9c29hla/event/74778847 for exact times.

- The **Very Derry Holiday** celebration and parade will be at the Veterans Hall (31 West Broadway) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 1 p.m. The celebration will have festive activities lined up. Visit derrynh.org for more information.

- The **Christmas in Wolfeboro** parade and tree lighting will be on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 3 p.m. The parade will start at Brewster Memorial Field and end at Mill Street with the tree lighting. For more information visit [\[rochamber.com\]\(http://rochamber.com\).](http://wolfebo-</div><div data-bbox=)

- The **Salem Holiday Parade** is on Sunday, Nov. 27, this year, with a "Christmas in the zoo" theme. The parade will start at the intersection of Main and Policy streets at 1 p.m. For more information visit saalemnhparade.org.

- The annual **Celebrate Laconia Lights Festival and Parade** will be on Sunday, Nov. 27, with two portions to the parade. The traditional parade will begin at noon and festivities will run until 8 p.m. An automobile parade will start at 4:30 p.m. at Opechee Park and will meet up with the other parade at Laconia High School (345 Union Ave.) for the tree lighting ceremony. Visit celebratelaconia.or

- The Town of Bow is hosting its annual **tree lighting ceremony** on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 5 p.m. The lighting will be at the Bow Gazebo (1 Knox Road). Visit bownh.gov for more information.

- The **Concord tree lighting ceremony** will be on Monday, Nov. 28, this year at the Statehouse Plaza (107 N. Main St.) from 3:30 p.m. to midnight. Visit concordnh.gov for more information.

- Visit Exeter Town Hall (10 Front St.) for the annual **festival of trees** on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 1, starting at 11 a.m. Bidding for a tree can take place in person and online. Visit exeterareacharitablefoundation.org.

- The **Penacook tree lighting ceremony** will be on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Boudreau Square on Village Street. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. with carolers from the elementary school and Blanchard Family Singers. Visit penacook.org.

- Go back in time throughout December in Portsmouth with **Vintage Christmas** at



Last year's LaBelle Lights. Courtesy photo.

Strawbery Banke (14 Hancock St. in Portsmouth) and the Music Hall (28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth). The Strawbery Banke Museum will present its **Candlelight Stroll** on Saturdays (Dec. 2, 10 and 17) from 5 to 9 p.m. and Sundays (Dec. 4, 11 and 18) from 4 to 8 p.m. with a walk through homes of the Puddle Dock neighborhood made over for the holidays in a variety of different historical eras. The outdoor ice-skating at the Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond is slated to start as soon as Friday, Nov. 25, weather permitting. First Night Portsmouth on Saturday, Dec. 31, starts at 2 p.m. and features music, dance, children's activities, street performers and ice sculptures, according to vintagechristmasnh.org where you can find the complete list of events.

- Gather on Goffstown Common (across from the Goffstown Public Library, 2 High St.) for the annual **Friday night under the lights** event on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit the Goffstown Main Street Program's goffstownmainstreet.org.

- Have a scary good time at the **Fright**

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Miracle on Elm Street

Holiday parade returns to the streets of Manchester

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The Manchester Holiday Parade will head down Elm Street on Saturday, Dec. 3. The event will start at 4 p.m. kicking off at the Amoskeag Bridge and heading down Elm Street to Granite Street. After the parade, a tree lighting ceremony will take place at Veterans Memorial Park.

“It will be preceded by the BASC Santa Claus Shuffle, a 3-mile road race put on by Millennium Running,” parade organizer Trixie Dysart said in an email. “The race starts at 3 p.m., and the runners are encouraged to dress up in Santa-themed clothes. Once the last runner leaves the starting line, the parade will begin.”

More than 1,000 spectators are expected to congregate on the sidewalks to

watch the parade go by. Local businesses and organizations will display floats they built for the event, and the town’s high school bands will perform. Letter carriers will also come by to collect letters to Santa, who might even make a surprise appearance.

“Our parade theme this year is ‘Merry & Bright,’” Dysart said. “We’re encouraging all participants to light up Elm [Street] with the brightest displays they can imagine [and] we’re so excited to celebrate the holidays with this dazzling display.”

Manchester has had a winter celebration for many years, dating all the way back to the 1920s with a “Winter Carnival Parade,” in which members of the town wore costumes and there were horse-drawn floats. The tradition continues with the holiday parade that, Dysart said, “brings the community members of



Manchester Holiday Parade. Courtesy photo.

all ages downtown to celebrate the holiday season.”

“My favorite thing about the parade has always been seeing Manchester come together as a community to spread joy,” she said. “After the difficult couple of years we’ve all had, I’m excited for our city to get back together for this night of music and lights.” 🎄

Manchester Holiday Parade

When: Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m.
Where: Downtown Manchester; the parade will begin at the Amoskeag Bridge and head down Elm Street to Granite Street
Cost: Free admission
More info: See the “2022 Holiday Parade” event page on Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig’s Facebook profile @mayorjoycecraig

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Before Christmas at Fright Kingdom (12 Simon St., Nashua) Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. General admission tickets cost \$35 online. To purchase tickets, visit frightkingdom.com.

- Join Nottingham for the annual **holiday parade** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. The parade route starts and ends at the community center (139 Stage Road). Visit nottingham-nh.gov.

- The New Hampshire Farm Museum is hosting a **1940s Christmas on the Farm** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors ages 65 and older, \$5 for youth ages 5-17, and children younger than 4-years-old are free. Visit nhfarmmuseum.org.

- The Windham Parks and Recreations department will hold **lighting festivities on the town common** on Saturday, Dec. 3. Santa arrives by fire truck at 2:45 p.m., and the tree lighting will be at 5 p.m. For more information, visit the town’s website, windhamnh.gov.

- **mination holiday parade** in Portsmouth will be on Saturday, Dec. 3. The tree lighting will be at 5 p.m. and the parade will start at Plaza 800 on Islington Street at 6 p.m. Visit cityof-portsmouth.com.

- Chester’s **Christmas in the Village** will be held all day Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, at different locations throughout the town. Visit chesternh.org.

- Merrimack’s **holiday parade and tree lighting** is on Sunday, Dec. 4. The parade will start at 3 p.m. at 515 Daniel Webster Hwy. and the tree lighting will be at 3:45 p.m. at Abbie Griffin Park (6 Baboosic Lake Road). For more information or to register to march in the parade, visit merrimackparksandrec.org.

- The annual **festival of trees** at New Life Church (84 Nottingham Road, Raymond) will run from Thursday, Dec. 8, through Sunday, Dec. 11. Times vary. Visit facebook.com/RaymondFestivalofTrees for more information.

- Across southern New Hampshire, towns and cities will be lit up for the **Tour of Lights** starting on Friday, Dec. 9. For more information and a complete list of participating communities, visit merrimackparksandrec.org.

- The Town of Amherst has an assortment of holiday-themed adventures as part of its **tree lighting ceremony**. The ceremony itself will be on Friday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. on the village green. Check out other events happening from Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11, at amhersttreelightingfestival.weebly.com

- The annual **Hollis Holiday Luminaria Stroll** is on Saturday, Dec. 10, at Monument Square. The stroll and tree lighting will be at 4 p.m., with more events happening throughout the day. Visit hollisluminaria.org.

- The **Gilford Village candlelight stroll** is on Saturday, Dec. 10, starting at 5 p.m. Location is to be announced. Visit the Gilford Village Candlelight Stroll Facebook page.

- The **Hampstead Christmas parade** is going to be on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m., kicking off from the community center (38 Parklane Road). The center will be open before the parade to serve hot cocoa and offer activities. Visit the Hampstead Christmas Parade Facebook page.

- **Light up New Boston** is back on Monday, Dec. 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. throughout the



The tractor is courtesy of the 2021 Hollis Luminaria. Photo by Bob Heyer.

community. For more information, or to sign up to participate in the decoration festival, visit newbostonnh.gov.

- Ring in the new year on Pats Peak (686 Flanders Road, Henniker) with a **firework celebration** on Saturday, Dec. 31. The celebration starts at 4 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at 10:20 p.m. Pricing starts at \$59 for holiday lift access. Visit patspeak.com. 🎆

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Santa Claus is coming...

Holiday events for junior Granite Staters, including meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus

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Nothing says the holidays more than the awe and delight in children's eyes. The list below has a bunch of events that will excite kids throughout the season.

- Bass Pro Shops (2 Commerce Drive, Hooksett) is having free **photo appointments with Santa** now through Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24. Visit basspro.com/shop/en/santas-wonderland to reserve a time slot.

- **Charmingfare Farm** (774 High St. in Candia; visitthefarm.com) has lots of holiday family fun on the calendar. The Christmas Tree Spree runs Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27. Admission costs \$22 per person or \$129 for four people and a tree. The day will also include visits with the barnyard animals, a horse-drawn ride, a visit with Santa's Reindeer, a campfire and pony rides that can be purchased online.

Santa's Christmas runs Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4; Friday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 11; Friday, Dec. 16, through Sunday, Dec. 18; Wednesday, Dec. 21, through Saturday, Dec. 24. Pick a time when you buy tickets for either a four-person or 10-person sleigh ride. The event also includes a stop at the North Pole, Mrs. Claus' Bakery, a visit to the barnyard, an opportunity to shop for Christmas trees, a campfire, a special mailbox for letters to Santa and the big man himself.

The week post Christmas, Charmingfare holds an **Encore of the Lights** event, where attendees can "climb aboard our horse drawn ride and travel 30 minutes through our Christmas light displays and see the Reindeer at the North Pole, according to the website. The event also includes Mrs. Claus' Bakery, a visit to the barnyard, a campfire and more.

And ring in 2023 with a **New Year's Eve Ride**. This evening event features a fireside meal, music and a ride along the trail of holiday lights.

- Gilford's Parks and Recreation department and the Gilford Youth Center will be hosting **Santa Land** at the Youth Center (19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford) on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will feature games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, cookie decorating, storytimes and a visit with Santa. Visit gilfordyouthcenter.com.

- The Millyard Museum's (200 Bedford St., Manchester) **holiday open house** is on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature games, cookies, children's crafts, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and more. Visit manchesterhistoric.org.

- Enjoy **Mr. Aaron's holiday party** at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and tickets cost \$13. Visit ccanh.com to purchase tickets.

- Greeley Park (100 Concord St., Nashua) is hosting **Santa in the Park** on Saturday,

Dec. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. Come take a photo with Santa. See Nashua Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page.

- Londonderry Access Center TV (281 Mammoth Road) is hosting **Santa live** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. Kids can come visit with Santa live on air. This is a first come, first served event. See lactv.com.

- AR Workshop (875 Elm St., Manchester) is hosting **family-friendly projects** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Craft prices range from \$30 to \$90 and admission can be purchased online at arworkshop.com.

- Granite Base Camp (300 Blondin Road in Manchester; experiencebasecamp.org, 623-5962) will hold a **Holiday Breakfast** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The morning will include a visit with Santa, arts and crafts and other activities and more. The cost is \$15 per person.

- Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., Manchester) is hosting its annual **American Girl Doll Christmas tea party** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your American Girl Doll for a tour followed by refreshments and crafts. Tickets cost \$15 per person and can be purchased at manchesterhistoric.org.

- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St. in Dover) is hosting its annual **Jingle Bell Extravaganza** on Sundays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Meet Santa, do holiday crafts, do a science experiment and get a special treat — pajama wearing is encouraged. The event is included with the cost of tickets, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members; children under 1 year old are free. Visit childrens-museum.org to reserve a spot.

- **Elf training** is coming to Derry Public Library (64 East Broadway, Derry) on Monday, Dec. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 3:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 and 5 p.m., with a special infant elf training at 10 a.m. Visit derrypl.org to sign up.

- Join **Santa for breakfast** at the Milford Town Hall (1 Union Sq.) on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Breakfast will be pancakes and sausages. Price is \$9 per person; children ages 2 and younger eat free. Visit milfordnh.rec-desk.com and to reserve a spot.

- Manchester Vineyard Church (750 Pine St.) is hosting a **Christmas Fest** for kids ages 3 to 10 on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring games, crafts, stories, the Manchester mounted police, a cotton candy machine and more. Register at manchesterchristmasfest.com.

- **Santa Claus will arrive by helicopter** at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry; aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820) on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. Arrive at the museum by 10:45 a.m.



Santa visiting the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. Courtesy photo.

to park and see the landing, according to a press release. Santa will talk to kids (who will receive goodie bags) until 1 p.m. when he will depart by fire truck, the release said. The museum will be open and free to visitors on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The museum's holiday exhibit, "Holiday Festival of Toy Planes and Model Aircraft" which features more than 2,000

aviation-related toys, games and other items, will also open on Dec. 10. The exhibit will feature "12 Planes of Christmas" scavenger hunt, the release said. The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for ages 6 to 12 and is free for ages 5 and under, seniors and veterans/active military.

- The Kids Night at the Y will have a **holiday palooza** on Saturday, Dec. 10. The event runs from 3 to 8 p.m. and has childcare-trained staff to watch over kids while parents are free to take some time to themselves. Program costs \$45 for one child, and \$40 for each additional sibling. Visit bit.ly/ygl-kids-nights to register in advance.

- LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst) is hosting a **family holiday concert featuring Ben Rudnick and Friends** on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Doors to the event open at 12:30 p.m. and tickets cost up to \$12. Visit labellewinery.com to order tickets.

- The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill (174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford) is hosting a **Christmas Festival** on Saturday, Dec. 17, with Santa visits at 5 p.m. Visit theeducationalfarm.org.

- Drop kids off at AR Workshop (875 Elm St., Manchester) for a **mini Santa and friends wood block workshop** on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. This program is recommended for kids ages 6 and older. Visit arworkshop.com for more information and to register.

- **S'mores with Santa** is back at the gazebo in New Boston's center on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. Visit with Santa after the tree lighting ceremony. Visit newbostonnh.gov.

- Join the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) for a **family New Year's celebration** with countdowns to "midnight," making a sparkly party hat and more, on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to noon or from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The event is included with the cost of tickets, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members; children under 1 year old are free. Visit childrens-museum.org to reserve a spot.

- All three Chunky's locations (707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham) will have a **family-friendly magic show** featuring magician Ben Pratt. The shows will be on Monday, Dec. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Pelham; Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Manchester, and Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in Nashua. Visit chunkys.com to order tickets. 🍷

Holiday sounds

Symphonies, choral performances and more

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• The **Granite State Ringers** handbell ensemble presents “**A Nutcracker Holiday**,” a concert featuring music from *The Nutcracker* as well as other holiday music, at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst) on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 through 12 and are free for children under age 3. The Ringers will also perform the concert at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The concert at the Audi is free, with no tickets or reservations required. Visit granitesteringers.org.

• The **Manchester Community Music School** (2291 Elm St., Manchester) presents its **Holiday Pops** concert on Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45. Visit mcmusicschool.org.

• The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) will hold **Caroling at the Currier** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at noon with the Manchester Choral Society performing in the Historic Court, which will be able to be heard throughout the museum, according to the website. Hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission costs \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for students, \$5 for ages 13 to 17 and free for 12 and under.

• Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury) will host a **Merry Merry Canterbury Concert and Cocktails** event on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m., featuring **Symphony NH's string quartet**. Tickets cost \$75. Visit shakers.org/event/merry-merry-canterbury.

• The **New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus** presents its holiday concert series, “**Suddenly Silver Bells**,” with shows on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church (3 Lutheran Drive, Nashua); Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (22 Fox Run Road, Newington); Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at The Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey); and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. at The Derryfield School (2108 River Road, Manchester). Tickets cost \$20 for adults; admission is free for children ages 12 and under. Visit nhgmc.com.

• The **Nashua Choral Society** performs its holiday concert, “**Rejoice! 'Tis the Season**,” on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church (216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua). Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Admission is free for children. Visit nashuachoralsociety.org.

• The First Congregational Church (508 Union St. in Manchester; fcmanchesternh.org, 625-5093) is holding a **Christmas Cantata** with Christmas carols, a choir, handbells, an orchestra, readings and soloists during the service on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. The event is free and



Nashua Choral Society. Courtesy photo.

open to the public.

• The **New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra's brass and string quartets** present a **Holiday Pops** concert at LaBelle Winery (14 Route 111, Derry) on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$20 for children ages 4 through 12 and are free for children under age 4. Visit nhphil.org.

• Hear **Handel's Messiah** at St. Paul's Church (22 Centre St., Concord) on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. The concert is free. Visit walkerlecture.org.

• **Great Bay Philharmonic Orchestra's string quartet** presents a **holiday concert** at the Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth) on Friday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 to \$55. Visit themusichall.org or call 436-2400.

• The **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra** performs its **Holiday Pops** concert at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$55. Visit snhuarena.com.

• The **Souhegan Valley Chorus** performs its holiday concert, “**Sharing Christmas Joy**,” on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church (10 Union St., Milford). Tickets cost \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and

seniors and are free for children ages 12 and under. Visit souheganvalleychorus.org.

• The **Manchester Choral Society and Orchestra** presents its **holiday concert** on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at Ste. Marie Parish (378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester), and on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. at Manchester High School Central (535 Beech St., Manchester). Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors and are free for children. Visit mcsnh.org.

• The **Rockingham Choral Society** presents its holiday concert, “**Love Shall be Our Token**,” on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at First Parish Church (218 Central Ave., Dover) and on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3:30 p.m. at Christ Church (43 Pine St., Exeter). Tickets cost \$14 in advance and \$15 at the door if still available. Visit rockinghamchoral.org.

• **Symphony NH** performs its **Holiday Pops** concerts on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Keefe Center for the Arts (117 Elm St., Nashua), and on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord). Tickets are free for youth under age 12 and start at \$10 for students, \$18 for seniors age 65 and up and \$20 for adults. Visit symphonynh.org.

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Songs (and jokes) of the season

Jazz concerts, comedy shows, Celtic music and more

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From seasonal jazz and Celtic music to modern renditions of the holiday classics — and even a few holiday-themed comedy shows — there's a performance to get everyone into the festive spirit this year.

Music

• The **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** presents *The Ghosts of Christmas Eve*, its annual holiday show, on Friday, Nov. 25, at the SNHU Arena, with shows at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$102.50. Check out Michael Witthaus's interview with Jeff Plate, the band's drummer, on page 38 of the Hippo's Nov. 17 issue — go to issuu.com/hippopress to download and read the e-edition for free.

• **Truffle's annual Turkey Jam** is set for Friday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., at The Stone Church Music Club. Tickets are \$15 general admission, plus fees.

• Don't miss **A Piano Christmas with Robert Dionne**, a special piano cabaret and sing-along event, on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at The Majestic Theatre. Tickets are \$20.

• **A Kat Edmondson Christmas — "Holiday Swingin'"** is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club, with two

shows, at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$45.

• There will be a special **holiday-themed open mic night** at High Street Coffee House on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., sponsored by Boscawen Congregational Church. Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

• Enjoy **Christmas with the Celts** at The Flying Monkey Movie House & Performance Center on Friday, Dec. 2 — the doors open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.

• Children's musician **Mr. Aaron** will hold a special holiday party and concert at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$13, including service fees.

• **Seamus Egan** presents a Celtic Christmas at the Chubb Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$32 to \$42.

• Gary Hoey presents **Ho! Ho! Hoey**, his annual holiday-themed show, at the Tupelo Music Hall on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$35 to \$50, plus fees.

• **Cherish the Ladies**, the world renowned Grammy-nominated Irish-American supergroup, presents a Celtic Christmas at the Dana Center on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$45, plus fees.

• Don't miss **A Sinatra Christmas** with Boston-based jazz singer Rich DiMare and the Ron Poster Band at the Rex Theatre on Saturday,

Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$29 to \$39, plus fees.

• **Rockapella** returns to the Stockbridge Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., featuring "buckets of catchy original pop songs and contemporary versions of pop, rock and soul classics," according to the website. Tickets range from \$25 to \$35.

• **Ben Rudnick and Friends** will play unique spins on the classics during a family-friendly holiday concert at LaBelle Winery in Amherst on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids ages 2 to 12 and free for kids under 2.

• The **Canterbury Singers** will sing holiday Shaker songs at the Canterbury Shaker Village on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

• **A Joyful Christmas with Celtic legend Eileen Ivers** will take place at the Rex Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$39.

• See a Christmas show featuring the **Granite Statesmen** at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for kids.

• Catch **The John Denver Christmas Show** at The Flying Monkey Movie House & Performance Center on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra's production of **"Christmas with the Crooners"**



Kat Edmondson. Courtesy photo.

will be at the Colonial Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. The show features a mix of traditional carols and modern holiday tunes by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Andy Williams and more. Tickets range from \$22 to \$32 for adults and from \$12 to \$22 for students.

• See the **Capital Jazz Orchestra's Holiday Pops** show at the Chubb Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$27.50 to \$47.50, plus fees.

• Nashville-based jazz and pop vocalist Anthony Nunziata presents **The Italian Broadway Christmas Show** at the Rex Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$29 to \$39, plus fees.

• Enjoy **A Nashville Christmas** at LaBelle Winery Derry on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature a lineup of acclaimed Christmas songs country style, sprinkled in by the likes of Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard and more. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, plus fees.

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• **The Morning Buzz Christmas Ball** featuring the *Greg and the Morning Buzz* team along with comedians, musicians, special guests and more is happening at the Chubb Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45, plus fees.

• The Eric Mintel Quartet presents **A Charlie Brown Christmas** at the Rex Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• New Hampshire's own Irish and American folk duo **The Spain Brothers** will perform a mix of traditional and original Christmas songs at the Rex Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.

• See **Franco Corso**, a.k.a. "The Voice of Romance," at Fulchino Vineyard on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$139 and include a three-course dinner with the show.

• David Clark's **All About Joel**, an evening tribute show to the Piano Man featuring holidays and hits, will be at Lakeport Opera House on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. As of Nov. 18, limited VIP seats are available for \$60, plus fees.

• The Heater Pierson Jazz Trio is set to perform the soundtrack of "**A Charlie Brown Christmas**" at The Park Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids ages 16 and under.

• **Ted Vigil: A John Denver Christmas** will be at the Chubb Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$49.50, plus fees.

• Join children's musician **Mr. Aaron** for a family holiday concert at LaBelle Winery Derry on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ages 2 to 12 and free for kids under 2.

• Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter **Judy Collins** will take the stage at the Tupelo Music Hall for a special seasonal concert, *Holiday & Hits*. The show is happening on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. and tickets range from \$55 to \$70.

• See **The Wizards of Winter**, a holiday

rock event featuring former members of some of classic rock's biggest names — Alice Cooper, Blue Oyster Cult, Def Leppard and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, just to name a few — at The Flying Monkey Movie House & Performance Center on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$49.

Comedy

• **Jimmy Dunn's Comedy Christmas** returns to the Rex Theatre on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 (show is 18+).

• See a special holiday edition of **Life's a Drag**, happening at Chunky's Cinema Pub in Manchester on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (event is 21+ only).

• Fulchino Vineyard presents **Comedy Poured** on Friday, Dec. 30, at 5 p.m., featuring an all-star cast of comedians like Paul D'Angelo, Dave Russo and Matt Barry, along with wine and charcuterie available for purchase. Tickets are \$29.

• Comedian **Justin McKinney's annual Year in Review show** returns to the Rex Theatre for two nights on Friday, Dec. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 (show is 18+).

• Headliners Comedy Club presents its annual **New Year's Eve gala** on Saturday, Dec. 31, with showtimes at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Featured comedians will include Joe Yannetty, Jody Sloane, Rob Steen and Eric Hurst. Packages start at \$35.

• Comedian **Bob Marley** will perform three New Year's Eve comedy shows on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$46.50.

Magic & more

• Chabad of New Hampshire presents **Chanukah at the Palace**, a special event happening at the Palace Theatre on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m., featuring acclaimed mentalist Craig Karges and *America's Got Talent* magician Jay Mattioli, along with a Chanukah musical interlude by vocalist Elazar Waldman. Tickets start at \$18. 🍷

Music & comedy venues

Bank of New Hampshire Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com

Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511, shakers.org

Capitol Center for the Arts — Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com

Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road, Manchester, 206-3888, chunkys.com

Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com

Dana Center for the Humanities, Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, anselm.edu

The Flying Monkey Movie House & Performance Center, 39 S. Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

Fulchino Vineyard, 187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com

Headliners Comedy Club, DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm St., Manchester, 988-3673, headlinersnh.com

High Street Coffee House, 12 High St., Boscawen, 520-9196, boscawencongregationalchurch.com

Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club, 135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-5299, jimmysoncongress.com

LaBelle Winery Amherst, 345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery.com

LaBelle Winery Derry, 14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com

Lakeport Opera House, 781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, lakeportopera.com

The Majestic Theatre, 880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.com

The Park Theatre, 19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org

Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

SNHU Arena, 555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com

Stockbridge Theatre, Pinkerton Academy, 44 N. Main St., Derry, 437-5210, stockbridgetheatre.com

The Stone Church Music Club, 5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com

Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelohall.com

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Festive flavors

All kinds of holiday fun for foodies

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From holiday-themed cooking classes and wine tastings to Christmas parties, New Year's Eve dinners and more, check out this list of some of the tastiest events to experience this holiday season.

- The first annual **Holiday Shoppes at Tuscan Village** (9 Via Toscana, Salem) continues now through New Year's Eve, featuring a collection of more than 30 small businesses and artists debuting in a festive, open-air marketplace, with art, sweet treats, home decor, apparel and more. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 4 p.m. to close and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to close. Visit tuscanvillagesalem.com.

- The Portsmouth Historical Society presents its 32nd annual **gingerbread house contest and exhibition** at the Discover Portsmouth Center (10 Middle St.), which will also include a downtown scavenger hunt at participating retail storefronts in and around Market Square. Completed contestant creations will be displayed in downtown shop windows from Friday, Nov. 25, through Thursday, Dec. 22. All houses are free for public viewing. Visit vintagechristmasnh.org.

- The weekly **Holiday Food & Arts Market** series continues at the YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown (116 Goffstown Back Road) with events every Saturday from Nov. 26 through Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each event in the series features a different menu of lunch items and baked goods, along with a unique selection of themed crafts, all to benefit the Y's Center for Older Adults. See the event page on Facebook @yallardcenter for more details.

- Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire will hold its 12th annual **Home-ward Bound Food & Beverage Festival** on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nashua Country Club (25 Fairway St.). In addition to food and drinks from local vendors, the cocktail party-style event features a variety of auctioned items. Tickets are \$100 per person. Purchase them online at familypromisesnh.ticket.qtego.net.

- The bi-weekly **Cheese & Corks** tastings at Local Basket (10 Ferry St., Suite 120A, Concord) continue on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Featuring Kristy Ammann of Dole & Bailey — formerly the owner of Butter's Fine Food & Wine in Concord — and Ambra Kash of Crush Wine & Spirits, the series includes “a series of wine and cheese chats to prepare you for holiday entertaining or cozy winter nights,” according to the event flier. The Nov. 30 tasting will cover New Hampshire-made cheeses to be paired

with wines from around the world, while the Dec. 14 event will feature sparkling wines and creamy cheeses. Admission is free. Visit localbasket.com.

- The Winemaker's Kitchen cooking with wine series continues at LaBelle Winery with **holiday recipes classes**, to be held at its Derry location (14 Route 111) on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and at its Amherst location (345 Route 101) on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. each day. Attendees will get to enjoy holiday dinner samples and discover recipes with wine paired or prepared with each item. Recipes will include candied kielbasa, deviled eggs with Seyval Blanc egg filling, red wine caramelized onion dip for vegetables and chips, and baked brie with a red wine fruit compote. General admission is \$35 per person, plus tax. Visit labellewinery.com.

- Join the William Pitt Tavern at the Strawberry Banke Museum (14 Hancock St., Portsmouth) for its annual **Pickwick's Mercantile holiday tavern dinners**, with seatings available during the museum's Candlelight Stroll (Saturdays and Sundays, from Dec. 3 through Dec. 18). Each dinner features four courses with locally sourced drinks and live music. As of Nov. 20, remaining availability included a 6 p.m. seating on Saturday, Dec. 17; and an 8 p.m. seating on Sunday, Dec. 18. The cost starts at \$95 for adults ages 21 and older (\$125 per person with included beer and wine) and \$65 for kids ages 12 and under. Visit strawberrybanke.org/pickwickholiday.cfm.

- The **Made in New England Expo** returns to the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St.) on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by EventsNH, the expo features a variety of unique gifts, specialty food items and other products from all across New Hampshire and other neighboring New England states. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors ages 65 and over, \$2 for kids ages 2 to 12 and free for kids under 2. Visit madeinnewenglandexpo.com.

- Join Zorvino Vineyards (226 Main St., Sandown) for its annual **holiday sip and shop** event on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring gift-giving opportunities from local vendors and 10 percent off wine purchases available throughout the afternoon. Admission is free. Visit zorvino.com.

- Enjoy **holiday afternoon tea** with The Cozy Tea Cart of Brookline, to be held at the Gatherings at the Colonel Shepard House (29 Mont Vernon St., Milford) on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. In addition to seasonal teas, there will be assortments of festive tea breads, sandwiches and pastries to be served. The cost is \$39.95 per person and reservations are required. Visit thecozyteacart.com or call 249-9111.



Photo courtesy of Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast in Hollis.

- On Sunday, Dec. 4, Chunky's Cinema Pub in Nashua (151 Coliseum Ave.) will host a **five-course dinner party** alongside a special screening of the 1989 film *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. Local chef Keith Sarasin and his team at The Farmers Dinner will present the meal. The event starts with a “secret” appetizer and complimentary craft beer or wine tasting at 5:30 p.m. for VIP ticketholders, followed by the movie screening at 7 p.m. Admission is \$75 per person and includes the dinner and the movie (vegetarian and wine pairing options are also available). Visit chunkys.com.

- The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry) will hold special adult-and-child **gingerbread house decorating classes** on Sunday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 18, with three sessions available each day, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., 5 to 6 p.m., and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Kids and adults will work together to create a festive masterpiece using royal icing and an assortment of provided treats. The cost is \$48 per house. Visit culinary-playground.com.

- Chef Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast in Hollis has several upcoming holiday-themed events planned, including virtual **pie basics classes** on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Barbour will demonstrate her favorite pie dough recipe and share various cooking wisdom and tips with attendees. Register online at thecreativefeast.com to receive a link via Zoom.

- Join Averill House Vineyard (21 Averill Road, Brookline) for a **snowman felting workshop and winter wine tasting** — two sessions are available, on Thursday, Dec. 8, or Thursday, Dec. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$45 per person and include a two-hour instructor-led class on how to craft a felted snowman (all materials are provided), along with a seasonal wine flight of four wines (or a non-alcoholic beverage). Additional snowman felting kits will be available to purchase at the end of each class. Visit averillhousevineyard.com.

- Join Birch Wood Vineyards (199 Rockingham Road, Derry) for the **Birch Wood Experience** on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., featuring a multi-course meal of hors d'oeuvres, a mashed potato martini station, salads and your choice of an entree (chicken piccata, slow-roasted prime rib, pan-seared

salmon or stuffed peppers), each paired with the chef's selection of a starch and a vegetable. Admission is \$50 per person and reservations are due by Nov. 30.

- Zorvino Vineyards (226 Main St., Sandown) will hold its annual **Tidings & Tinsel group holiday party** on Friday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. As of Nov. 15, few tickets still remained. Tickets are \$70 all-inclusive and feature a multi-course dinner menu, a cocktail hour, dancing and more. Visit zorvino.com.

- Fulchino Vineyard (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis) will host a three-day **Christmas festival** from Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11, featuring artisan food vendors and craftspeople, a fire pit, hot cider and doughnuts, and family photo opportunities with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Tickets are \$15 for adults ages 21 and over (all adult tickets will also include one free wine glass per adult and a complimentary wine tasting), \$7.50 for attendees ages 12 to 20 and 1 cent for kids ages 12 and under, for counting purposes. Visit fulchinovineyard.com.

- The Canterbury Community Farmers Market Association will hold a special **indoor winter market** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the gymnasium of Canterbury Elementary School (15 Baptist Road). Visit canterburyfarmersmarket.com.

- The **Currier & Ives Cookie Tour** will return for its 17th year on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than a dozen businesses in and around the Monadnock region participate in this annual cookie tour, providing visitors with homemade treats, refreshments and recipes to take with them. Tickets are \$20 per person (cash only) and will be available beginning Dec. 1 at The Inn at East Hill Farm (460 Monadnock St., Troy), New England Everyday Goods (16 Colls Farm Road, Jaffrey) and the Woodbound Inn (247 Woodbound Road, Rindge). Visit currierandivescookie-tour.com.

- The Hopkinton Recreation Department has **gingerbread house workshops** planned on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Slusser Center (41 Houston Drive, Contoocook) with two sessions available, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per house for town residents and \$25 per house for non-residents. Register online by Dec. 2 at hopkinton.nh.rec.com.

- Join the Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road, Hudson) for a **holiday cookie swap** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to contribute four dozen of their favorite homemade holiday cookies along with a recipe copy. Visit rodgerslibrary.org.

- The **Inn to Inn Holiday Cookie and Candy Tour** returns for its 25th year on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11, with self-guided tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each

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 day. Several inns in various White Mountain region towns provide cookies and candy to taste, as well as holiday recipe and decorating tips. Eight inns are participating, each of which are no more than 15 minutes apart from each other. Advance tickets come with reserving a lodging package at one of the participating inns. Those not wishing to reserve an overnight package can purchase tickets for \$35 per person by visiting cookietour.square.com for more details.

• Join St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (1160 Bridge St., Manchester) for a special

baked lamb dinner on Sunday, Dec. 11, beginning at noon. Dinners must be pre-ordered by Dec. 7 — the cost is \$20 per person and includes lamb, rice, beans and salad, and orders are available while supplies last. Visit stnicholas-man-nh.org.

• Enjoy a **holiday wine tasting** at Tuscan Market (9 Via Toscana, Salem) on Friday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring Tuscan Brands wine director Joseph Comforti. Sample from more than 25 types of wines, enjoy light bites and have the opportunity to win one of more than 10 unique raffle prizes. Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased online. Visit tuscanbrands.com.

• Save the date for last-minute gift-giving ideas at a **holiday market** at The Factory on Willow (252 Willow St., Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., presented by Loon Chocolate and 603 Charcuterie. More than a dozen local food and artisan vendors will be in attendance, and there will be food provided by The Potato Concept and 603 Charcuterie, along with live music all weekend from Bradley Copper Kettle and Friends. Admission is free. See the event page on Facebook @thefactoryonwillow for a full list of participating vendors.

• Don't miss a special **five-course dinner party** at Chunky's Cinema Pub in Manchester (707 Huse Road) on Sunday, Dec. 18, accompanied by special screenings of both the 1964 television film *Rudolph the Red-*

Nosed Reindeer and the 2003 film *Elf*. Local chef Keith Sarasin and his team at The Farmers Dinner will present the meal. The event starts with a "secret" appetizer and complimentary craft beer or wine tasting at 5 p.m. for VIP ticketholders, followed by the first movie screening at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$75 per person and includes the dinner and both movies (vegetarian and wine pairing options are also available). Visit chunkys.com.

• Chunky's Cinema Pub in Pelham (150 Bridge St.), meanwhile, will hold a **family-friendly dinner party** and screening of the 2000 film *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., featuring the culinary talents of Ya Mas Greek Taverna & Bar. Admission is \$75 for adults, with vegetarian and wine pairings also available. The kids' menu is \$25 for five courses, ending with Christmas cookies and milk (local farm fresh milk and decorated cookies). Visit chunkys.com.

• The Bedford Village Inn will hold its annual **Feast of the Seven Fishes** on Thursday, Dec. 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. in its Great Hall. The evening will include a cocktail party with various chef-attended stations and options from grilled calamari salad and oysters on the half shell to monkfish and cauliflower chowder, smoked trout dip with chives and cracker, fra diavolo, lobster and crab stuffed sole and more. Tickets are \$95 per person (the dinner is 21+ only) with a cash bar also available. Visit bedfordvillageinn.com.

• Ring in the new year with LaBelle Win-

ery Derry (14 Route 111) during a special **Swinging Big Band New Year's Eve dinner** on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 6 to 10:30 p.m. The event will include a three-course plated dinner and a performance by the Freese Brothers Big Band in LaBelle's vineyard ballroom. Enjoy a winter kale salad, your choice of an entree (New York strip steak or roasted vegetable cannelloni) and a trio of profiterole for dessert. Tickets are \$100 per person and include the dinner, a wine pouring, the band performance and admission to LaBelle Lights after the show. Visit labellewinery.com.

• Averill House Vineyard (21 Averill Road, Brookline) will hold a special five-course **Brazilian dinner and wine pairing** to celebrate New Year's Eve on Saturday, Dec. 31. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for self-guided tours of the vineyard, production room and wine cellar, with dinner and wine to be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$89 per person. Visit averillhousevineyard.com.

• NHSCOT will celebrate **Hogmanay** with a plated dinner, live music and more, at LaBelle Winery Derry (14 Route 111) on Sunday, Jan. 1, from 3 to 7 p.m. Dinner options include shepherd's pie, lamb stew, fish and chips, and a kid's meal of chicken strips and macaroni and cheese. Admission is \$32 for teens and adults ages 15 and up, \$15 for kids and teens ages 6 to 14 and free for kids under 5. Visit nhscot.org.

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Decking the halls

Holiday arts, crafts, and more across Southern New Hampshire

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Holiday time means letting creativity flow. Whether it's making decorations, appreciating fine art, or shopping at craft fairs for presents, there are different ways to be artistic during this time of year. The following are some of the fine arts-related holiday events happening across the Granite State.

- **Twiggs Gallery** (254 King St., Boscawen) is hosting its annual holiday show **Sleighbell Studios** now through Saturday, Dec. 17. The show will have crafts and artworks for sale throughout the day at the Spriggs Shoppe, located inside the gallery. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Visit twigsgallery.wordpress.com.

- **"Salon 2022"** is on display now at Kimball Jenkins (266 Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932). The exhibit featured small works in all media and runs through Sunday, Dec. 18. The gallery is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **"Small Works — Big Impact"** is a showcase of pieces from more than 30 area artists that are under a foot in size and is on display now at Creative Ventures Fine Art (411 Nashua St. in Milford; creativeventuresfineart.com, 672-2500), through Dec. 31. The gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Seacoast Artist Association** (130 Water St., Exeter) is holding a **holiday show** called "Big Gifts Come in Small Packages" now through Jan 6. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit seacoastartist.org.

- **Joyful Giving** at Expert Design Solutions (Ripano Stoneworks, 90 E. Hollis St., Nashua) is going on now through Jan. 29, 2023. The show features acrylics, colored pencil, oils, pastels, watercolors and photography. The works on display are also available for sale. Visit nashuaarts.org.

- **The Village Store Holiday Sale** at the Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road in Canterbury; shakers.org, 783-9511) will run Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will feature free hot chocolate and cider and tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The store sells Shaker boxes, books, candles, local honey, maple syrup, handmade childrens toys and more, according to the website.

- **The holiday fair** and online shop by the Craftworkers' Guild at the historic Oliver

Kendall House (3A Meetinghouse Road, Bedford) will be up and running Friday, Nov. 25, through Thursday, Dec. 22. Find more information at sites.google.com/view/the-craftworkers-guild.

- **Two Villages Art Society** (846 Main St. in Contoocook; twovillagesart.org) will hold its annual winter exhibit and sale, **Winter 2022 Members' Art Show**, from Friday, Nov. 25, through Saturday, Dec. 24, featuring works from more than 30 artist members in media including oil and watercolor, ceramics, prints, photography, jewelry, wearable art and more, according to a press release. An artists reception will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. and during Hopkinton's Starry, Starry Weekend (Dec. 2 through Dec. 4) the gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The regular gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

- **Muse Paintbar** in Manchester (42 Hanover St.) is hosting several **holiday-themed painting events** from Friday, Nov. 25, through the end of December. Prices range from \$25 to \$50 per painting session. Visit musepaintbar.com to reserve a slot.

- **Firefly Pottery** (72 Mirona Road, Suite 7, Portsmouth) is offering a **free ornament** to every customer from Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27. Reservations are required. Visit fireflypottery.com or call 431-7682 to reserve a pottery time.

- **AR Workshop** (875 Elm St., Manchester) is hosting a **gift making workshop** on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., where participants can make one of a selection of crafts for gift giving. Prices vary. Visit arworkshop.com.

- **Frisella Fine Arts** (16 Deer Run Road, Candia) is having a **Home for the Holidays** open house on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. Visit robinfrisella.com.

- **Time To Clay** (228 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua) is hosting a **platter painting class** with holiday motifs on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Slots cost \$45 each and can be purchased at timetoclay.com.

- **Join Studio 550** (550 Elm St., Manchester) for a bunch of **drop-in holiday workshops** on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prices range from \$15 to \$35 per each workshop. Visit 550arts.com.

- **The Amherst Junior Women's Club** is hosting a **snowman making and open house** on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Brick School (1 School St.) Reserve a spot by Sunday, Nov. 27 by messaging the club on Facebook.

- **Studioverne Fine Art Fused Glass** is hosting **The Art of Gifting Art**, a shopping event co-hosted by the studio and Creative Framing Solutions starting Thursday, Dec. 1, and running through Saturday, Dec. 31. The gift box will have art from Studioverne as well as other



Artwork by Savannah Goyette on display at Creative Ventures Gallery. Courtesy photo.

local artists and is available for only a limited amount of time. Visit studioverne.com.

- **Make a holiday fresh flower centerpiece box** at AR Workshop (875 Elm St., Manchester) on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 p.m. For more information visit arworkshop.com.

- **High Mowing School** (77 Pine Hill Drive, Wilton) holds its 45th annual **Pine Hill holiday fair** with an artisan market for adults on Friday, Dec. 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and family festivities on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit pinehill.org.

- **The winter giftopolis** by the Concord Arts Market will be on Friday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 11 p.m. during Intown Concord's Midnight Merriment, at the Atrium at 7 Eagle Square. For more information, visit concordartsmarket.net.

- **Join The Lane House Arts Center** (380 Lafayette Road, Hampton) for its third annual **Art for the Holidays** open house, open studio and gallery show. The open house and studio will be from Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 4, and the gallery show will remain open through Dec. 22. Gallery hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. 4 p.m. See lanehousearts.com.

- **Starry Starry Weekend** is back in Contoocook Village from Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 4, starting at 10 a.m. each day. In addition to an artisan craft fair, local shops and artists will have pop-ups around town. Visit contoocookchamber.com.

- **Join the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester** (669 Union St.) for the annual **holiday faire** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Visit uumanchester.org.

- **The First Baptist Church of Nashua** (121 Manchester St.) is hosting an **Olde-Fashioned Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be handmade crafts as well as food and other activities. Visit fbcnashua.org.

- **The Concord Arts Market** is hosting its annual **Holiday Arts Market** on Saturday,



Sleighbell Studio Art Fair at Twiggs Gallery. Courtesy photo.

Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art (266 N. Main St.). For more information visit concordartsmarket.net.

- **The annual holiday shopping day** by the Picker Artists (3 Pine St., Nashua) is back this year on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with handmade gifts, live music, snacks and more, according to pickerartists.com.

- **Join Main Street Art** (75 Main St., Newfields) for their annual **Holiday Small Works Show** opening on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from noon to 4 p.m. with a reception on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. Additional gallery days are Wednesdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, from noon to 3 p.m. Visit mainstreetart.org.

- **Head to the DoubleTree Hilton** (2 Somerset Plaza, Nashua) for the **Holly Jolly Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 70 artisans there selling their holiday wares. Visit joycecraftshows.com.

- **The Great Holiday Shopping Extravaganza** is being hosted by The Great New England Craft and Artisan Shows at the Hampshire Dome (34 Emerson Road, Milford) on Friday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit gncraftartisanshows.com.

- **The New Hampshire Audubon's Holiday Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NH Audubon McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord; haudubon.org). The fair will feature local handmade crafts and other products and the food truck The Spot To Go, which serves up Puerto Rican street food.

- **The light it up** wood signs craft is coming back to Canvas Roadshow (25 S. River Road, Bedford) on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration closes on Dec. 14. Register at thecanvasroadshow.com.

- **Join the Canvas Roadshow** (25 S. River Road, Bedford) to make a **red truck canvas painting** on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration closes on Dec. 17. Visit thecanvasroadshow.com to register. 🍷

'Fra-gee-lay!'

See holiday classics at a theater near you

By Amy Diaz
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Movie theaters will be filled with would-be blockbusters, Oscar hopefuls and underwater Avatar in the coming weeks but some screen time is also being slated for favorite holiday films so you can watch Flick get his tongue stuck to the flagpole on the big screen.

• Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St. in Concord; 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) has special holiday screenings planned each weekend for the next four weeks. On Saturday, Nov. 26, see Ralphie pine for an "official Red Ryder carbine action 200 shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time" at *A Christmas Story* (PG, 1983), which screens at 11 a.m. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (PG-13, 1989) will screen Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. *Elf* (PG, 2003) will screen Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. And kid classic *The Polar Express* (G, 2004) will screen Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m.

• Fathom Events (fathomevents.com) has several Christmas-themed movies on the schedule. *It's Christmas Again* (G, 2022), a new movie about a kid who goes back in time to Bethlehem (according to the movie's official website), will screen one night only, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Regal Concord and O'neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square in Epping.

Another new movie falling in the "inspirational" category, *I Heard the Bells* (NR) will screen Thursday, Dec. 1, through Thursday, Dec. 8, at theaters including AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Rockingham in Salem, O'neil in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington (not all theaters on all nights). Screentime is 7 p.m. on weekdays, 4 p.m. on weekends.

A holiday encore of The Met: Live in HD production of the opera *The Magic Flute* will screen on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 12:55 p.m. at theaters including O'neil in Epping and Regal Fox Run.

And TMC Big Screen Classics will present that most classic of Christmas movies, *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946), on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Cinemark and Regal Fox Run and Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Cinemark, O'neil Epping and Regal Fox Run — see the website for times.

• The Park Theatre (19 Main St. in Jaffrey; theparktheatre.org, 532-8888) will screen a new London stage production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* starring Mark Gatiss and Nicholas Farrell on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15

• The three **Chunky's Cinema Pubs** (707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, chunkys.com) have big plans for the holiday season.

December trivia nights on Thursdays in Manchester (which start at 7:30 p.m.) are each



A Christmas Story

based on a Christmas movie: *Elf* on Dec. 1; *A Christmas Story* on Dec. 8, and *The Santa Clause* on Dec. 22, with the final trivia night, Dec. 29, being a year in review of 2022.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, at all three Chunky's locations, a 21+ Ugly Sweater Party screening *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (PG-13, 1989) starts at 8 p.m. (wear a sweater to get a special surprise).

The Polar Express (G, 2004) will screen in at all three locations Friday, Dec. 9, through Thursday, Dec. 15, with multiple daily screenings Friday through Sunday and one 5:30 p.m. screening Monday through Thursday. Kids get a golden ticket when entering the theater and there is a surprise during the hot chocolate scene, according to the website. On Friday, Dec. 9, the 4 p.m. screening is a sensory-friendly screening with house lights slightly brighter and the movie volume turned down, the website said.

There are a few screenings of *Elf* (PG, 2003) on the schedule as well. On Sunday, Dec. 18, in Manchester at 6:30 p.m. catch a screening of *Elf* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (1964) along with a five-course meal with The Farmers Dinner, which starts at 5 p.m. The cost per person ranges from \$75 to \$110 (plus fees). There will be a family-friendly screening at all three Chunky's locations on Wednesday, Dec. 21. A 21+ screening on Thursday, Dec. 22, will be held at 8 p.m. at all locations.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at all three locations catch a screening of *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946).

Also on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., the Pelham location will have a family-friendly dinner party with a screening of 2000's live-action *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (PG). The dinner costs \$75 or \$99 for adults and \$25 for kids (the kids dinner ends with milk and cookies).

• O'neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square (24 Calef Hwy. in Epping; 679-3529, oneilcinemas.com) will screen *The Polar Express* (G, 2004) Friday, Dec. 2, through Thursday, Dec. 8, with multiple screenings each day including one D-BOX screening (usually at 4:30 p.m.). Tickets, which are on sale now, cost \$7 and include a bell while supplies last. The theater is also running a *Polar Express*-themed coloring contest, with a winner picked on Dec. 1; see the website for details.

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- **The Strand** (20 Third St. in Dover; 343-1899, thestranddover.com) will hold its annual Christmas Break on a Budget with family activities, a story time and a screening of the movie *Elf* on Saturday, Dec. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. for \$20 per family up to five people.

- **The Music Hall** (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth; 436-2400, themusichall.org) has four holiday films in the days right before Christmas. *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947) screens on Friday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. *Love, Actually* (R, 2003) screens on Friday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. On Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec. 24) catch



Love Actually

the animated movie *Arthur Christmas* (PG, 2011) at 1 p.m. and then Queen City's own at 4 p.m. with the animated movie *Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights* (PG-13, 2002). 🍷

SYMPHONIES CONTINUED FROM PG 21

- The **Strafford Wind Symphony** performs its **holiday concert** at the Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students and are free for children under age 12. The Symphony will also perform the concert at The Strand (20 Third St., Dover) on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 for adults and are free for children under age 12. Visit straffordwindsymphony.org.

- **TubaChristmas** performs at Timberlane Performing Arts Center (40 Greenough Road, Plaistow) on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Visit tubachristmas.com.

- The **New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra** presents its **Holiday Pops** concert at Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremo-

nty Drive, Salem) on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 to \$8 for students, \$25 for seniors and \$30 for adults. Visit nhphil.org.

- The **Portsmouth High School Concert Choir and Percussion Ensemble** will perform its **Family Holiday Pops** concert at Portsmouth High School (50 Andrew Jarvis Drive, Portsmouth) on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors age 60 and up and \$15 for students. Visit themusichall.org or call 436-2400.

- The **Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra** presents its **New Year's Eve Champagne Pops** concert at the Music Hall Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth) on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$38. Visit themusichall.org or call 436-2400. 🍷

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Art runs in the family

Sarah Larson, her mom and aunt talk about their family history as artists

By Katelyn Sahagian
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Some things are genetic, like hair and eye color. In this family, it seems that art is also a genetic link. With familial love and creativity comes a system that leads to support and healing.

Sara Larson, Liz Winchester-Larson and Harriet Winchester Kuzdrall are all professional artists in the Nashua area. They are also all related. Larson is Winchester-Larson's daughter and Winchester Kuzdrall's niece.

"Most of what I have learned [is] from my parents and my Aunt Harriet," Larson said. "I'm following the family footsteps."

The women are currently presenting their artworks at St. Joseph Hospital as part of the gallery Healing Through the Arts. They've had shows together before, with their cur-

rent exhibition being the most recent while they prepare for more of the series "Art in the Family."

The art on display at the hospital's show is primarily nature-based, said Larson-Winchester. All three women grew up in New Hampshire, with Larson-Winchester and Winchester Kuzdrall hailing from Hollis and New Ipswich, and Larson raised in suburbs outside Keene.

Larson said that she loves having her aunt and mother to support her passion for art. She grew up watching her mother and aunt paint and sketch and draw as a way to remember hikes and vacations they'd gone on. They painted en plein air, out in nature at the scene, or they'd snap a photograph and bring it home to their studio.

All three women use different media, even if they have similar tastes in subjects and styles. Larson uses traditional oil paints, Winchester-Larson favors colored pencils, and Winchester Kuzdrall has recently made the switch to oil paints that wash out with water after doing 20 years of work with pastels.

"When I was doing pastel, I really like painting marshes, because in the spring and

fall if you paint a marsh with maybe a few Mount Monadnocks, you can use all the pastels in the box 'cause it's so rich in color," said Winchester Kuzdrall. She said that the dust from the chalk had become too much for her lungs. "I still enjoy painting those native New Hampshire scenes."

Painting New England nature is a favorite for all three women, said Larson-Winchester. Larson said that the scenery in New England was what kept her sane during the pandemic, even though she was close to 1,000 miles away from the Granite State.

During the pandemic, Larson was living in Lansing, Michigan. At the height of the pandemic, she said, she couldn't leave her house to do the nature walks that gave her inspiration for her paintings. Then, her mother and aunt stepped in to help.

"I'm on the phone just about tearing my hair out, crying to both Mom and Aunt Harriet," Larson said. "They got together a series of really neat photographs and Harriet sent a whole packet and said, 'Paint these things.'"

It was ultimately this series of paintings that Larson did that brought her back to New Hampshire, and back to painting with her family.



Courtesy photo.

During some research for a 2021 art show, the women discovered there had been professional painters in their family for at least a century.

Even though they hadn't been aware of the depth of family history in fine arts, Winchester-Larson and Winchester Kuzdrall both remember growing up being encouraged by their own mother to continue their artistic pursuits.

"You can run across families where for generations everybody has been a teacher or nurses and things like that," said Winchester-Larson. "So it's not a unique idea ... that there's generations [of artists] in the family." 🍀

Healing Through The Arts

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When: On display through Saturday, Jan. 7

Visit: stjosephhospital.com

Art Exhibits

• **"NATURE'S BEAUTY"** The Manchester Artists Association presents "Nature's Beauty," an exhibit celebrating art and nature, at the NH Audubon Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way in Auburn, 668-2045; nhaudubon.org). The exhibit will be on display at the center (which is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) through Wednesday, Nov. 30.

• **SLEIGHBELL STUDIO** Twiggs Gallery (254 King St., Boscawen; twigsgallery.wordpress.com) through Saturday, Dec. 17. The show will have crafts and artworks for sale throughout the day at the Spriggs Shoppe, inside the gallery. Gallery

hours are Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Visit twigsgallery.wordpress.com.

• **"SALON 2022"** is on display now at Kimball Jenkins (266 Main St. in Concord; kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932). runs through Saturday, Dec. 17. The gallery is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **"NATURALLY CURIOUS"** LaBelle Winery's Derry Location (14 Route 111) is exhibiting the works of three New Hampshire Art Association artists through Jan. 22 in their show.

Theater Shows

• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** at the

Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) runs Nov. 25 through Dec. 23, with showtimes on Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m., with an additional show on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$46. Visit palacetheatre.org or call 668-5588.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** performed by Methuen Ballet Ensemble at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$35. Visit anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** New England Dance Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 26, and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts

Center (44 Geremonty Drive, Salem). Tickets cost \$40 to \$55. nede.org.

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• **THE GRANITE STATE RINGERS** handbell ensemble presents "A

Nutcracker Holiday," a concert featuring music from *The Nutcracker* as well as other holiday music, at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst) on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 through 12 and are free

for children under age 3. The Ringers will also perform the concert at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The concert at the Audi is free, with no tickets or reservations required. Visit granitestateringers.org.



LIVE MUSIC FOR THE NUTCRACKER

The New England Dance Ensemble will present its production of *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Nov. 26, and Sunday, Nov. 27, with the NH Philharmonic as its pit orchestra. The ballet will feature guest performers from the Philadelphia and Nashville ballets and take place at the Seifert Performing Arts Center at Salem High School (44 Geremonty Drive). The show starts at 4 p.m. each day. Tickets cost \$40 to \$55. See nede.org.

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- **Shop art:** Two Villages Art Society (46 Main St. in Contook; twovillagesart.org) will display its **Holiday Art Show and Sale** from Friday, Nov. 25, through Saturday, Dec. 24, featuring handmade gifts by local artists, including paintings, pottery, mixed media, photography, fabric art and more. A show reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 26, from noon to 2 p.m. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m.
- **Music and melodies:** Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road in Canterbury; shakers.org, 783-9511) will host **Concert & Cocktails**, featuring a holiday string quartet from Symphony NH, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. The event will include a festive reception with farm-grown appetizers by the Rustic Gourmet and a signature cocktail by Cold Garden Distillery, according to a press release. Tickets cost \$75. The show is the first of several Merry Merry Canterbury events; see the website.
- **Snaps for the Cap:** *Legally Blonde The Musical* will come to the Capitol Center for the Arts (Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) on Thursday, Dec. 1. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$65 (plus fees).
- **Make your own crafts:** And before we get to the craft fairs, **Studio 550 Community Art Center** (550 Elm St. in Manchester; 232-5597, 550arts.com) offer the opportunity to make your own gifts on Small Business Saturday (Nov. 26). From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Studio 550 will host “a buffet of drop-in workshops,” according to a press release. The projects will range in price from \$15 to \$35 and all ages are welcome (with adult assistance), the release said. Stations will include a milk & cookies cup and plate set, a custom mug, large decorative paper snowflakes, winter fairy houses, treasure boxes, paint your own pottery, paint your own ornaments, succulent plant arrangements and pottery on the wheel (with pre-registration), the release said. The day will also feature a \$1 pottery sale, live maker demos of stained glass and pottery, prizes for the first 10 shoppers and more, the release said.



Canterbury Shaker Village on a snowy evening. Courtesy photo.

stories, songs and historical context on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Goffstown Public Library (2 High St. in Goffstown; 497-2102). The program, New Hampshire Humanities’ “Humanities To Go” series, does not require registration, according to goffstownlibrary.com. See also nhhumanities.org.

- **Manchester in photos:** The exhibit “Manchester Through the Lens of Frank Kelly,” highlighting the works of Manchester photographer Kelly in the 1950s through 1980s, will open Wednesday, Nov. 30, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; manchesterhistoric.org). RSVP to history@manchesterhistoric.org or call 662-7531. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and college students and \$5 for ages 12 to 18; children under 12 get in free.

Craft fairs

While there are fewer fairs this holiday weekend, there are still a few on the schedule. Send information about upcoming craft fairs to adiaz@hippopress.com.

- The Craftworkers’ Guild opens its doors for its **Holiday Craft Shop** at the Kendall House (behind the Bedford Library, 3A Meetinghouse Road in Bedford) Friday, Nov. 25, through Wednesday, Dec. 22. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online shopping is available at thecraftworkersguild.org.
- The **VFW 5613 Auxiliary Annual Holiday Bazaar** will take place Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall (12 Hathorn Road in Jaffrey) and will feature more than 40 tables of handcrafted items, local vendors and art as well as lunch concessions, bake sales and raffles, according to Facebook post at NH Craft Fair Connection.
- The Exeter Holiday Parade Committee will present a **craft fair** on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Exeter Town Hall building by the bandstand. Admission is free and the Town Hall stage will be set with holiday scenes for family photos, according to a press release. See exeternhholidayparade.com.
- The **New England Premier Events Holiday Expo** will run Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Downtown Manchester (700 Elm St.) and will feature demos, giveaways, dessert samples, swag bags and more, according to myneevent.com.
- **New England Vendor Events** has two fairs scheduled for this weekend, according to their Facebook page. The **Hudson Holiday Craft Fair** will take place Saturday, Nov. 26, from noon to 5 p.m. at Hudson Memorial School (1 Memorial Drive in Hudson) and feature Santa and the Grinch and more than 40 crafters and vendors, according to the post. The **Merrimack Holiday Craft Fair** will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, at VFW Post 8641 (282 Daniel Webster Hwy. in Merrimack). This fair will feature photos with Santa and more than 30 vendors and crafters, according to the post.

Include homegrown (or local) vegetables in your holiday feasts

Eating from your garden is possible even in December

By Henry Homeyer
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— THE GARDENING GUY —

I personally think that the Canadians have the right idea: They have their Thanksgiving feast the second Monday in October, right after the harvest. By the time our Thanksgiving rolls around, many gardeners have eaten all their home-grown veggies. It need not be so, of course, if they are properly stored.

Not all of you have the time, the space and the desire to grow veggies. I think everyone appreciates that having local farmers is important, and many of you have signed up with a farm CSA to get a box of vegetables each week during the summer. Even now many CSAs have fall or winter programs to supply you with root crops and spinach or brassicas like Brussels sprouts or kale. If you can't get into a CSA program, think about buying local vegetables at your local food coop.

Why are local vegetables important? I have read that the average vegetable in a big grocery store travels over 2,000 miles at some times of the year. That's right, we in New England get veggies from California, Florida, Texas and other warmer places. I am interested in reducing my carbon

footprint by reducing the use of fossil fuels. Those big 18-wheelers crossing the country use a lot of diesel fuel. And fruits from Mexico and South America? I avoid them. I can (mostly) live without fruit that travels long distances.

I am not claiming I have given up citrus fruit to save the atmosphere. But instead of getting a case of oranges, I can buy a few and get my citrus fix from orange juice, which is much more concentrated than fresh fruit, and easier to transport. Local apples are available pretty much year-round, store well and are tasty and nutritious.

So what will I have on my table for holiday feasts, both now and in December? Potatoes, for sure. They are easy to grow, very productive and store well. In a bed 50 feet long and 3 feet wide in full sun I can grow 50 pounds of potatoes.

I keep a large spare refrigerator in the basement dedicated to storing potatoes and other garden vegetables. Potatoes, carrots, celeriac and rutabagas store well at 33 to 50 degrees, and do best with high humidity. A modern fridge takes a lot of the humidity out, though the drawers are better at keeping in humidity. On the shelves of the fridge I store potatoes in heavy paper bags to reduce moisture loss — in plastic bags they might rot, as they need to breathe.

Brussels sprouts are very cold-resistant and will be fine outdoors until late December — if

the deer don't find them. That's right: Deer love Brussels sprouts, kale and broccoli and will munch them unless protected. I had no problem with deer this summer because of our dog, Rowan, who leaves scents around the property and advertises himself as a wolf. But deer are hungry now — very few nuts this year — so they have moved in to my late fall plantings and are even eating the tops of my rutabagas.

If you want to eat directly from the garden in November and December, some fencing is probably a good idea. I recently spread an old bedspread over my kale plants to keep deer away until I had time to pick and freeze them. But if you just have a few plants and like to pick fresh veggies from the garden now and in the weeks to come, think about some chicken wire fencing.

Although fencing an entire garden requires an 8-foot fence to keep deer from getting in, a small space with six kale or Brussels sprouts plants can easily be surrounded with 3- or 4-foot wire. Tie it onto stakes with string or zip ties. They can't get in, and I doubt they will lean over and grab food.

I freeze a lot of vegetables each year as it is easier than canning them. Tomatoes are the easiest. I freeze them whole, skins and all. In past years I have put them in zipper bags, but we are now trying to lead a plastic-free life.

Plastic can potentially leach chemicals onto

food, particularly if the food is hot. Even "food-grade" plastic may not be 100 percent safe. So this year we started storing frozen foods in wide-mouth jars. Next summer I will cut large tomatoes into chunks to fit into jars for freezing. I use frozen tomatoes for stews and soups.

I remember that many years ago there was a recall of fresh cranberries at Thanksgiving time due to some chemical that had been sprayed on them. Afterward we all went back to eating cranberries and forgot about the scare. Now I try to get organic fruits and vegetables whenever possible, and grow my own organically — without the use of any chemicals.

I got some cranberry plants from a friend this summer and hope to be able to supply our needs within a few years. They do not require a swamp to grow, although they are found in wet places in the wild. They do require acidic soils, but that is easily provided with elemental sulfur or soil acidifier. They do best in full sun, though my friend who grows them has them in part sun/part shade and they do well for her. She uses pine needles to mulch them. Some plant nurseries sell potted cranberry plants, so I might try some next year.

Henry is a lifelong organic gardener and the author of four gardening books. Reach him by email at henry.homeyer@comcast.net.



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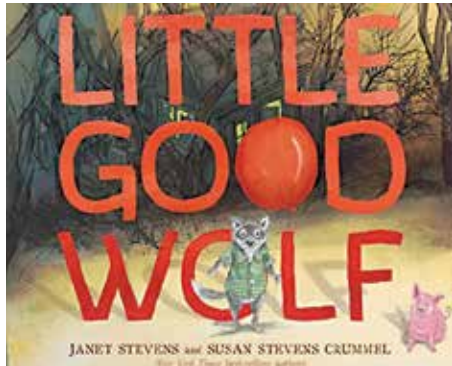
Getting crafty

• Head to Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Saturday, Nov. 26, (which is also Small Business Saturday, when Bookery is planning live music and more) for a **wolfy story-time and craft** at 11:30 a.m. The featured book is *Little Good Wolf* by Susan Stevens Crummel and illustrated by Janet Stevens. It follows the son of the Big Bad Wolf, and how he is too good to be evil the way all the adults in his life want him to be. After the story, kids will learn how to make a paper bag wolf puppet. The event is free, but register at the Bookery website.

• The Addiction Recovery Coalition of New Hampshire (180 Elm St., Suite E, Milford) is starting a **kids' holiday craft series** starting on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 1 p.m. The four-week series will have a new craft each session for kids, as well as cookies and juice. Parents can stay with the kids, get their own craft, or drop kids off. Price is \$10 for the first child, an additional \$5 for each child after. Register at the Evebrite page, or visit arcnh.org.

Library fun

• The Plaistow Public Library (85 Main St.) is hosting an outdoor activity called **tinkergarten's frozen treasures** on Monday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. The event will have kids 18 months to 8 years old, as well as their parents, exploring outside to discover frozen nature treasures. To learn



Little Good Wolf

more about the event or to sign up, visit plaistowlibrary.com.

• **Read to a dog** at the Pelham Public Library (24 Village Green) on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 5 to 6 p.m. Blondie is a trained therapy dog who will stay with children while they read. For information about the benefits behind kids reading to a therapy dog, see the Nov. 3 issue of *The Hippo*, under the story called "Meet Mischka" (find the e-edition at hippopress.com). To register for this event, call the library at 635-7581 or email services@pelhamweb.com.

YMCA playtime

• Join the YMCA of Greater Londonderry (206 Rockingham Road) for a "**Lounge Day**" version of kids' night at the Y for ages 4 to 12 on Friday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Y's trained child care staff will take care of kids while parents have time to themselves to do holiday shopping or other errands. Kids will have fun activities, like art and STEM projects or active playtime, and a pizza will be served. Spots are \$45 per child, \$40 for each additional sibling. Visit bit.ly/ygl-kids-nights to sign up. Register by Nov. 22. 🍕

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*Hello, Donna,
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Thanks for any information.
Eric*



Dear Eric,
Thanks for the photos and question. What I believe you have is a potter's chop, which is basically a potter's mark or stamp. It would be imprinted into the clay to identify who made it.

The value is the tough question. It really depends on whether the artist is well-known, the age, style of work, etc. Some can be extremely high in price on the market, but you really have to know who it is.

I did talk to a couple other people about yours and got a starting value of at least \$50. Remember though, Eric, it could be much higher. It really would be like a needle in a haystack to find

out, possibly trying an appraisal auction place like Skinner in Bolton, Massachusetts. That too is only a possibility. The other thing is it could just be a stamp design.

I hope this was helpful, Eric, and I will keep looking into it as well. Thanks for sharing an interesting piece.
Donna

Donna Welch has spent more than 30 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing, and recently closed the physical location of From Out Of The Woods Antique Center (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com) but is still doing some buying and selling. She is a member of The New Hampshire Antiques Dealer Association. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550 or 624-8668. 🍕

All pros, few cons if you want to buy a discontinued Toyota



Dear Car Talk:
I am interested in buying a 2022 Toyota Avalon Hybrid. This is the final year that Toyota will be making this vehicle. Is it wise to consider buying it? Will the resale value be reduced as a result of its discontinued status? I plan on keeping it for eight to 10 years.

By Ray Magliozzi

What are the pros and cons given that it will no longer be made? Thank you.
— Art

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The fact that it's being replaced by a refreshed model with a newer name (Toyota Crown) is more likely to affect the new car sales price right now than it is in the future.

For psychological reasons, lots of people want "the newest" thing, and may be less excited about buying a car that's being "discontinued."

So, you may be able to get yourself a good deal on a great car for the next eight to 10 years, Art. And if you're keeping it that long, I wouldn't let any concern about resale value affect your decision.

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That's only one clause of the rider, but I'm trying to decode the legalese to understand the ramifications. Any thoughts? I'll ask my lawyer tomorrow. — Chuck

This is a glimpse of the future, Chuck. New cars increasingly come with "telematics." That means that the computer in your car can transmit information about your car, wirelessly, to another party.

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ON THE JOB

RYAN ALOISE

PAINTER

Ryan Aloise is an independent professional painting contractor and the owner of Painting Perfection, based in Nashua.

Q: Explain your job and what it entails.

First, I meet with potential clients and go over what it is that they may need for painting services. This could be repainting an existing and established home or painting brand new construction that has never been painted and is bare drywall or trim. After I give a potential client an estimate for the work that needs to be done, the customer can either accept it right away or do their research and gather other estimates from other companies. If hired, I go in and perform whatever the service may be that I was contracted to do. This could be painting the full interior or just certain aspects, such as walls, trim or ceiling. It could also be the exterior of the home, whether it be the body or siding of the home, the trim or either-or.

How long have you had this job?

I started my company in February 2021, but I've been painting for the last four and a half years.

What led you to this career field and your current job?

I was hired on as a painter-laborer for another local painting company before being laid off, which, in turn, led me to follow my passion for painting that I had found and pursue my own dream of running my own company. I have had a lot of different jobs, and this was the only job and career path that I actually fell in love with.

What kind of education or training did you need?

I gained all my experience from previous

work with another painting company. I am also currently pursuing certifications for the safe handling of lead paint and OSHA regulations and safety training to further my knowledge to continue to be successful.



Ryan Aloise. Courtesy photo.

anyone can do it. Wrong. Painting takes quite a bit of patience, skills and passion to be successful. There is so much more than picking up a brush or a roller. You need to have finesse, a steady hand and a system that you follow to make sure you are putting out quality work.

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

I wear branded T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats with my company logo, usually with khaki slacks and comfortable and safe shoes as I do use ladders quite frequently.

How has your job changed over the course of the pandemic?

I started this company when it was still in the height of the pandemic, and let me tell you that it did not hinder my ability to work or even gain more work throughout. I actually have stayed busy and fully booked throughout the entire period.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

That other painting companies are not competition. In fact, they are a valuable part of my networking circle today.

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

That painting is not for just anyone. In my experience, people think painting is easy and that

What was the first job you ever had?

My first job was when I was 14. I worked for a pizza shop called Ledo's Pizza in Maryland where I grew up.

What's the best piece of work-related advice you've ever received?

To put out work you will be proud to show off. It's not about the money, but more about the relationships you build and the repeat customers you gain from doing quality work. Word of mouth is either your biggest enemy or your best friend. — Angie Sykeny 🍌

Five favorites

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Favorite movie: *A Walk to Remember*

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News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll
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• **Grab a pint:** The New Hampshire Brewers Association is once again promoting brewers with the return of its annual **NH Pint Days** fundraiser. Now through Wednesday, Dec. 7, limited-edition 16-ounce Wili Belcher pint glasses are available for sale at more than 35 participating breweries statewide. The artwork portrayed on this year's glasses, titled "State of Adventure," is by local artist Sarah Fenerty of Northwoods Brewing Co., and \$1 from each glass benefits the Association. Visit nhbrewers.org or find the Association on Facebook @nhbrewers to view a list of breweries that have the pint glasses, which is sorted by region of the state.

• **Five courses, five breweries:** Join Amphora Restaurant (55 Crystal Ave., Derry) for a special **beer pairing dinner** on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. that will showcase options from five different local breweries with each course. Featured beers will be from Throwback Brewery of North Hampton (paired with the pumpkin bisque), Rockingham Brewing Co. of Derry (paired with the strawberry, walnut and feta salad), Daydreaming Brewing Co. of Derry (paired with the pineapple glazed wings), From the Barrel Brewing Co. (paired with your entree of choice — bangers and mash, risotto milanese with smoked brisket and fig glaze or eggplant sto forno), and Out.Haus Ales of Northwood (paired with bananas Foster). The cost is \$100 per person, with a \$50 deposit required that will be billed the night of the event. Visit amphoranh.com.

• **Spirits of history:** Get your tickets now for a special **Prohibition Repeal Day Old Forester bourbon dinner** at Rambling House Food & Gathering (57 Factory St., Suite A, Nashua), scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5, the 89th anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition in the United States. The event will begin with a cocktail half-hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a five-course 40 ▶

FOOD

Coffee, cocktails and community

Café la Reine opens second spot in Manchester's North End

By Matt Ingersoll
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Nearly a decade after Saint Anselm College alum Alex Horton opened Café la Reine on Elm Street in Manchester, she and her team have expanded to a second location built on quality eats, great coffee and community. Café la Reine – North End, which arrived in the space of the former Blake's Restaurant last month, is more than three times the size of its downtown counterpart, introducing a full-service breakfast and lunch dining experience in addition to craft cocktails.

It was March 2013 when Horton, a Methuen, Mass., native who has lived in the Queen City since her college days, opened the original Café la Reine. At the time, there were not a lot of places around like it, and Horton herself recalls as a student always looking for a place where she could order a cup of coffee and comfortably sit down and do her homework.

Over the years, the spot has added everything from sandwiches and salads to avocado toasts, oatmeal bowls and açai bowls to its menu, and has become known for its live "Java Jams."

Even pre-pandemic, Horton said she had been looking for a potential second location. She happens to also live in the North End neighborhood where Blake's closed its Hooksett Road restaurant in early January 2021, a spot that had been open for nearly four decades.

"When Blake's closed, I knew that it was

going to be kind of a loss for our neighborhood," she said. "I mean, my husband and I went here on the weekends for breakfast forever, or we'd walk the dogs down [here] and get ice cream from the window. We frequented this place a lot."

Soon after the property went on the market, Horton — along with her general manager, Dominique Gibson — decided to inquire about potentially taking it over.

"I really wanted a second location that had parking, and I wanted to expand on my menu, because you can only offer so much in a 1,000-square-foot space downtown. It's so small and our kitchen is so tiny," Horton said. "And so, I wanted a spot that had a bigger kitchen so that we could possibly make things for both locations out of this kitchen here."

A few aesthetics, such as the tables and the blue-colored booths, have been kept and may be familiar to those who frequented Blake's. But Horton and her team still spent the last several months revamping the space, even recruiting Alexis Clark and Nicole Rocha of The Terracotta Room on Elm Street to help install the plants you see along most of the booths.

As you walk inside, you can immediately turn to your right and order coffee or food to go from a counter, or you can be seated at a booth or table. Horton said her team plans to utilize the takeout window for online orders.

With the exception of the açai and oatmeal bowls, just about everything on the menu downtown is available at Café la Reine – North End. But that's not to say that the new eatery's menu is a carbon copy of its predecessor. A wide variety of items are exclusively available at this space, from pancakes and Belgian waffles to eggs Benedicts and hash brown bowls.

"We have a bunch of starters, like loaded fries with eggs and hollandaise on top, which is so good," Horton said. "We have wings, boneless [and] bone-in, and then we have



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huge breakfast sandwiches ... and your classic big breakfast where you get everything. ... For lunch, we have tuna melts, avocado BLTs and then some burgers and salads, so it's a pretty full menu here."

Café la Reine – North End also differs from the downtown location in that there is a full bar, from which you can order mimosas, bloody marys, and what Horton calls Above Average Joes.

"They are our boozy coffee cocktails that we serve in a pint glass. They're so good," she said.

Horton said she soon hopes to host either open mic or weekend live music events at her new space. A side room directly to the left of where you walk in has also already been used for larger parties and gatherings, or for those who want to go and work where it's a little bit quieter.

Reflecting on the last decade, Horton said she never thought she would eventually expand to this degree, but has nonetheless enjoyed the experience and the response from the community.

"I was so young when I opened downtown, and I thought, 'Oh, I'll be OK with this,'" she said. "But then, I guess it's just been the excitement and adventure of opening new businesses, especially with people that you love to work with. I feel like it's all of our projects because we all had a hand in it, and that kind of reflects in everything from the menu to the way it's decorated." 🍷

Café la Reine – North End

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Doughnut you know it

NH Doughnut Co. opens in Bedford, expands menu offerings

By Matt Ingersoll
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When Amanda Baril opened the first New Hampshire Doughnut Co. on Route 4 in Chichester in 2019, her concept was simple — an outlet where you create your own doughnuts, choosing from a variety of toppings to customize them not unlike how you might an ice cream sundae.

Fast-forward just three short years, and Baril's business has since evolved in a big way, introducing two additional brick-and-mortar locations, delving into brewery collaborations, doughnut pop-ups and custom orders for weddings, and even converting a former horse trailer into a miniature food truck. Her newest shop, now open on South River Road in Bedford, has further expanded the menu to offer yeast ring and filled doughnuts, fritters and French crullers.

It's quite the success story, as Baril's husband Chad pointed out, when you consider that all of this took place amid a global pandemic. The original New Hampshire Doughnut Co. opened back in late August 2019, some six months before Covid would arrive in the Granite State.

At the time, the business started out with a basic vanilla cake doughnut and a completely customizable list of coatings, toppings and drizzles to choose from. But as Amanda Baril quickly came to find out, most customers would prove to



Photo courtesy of NH Doughnut Co.

have a hard time choosing their own.

"We ended up putting out a favorites menu, and we found that people were really just choosing from the favorites. So we started putting those out and ready to go and people would just be like, 'I'll take this, this and this,'" she said. "They wanted the variety, but they also wanted it ready for them."

In February 2020, the Barils signed a lease to open a second shop in downtown Concord, in the space formerly occupied by the Capital Deli. It was around that time, Amanda Baril said, when they decided to shift to a weekly doughnut menu that would regularly change with new offerings.

"Every week we would update the menu ... and it would be different, and people really loved that," she said. "We had the key normal favorites but then we'd change up everything else."

The pandemic's arrival that March ended up delaying the opening of the Concord shop all the way to December 2020. It's unique for only operating as a retail storefront — according to Baril, the plan was always to bake everything fresh in Chichester and ship to Concord every morning.

Special doughnut-themed weeks, such as Harry Potter, Disney and others, also entered the mix.

By the summer of 2021, the couple began looking for a new location in the Manchester or Bedford area; they signed a lease on the South River Road property by the end of that year. The buildout of that space was relatively quick, Amanda Baril said, but ongoing supply chain issues with their equipment delayed their opening to mid-September of this year. For similar reasons, they have also since shifted to a monthly doughnut menu.

Today, the Barils now have staff members wholly dedicated to all different aspects of the business, from the newly available crullers in Bedford to gluten-free and dairy-free doughnuts made in Chichester, which has since transitioned into a production-only facility. They recruited Vanessa Robinson as a baker — she formerly worked at Van Otis Chocolates in Manchester.

"I was like, 'I need to find somebody with experience who knows flavors better than I do,' and she has been fantastic," Amanda Baril said. "I am so happy to have her on board because she really adds so much."

New Hampshire Doughnut Co. even now has its own wedding division, regularly fulfilling catering orders for doughnut walls, doughnut

buffets and other gatherings large and small.

Chad Baril added that they've begun partnering with local colleges for internship opportunities — a student even designed their current logo — and have worked with several breweries to host doughnut pop-ups. Some, for instance, feature homemade icings made with locally brewed beer — on Friday, Dec. 9, and Friday, Dec. 30, they are expected to return to Lithermans Limited Brewery in Concord.

While there are no plans to open a fourth location, Amanda Baril said she hopes to eventually find a larger available space in Concord where they can bake doughnuts.

"I think when we had it written on paper before we opened up in Chichester, it's come full circle now, I would say," Chad Baril said. "The creativeness of Amanda and her staff was kind of the awesome curveball that we got, but now it's starting to get back into that community. ... We want to touch people's lives and create a kind of legacy, sort of like, 'Look at what we did.'" 🍩

New Hampshire Doughnut Co.

Where: 410 S. River Road, Bedford, 782-8968; 2 Capital Plaza, Concord, 715-5097 (a third location, on Route 4 in Chichester, is now used as a production facility only — no walk-in service)

Hours: Both the Bedford and Concord locations are open Wednesday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until doughnuts sell out

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH ALAN FRATI



Alan Frati, co-owner of Crack'd Kitchen & Coffee in Salem. Courtesy photo.

Alan Frati of Derry is the co-owner and co-founder of Crack'd Kitchen & Coffee (327 S. Broadway, Salem, 212-1511, crackdkitchen.com), which opened its first New Hampshire location in his hometown of Salem in April 2021. Inspired by their love of breakfast sandwiches, Frati and business partner Danny Azzarello opened the first Crack'd Kitchen & Coffee in Andover, Mass., in 2019. The eatery is a fast casual concept specializing in locally roasted coffees, smoothies, bowls and eclectic breakfast options like loaded hash browns and egg sandwiches with creative toppings. A third location would later follow in Peabody, Mass., opening earlier this summer, in addition to a 20-foot food trailer known as The Yolkswagon — catch the trailer at a special Black Friday event at From the Barrel Brewing Co. (1 Corporate Park Drive, Unit 16, Derry) on Friday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What is your must-have kitchen item?

A good sharp knife is kind of like the cornerstone of any kitchen. ... Even though we're primarily a takeout restaurant, one of the things we were founded on is that we cook real food, and so we're cutting up all of our vegetables, slicing bread, things like that, so you need a good knife.

What is your favorite thing on your menu?

Honestly, I think all of our breakfast sandwiches stick out. I love the Live Free or Die, which is one of our signature sandwiches, and we call it that because we get our bacon from up at North Country Smokehouse. [It has] our house-made ketchup, a sharp cheddar cheese and we always use 100 percent cage-free eggs, and that's on a nice buttery soft brioche bun.

What would you have for your last meal?

A really good steak. I like my steak medium rare, and I think I've got to do a prime cut cooked over some really nice charcoal or hardwood.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire?

I think it's the whole vegan and plant-based movement. I definitely see that way more now than I have in the past — people coming in and asking for egg substitutes, vegan cheeses, things like that.

What is your favorite local restaurant?

I'll give a shout out to my friends at a newer spot that opened up, Los Reyes [Street Tacos & More] over in Derry. They do some killer stuff over there, and they're really good people.

What is your favorite thing to cook at home?

We're those people that like to grill 12 months out of the year. We do a lot of grilling, everything from steaks and chicken to vegetables and starches. ... We cook a lot of comfort food too. I have three kids now, so we're not usually doing stuff that's too fancy.

— Matt Ingersoll 🍷

What celebrity would you like to see eating in your restaurant?

I'd love to see my guy Bill Belichick come in and order. I think we would get a pretty big kick out of that.

Maple turkey sausage
 From the kitchen of Alan Frati of Crack'd Kitchen & Coffee

2 pounds ground turkey
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 ¼ teaspoon ground sage
 ½ teaspoon onion powder
 ½ teaspoon paprika
 2 Tablespoons maple syrup

In a mixing bowl, combine the maple syrup with all of the seasonings to create a paste. Add the ground turkey and mix thoroughly so that all the ingredients are well-incorporated. Form the turkey mix into 3-ounce patties and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Flatten into ½-inch thick circles. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes, ensuring that the turkey is cooked through. Serve as is or sear-cook sausage in a cast iron pan for a more caramelized flavor.

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TRY THIS AT HOME

Soft sugar cookies

Welcome to eating season! I'm embracing it wholeheartedly with this cookie recipe. Who doesn't want to bake cookies with cold weather and dark afternoons? There's nothing like some freshly baked cookies to make the evening brighter.

Although I am a fan of traditional sugar cookies, where you roll out the dough and cut out shapes, I also have a fondness for this version. These cookies are incredibly tender and are best topped with a buttercream frosting. Consider them really short cupcakes.

Not only do these provide a moist and delicious cookie, but they also require less time and effort. There is no floured counter to prepare (or clean afterward), and you don't have to worry about how thick or thin each cookie is. Just grab a small scoopful of dough, roll for a moment, and the cookie is formed. Of course, you still can decorate these cookies



Soft sugar cookies. Photo courtesy of Michele Pesula Kuegler.

to your heart's content. Get the eating season going with a batch of freshly baked cookies!

Michele Pesula Kuegler has been thinking about food her entire life. Since 2007 the New Hampshire native has been sharing these food thoughts and recipes at her blog, Think Tasty. Visit thinktasty.com to find more of her recipes.

Soft sugar cookies

Makes 36

Cookie dough

- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour

Frosting

- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 to 3 cups powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 2 Tablespoons milk
- food coloring, if desired

Make the cookies

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand

- mixer or a large mixing bowl.
- Beat for 2 minutes on low speed using paddle attachment or hand mixer.
- Add eggs, one at a time, and mix until combined.
- Add yogurt and vanilla, mixing until incorporated.
- Add baking powder, soda, salt and flour. Mix on low.
- Form dough into a ball the size of a walnut.
- Place on a baking sheet, leaving 2 inches between cookies.
- Flatten balls of dough slightly.
- Bake for 12 minutes. (They will not be golden.)
- Cool completely.

Make the frosting

- Combine butter, 2 cups powdered sugar, and vanilla; mix well.
- Add milk, as needed, 1 teaspoon at a time.
- More sugar can be added if you prefer a sweeter frosting.
- Frost cookies, as desired.

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Staggering toward 34th Street

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There are two great scenes in 1947's *Miracle on 34th Street*:

"Hey, Lou! How many letters do we have to Santa Clause down at the Dead Letter Office?"

"I don't know — there must be fifty thousand. Bags and bags of them comin' in every day...."

Charlie — because I've decided that his name is Charlie — gets thoughtful for a second. The scene cuts to the courthouse, where things don't look good for Santa Claus, or maybe Kris Kringle, who is defending his sanity in court. He doesn't want to be institutionalized. The D.A. doesn't actually want to institutionalize him and risk alienating his own children. The judge, who is worried about re-election, doesn't want to fit Santa with extra-long sleeves on Christmas Eve.

Then Lou and Charlie and the other postal workers give them all a legal loophole and save Christmas. It's a brilliantly cynical bit of emotional manipulation. I love it.

Even better is at the beginning of the movie, when it's discovered that the Macy's Parade Santa is soused and can't finish the parade. How can that not have happened at least once in real life?

In that spirit, here are a trio of drinks to enjoy while you watch the parade this week.

Macy's Parade

1 ounce apple brandy — I like Laird's Applejack

1 ounce rye — I've been enjoying Knob Creek

½ ounce cranberry syrup — see below

¼ ounce Cynar — yes, the stuff with the artichoke on the label

2 dashes Angostura bitters

Pour all ingredients over ice in a mixing glass. Stir gently.

Let rest 15 to 20 minutes, to let the ice chill and dilute this very authoritative cocktail.

Strain into a coupé glass, and drink while singing show tunes along with the lip-synching, float-riding Broadway stars with overly bright eyes. Do this until your teenage child threatens arson.

This drink, courtesy of Craig Eliason in Minnesota, is not a light, frivolous cocktail. It is sweet, boozy, and a little herbal, courtesy of the Cynar and the bitters. It stares you in the eye and dares you to get cynical about the parade.

"Don't you dare make fun of Al Roker," it tells you in a low growl.

Cranberry Syrup

Combine frozen whole cranberries with an equal amount of white sugar, by weight, in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, mashing the berries with a potato masher once they have thawed. By using frozen berries, you have forced ice crystals to stab through all the cell walls of the cranberries,



From right to left — a Macy's Parade, a Parade Route, and a 34th Street Miracle.. Photo by John Fladd.

encouraging them to give up their juice.

Bring to a boil, to make sure that all the sugar has dissolved, then strain, battle and cool. This should last a very long time in your refrigerator, but the point is somewhat academic, because the odds are very good that you will use it all to make cranberry margaritas throughout the holiday season.

Parade Route

1½ ounces rye

¾ ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice

¾ ounce simple syrup

2 dashes Peychaud's bitters

4 to 5 ounces sparkling rosé

Combine the rye, lemon juice, syrup and bitters with ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake and chill thoroughly.

Strain into a small Collins glass. Top with sparkling rosé.

This is light and delicious. For reasons that defy mere logic, it turns out that rye and sparkling wine go really well together. The sweetness from the syrup takes the edge off the booziness, and the lemon juice keeps things from getting *too* sweet.

If you decide to double down, here's your next stop:

34th Street Miracle

1 ounce cognac

1 ounce orange curaçao

1 ounce orange juice

1 ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice

Combine all ingredients with ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake and chill.

Strain into a cocktail glass

The orange juice and orange liqueur go together extremely well in this drink — no surprise there. The cognac adds a boozy backbone to keep things from getting *too* orangey — not vodka or gin boozy, but something a little more gracious and civilized. The lemon juice keeps everything from taking itself too seriously.

At this point, when the Parade finally gets to Macy's, is where you should weepily sing "Over the River and Through the Woods" in at least three different keys. Your family will encourage you to go take a nap. Everybody wins.

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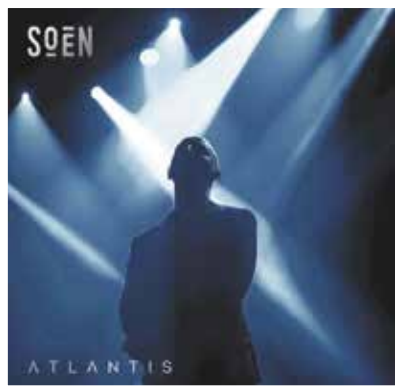
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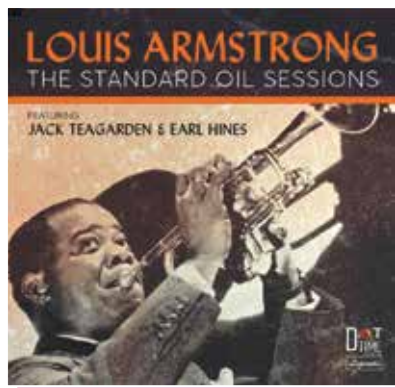
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• *She Said* A-

Soen, *Atlantis* (Silver Lining Music)

With Trans-Siberian Orchestra's traditional holiday tour coming soon, our thoughts turn of course not to Santa Claus and all that stuff but instead to progressive metal bands, like this Swedish one, which first hit the scene in 2004 as a "supergroup" consisting of former Opeth drummer Martin Lopez, ex-Testament bassist Steve Di Giorgio, Willowtree singer Joel Ekelöf and some dude named Joakim Platbardis on guitar. I don't know if it's still considered a supergroup, but they're good, if you like epic prog-metal and whatnot, especially live albums from same, which is what this is. I don't know how "live" this album actually is; if I'm reading this right, they just re-rubbed a bunch of their po-faced old stuff, opening the set with "Antagonist," which is a lot more Scorpions than it is Megadeth. There's a version of Slipknot's "Snuff" added for variety, but most of the time it's a mixture of different but usually depressing sci-fi-convention ambience. Is what it is. B+ — *Eric W. Saeger*

Louis Armstrong, *The Standard Oil Sessions* (Dot Time Records)

Any list of the greatest jazz musicians of all time would automatically include Louis Armstrong, Jack Teagarden and Earl "Fatha" Hines. From 1948 through 1951, those three legends played as Louis Armstrong and His All Stars. Unfortunately they didn't make many studio recordings, and most of the live recordings that have survived are in really bad shape. But on Jan. 20, 1950, Armstrong, Hines and Teagarden appeared in a San Francisco recording studio to record a number of songs for Standard Oil's "Musical Map of America" program. Teagarden got to do his signature "Basin Street Blues" while Hines performed a show-stopping version of his "Boogie Woogie on St. Louis Blues." But it was Armstrong who was in the spotlight throughout, in peak form vocally and especially on the trumpet, improvising completely different solos on "Muskrat Ramble," "Panama," "Struttin' with Some Barbecue" and other signature numbers. "Classic" would almost be an insult; this is timeless stuff. A+ — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Great, here come the holidays, which means there'll be barely anything for me to write about here in a couple of weeks, in this multiple award-winning column. But for now I am safe, because look at all these albums that you will be able to buy at Walmart or 7-Eleven or Petsmart, you know, anyplace that still sells albums! Look gang, can you even believe all these — oops, wait a minute, it's Black Friday this week, and the next general-release date for albums is Nov. 25, so there's no time to put out any new albums in time for the holidays, I'm in some hot water now, just great, holy catfish! Well, we'll have to do something here, and you probably don't want to hear about all the ins and outs of my last medical exam, so let's 'ave a look at the new album by **Stormzy**, titled *This Is What I Mean*, coming out this Friday! This dude's real name is Michael Ebenezer Kwadjo Omari Owuo Jr., and he is a British rapper, singer and songwriter who gained attention on the U.K. underground music scene through his *Wicked Skengman* series of freestyles over classic grime beats. Like everything else that's grime-based, it was cool stuff, but what about this new record? I don't know, let's find out, shall we? The teaser single, "Hide & Seek," is high-class stuff, kind of a cross between Seal and Drake, but with a humble, eminently British attitude that doesn't rely on controversy or dissing someone else. Yes, folks, in other words it is doomed to eventual failure just because it's good and decent and nice, you know how this goes by now.

• **Marcus Paquin** is a record producer/writer/multi-instrumentalist who has worked with Arcade Fire, The National, Stars, Raine Maida, Local Natives, basically any Canadian indie band that's gotten on my nerves over the last 12 years. His new album is *Our Love*, and the single, "The Way Forward," is likable enough, fronting your basic Bon Iver/Sigur Ros chill-tech-indie contrivances, but it's OK. His vocals have a weird but not entirely unapproachable effect added in order to make them more awkward and anti-edgy, the sort of angle we've heard a million times by now, but there is indeed some epic-ness once you get to the chorus, where the vocal sound remains weird but actually works within the scheme of it. I dunno, an over-produced Gorillaz ballad would be similar; it's not wildly addictive but a lot better than the recent things I've heard in this genre.

• Wait, ermagerd, looky over there, my little rascals, it's an album on which we can just go to town and laugh our little tuchuses off, and bonus, it's a holiday album! It's 80-year-old pop-crooner **Cliff Richard**, who was once the most dreaded name in "rock 'n' roll," basically about as counter-culture as Lawrence Welk! *Christmas With Cliff*, his first holiday-themed album in 19 years, features 10 covers done by the only artist in the world to achieve Top 5 albums in eight consecutive decades! Includes classics like "Sleigh Ride," "Joy to the World," "Blue Christmas" and whatnot, as well as three original songs.

• We'll finish this off and get to some serious drinking by talking about Glasgow-based goth-glam sextet **Walt Disco** and their new EP, *Always Sickening*, won't that be terrific? There's a cover of Stephanie Mills' 1980 disco hit "Never Knew Love Like This Before," but it's super slow and weird, you'll probably be like "I hate this," just letting you know ahead of time. And there we are.

— *Eric W. Saeger*

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Novelist as a Vocation, Haruki Murakami; translated by Philip Gabriel and Ted Goossen (Knopf, 224 pages)

The career of Haruki Murakami is one of the more mystifying legends in the literary world. He's told the story many times: how, sitting in the stands at a baseball game, he suddenly had the thought that he could write a novel, despite not having written anything much more substantive than college papers. It was, as he calls it, an epiphany. The next day, he bought a fountain pen and paper and started writing a novel at his kitchen table after he got home from work in the evening. It took six months.

That was 35 years and 25 books ago.

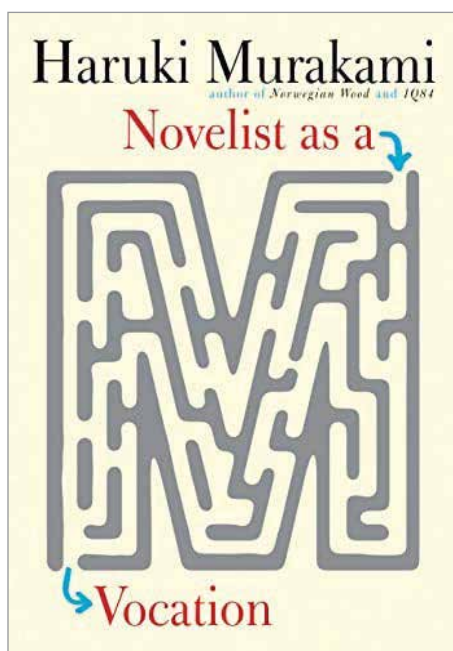
Everyone now trying to do the same thing (or something similar) during November for NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) should know, however, that even Murakami didn't think much of that first book, *Hear the Wind Sing*, of which he now writes, "What I had written seemed to fulfill the formal requirements of a novel" yet "was rather boring, and as a whole, left me cold."

But possessed of the idea that writing a novel was his destiny, Murakami did not stay discouraged even though he wasn't satisfied with the first draft. As he tells in his new memoir *Novelist as a Vocation*, he swapped the pen and paper for a typewriter and started again in English instead of his native Japanese. That limited the vocabulary available to him and forced him to write more precisely — to create, as he says, "a creative rhythm distinctly my own."

Ultimately he rewrote the entire novel in this style and found that writing "filled the spiritual void that had loomed with the approach of my thirtieth birthday." A year later, the book was short-listed for a prize for new writers, which he won. And Murakami Inc. was off and running, despite the disdain of some of Japan's literary elites, one of whom has called him a "con man."

Novelist as a Vocation recounts many of the stories that Murakami has already told, including how he got started and why he became a long-distance runner who runs every day (and a marathon every year). It also explains, in some ways, the Murakami phenomenon — why he has enjoyed enduring popular success despite a writing style that is often plain-spoken. Along the way, he offers advice to aspiring novelists, although he doesn't seem to have a high opinion of them as a species, writing, "The way I see it, people with brilliant minds are not particularly well suited to writing novels."

He also says, "There are exceptions, of course, but from what I have seen, most novelists aren't what one would call amiable and fair-minded. Neither are they what would normally be considered good role models: their dispositions tend to be idiosyncratic and their lifestyles and general behavior frankly odd." He tells the story of the 1912 meeting of Marcel Proust and James Joyce,



who barely spoke to each other at a dinner party in Paris. "Writers are basically an egoistic breed, proud and highly competitive. Put two of them in the same room and the results, more likely than not, will be a disappointment." A certain arrogance also helps novelists who succeed, he suggests.

What novelists are, besides dogged, is accommodating. They are tolerant of other novelists because, as Murakami puts it, there's always more room in the ring. Many people write one or two novels; few do what he does: churn them out consistently. Not that even Murakami makes his sole living from writing novels — he also has done English-to-Japanese translations for 30 years.

I have always been something of a Murakami skeptic. Even his celebrated memoir *What I Talk About When I Talk About Running*, which I've read twice, seems flat to me, its sentences as matter-of-fact as a grocery list. So it was interesting to read that the author himself does not pay heed to too much of his press. "... I am, when all is said and done, a very ordinary person," he writes. "... Not the type to stand out when I stroll around town, the type who's always shown to the worst table at restaurants. I doubt that if I didn't write novels anyone would ever have noticed me."

Also, he writes of being removed from the literary elites, having failed to win a couple of other prizes that he was shortlisted for early in his career. This has made him question the value of any prize, "from the Oscars to the Nobel." The most important thing to have is good readers, not the acclaim of one's peers, he says. (It's worth noting, though, that Murakami also acknowledges that his career as a novelist might have fizzled if he hadn't won the Gunzo Prize for his first effort.)

In short essays about his life and the craft, he goes on to muse about the importance of originality (and the difficulty of having an original style be accepted, whether in writing, painting or music); the mechanics of writing (he doesn't work on novels

unless "the desire to write is overwhelming" and instead does more mundane tasks, like translation, until that occurs); and why a scene from the movie *E.T.* is an apt metaphor for novelists who don't have a lot of life experience. (Short version, you have to assemble a transmitter with an odd assortment of junk stored in the garage.)

Murakami estimates that 5 percent "of all people are active readers of literature" but those 5 percent are ardent, he says. "As long as one in twenty is like us, I refuse to get overly worried about the future of the novel and the written word."

Perhaps the most fascinating line in *Novelist as a Vocation* is this: "I don't make promises, so I don't have deadlines. As a result, writer's block and I are strangers to

each other." So many writers convince themselves that they need deadlines to motivate them to work, but Murakami suggests that creativity flows best without this pressure. He also doesn't seem to put a lot of pressure on himself as far as output goes, writing only about 1,600 words a day when he's working on a novel, with a hard stop after 10 pages, even if he wants to write more.

Interestingly, this memoir was released in Japan in 2015 and took seven years and two translators to make it to the U.S., just in time to help NaNoWriMo participants who need a jolt of adrenaline to power through. It serves that purpose well, and is also a surprisingly pleasurable read for anyone trying to understand the magic of Murakami more broadly. **B+** — Jennifer Graham

Books

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• **MAREK BENNETT** will discuss his new graphic novel *The Civil War Diary of Freeman Colby Volume 3 (1864)* at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

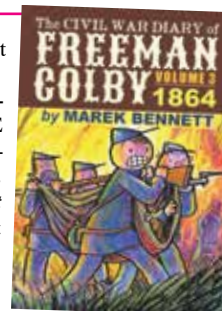
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She Said (R)

New York Times reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor investigate reports of sexual harassment and assault by Harvey Weinstein in *She Said*, a movie based on the real-life investigation and the subsequent book by the same name.

When we first meet Twohey (Carey Mulligan) she's investigating allegations against then candidate Donald Trump — while also going to OB appointments as her pregnancy progresses. Kantor (Zoe Kazan) is covering refugees, while also juggling her two girls' schedules with her husband, who is also a reporter. Kantor gets a tip about allegations of sexual misconduct, possibly years of misconduct, by Weinstein and starts looking into it, making calls and finding women with stories who can't talk or won't talk on the record out of fear of damaging their careers or because of non-disclosure agreements signed years ago. Twohey joins her on the investigation when she returns to work from maternity leave, still sort of reeling from what the movie depicts as postpartum depression.

The paper's editors — including Rebecca Corbett (Patricia Clarkson) and Dean Baquet (Andre Braugher) — believe in the story but know that hefty on-the-record corroboration is needed. Twohey and Kantor chip away at the process of finding documents to back up the stories about settlements, charges that are dropped, HR complaints and the many non-disclosures. They also search for women with a story to tell about Weinstein, hoping they can find at least one who will go on the record, talking to the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow and Rose McGowan and Ashely Judd (who appears in the movie as herself). They also talk to former assistants who have spent years carrying the trauma of their interactions with Weinstein. The more they investigate, the more Twohey and Kantor are told that Weinstein himself will be coming for them, having shut down all previous attempts to tell these stories.

I almost feel like *She Said* isn't quite about what it seems to be about. The trailer sells the idea that the movie is some John Grisham-



She Said

meets-*All the President's Men* high-pressure race to get Weinstein and go after the "whole system" or something — the trailer sort of feels like it's just one explosion short of a Michael Bay movie. And there are moments in the movie itself where we get some real TV-exposition-style lines of the "what? Sexual harassers getting away with it?" variety that feel kind of silly coming from fully grown women in 2016 and 2017 who work in national media.

But the actual story, the meat of the movie, is more about the unglamorous work of investigating — a lot of phone calls and searching for documents and showing up at the doors of people who don't want to talk — paired with the pushing-a-boulder-up-a-mountain quality of trying to work while parenting. Specifically, I think, of trying to work while being the mother of in Megan's case a new baby and in Jodi's case two young kids. The limitations, the constant sense of being behind and running late and keeping it all together with tape. At one point Jodi gets a pivotal call and, to get the time and quiet to have the conversation, she essentially bribes her daughter with Netflix time. That moment felt incredibly well done and true to life, as do scenes where Megan tries to find her work self again while swimming through her postpartum struggles. It captures the "backwards and in heels" aspect of what was involved for

these two specific reporters to work this investigation and goes to the movie's larger themes about women, the situations they have to deal with and the choices they make.

When the movie just lets itself be about this, about the work and Jodi and Megan and the way they try to honestly foster relationships with the women hurt by Weinstein without over-promising or being false about their motivations, *She Said* is absolutely riveting. The core duo of Mulligan and Kazan bring a lot that is unsaid to their characters, with facial expressions and little moments that fill their characters out and make them people. Mulligan even gets one really good explosion, a "had it with All Of This" moment, that is just a chef's kiss. Clarkson is also solid; I wish she'd had even more to do.

She Said occasionally seems to get tangled up in the needs of a conventional movie versus the still-developing story that its characters are enmeshed in. But when it works, when its elements all come together, it's thoroughly captivating. **A-**

Rated R for language and depictions of sexual assault, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Maria Schrader with a screenplay by Rebecca Lenkiewicz (based on the book by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey), *She Said* is two hours and nine minutes long and is distributed in theaters by Universal. 🍷

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- *Ticket to Paradise* (PG-13, 2022) will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Tuesday, Nov. 22, through Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 25, through Sun, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. and also Saturday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m.
 - *The Menu* (R, 2022) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27, at 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 - *She Said* (R, 2022) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27, 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 1, at 4 & 7 p.m.
 - *A Christmas Story* (PG, 1983) screens Saturday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord.
 - *Charley Chase Comedies*, silent film comedies with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, will screen at Wilton Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m.. Admission is free; a \$10 donation per person is encouraged.
 - *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* (PG-13, 2002) will screen at Chunky's Manchester with a five-course dinner by Chef Keith Sarasin and The Farmers Dinners on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$75 per person.
 - *It's Christmas Again* (G, 2022), a new movie about a kid who goes back in time



The Menu

to Bethlehem (according to the movie's official website), will screen one night only, Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Regal Concord and O'neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square in Epping. See Fathom Events.

- *Concert for George* (PG-13, 2003) will screen Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at Park Theatre in Jaffrey.

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Hail queen:** Basking in the glow of a New England Music Award for Country Act of the Year, **April Cushman** plays a local microbrewery. Cushman was nominated in six NEMA categories, and she performed at the ceremony with guitarist Brad Myrick, who also picked up a nod that night. Cushman's most recent album *The Long Haul* represents some of the region's best music, so her shiny disc is much deserved. Friday, Nov. 25, 6 p.m., Backyard Brewery, 1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester. See facebook.com/aprilcushmanmusic.

• **Rap represent:** A celebration of the area hip-hop scene, **Hellhound for the Holidays** offers a long list of artists. The show is curated by Hellhound Crew, which includes Cody Pope, Byron G, 8-BZA, Fee The Evolutionist, Deja Solo, Even Tho, Trip Seat, Neek100 and more. Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Nashua Garden, 121 Main St., Nashua, \$10, see facebook.com/donebooking.

• **Clam clowns:** Due to a health issue, an evening with Mike Girard's Big Swinging Thing is now switched to **The Fools**, Girard's long-time group and sometimes musical comedy troupe. Born in "Home of the Fried Clam" Ipswich, Mass., the group broke through the 1970s Boston scene with its irreverent Talking Heads parody "Psycho Chicken," later scoring a national hit with "It's a Night for Beautiful Girls" and touring extensively. Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$35 at tupelohall.com.

• **Nineties redux:** A fantastic double bill for music mavens is led by **Sophie B. Hawkins**. The singer is touring to mark the 30th anniversary of her smash debut, *Tongues and Tails*, with its ethereal breakout single, "Damn, I Wish I Was Your Lover." Since that start, she's acted and released five more albums, scoring a big Adult Contemporary hit with "As I Lay Me Down." Talented singer-songwriter Seth Glier opens the afternoon show. Sunday, Nov. 27, 4 p.m., Bank of NH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord, tickets \$55 and \$65 at ccanh.com.

NITE

Live for the season

Step out for a musical December

By Michael Witthaus
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From big stages to small, national touring acts and regional heroes will fill the nights with mirth and melodies throughout December.

Here's a taste of what's coming.

• Bookend the month, and then some, with **Recycled Percussion**. The junk rockers close out their latest, *Redonkulous*, at their personal performance venue, The CAKE, with 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows (tickets \$35 to \$110) on two Saturdays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 28, they'll invade Manchester's Palace Theatre (\$35 and up) for a 13-show run that concludes on Jan. 7.

• Over at the Palace's sister room The Rex Theatre, get festive and international with a week

of holiday-themed events. On Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Boston-based jazz singer **Rich DiMare serves up A Sinatra Christmas** (\$29 and up), followed Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. by the Celtic fiddle mastery of **A Joyful Christmas with Eileen Ivers** (\$39). On Wednesday, Dec. 14, Italy takes a jazzy bow with **Anthony Nunziata: My Italian Broadway Christmas**; the next day, it's **Eric Mintel's Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas**. The **Spain Brothers** offer a blend of holiday-themed Irish and American folk on Saturday, Dec. 17 (all shows 7 p.m., \$29).

• At the state's largest venue, the SNHU Arena, the **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra** returns for the 21st time since their Manchester debut in 2001, on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., as Keith Lockhart conducts the 2022 Holidays Pops Tour. Tickets are \$55 and up at ticketmaster.com.

• At Concord's Bank of NH Stage on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., Portland, Maine-based **Spencer and the Walrus** recreate The Beatles' studio recordings with astounding accuracy, joined by a six-piece horn section (\$38). The theme continues with well-regarded Talking Heads tribute act **Start Making Sense** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. (\$15 and \$30). **Tim Reynolds**, who rose to fame through his collaboration with Dave Matthews, plays with his TR3 band on Friday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. (\$36).

• The Capitol Center for the Arts hosts a trio of seasonal shows starting with **The Seamus Egan Project's Celtic Christmas** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. (\$32 and up). The **Capital Jazz Orchestra** does its Holiday Pops show on Sunday, Dec.



Recycled Percussion. Courtesy photo.

11, at 4 p.m. (\$27.50 and up) and the annual **Morning Buzz Christmas Ball** happens Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. (\$45, recommended age 18+).

• Tupelo Music Hall is packed from Day 1, as bluesman **Popa Chubby** stops by, with local favorite Brooks Young as an opener, on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. (\$30). Guitar shredder **Gary Hoey**,

whose *Ho! Ho! Hoey!* holiday show is synonymous with the season, plays Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. (\$35 and up). Musicians' musician **Martin Sexton** hits Tupelo Friday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. (\$40 and up), and folk chanteuse **Judy Collins** offers hits and holiday songs Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. (\$55 and up).

• At Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club, guitarist and legendary side man **Larry Carlton** digs into Steely Dan's catalog — that's him wailing on 1976's "Kid Charlemagne" — and plays other hits Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. (\$35 to \$115). Singer-songwriter **Dar Williams** serves up erudite folk songs Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. (\$10 to \$60), while British Blues Hall of Fame guitarist **Matt Schofield** plays Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. (\$15 to \$55).

• At the nearby newly renovated Music Hall Lounge, the utterly charming **Antje Duvekot** appears Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. (\$37 and up), and **Thanks to Gravity**, a band key to the early '90s Seacoast scene chronicled in the 2012 documentary *In Danger of Being Discovered*, plays two shows, Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. (\$28 and up).

• 3S Artspace has a few live music events, including free ones like Mission of Burma's **Roger Clark Miller** playing from his boundary-stretching album, *Eight Dream Interpretations for Solo Electric Guitar Ensemble*, on Friday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. **Small Pond** tops a Saturday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. show with Hello Shark and Sneaky Miles (\$15). The headliners began in Portsmouth doing DIY shows, later opening for national acts like The Ballroom Thieves and Haley Heynderickx. Their sound is described as "swinging, laid-back indie rock with big hooks and undeniably catchy lyrics." Boston emo stalwarts **Piebold** plays a 3S date on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. (\$25).

Venues

Bank of NH Stage 16 S. Main St., Concord; ccanh.com

The CAKE Theatre 12 Veterans Square, Laconia; thecaketheatre.com

Chubb Theatre (Capitol Center for the Arts) 44 S. Main St., Concord; ccanh.com

Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club 135 Congress St., Portsmouth; jimmysoncongress.com

Music Hall Lounge 131 Congress St., Portsmouth; themusichall.org

Palace Theatre 80 Hanover St., Manchester; palacetheatre.org

Rex Theatre 23 Amherst St., Manchester; palacetheatre.org

SNHU Arena 555 Elm St., Manchester; snhuarena.com

3S Artspace 319 Vaughan St, Portsmouth; 3sarts.org

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Events

• **Jon Rineman** Music Hall Lounge, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m.

• **Kenny Rogerson** Chunky's Manchester, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.

• **Jim Colliton & Karen Morgan**

Rex, Friday Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.

• **James Dorsey** Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, 8:30 p.m.

• **Comedy Poured** (Benefit for Hollis Agricultural Scholarship) Fulchino Vineyard, Saturday, Nov. 26, 6 p.m.

• **Juston McKinney** Flying Monkey, Saturday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m.

• **Stacy Kendro** Headliners, Saturday, Nov. 26, 8:30 p.m.

• **Kathe Farris** McCue's, Friday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m.

• **Chelsea Handler** Chubb Theatre, Friday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 22

Concord
Hermanos: Paul Bourgelais, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton
Shane's: music bingo, 7 p.m.
Wally's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Dave Zangri, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: John Chouinard, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Raga: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

Portsmouth

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.
Red's: country night, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Find more Thanksgiving Eve happenings on page 11.

Bedford
Copper Door: Chad LaMarsh, 4 p.m.

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Karaoke with DJ Kenny P

Brookline
Alamo: Peter Pappas, 5 p.m.

Concord
Area 23: open mic, 6:30 p.m.
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Derry
Amphora: Eddie Sands

Fody's: Kevin Hopkins, 5 p.m.; Brian House, 8:30 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: 603 Duo, 7 p.m.

Exeter
Sea Dog: Dyer Holiday, 5 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Bobby and Amberly, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: open mic, 7 p.m.
CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m.
L Street: karaoke with DJ Jeff, 9 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's: Syndicate

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Richard Cumming

Londonderry
Pipe Dream Brewing: Supernothing
Stumble Inn: Small Town Stranded, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Bonfire: Nikki Briar, 9 p.m.
Castro's Back Room: Boo Boo Grove
Derryfield: D-Comp, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Jordan Quinn 5:30 p.m.
Getaway Lounge: Mugshot Monday with Wally Nichols
The Goat: April Cushman, 7 p.m.; Sugah Rush, 9 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: Jake Pardee & Friends, 8 p.m.
To Share: Back to the '90s party, 3 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: The Sweetbloods, 5:45 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Dave Zangri, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Pasta Loft: Plan B, 8:30 p.m.
Riley's Place: Bat Magoon
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Nashua
Fody's: Joe McDonald, 6 p.m.
Nashua Garden: Tumbletoads, The Faith Ann Band, The Humans Being

Newmarket
Stone Church: Ape The Grim, I Deal, The Perceptionists & more, 9 p.m.

Pleistow
Crow's Nest: Bite the Bullet

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Amanda Dane Band, 6:30 p.m.
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.
The Press Room Harsh Armadillo, The Bulkheads
Thirsty Moose: Hijacked, 9 p.m.

Rochester
Porter's: karaoke night, 6:30 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 4 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Karaoke with DJ Manny, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24

Portsmouth
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 25

Alton
Foster's Tavern: Kimayo, 6 p.m.

Auburn
Auburn Pitts: live music, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Matt Borrello, 5 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Brad Myric, 1 p.m.

Deerfield
Lazy Lion: live music, 6 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Jodee Frawlee Duo, 8 p.m.

Exeter
Sea Dog: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Charlie Chronopoulos, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m.
CR's: Greg De Coteau, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 8 p.m.
Wally's: Bananagun, 9 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: McGettigan & Gilbert, 5:30 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Taylor Hughes, 8 p.m.



POST-TURKEY LAUGHS

Local faves **Jim Colliton** and **Karen Morgan** team up for a Black Friday comedy double-header at the Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester; 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) on Friday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 plus fees.

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Laconia Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m.	Newmarket Stone Church: Truffle, 7:30 p.m.	Deerfield Lazy Lion: live music, 7 p.m.
Londonderry Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Swipe Right Duo, 8 p.m.	Northfield Boonedoxz Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.	Epping Telly's: Rob & Jody Duo, 8 p.m.
Manchester Backyard Brewery: April Cushman, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m. Derryfield: Fox & The Flamingos, 8 p.m. Fratello's: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m. The Foundry: Sam Hammerman, 6 p.m. The Goat: 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m. Shaskeen: Rockspring, 7 p.m. South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: The Gorilla Gang, 9 p.m.	Penacook American Legion Post 31: JMitch Karaoke, 7 p.m.	Epsom Hill Top Pizza: JMitch Karaoke, 7 p.m.
Meredith Giuseppe's: Bob Kroepel, 5:45 p.m. Twin Barns: Garrett Smith, 5 p.m.	Portsmouth Gas Light: Taylor Marie, 9:30 p.m. The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m. Thirsty Moose: The Mockingbirds, 9 p.m.	Exeter Sea Dog: Elijah Clark, 6 p.m.
Merrimack Homestead: Joanie Ciatelli, 6 p.m.	Salem Luna Bistro: Dani Sven, 6 p.m. Smuttynose: music bingo, 6 p.m.	Goffstown Village Trestle: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.
Milford Pasta Loft: Way Up South! 8:30 p.m. Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O with karaoke, 9 p.m.	Alton Foster's Tavern: live music, 7 p.m.	Hampton Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m. The Goat: Eric Marcs, 8 p.m. L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 p.m. Smuttynose: live music, 6 p.m. Wally's: 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m. Whym: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.
Nashua Fody's: Dis N Dat Band, 10 p.m. Millyard Brewery: Stephen Decuire, 6:30 p.m.	Alton Bay Dockside: Mike Laughlin, 8 p.m.	Hudson The Bar: live music, 8:30 p.m.
New Boston Molly's: Clint & Jordan, 7 p.m.	Brookline Alamo: Austin McCarthy, 5 p.m.	Jaffrey Park Theatre: Bernie & Louise Watson, 5:30 p.m.
	Bow Chen Yang Li: Dusty Gray Duo, 7 p.m.	Kingston Saddle Up: Bite The Bullet, 8 p.m.
	Concord Winter Farmers Market: Chris Torrey, 9 a.m. Hermanos: John Franzosa, 6:30 p.m.	Laconia Tower Hill: line dancing, 7 p.m.; Carolyn Ramsay Band, 8:30 p.m.
	Contoocook Contoocook Cider Co.: Colin Hart, 1 p.m.	Londonderry Coach Shop: Rebecca Turmel, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: The Offramps, 8 p.m.
		Manchester Backyard Brewery: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Bonfire: Granite Road, 9 p.m.
Derryfield: Dancing Madly Backwards, 8 p.m.
Fratello's: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.
Foundry: Karen Grenier, 6 p.m.
The Goat: The Far, 9 p.m.
Shaskeen: Northern Hands & June Sexton, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Poirier Band, 9 p.m.
Wild Rover: George Barber, 5 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Tyler Levs, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jess Olson, 6 p.m.

Milford
Pasta Loft: Lichen, 8 p.m.
Riley's Two Drink Minimum, 8 p.m.

Nashua
Fody's: Joe Law, 6 p.m.; Human Beings, 8 p.m.
Millyard: The Casual T's, 4 p.m.
San Francisco Kitchen: live music, 6:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: The Incidentals, 7 p.m.

Northfield
Boonedoxz Pub: live music, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Justin Cohn, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Sweep The Leg, 9 p.m.

Salem
Luna Bistro: Sam Hammerman, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27
Alton Bay
Dockside: Chris O'Neil, 4 p.m.

Bedford
Copper Door: Steve Prisby, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Chris Powers, 4 p.m.

Concord
Concord Craft Brewing: Brad Myrick, 2 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Alex Cohen, 1 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Bob Pratte, 3:30 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: live music, 7 p.m.
CR's: Just The Two Of Us, 6 p.m.
L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: live music, 2 p.m.

Laconia
Belknap Mill: open mic, 2 p.m.
Tower Hill: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Bonfire: country line dancing, 6 p.m.
Foundry: Brad Myrick, 10 a.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 10 a.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: open mic w/ Blues Jam, 1 p.m.

Northfield
Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4 p.m.

Portsmouth
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 28
Dover
Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: open mic w/ Paul Luff, 6 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: karaoke with Phil

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: David Campbell, 8 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Fody's: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29
Concord
Hermanos: Dave Gerard, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton
Shane's: music bingo, 7 p.m.
Wally's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Concert For George, 7 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Paul Gormley, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 8 p.m.
KC's: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Raga: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.
Red's: country night, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 30
Brookline
Alamo: Jordan Quinn, 5 p.m.

Concord
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Exeter
Sea Dog: Tim Parent, 5 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: live music, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: open mic, 7 p.m.
L Street: karaoke with DJ Jeff, 9 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Derryfield: Jonny Friday, 6 p.m.

HARSH REALM



Harsh Armadillo can be thankful for many things this year, like the release of their latest single, "Speak Up." The Portsmouth-based funk band takes to the Press Room stage (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth; 431-5186, pressroomnh.com) for a little pre-Thanksgiving revelry on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 plus fees.



Adult Learning Center visit to NCC
Hear about the huge variety of services for continuing education available through the Adult Learning Center and Nashua Community College.

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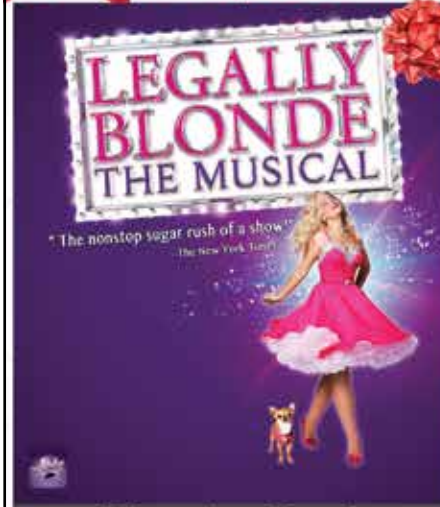
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Saturday, Dec 3



Sunday, Dec 11



The Nutcracker
Saturday, Dec 17



**Ted Vigil
A John Denver Christmas**
Sunday, Dec 18

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Fratello's: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: April Cushman, 7 p.m.; Sugah Rush, 9 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox Karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Paul Hubert, 5:30 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Nashua

Fody's: Joe McDonald, 6 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Chazz w/ Film V, 8 p.m.

Portsmouth

The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Rochester

Porter's: karaoke night, 6:30 p.m.

Concerts

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5 Granite St., Newmarket
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10 A St., Derry
 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com

The Word Barn

66 Newfields Road, Exeter
 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

Shows

- **James Montgomery Band** Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Harsh Armadillo** Wednesday, Nov. 23, 9 p.m., Press Room
- **Ape the Grim** Wednesday, Nov. 23, 9 p.m., Stone Church
- **Trans Siberian Orchestra** Friday, Nov. 25, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., SNHU Arena
- **The Cookers** Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **The English Beat** Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Taylor Hughes** Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Millyard
- **Truffle's Annual Turkey Jam** Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **The Casual T's** Saturday, Nov. 26, 4 p.m., Millyard
- **A Piano Christmas with Robert Dionne** Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., Majestic Theatre
- **Blues Brothers: The Next Generation** Saturday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., Rex
- **Dueling Pianos** Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., The Strand



Sophie B. Hawkins

- **The Fools** Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Bite the Bullet** Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Saddle Up Saloon
- **Forever Young** (Neil Young tribute) Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **The Silks** Saturday, Nov. 26, 9 p.m., The Press Room
- **Granite State Ringers** Sunday, Nov. 27, 2:30 p.m., LaBelle Winery Amherst
- **Sophie B. Hawkins** Sunday, Nov. 27, 4 p.m., Bank of NH Stage
- **Say Darling** Sunday, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m., Press Room
- **Popa Chubby** Saturday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Chazz/Film V** Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **Kat Edmonson** Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Jimmy's
- **Popa Chubby** Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Jordan Fletcher/Maddi Ryan** Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage
- **The Worst/Pink Blazer/The Jerritones** Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **Will Evans** Friday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., Word Barn

Trivia

Events

• **Elf trivia 21+** on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com). Reserve a seat with a \$5 food voucher.

Weekly

- **Friday Team Trivia** at Cheers (17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com) from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the lounge.
- **Friday** trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
- **Monday** trivia at Crow's Nest (181 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 817-6670, crowsnestnh.com) at 8 p.m.
- **Monday Trivia at the Tavern** at Red's (530 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-0030, redskitchenandtavern.com), signup at 8:30 p.m., from 9 to 11 p.m. Hosted by DJ Zati.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Fody's (187

Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Area 23 (254 N. State St., Concord, 881-9060, thearea23.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Lynn's 102 Tavern (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832, lynns102.com), at 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday Geeks Who Drink** trivia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Community Oven (845 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 601-6311, thecommunityoven.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Main Street Grill and Bar (32 Main St., Pittsfield; 435-0005, mainstreetgrillandbar.com) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

• **Wednesday Kings Trivia** at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Manchester 7 to 9 p.m..



Elf

• **Wednesday** trivia at Millyard Brewery (125 E. Otterson St., Nashua; 722-0104, millyardbrewery.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at The Bar (2b Burnham Road, Hudson, 943-5250) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua, fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.

• **Wednesday World Tavern Trivia** at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey; 532-9300, theparktheatre.org) at 8 p.m.

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NO FOOLIN'

The **Fools** gained notoriety in the late 1970s with their Talking Heads parody "Psycho Chicken," and the video for their "Doo Wah Diddy" cover was one of the first songs played on MTV. Don't miss their upcoming show at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry; 437-5100; tupelomusichall.com) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35, plus fees.



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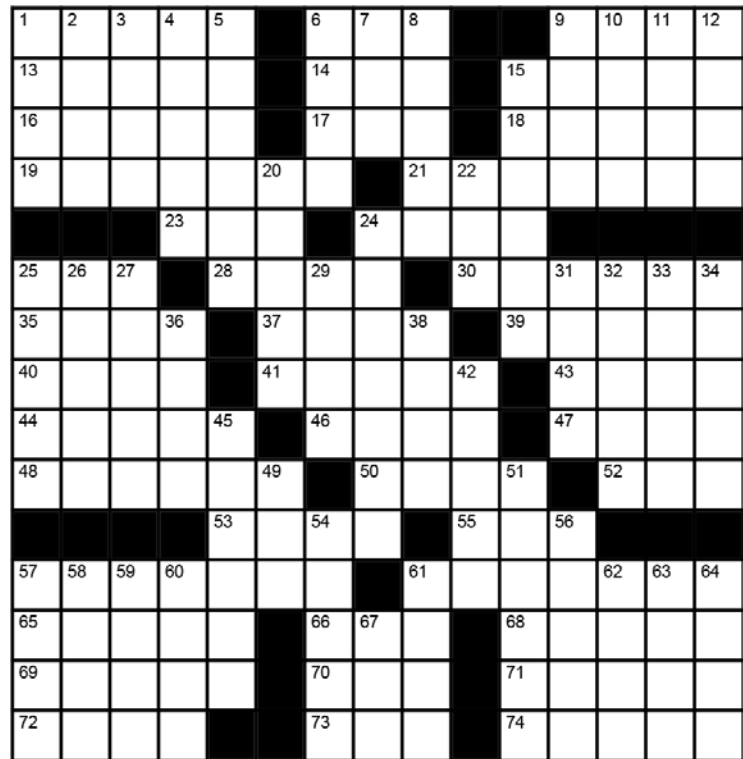


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- 1. Christmas song
- 6. Solos make you ooh and this
- 9. 'Lie To Me' Johnny
- 13. Joe Walsh '___ Of Illusion' (1,4)
- 14. CeCe Peniston sang 'My ___' for her love
- 15. Of or relating to a mode
- 16. '04 Indigo Girls album 'All That We ___' (3,2)
- 17. Cars 'Drive' singer Benjamin
- 18. Musician invests in a home or this post-1st album
- 19. Part of Leo Sayer song, w/'More Than'
- 21. "King Of Skiffle" Lonnie
- 23. Grammy-winning bluesman Mo'
- 24. "Love, love __, you know I love you" (2,2)
- 25. Part of Jonsi Birgisson band, w/ Sigur
- 28. Boy band 'N ___
- 30. 'Sadness (Part I)' electronic band
- 35. Sarah McLachlan "We are born innocent, believe me ___"
- 37. Asia was alone on '___ Survivor'
- 39. '89 Replacements album shushed us on 'Don't Tell ___' (1,4)
- 40. 'Smartie Mine' folkie sing/songster Dan
- 41. Hot male singers, slang
- 43. Explaining Atlas Genius song? (2,2)
- 44. Dylan's 'Maybe You'll Be There' cover: "How can ___ like this" (2,3)
- 46. Vietnamese band The Flob is from this continent
- 47. "Meet you all the way, Rosanna" band
- 48. Cranberries had '___ To Argue' with the irrational (2,4)
- 50. Jim of Simple Minds
- 52. Triumph's Emmett
- 53. Like gossip-hungry fans
- 55. 'Chicken Fried' ___ Brown Band

- 57. Mike + The Mechanics '86 single that pulled you? (5,2)
- 61. Badfinger's dinner time was on '___ Get It' (4,3)
- 65. Doors 'To Come ___' (2,3)
- 66. Comes before stage name (abbr)
- 68. Talk Talk song about actress Zellweger?
- 69. Kristian Matsson or The Tallest ___ Earth (3,2)
- 70. '99 Perry Farrell comp that gets an

engine going?

- 71. Hopefully a goodie also
- 72. Italian guy Ramazzotti
- 73. Brian of Roxy Music
- 74. Clapton guitarist Bramhall II

Down

- 1. State Stone Temple Pilots are from (abbr)
- 2. Baldwin in musical South Pacific
- 3. Singer Coolidge
- 4. The Used debut hit 'The Taste ___' (2,3)
- 5. Camera parts
- 6. Ciara reversed roles on 'Like ___' (1,3)
- 7. Adult-oriented rock genre/radio format (abbr)
- 8. 90s jam band tour
- 9. Earring site
- 10. Jimmy Buffett loves his canines and sang "You're better off with ___" (1,3)
- 11. Bloodhound Gang 'Magna Cum ___'
- 12. Country's 'Gentle On My Mind' Campbell
- 15. Either Hall or Oates was a '___ Mission' (3,2,1)
- 20. Slayer 'Seasons In The ___'
- 22. Dedicated lines
- 24. Welsh post-hardcore 3-piece
- 25. Trevor of Yes
- 26. Band Of Horses wrote poem or '___ LRC' (3,2)
- 27. Sarah Brightman song for a fire alarm?
- 29. Tim McGraw '___ Moment Too Soon' (3,1)
- 31. Kenny Loggins hit 'This ___' (2,2)
- 32. We Are Scientists "If you want to use my body ___ it" (2,3)
- 33. "How ___ forget these lonesome tears in my eyes" (4,1)
- 34. '00 Limp Bizkit hit 'Take ___

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Find and Circle...

- Five facial expressions
- Four five-letter birds
- Three U.S. presidents
- Three words related to chess
- Two opposing directions

Last Week's Answers: LAGOON HARBOR LAKE GULF POND / PUMPKIN CHERRY APPLE / ORIOLE CANARY FALCON / JUPITER SATURN / CHINA INDIA

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Around' (1,4)

- 36. 'Daydream Believer' Murray
- 38. Beach House 'Girl Of The Year' is about this Sedgwick
- 42. Rudy of Quiet Riot/Whitesnake
- 45. 'Hope For The Hopeless' Brett
- 49. Taylor Hicks '___ Make You Proud' (2,1)
- 51. Duane Eddy & Springsteen songs w/same title
- 54. Gut cords are stretched across this drum
- 56. 'Bright Lights Bigger City' Green (3,2)
- 57. Kiss say 'Talk ___' because they just

want to talk to you (2,2)

- 58. Like worst seats
- 59. 'Pow 2011' UK rapper
- 60. They might get inflated with fame
- 61. St Louis rockers
- 62. Clapton guitarist Fairweather-Low
- 63. 'Love On The Rocks' Diamond
- 64. Half of 'World Clique' band name, w/Lite
- 67. The Who drummer Jones (abbr)

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	3-		
1	7+	2÷	
			4

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CHALLENGING

12×			10×		6
2-	10×	5-		3	20×
		24×			
3+		3÷	1-		
15+			2	5-	6×
3		20×			

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RULES

1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

3-	4+	2÷		
1	3	4	2	
4	1	2	3	
3	2	1	4	
2	4	3	1	

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4+	2÷	24×	5-	8+	2
3	4	6	1	5	2
1	2	4	6	3	5
6	3	5	2	4	1
4	6	1	5	2	3
2	5	3	4	1	6
5	1	2	3	6	4

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"If I Only Had a Grain" — enough for a meal.

Across

- 1. Dashboard button letters
- 5. Anthems, e.g.
- 10. Carbonated drink
- 14. Missile shelter
- 15. In the least bit
- 16. Singer Tori
- 17. Stumble over the jacket holder?
- 20. Time of history
- 21. To the ___ degree
- 22. Planet seventh nearest to the sun
- 23. Jake of CNN
- 25. Friedlander of "30 Rock"
- 27. Mauna ___
- 28. "Likewise for me"
- 30. Kind of triangular sail

- 33. Regatta completely taking place on a watch surface?
- 37. "SNL" rival until 2009
- 39. Noah's craft
- 40. Gulf of Aden country
- 41. How to tell which hive dwellers are evil twins?
- 44. Title for knighthood (but only for British citizens)
- 45. Actress Lotte who was married to Kurt Weill
- 46. Beirut's country (abbr.)
- 48. Guy who's the putative Mayor of Flavortown
- 50. Hand down
- 53. Halifax, Nova ___

- 56. Kennel sound
- 57. ___ Lanka
- 58. Place to call for gas pain tips?
- 62. "Garfield" canine
- 63. "Bone" prefix
- 64. "Why not ___?"
- 65. Repose
- 66. Stopwatch button
- 67. Little irritator

- 10. Paulson of "American Horror Story"
- 11. Persian Gulf nation
- 12. Prefix for drama
- 13. Puts a question to
- 18. Scrabble value of each of the letters in this answer
- 19. "La la" preceder
- 24. Medicare add-on section
- 25. Deliberate thrower of a match, in wrestling slang
- 26. Hesitant agreement
- 29. Person putting on a play
- 30. Chance to hang out and play
- 31. Coffee cooler, maybe
- 32. "Paddington" actor Whishaw
- 34. Ending with rest or fest
- 35. Grammy-nominated gospel singer Tribbett
- 36. Facebook's answer to TikTok
- 37. Alps or Rockies, briefly
- 38. Bigeye tuna

- 42. "The Good Place" main character
- 43. Plant's downward growth
- 47. Words before "Be Wild" and "Run"
- 48. City on the N.J. side of the George Washington Bridge
- 49. Half of VI
- 51. He coached Rudy in "Rudy"
- 52. Dusk follower
- 53. Kick, so to speak?
- 54. Ballet finale
- 55. Cole Porter's "Miss ___ Regrets"
- 56. "As they shouted out with ___ ..."
- 59. Taiwan suffix
- 60. "Dynamite" K-pop group
- 61. "American Dad!" airtel

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15					16			
17			18						19			
20			21						22			
23			24						25	26		
	27			28	29					30	31	32
			33	34					35	36		
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41				42					43			
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			48	49					50	51		52
53	54	55							56			57
58									59	60		61
62									63			64
65									66			67

Down

- 1. Piece of property
- 2. Kind of heart valve
- 3. It's used to prevent bites on Spot
- 4. Bucket complement
- 5. Repeated words
- 6. "Spiral Jetty" state
- 7. Enclosure sometimes seen by Dr. Pimple Popper
- 8. U.N. agency promoting social justice
- 9. Model Schiffer

R&R answer from pg 43 of 11/10

N	A	S	A	M	A	N	I	C	A	N		
A	O	N	E	N	U	D	E	T	O	X	I	C
D	O	V	E	I	R	I	S	O	M	E	N	S
A	S	I	A	M	P	O	S	E	I	S	O	N
M	E	L	A	A	H	S	Z	E	N			
C	L	I	N	C	H	A	R	A	B	L	E	O
A	I	N	T	T	Y	R	B	L	O	C		
L	E	X	G	L	E	E	I	K	O	I	K	O
I	D	S	T	A	D	T	V	O	N			
I	R	S	M	E	E	K	A	H	A			
I	S	A	N	H	O	O	D	O	F	M	A	N
H	I	V	E	S	N	O	D	S	R	I	T	A
A	R	I	E	L	T	R	E	K	E	G	O	S
E	D	D	Y	V	E	R	A	D	O	N		

Jonesin' answer from pg 44 of 11/10

T	D	S	A	S	T	R	O	K	N	I	T		
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R	E	N	E	I	D	E	A	L	A	M	E	R	
T	R	E	K	N	A	T	T	Y	E	D	S		

NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 57.

Conceptis Sudoku Puzzle A By Dave Green

	5		4			1		
6			7			3		
3		8	6		5	2		9
	8			3			7	
2			1			4		
7		3	5		2	8		1
	6			7			2	
4			3			9		
5		7	2		6	1		4

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Difficulty Level ★

Conceptis Sudoku Puzzle B By Dave Green

			8	6				
			3		5	4		
				2	7			
8	7	2			9	3		
9			4			7	6	
	3			8	1	9		5
	1							6
		8						2
			5	1	3	8	9	

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Conceptis Sudoku Puzzle C By Dave Green

			8		1			
4								6
	5		6		3		2	
6		3				8		7
				3				
9		1				2		4
	1		2		5		9	
7								8
			1		9			

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *101 Places Not to See Before You Die*, by Catherine Price, born Nov. 25, 1978.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) Contestants are carried off the field on stretchers. This might be understandable for a sufficiently large prize, but in this particular contest [the Cheese Rolling Competition near Gloucester, England], runners are risking life and limb for the glory of winning a seven-pound round of Double Gloucester cheese. That's an AMAZING prize!

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) Why would Bay Area Rapid Transit, one of the country's busiest commuter rail systems, decide it was a good idea to upholster the floor? It was not.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) As a primarily outdoor attraction, [Euro Disney] didn't take into account the fact that France ... actually has a winter. Dress for the weather.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) Cicadas are not locusts. Locusts... enjoy swarming, eating everything in their paths, and bragging about the good old days of their biblical plague. Cicadas ... feed only on one tree sap, can't fly well, and are too dumb to organize. Know who you're dealing with.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) There is no black diamond run at Powderhouse Hill... With a vertical drop of just 175 feet (that's 2,100 inches), its three trails range in difficulty from easy to really, really easy Take it easy.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) I'd actually recommend not seeing any of the rest stops along the New Jersey Turnpike, each of which is named for a notable person who was born or lived in the state. ... there's something inherently depressing about Walt Whitman being commemorated by a Cinnabon franchise. Eat the bun and read a poem.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) The 1400s were good to Onondaga Lake.... But once industrial development in Syracuse really kicked in, the lake got screwed. First was the sewage.... Don't swim in the sewage.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) There are a lot of idiotic activities out there, but dB — short for decibel — drag racing must

come in toward the top of the list. It's an obscure international sport in which people outfit their cars with tons of sound equipment. Then they compete to see whose stereo can make the loudest noise. Shh.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Some fights are hard to get worked up about — like the spat between the Sam Kee Building in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the so-called Skinny Building in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, over which structure is the thinnest. Don't get too worked up.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) [The] South China Mall opened in 2005 to much excitement: with 7.1 million square feet of retail space... As of June 2008, there were fewer than a dozen stores operating in a shopping complex built to accommodate fifteen hundred. If you build it — never mind.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) If you visit Rome you should, of course, go to the Coliseum. But do not linger on the sidewalk outside. No lingering.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) Don't be scared if you see a snorkel tube rising from the murky depths of a bog while taking an otherwise relaxing walk in the Welsh countryside. You've likely stumbled upon a training session for the annual World Bog Snorkeling Championship.... Time for a new hobby? 🐡



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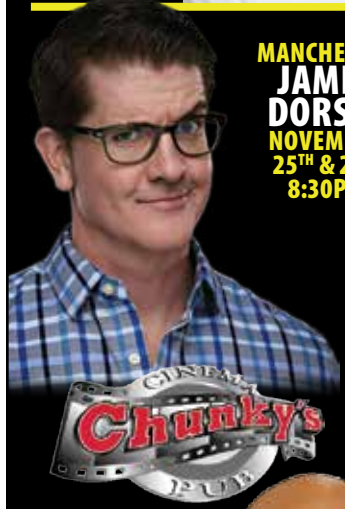
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Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 bad vibes (10)	_____
2 its coat of arms is a harp (7)	_____
3 no-equal-sides triangle (7)	_____
4 "Fences" actress Viola (5)	_____
5 worker with a lot of keys (9)	_____
6 network of "Around the Horn" (4)	_____
7 button on a tape recorder (5)	_____

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12/11
Last Week's Answers: 1. FOREBODING 2. IRELAND 3. SCALENE 4. DAVIS 5. CUSTODIAN 6. ESPN 7. EJECT

Sudoku Answers from pg44 of 11/10

Puzzle A

7	8	2	5	9	3	6	4	1
5	9	3	6	1	4	8	2	7
4	6	1	2	8	7	5	9	3
8	1	4	9	7	6	3	5	2
6	2	5	4	3	1	9	7	8
9	3	7	8	5	2	4	1	6
1	7	6	3	4	5	2	8	9
2	4	9	1	6	8	7	3	5
3	5	8	7	2	9	1	6	4

Puzzle B

3	7	8	5	2	9	6	1	4
5	4	9	8	6	1	2	7	3
6	1	2	4	7	3	5	8	9
8	2	7	6	4	5	3	9	1
9	3	5	7	1	8	4	6	2
4	6	1	3	9	2	7	5	8
1	9	4	2	5	6	8	3	7
7	5	3	1	8	4	9	2	6
2	8	6	9	3	7	1	4	5

Puzzle C

5	3	8	4	2	1	9	7	6
9	6	7	3	8	5	1	4	2
2	4	1	7	6	9	3	8	5
1	5	4	8	9	7	6	2	3
3	7	9	6	1	2	8	5	4
6	8	2	5	3	4	7	1	9
8	1	6	2	4	3	5	9	7
4	9	5	1	7	6	2	3	8
7	2	3	9	5	8	4	6	1

Money to burn

A pair of “well used” Birkenstock sandals once worn by Steve Jobs has sold at auction for almost \$220,000, the Associated Press reported. The brown suede sandals, which date to the mid-1970s, retain “the imprint of Steve Jobs’ feet,” the auction said in describing the listing. The buyer was not named. Jobs’ home in Los Altos, California, where he and Steve Wozniak co-founded Apple, is now a historic landmark. — *Associated Press, Nov. 14*

Ironies

• The Buckingham and Villages Community Board in England admitted that the irony was running thick when, on Nov. 15, it had to cancel a program about protecting your home from flood damage due to heavy rains in the area. The board hoped to provide residents with demonstrations of flood resilience equipment and what to do in case of a deluge, according to the BBC. “However, it was due to take place outside in pouring rain and high winds, so there was concern ... that people would not turn out for this important event,” the BVCB said. “A new date will be arranged as soon as possible.” — *BBC, Nov. 15*

• In Norway, energy firm Equinor produced its first energy from floating wind turbines on Nov. 13, CNBC reported. The installation, called Hywind Tampen, lies about 87 miles off the coast of Norway, with 11 total turbines, four of which will come online in 2023. Ironically, the turbines will be used to produce energy for Equinor’s oil and gas fields in the North Sea. “This is a unique project, the first wind farm in the world powering producing oil and gas installations,” said Geir Tungesvik, the company’s executive vice president for projects, drilling and procurement. — *CNBC, Nov. 13*

The continuing crisis

Marine biologists in the Cayman Islands are desperately searching for a nurse shark that is sporting a mesh bag around its middle, the Daily Star reported. The “skirt” is blocking the shark’s gills, effectively choking it. The Department of Environment said they are “doing our best to locate and assist him but so far, we’ve been unsuccessful.” A scuba diver initially spotted the animal, but he didn’t have the tools he needed to cut the bag away. — *Daily Star, Nov. 15*

Shade

Byron and Christie Jefferies started dating in 2007 while attending Clemson University, WYFF reported. Through the ensuing 15 years, they stayed together as they lost parents, attended grad school and moved for jobs. So when they married on Oct. 15 in South Carolina, Christie couldn’t help but throw a little shade: As she opened a piece of paper with her vows on it, she blew off a layer of dust. Christie calls her marriage to Byron a “home run.” — *WYFF, Nov. 11*

Night of the living poodle

On Oct. 29, as Kathrin Burleson and a friend walked Burleson’s 13-year-old corgi, Emma, at Trinidad State Beach in California, a pack of 10 standard poodles burst from a nearby car and raced toward them, the Mad River Union reported. Burleson leaned down to pick up Emma, but she wriggled out of Burleson’s arms just as the pack attacked. “I thought Emma and I were going to be killed,” Burleson said. To make things even weirder, during the incident, Burleson felt her finger being bitten, but when she looked up, it was the poodles’ owner, Frank Mallatt, who had her finger in his mouth. Mallatt later told her he thought he was biting one of his dogs. Emma was severely injured and underwent emergency surgery, from which she is still healing. Mallatt reportedly owns a service dog company that, according to the website, places dogs “with children at little to no cost through the help of donations and volunteers.” — *Mad River Union, Oct. 29*

It’s come to this

Brandy Bottone of Plano, Texas, who argued successfully in June that her unborn fetus qualified her to drive in the HOV lane, is now the namesake of House Bill 521 in Texas’ 2023 legislative session, MSN reported. The Brandy Bill, introduced by state Rep. Briscoe Cain, states that a pregnant driver “is entitled to use any HOV lane in the state.” Texas penal code stipulates that an unborn child is considered a person “at every stage of gestation from fertilization until birth.” If the Brandy Bill is signed into law, it will take effect in September. — *MSN, Nov. 17*

Bright idea

Residents of the Capitol Hill area of Seattle took matters into their own hands after not getting any satisfaction from the city, KOMO-TV reported. Someone painted a crosswalk at the intersection of E. Olive Way and Harvard Avenue E., but on Nov. 16, the Seattle Department of Transportation removed the unauthorized stripes, saying, “Improperly painted crosswalks give a false sense of safety which puts pedestrians in danger. There are better ways for people to work with us.” David Seater, co-leader of Central Seattle Greenways, called it “frustrating” that the city can move so quickly to remove the rogue crosswalk but “it can take years if not decades or never, frankly, to get crosswalks and other safety improvements installed.” SDOT said it would evaluate the intersection to see how the unauthorized crossing might be replaced. — *KOMO-TV, Nov. 16*

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11/27 IN AMHERST

Granite State Ringers "A Nutcracker Holiday" Concert



11/30 IN DERRY

Cooking with Wine: Holiday Recipes



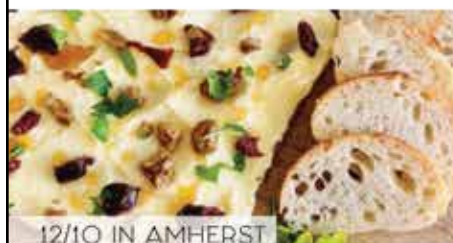
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Holiday Pops: Strings & Horns



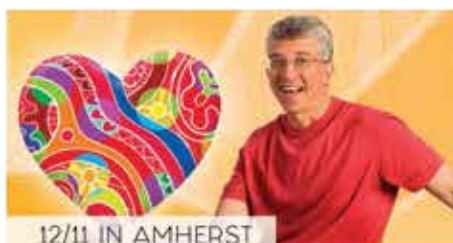
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Cooking with Wine: Holiday Recipes



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