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# NEWS & NOTES

## Hospital shooting

On Friday, Nov. 17, a state Department of Safety security officer was fatally shot at New Hampshire Hospital, a state-run psychiatric facility in Concord, the AP reported. Bradley Haas, who was previously the chief of police in Franklin, was working at the front lobby entrance when a man identified by law enforcement as John Madore entered the hospital and fired a handgun; Madore was then shot and killed by a state trooper assigned to the hospital, the Union Leader reported. Investigators found a U-Haul truck in the hospital's parking lot containing an AR-style rifle, a tactical vest and several ammunition magazines, which they are investigating for possible connections to Madore, the AP reported. The shooting was confined to the hospital's front lobby, and no other injuries were reported, according to the article. The hospital continued operations but was closed to visitors immediately after the incident, according to the report. There were 152 patient beds occupied on Nov. 17, according to a press release from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

## Early childhood ed

The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) is now providing comprehensive tuition assistance for individuals pursuing careers in early childhood education, potentially allowing students to earn credentials with little to no personal expense. According to

a press release, this initiative is due to collaborations with the State of New Hampshire, the University of New Hampshire's College of Professional Studies and the NH Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Children Youth and Families. Scholarships available include Early Childhood Tuition Assistance and Granite Steps for Quality Tuition Assistance, along with the newly introduced CCSNH ECE Scholarships. These are designed to fill gaps left by other aid programs and make early childhood education programs more accessible to residents.

## Better internet

New Hampshire is seeking public input on improving internet connectivity, especially in areas currently lacking service, NHPR reported. The state has received nearly \$200 million in federal grants aimed at providing high-speed internet connections to about 25,000 residents who are part of the 8 percent of the state's population without internet or a device to access it. The Department of Business and Economic Affairs is calling for suggestions from residents and community leaders on the best uses for these funds to enhance broadband access. Public comments are open until Dec. 13 and must be submitted in writing via email to [broadband@livefree.nh.gov](mailto:broadband@livefree.nh.gov). For additional details, the public can visit the website at [nheconomy.com](http://nheconomy.com).

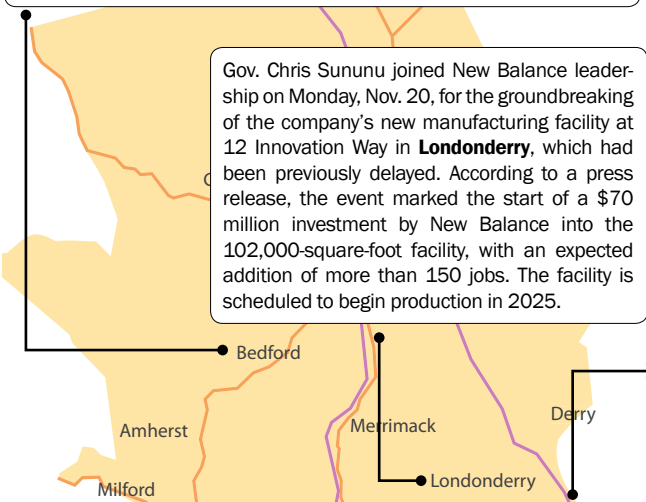
## Bank layoffs

The Bank of New Hampshire has announced the layoff of 19 staff members and has ceased accepting new mortgage applications, NHPR reported on Nov. 15. This decision, as stated by the bank's president and CEO Christopher Logan, is a result of unstable markets and diminished returns on loans, the article said. According to the article, existing customers will not experience changes to their loans or services, and the bank will continue to service existing loans and those currently in process.

## Fewer students

New Hampshire has experienced a consistent decline in student enrollment over the past two decades, with the New Hampshire Department of Education reporting a 1.4 percent decrease in public and public charter school students for the 2023-2024 academic year. According to a press release, this year's enrollment stands at 165,095, down from 167,357 the previous year and significantly lower than the 207,684 students in 2002, reflecting a 20.5 percent decline over 21 years. Specific districts such as New Castle and Stewartstown have seen the most considerable declines, while others like Marlow and Landaff have experienced increases. Even the state's largest districts, including Manchester, Nashua, Bedford, Londonderry and Concord, have not been immune to this trend, with all reporting fewer stu-

The Bedford Facilities Information and Communications Committee has announced the advancement of the South River Road Police and Fire Complex, with the town planning a new station and substation due to increased service demands since 1994. According to a press release, the project, located at 300 S. River Road, is estimated to cost \$34 million, with an extra \$2.5 million for existing facility renovations, funded by a proposed 20-year bond. This bond, expected to impact taxes by \$0.531 per \$1,000 property valuation, will be discussed in a public hearing on Jan. 24, 2024, followed by a March 12, 2024, vote. Public sessions and tours are planned to inform residents about the project.



Gov. Chris Sununu joined New Balance leadership on Monday, Nov. 20, for the groundbreaking of the company's new manufacturing facility at 12 Innovation Way in Londonderry, which had been previously delayed. According to a press release, the event marked the start of a \$70 million investment by New Balance into the 102,000-square-foot facility, with an expected addition of more than 150 jobs. The facility is scheduled to begin production in 2025.

C&J Bus Lines has announced the resumption of its bus services from Dover Bus Terminal to Boston's Logan Airport and New York City, starting Feb. 4, 2024. According to a press release, the service will provide 26 daily roundtrip schedules between Dover and Logan Airport, along with a daily service to New York City. The Dover terminal, which operates 24 hours a day, offers free parking facilities. C&J has also introduced a reservation system for these routes. Visit [ridecj.com](http://ridecj.com).

dents compared to last year. This decline is mirrored in the state's higher education institutions, with a 13 percent drop in enrollment at the University System of New Hampshire since 2019.

## Behavioral health

The New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) has released a bulletin, Docket Number INS 23-038-AB, to improve access to Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) services and address the reimbursement challenges faced by

behavioral health practitioners. According to a press release, the bulletin provides guidelines for health insurers on the use of billing codes for BHI services, aiming to clarify billing protocols and the roles of Behavioral Health Care Managers, as well as the eligibility of clinical practitioners. The NHID recommends that insurers follow guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the American Medical Association to align with industry standards.

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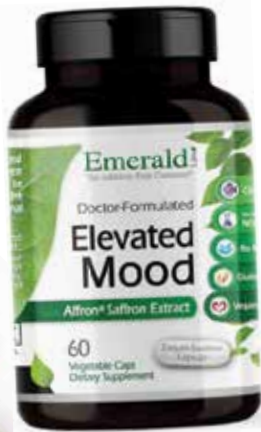


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## Going to the Hill

Small business owners take their issue to D.C.

In response to the Basel III Endgame regulation, which could escalate capital costs for small businesses, Dina Akel, owner of Vieira Luxe, a bridal and special occasion wear shop in Nashua, joined more than 50 entrepreneurs in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 14. Their mission: to articulate to lawmakers and Federal Reserve officials the significant impact this regulation could have on small businesses like hers.

**Q:** *How did the Basel III Endgame regulation discussions in Washington impact your business outlook?*

I went to D.C. to advocate for small businesses that will be impacted by this proposal. It's concerning that it will be even more difficult to access capital than it already is. It was my first time in D.C. ever, so I was super nervous, but I knew how important it was to be there. After the discussion we had with our senators and representatives, I felt my story was heard, and I was confident they were in our corner. I'm confident they'll do everything they can to advocate for us.



Dina Akel, right, joined by U.S. Representative Ann McLane Kuster and a group of New Hampshire small business owners outside the U.S. Capitol. Courtesy photo.

We received very positive responses from our members of Congress. They were all willing to help and push against this proposal, which was great.

*How might the outcomes from Washington affect your future business plans?*

I'm a little worried that if this proposal goes through our customers might actually experience more inflated prices. We may not be able to provide the same high-quality products our customers love,

and we may not be able to keep up with the demand and, God forbid, shut down in the process. I'm already struggling to keep up with all of it. People need to remember that when you're a small business owner, in your first few years you are literally everything in the business: the customer representative, the cashier, the accountant, the inventory manager, custodian, website builder, you name it. When that gets to be too much, we have to delegate and hire people to help us. The reality is you need money to make money.

*What were your key takeaways from the interactions in Washington?*

Small businesses are already considered risky to lend to. If this goes forward, and interest rates also go up, we'll be seeing a lot of businesses closed down.

*What follow-up actions or continued advocacy plans do you have post-Washington visit?*

I'm part of the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, the Suffolk University alumni, the National Association for Catering and Events, and a few more groups. I'll make sure I have an opportunity to speak with them all about this. That way they can speak up and share their stories. They can call members of Congress and let them know why it's important. We can all come together as a community to advocate for all small businesses. —Angie Sykeny

*What major challenges did you discuss in Washington regarding the high interest rate environment?*

One of the discussions was actually my personal story about recently applying for business funding through grants and loans. I applied to various grants and was unsuccessful, so alternatively I applied to my long-standing banks, and was also unsuccessful. I was feeling a little defeated at that time. I finally asked one of my banks and a representative from SBDC if they had any other funding resources for me. They connected me with a nonprofit lender. The first time around, I got denied. The second time I was approved. When I spoke to them, they told me we could aim for the 5 to 8 percent interest rate mark, which is what I was expecting. Once I got the approval, though, they provided me with a loan in the two-digit mark. That was definitely more than I could afford. However, I was desperate since the business was growing so quickly and I lacked the resources to keep up with it, so I accepted the loan, and honestly, we can't afford for the situation to get any worse.

*What outcomes or responses did you receive from your meetings in Washington?*

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# Sox rebuild coming



**The Big Story – Red Sox Makeover Begins:** The spotlight in Red Sox Nation shifts to **Craig Breslow** this week as the makeover of a Red Sox team shaped by him

kicks into gear. It has the Nation high on the belief the owner will open the checkbook to bring in big-ticket free agents. But what's needed first is an assessment of who stays, to make clear what their needs are. To be followed by how those needs can be filled through free agency and trades of players deemed expendable.

Breslow has an uphill climb, but with **Triston Casas**, **Rafael Devers**, promising hurler **Brayan Bello**, solid reliever **Garrett Whitlock** and possibly speedy **Jarren Duran** as the core, he's got a decent foundation to start with.

With that in mind, Breslow is now on the clock as he tries to silence skeptics (like me) by letting all see if being a Yale Phi Beta Kappa and alleged smartest guy in baseball translates to building a title-winning team.

**News Item – Hot Mess Pats Return:** To tank or not to tank? That is the question for the 2-8 Patriots as they return from their bye week. If **Coach B** is returning the answer is no, because he needs all the wins he can get to pass **Don Shula** for the most in history. If he's not, then go for it to get the best draft position for the next guy to rebuild from.

**News Item – Crybaby Coach Poll Results:** The results of an exhaustive Hippo Sports poll for who is Sports' Biggest Crybaby Coach is in. It's a tie:

**Nick (good night) Nurse** – The ex-Raptors and now 76ers head man never sits down or shuts up no matter what the call, which was so evident in his two games vs. the Celtics already.

**Sean McDermott** – The NFL's answer to Nurse is a blamer who whines from the sidelines on every single call for or against his Buffalo Bills, as evidenced by his scapegoating of DC **Leslie Frazier** last year and OC **Ken Dorsey** last week for team failures under his watch.

## The Numbers:

**13.3** – NBA-best point differential over their opponents in the Celtics' 9-2 start that's a whopping 5.1 higher than second-best Denver's 8.1.

**47.9** – NBA-best team rebounds per game by the Celtics.

**106.0** – fourth-ranked points per game allowed by the Boston Celtics.

## ... Of the Week Awards

**Holy Cow Am I Old Note** – It came when **Mike Gorman's** soon-to-be Celtics play-by-play successor **Drew Carter** said on air last week that by being born in 1997 he'd never seen **Michael Jordan** play. Let alone **Larry Bird**.

**Penitentiary News** – After being convicted in a New York Court last week it looks like ex-Celtic **Glen Big Baby Davis** may be headed for a stretch in the big house. Big Baby was part of an elaborate scheme to rip off the NBA of \$5 million in bogus medical and dental insurance claims. It's unclear whether he'll go or avoid time. But since one-time Nets first-round pick **Terrence Williams** got a 10-year stretch for being the pilot's mastermind I'd be nervous if I were Baby.

**A Little History – Nov. 23:** On this day in 1984 Boston College QB **Doug Flutie** locks up the Heisman Trophy with a 472 passing yard performance in a 47-45 win over defending National Champion Miami with the most famous Hail Mary of all-time with a 47-yard TD heave from Flutie to **Gerard Phelan** in the end zone on the final play.

**Final Thought – The Rex Sox Rebuild:** Over the next few weeks we'll talk about what we think the Sox should do in the rebuild and/or chart their progress as it unfolds. We'll start with these two key pieces of that process.

First, the biggest danger they face is yielding to public pressure to make a big, but ultimately unwise signing just to placate Red Sox Nation. Like by wasting \$190 million on the dual bust combo of **Pablo Sandoval** and **Hanley Ramirez** after a last-place finish in 2014.

Second are priority needs, which are: (1) two starting pitchers, one in free agency and the other in a trade; (2) put **Garrett Whitlock** and **Tanner Houck** in the bullpen — if you're going to ask starters to just pitch five or six innings you must have a pen that can lock up the game from the seventh inning on; and (3) improve the defense.

We'll get into specifics as we go along.

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## Oh no, weather!

As you travel around the area for the Thanksgiving long weekend, WMUR was, as of the morning of Nov. 20, predicting a wintery mix and rain for Tuesday evening and into Wednesday. This weather pattern was expected to impact travel plans Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, particularly in central and northern New Hampshire, according to the reports. Travelers were advised to stay alert to changing weather patterns, with some areas possibly receiving several inches of snow before the transition to rain.

**QOL score: -1**

**Comment:** *It's November — messy weather is to be expected, though one of the busier travel/running around to find heavy cream days is not the greatest timing. Luckily, the storm was anticipated to clear by Wednesday evening, paving the way for a dry and cool Thanksgiving Day, WMUR reported*

## Oh no, kittens!

As you travel around the area for the Thanksgiving long weekend, beware stray kittens. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has identified rabies in two stray kittens from North Conway, prompting a warning for residents to avoid contact with stray, feral or wild animals. According to a press release, the first infected kitten was brought to the Conway Area Humane Society and tested positive for rabies on Nov. 13, after showing symptoms on Nov. 11. A second kitten tested positive on Nov. 16, leading to an ongoing investigation to identify potentially exposed individuals. DHHS advises those who suspect exposure to seek medical attention.

**QOL score: -2**

**Comment:** *"Rabies is a fatal but preventable disease," New Hampshire State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan said in the release. "Rabies typically circulates in wild animals, and every year, 20 to 30 animals test positive for rabies in New Hampshire. The best way to prevent exposure is to avoid direct contact with stray, feral, or wild animals. If a person is exposed to a sick animal, they may need the rabies vaccine and protective antibodies to prevent disease."*

## Oh no, ice cream!

As you travel around the area for the Thanksgiving long weekend, make sure to check your ice cream. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued a consumer advisory regarding a recall of Wilcox Ice Cream products due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recall was initiated after the bacteria were detected in a sample, according to a press release. The affected products, with "best by" dates of 9/13/24, 9/14/24 and 9/15/24, are sold at various New England food establishments, including Hanover Co-Op Food Store, Lebanon Co-Op Food Store and Monadnock Food Co-Op. Consumers are urged to stop consuming the product immediately and either dispose of it or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

**QOL score: -1**

**Comment:** *While no illnesses have been reported, Listeria can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections. Symptoms of listeriosis include fever, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, and more severe neurological symptoms. Treatment is available with antibiotics, and anyone who believes they may have been affected should seek medical advice.*

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**Net change: -4**

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# THIS WEEK

## BIG EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 23 AND BEYOND

#### Thursday, Nov. 23

Time to celebrate the foodiest of all holidays, Thanksgiving! Still not sure about your plans for the big meal? Check out the **listing of restaurants serving turkey and fixings** today in the Nov. 9 issue of the Hippo (go to [hippypress.com](http://hippypress.com) to find the e-edition). Want to start the day with some football? The annual **Turkey Bowl** between Manchester high school football teams will take place today at 10 a.m. between the Manchester Memorial High School and Manchester Central High School at Gill Stadium (396



Valley St. in Manchester). Tickets cost \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors.

7:30 p.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org), 688-5588). Tickets cost \$25. See Michael Witthaus' interview with Emily on page 48 and find more comedy events on page 53.

#### Friday, Nov. 24

Catch New England favorites the **Souled Out Show Band** tonight at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; [tupelomusichall.com](http://tupelomusichall.com), 437-1000). Tickets cost \$27. Find more ticketed shows in our Concert listings in this week's Nite section.

#### Saturday, Nov. 25

Now that you've eaten through your Thanksgiving dinner and your leftovers, shop for some new nosh at the **Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market** today from 9 a.m. to noon at 7 Eagle Square.

Check out the list of vendors at [downtownconcordwinterfarmersmarket.com](http://downtownconcordwinterfarmersmarket.com).

#### Saturday, Nov. 25

Another in this season's **The Nutcracker** offerings: the Methuen Ballet Ensemble presents *The Nutcracker* at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester; [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu)) today at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

#### Sunday, Nov. 26

The 1925 silent film comedy **The Gold Rush**, starring Charlie Chaplin,

will screen today at 2 p.m. at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre (40 Main St. in Wilton). The movie will feature live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; a \$10 per person donation is suggested. 🎬



#### Save the Date! Saturday, Dec. 2

The Picker Artists (3 Pine St. in Nashua; [pickerartists.com](http://pickerartists.com)) will hold their annual **Holiday Open House** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. See the website for a list of the building's resident artists, who will sell pieces including photography, mixed media, glassware, jewelry and more.

#### Friday, Nov. 24

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Ghosts of Christmas Eve** will perform today at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at SNHU Arena (555 Elm St. in Manchester; [snhua-arena.com](http://snhua-arena.com), 644-5000). Tickets

start at \$49.75, according to the website.

#### Friday, Nov. 24

Get some "Thanksgiving Leftover Laughs" with comedian **Emily Ruskowski** tonight at

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# WHERE TO LOAD UP ON SEASONAL FUN

# HOLIDAY GUIDE 2023

It's Hippo's Holiday Guide — our annual listing of seasonal excitement from Drinksgiving (a.k.a. the night before Thanksgiving) through New Year's Day. Find your cookie tours, your parades, your Nutcracker productions and your Christmas Vacation screenings plus so much more!

Know of a bit of holiday cheer we missed? Let us know at [adiaz@hippopress.com](mailto:adiaz@hippopress.com). Now pull up your calendar and start loading your schedule with holiday fun!

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## The king of pre-gaming

### Thanksgiving Eve offers many options

By Michael Witthaus  
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The night before Thanksgiving has a few names, but the event has become an institution. Whether you're sober (or sober-curious) and think of it as Friendsgiving, or you're all about the Drinksgiving party, there are plenty of ways to get ready for overeating and hearing far-flung family members overshare. Second only to New Year's Eve as the busiest night of the year for most bars and restaurants, it's an evening to reconnect and get ready for the long weekend.

Here's a varied list of options, everything from sit-down shows to contra dances, trivia or karaoke, even a record swap.

• **603 Bar & Lounge** (368 Central Ave., Dover, 742-9283) Try out your rendition of "I Will Always Love You" at Wings and Karaoke Night.

• **Angel City Music Hall** (179 Elm St., Manchester, 931-3654) Not Fade Away Band mashes up the Grateful Dead with Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, The Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Band, The Allman Brothers and more.

• **Bank of NH Stage** (16 S. Main St., Concord, [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com)) Dueling Pianos are on stage, with a lively time available in the upstairs lounge.

• **Bonfire** (950 Elm St., Manchester, 217-5600) CMA touring artist Nikki Briar performs country rock hits and a few originals.

• **Bridgewater Inn** (367 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater, 744-3518) Andy Bauer's band No Shame takes the BINN stage.

• **Chop Shop** (920 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-7706) Karaoke and Cocktails with DJ Manny.

• **Copper Door** (15 Leavy Drive, Bedford, 488-2677) Phil Jacques plays classic rock covers.

• **Copper Door** (41 S Broadway, Salem, 458-2033) Up and coming singer-songwriter Rebecca Turmel entertains.

• **Derryfield** (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880) D-Comp Trio, favorites at this venerable Manchester night spot, perform.

• **Dover Bowl** (887 Central Ave., Dover, 742-9632) Two guys with guitars, M & D Acoustic Duo play rock because they love it.

• **Earth Eagle Brewings** (175 High St.,



Portsmouth, 502-2244) Modern Records pop-up with vinyl listening, buying and trading.

• **Fody's** (9 Clinton St., Nashua, 577-9015) Joe McDonald, World Tavern Trivia and DJ Rich Karaoke.

• **Fody's** (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946) Jake Young Duo, Has Beens, Rockingham Boys.

• **Fratello's** (799 Union Ave., Laconia, 528-2022) Richard Cumming on the piano.

• **Fratello's Italian Grille** (155 Dow St., Manchester, 624-2022) Jeff Mrozek plays classic rock covers.

• **Getaway Lounge** (157 Franklin St., Manchester, 627-0661) Pulpit plays classic rock that's not too hard and not too soft.

• **Giuseppe's** (312 Daniel Webster

Hwy., Meredith, 279-3313) Mary Fagan, who's in the Honey Bees and other groups, performs on guitar and vocals.

• **Hare of the Dawg** (3 East Broadway, Derry, 552-3883) Country girl, singer, songwriter and musician Bella Perrotta debuts.

• **Hermanos** (11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669) Kid Pinky channels the blues.

• **Homestead** (641 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 429-2022) Exciting young vocalist and piano player Jordan Quinn performs.

• **Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club** (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-5299) Blues rock prodigy Quinn Sullivan headlines.

• **Lafayette Club** (34 High St., Nashua, 889-9860) Anyone who misses catching up with old friends at the Grainery Thanksgiving Eve can hang with the Milk Crates, playing classic rock and soul, with a \$10 cover.

• **Lakeport Opera House** (781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506) Eric Grant Band performs a big stage show, \$15 and up at [etix.com](http://etix.com).

• **Liquid Therapy** (14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391) Thanksgiving Eve celebration with beer specials.



• **Lynn's 102 Tavern** (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832) Rock Junkies play covers from the '70s going forward.

• **Michael's Flatbread** (8 Stiles Road, Salem, 893-2765) "Song Man" Eddie Sands, a favorite at this bar and grill, performs on guitar and vocals.

• **Napoletana Pizzeria & Bar** (14 Market Square, Portsmouth, 570-3610) Redemption Band reggae party.

• **Pasta Loft** (220 E Main St., Milford, 378-0092) Mostly '90s keeps the party going with cover songs.

• **Patrick's** (18 Weirs Road, Gilford, 293-0841) Impress your pals with your Game Time Trivia prowess.

• **Penuche's Ale House** (Bicentennial Square, Concord, 228-9833) It's the weekly open mic with Curtis Arnett.

• **Penuche's Ale House** (4 Canal St., Nashua, 595-9831) Thanksgiving Eve party; call for details.

• **Peterborough Town House** (1 Grove St., Peterborough, 924-8000) Thanksgiving Eve Contra Dance with Steve Zakon-Anderson, Oliver Scanlon, Rose Jackson and Helen Kuhar providing the music.

• **Pipe Dream Brewing** (40 Harvey Road, Londonderry, 404-0751) DJ Ache, up late with food and beer specials.

• **Portsmouth Book & Bar** (40 Pleasant St., Portsmouth, 427-9197) Singer-songwriter open mic night hosted by Liza Lynehan.

• **Press Room** (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186) The Bulkheads EP release show w/ Good Trees River Band.

• **Sabatino's** (52 Merchants Row, Derry, 432-7999) Sunset Rhythm is an acoustic duo playing modern country, pop and classic hits.

• **Saddle Up Saloon** (92 Route 125, Kingston, 347-1313) Thanksgiving Rockin' Eve featuring Rustfeather.

• **Sayde's** (136 Cluff Crossing Road, Salem, 890-1032) George Williams Band.

• **Seasons at The Brook** (319 New Zealand Road, Seabrook, 474-3065) James

Kennedy, of Vanderpump Rules fame, \$30.

• **Shaskeen** (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246) DJ Myth keeps an annual tradition alive at this downtown mainstay.

• **Stark Brewing Co.** (500 Commercial St., Manchester, 625-4444) Karaoke Night with DJ Sharon.

• **Stone Church** (5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700) Geeks Who Drink Trivia is followed by The Milque Pilgrimage hosted by Skunk Jesus.

• **Strange Brew** (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) Music from Slim Volume, which began as a 2021 collaboration between singer-songwriters Trent Larrabee and Jake DeSchuiteneer and grew into a full band this year.

• **Stripe Nine** (8 Somersworth Place, Somersworth, 841-7175) Seacoast favorites Dancing Madly Backwards perform at this craft brewery.

• **Stumble Inn** (20 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 422-3210) Cutting-edge classic rock cover quintet The Slakas bring the party.

• **Telly's** (235 Calef Hwy., Epping, 679-8225) The 603s, with Paul Costley and Clint LaPointe, perform rock covers.

• **The Goat** (142 Congress St., Portsmouth, 590-4628) Singer-songwriter Jamie Cain performs.

• **Thirsty Moose** (21 Congress St, Portsmouth, 427-8645) Portsmouth favorites Jamsterdam perform upbeat covers, rap mash-ups and catchy originals.

• **To Share Brewing** (720 Union St., Manchester, 836-6947) Back to the '80s party with DJ Shamblez starting at 6 p.m., '80s attire strongly encouraged.

• **Uno Pizzeria & Grill** (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord, 226-8667) Singer and guitarist Scott King, who many remember from his time in local cover band Without Paris, performs.

• **Wally's Pub** (144 Ashworth Ave., Hampton Beach, 926-6954) The Bad Wolves and Uncured tour stops by for a 21+ show, \$29.50 at ticketmaster.com. 🍷



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# First run, then pie

Turkey trots and other holiday season road races

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Looking to get in a quick 5K before your holiday feast? Here are some of the road races happening this season.

## Thanksgiving day races

- The **Thanksgiving 5K** sponsored by Dartmouth Health and the Fisher Cats will take place on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 9 a.m. at Delta Dental Stadium (1 Line Drive, Manchester). Prior to the race there will be a Lil' Turkey Trot at 8:30 a.m. Early bib pickup will be available at the Millennium Running Retail Store (138 Bedford Center Road, Bedford) the day prior to Thanksgiving (Wednesday) from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pickup for friends/family members is permitted. Race-day registration and bib pickup will be available from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at the stadium. Registration costs: adult (ages 12+) \$35 in advance, \$40 race day (based on availability). All proceeds will benefit the New Hampshire Food Bank. See millenniumrunning.com to register.

- The Rotary Club of Merrimack's **5K Turkey Trot** starts at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23. See merrimackrotary.org.

- The **15th annual BAC and Bow Police Department Turkey Trot** will be held on Thursday, Nov 23 (Thanksgiving), at 8 a.m. at 55 Falcon Way, Bow. Registration: adult \$35, youth \$25, kids \$15. Same-day registration increases price by \$5. See totalimagerunning.com.

- The **Dover Turkey Trot** starts at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, and is described as a 5K race for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities, according to dover-turkeytrot.com. The start and finish is at Garrison Elementary School in Dover (to raise money for the Garrison School PTA) and registration costs \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day for adults; \$12 in advance, \$15 on the day for fourth grade and under.

- The **Hampstead Turkey Trot**, a 5K, starts Thursday, Nov. 23, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anne's Church (26 Emerson Ave. in Hampstead). Register by Nov. 1 to receive a T-shirt. Registration costs \$23 for adults (18 to 61), \$18 for seniors (62+) and for children (5 to 17). Registration on race day (from 7 to 8:10 a.m.) costs \$28 for adults, \$23 for seniors and children. See sites.google.com/site/recreationhampstead.

- The **Free Fall 5K** starts at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 23 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



BASC Santa Claus Shuffle. Photo by Jeffrey Hastings.

for ages 7 to 12, and is free for 6 and under (plus \$5 to register on race day). See freeforall5k.com.

- The 16th annual **Gilford Youth Center Turkey Trot 5K Race and Family Walk** will start at 9 a.m. (8:45 a.m. for walkers) on Thursday, Nov. 23, at the Youth Center (19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford). Registration costs \$26 per person or \$90 for a family of up to five people. See gilfordyouthcenter.com.

- The 17th annual **Lake Sunapee Turkey Trot**, a 5K where costumes are encouraged and proceeds go to the recreation department, 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. 22, 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. Registration costs \$30. See windhamturkeytrot.org

## Thanksgiving weekend races

- The Amherst Junior Women's Club will hold its **Trot Off Your Turkey 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run** on Friday, Nov. 24. 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 \$30 for the 5K and \$10 for the fun run. 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. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

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# Christmastime in the city

Head to downtown Nashua for annual Holiday Stroll

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Nashua will ring in the holiday season with its 28th annual Winter Holiday Stroll, spanning approximately half a mile of the downtown area, on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 4 to 9 p.m.

The streets will be closed as of 2 p.m. and a shuttle service will be available to bring people to the downtown area leaving from Rivier University and Holman Stadium beginning at 3 p.m.

"Nashua's Holiday Stroll is a cherished tradition that has been taking place since the 1990s," said Paul Shea, the executive director of Great American Downtown. "It is a homecoming of sorts for a lot of people who are back for the holidays visiting family, who grew up in the area, as well as a great way for residents to connect with each other and see each other out and about at the event and a great way to explore downtown Nashua."

The event begins with a candlelight procession along Main Street for the lighting of the holiday tree. More than a dozen food vendors will be present, as well as Santa at the Nashua Center for the Arts from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We [will] have a variety of offerings

## Winter Holiday Stroll

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 25, 4 to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** downtown Nashua



Nashua Holiday Stroll from previous year. Courtesy photo.

... from fried dough carts to full-service food trucks and everything in between ... as well as, of course, an opportunity to meet Santa and for kids to let him know what they would like most for Christmas," Shea said.

In addition there will be rides, games, ice sculpture carving, the annual Holiday Stroll Craft Fair at St. Patrick's Church from 3 to 9 p.m. and live entertainment indoors and outdoors.

"There's over 40 [performances] scheduled, everything from choral singers to rock bands to hip-hop groups. It's an eclectic mix of entertainment," Shea said. "We really appreciate ... [our] partnership [with] the City of Nashua, all of our talented performers, our sponsors and vendors [and] the whole community coming together to make an exciting night in downtown Nashua possible."

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Registration costs \$30 for ages 16 and up and \$20 for ages 15 and under. Bib pickup is 8 a.m. on race day. Find the link to the registration site via Bishop Brady's Facebook page.

## Rest of the season

- **BASC Santa Claus Shuffle** on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. on Elm Street in Manchester before the Manchester City Christmas Parade. The 3-mile out-and-back course starts and ends at Veterans Park and includes four "aid stations" featuring the four favorite Santa food groups: chocolate, cookies and milk, candy and maple, according to the website. The first 1,400 participants to sign up get a Santa suit to run in. Stonyfield Organic Lil' Elf Runs (of 100 yards) start at 2:30 p.m. Registration costs \$30 for adults (12+) in advance, \$35 on race day; \$25 for youth (12 to 20), \$30 on race day, and \$10 for kids (11 and younger) in advance or on race day. See millenniumrunning.com to register.
- The **2023 Jingle Bell Run**, a 5K where

festive costume dress is encouraged, will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 a.m. at North-east Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester. Registration costs \$45 after Nov. 1, \$50 on the day for timed runners; \$40 after Nov. 1 and \$45 on the day for untimed runners (both include shirt and jingle bells), according to events.arthritis.org.

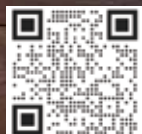
- **Yule Light Up the Night** on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:30 p.m. at the New Hampshire Speedway in Loudon. Run the 2.1-mile course through the "Gift of Lights" display. Registration costs \$25 for adults (12+) in advance, \$30 on the day; \$15 for youth (4 to 11) in advance, \$20 on the day, and \$10 for kids (3 and younger). See millenniumrunning.com to register.

- **Apple Therapy and Derry Sports & Rehab Millenium Mile** on Monday, Jan. 1, at 2 p.m. Start off 2024 with a one-mile downhill race. The first 1,250 participants will receive winter hats. Registration costs \$20 for adults (12+) in advance, \$25 on race day; \$10 for youth (11 and under), \$15 on race day. See millenniumrunning.com to register.

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# Three ghosts and the Mouse King

## Where to find *A Christmas Carol* & *The Nutcracker*

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They're the pillars of holiday season theatrical productions: *A Christmas Carol* and *The Nutcracker*. Want to see one of these classics or a riff on same? Here are some of the productions on offer.

- Gerald Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, brings his one-man performance of *A Christmas Carol* to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua) on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$37 to 47. Visit [nashua-centerforthearts.com](http://nashua-centerforthearts.com). Dickens will also perform at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester) on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45. Visit [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu) to purchase tickets online.

- The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) presents *A Christmas Carol* from Nov. 24 through Dec. 23, with showtimes on Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with an additional show on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$28 to \$59. Visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org) or call 668-5588.

- The Methuen Ballet Ensemble performs *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Nov. 25, at noon and 4 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$35. Visit [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu).

- New England Dance Ensemble presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Nov. 25, and Sunday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (4 Geremonty Drive, Salem). Tickets cost \$35 to \$55. Visit [nede.org](http://nede.org) for more info.

- The Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) presents *What the Dickens*, an improvised comedy version of *A Christmas Carol*, on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. Visit

[playersring.org/shows/stfdickens](http://playersring.org/shows/stfdickens).

- Safe Haven Ballet performs *The Nutcracker* at the Colonial Theater (609 Main St., Laconia) on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 26, at 1 p.m., at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua) on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. and at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord) on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 for adults and \$40 for students and seniors. Visit [safehavenballet.org/events](http://safehavenballet.org/events) for more info.

- Sole City Dance presents *The Nutcracker* at the Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) on Thursday, Nov. 30, and Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$26 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Visit [solecitydance.org](http://solecitydance.org).

- The Hatbox Theatre (Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road, Concord) presents *Dickens' A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 1 through Dec. 17, with showtimes on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$22 for students, seniors and members and \$19 for senior members. Visit [hatboxnh.com](http://hatboxnh.com).

- The Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) presents *A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 1 through Dec. 23, 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 an additional performance on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$31 for adults, \$28 for students and seniors and \$18 for children under 12. Visit [playersring.org/shows/carol-23](http://playersring.org/shows/carol-23).

- The Bedford Dance Center presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$25. Visit [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu) to purchase tickets online.

- Portsmouth School of Ballet presents

- The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Exeter High School auditorium (1 Blue Hawk Drive, Exeter). Tickets cost \$25, can only be purchased with cash or check and can be purchased at the box office or in advance at 95 Brewery Lane in Portsmouth. Visit [psb-nh.com/nutcracker](http://psb-nh.com/nutcracker).

- North Country Center for the Arts presents *A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story* at Jean's Playhouse (34 Papermill Drive, Lincoln) from Dec. 8 through Dec. 10, with showtimes on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$32 for adults, \$28 for seniors and \$25 for juniors. Visit [jeansplayhouse.com/shows/a-christmas-carol](http://jeansplayhouse.com/shows/a-christmas-carol) to purchase tickets.

- The Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) presents *A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 8 through Dec. 23, with showtimes on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m. and additional performances on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$22 to 32. Visit [rochesteroperahouse.com](http://rochesteroperahouse.com).

- Northeastern Ballet Theatre performs *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Kingswood Art Center (396 S. Main St., Wolfeboro). There will be additional performances at the Paul Creative Arts Center (30 Academic Way, Durham) on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$17.50 for students and children. Visit [northeasternballet.org](http://northeasternballet.org).

- Turning Pointe Center of Dance presents *The Nutcracker* at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 at the door or \$23 in advance at the dance school (371 Pembroke Street, Pembroke). Visit [turningpointecenterofdance.com](http://turningpointecenterofdance.com).



*A Christmas Carol* at the Nashua Center for the Arts. Courtesy photo.

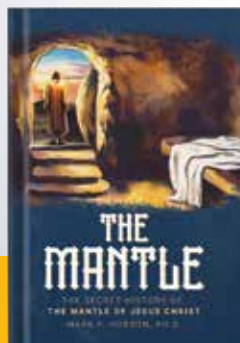
- Dance Visions Network presents *The Nutcracker Suite Acts I & II* on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$24. Visit [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu) to purchase tickets online.

- Ballet Misha presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 and 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$30 for children under 18. Visit [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu) to purchase tickets online.

- New England School of Dance presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy (5 Pinkerton St., Derry). Tickets cost \$32.50. Visit [facebook.com/newenglandschoolofdance](http://facebook.com/newenglandschoolofdance).

- The New Hampshire School of Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (14 Canterbury Road, Concord). Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the studio (183 Londonderry Turnpike). There will be an additional performance on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester). Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased at the box office or online at [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org).

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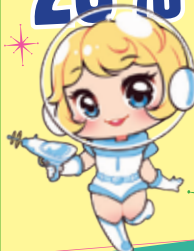
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# Santa and the Grinch

More theatrical productions this season

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The Grinch, George Bailey and the Herdman family will be on the stage this holiday season. Here are some of the non-*Christmas Carol*, non-*Nutcracker* productions.

- Pontine Theatre presents *A New England Christmas* at the Plains School (1 Plains Ave., Portsmouth) with performances on Friday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Dec 1, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec 2, at 3 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec 3, at 2 p.m. The show includes an original adaptation of Frank Stockton's "Captain Eli's Best Ear," the story of a widowed sea captain's quest for a new family, with musical accompaniment by Ellen Carlson of the New Hampshire Fiddle Ensemble. Tickets are priced at \$32 for general admission and \$29 for seniors and students. Visit [pontine.org](http://pontine.org).

- Theatre Kapow will present *The Thanksgiving Play* on Friday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 3, (7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday) at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord (16 S. Main St. in Concord; [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com)).

- The New Hampshire Theatre Project (959 Islington St., Portsmouth) presents *It's a Wonderful Life: Live Radio Play* from Saturday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Dec. 10, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets cost \$28 to \$32. Visit [nhtheatreproject.org](http://nhtheatreproject.org).

- The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth) presents *I'd Rather Be Naughty Than Nice* featuring Tina Burner on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. The show includes a musical performance examining the relationship between Mrs. Claus and Kris Kringle, with arrangements by Blake Allen. Tickets are priced between \$47 and \$87. Visit [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org) or call 433-4793.

- Safe Haven Ballet presents *The Grinch*, a ballet choreographed by Miranda Bailey, at the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia) on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors 60+, and \$25 for students age 17 and under. Visit [colonia-laconia.com](http://colonia-laconia.com).

- The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth) presents *The Truth About Santa!* from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20, with performances on Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. The apocalyptic holiday tale is a comedic take on Santa's marital woes and is recommended for "grownups who want a naughty giggle," according to the website. Viewer discretion is advised. Tickets cost \$37 to \$62. Visit [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org) or call 433-4793.

- Bedford Youth Performing Company presents *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

at the Derryfield School Theatre (2108 River Road, Manchester) with performances on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. The play is an adaptation of Barbara Robinson's holiday classic that tells the story of the Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, who take over the annual Christmas pageant. Ticket prices are \$17.50 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Call 472-3894 or visit [bypc.org](http://bypc.org).

- Get ready for holiday chuckles with Ken Sheldon's *Frost Heaves Christmas*, returning on Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., to The Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey). Tickets are \$20. Call 532-9300 or visit [theparktheatre.org/frostheaves](http://theparktheatre.org/frostheaves).

- Break a Leg Legally presents *A Nice Family Christmas* by Phil Olson at The Strand (20 Third St., Dover). Performances are scheduled for Fridays, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, and Saturdays, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., and Sundays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. The play follows a young newspaper reporter on Christmas Eve as he encounters family antics and drama. Tickets are \$20 for evening shows and \$18 for matinee performances. Visit [breakaleglegally.com](http://breakaleglegally.com).

- The Concord Dance Academy invites you to the *Spectacular Holiday Show* at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord). Performances are on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 1 and 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. The event also features a family baked goods sale, a holiday 50/50 raffle and a complimentary Santa photo. Tickets are \$25. Call 226-0200 or visit [concorddanceacademy.com](http://concorddanceacademy.com).

- The New Hampshire School of Ballet presents its *Annual Holiday Performance* at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). The event will feature students performing dances to festive seasonal songs on Sunday, Dec. 3, with shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$18. Call 641-7700 or visit [anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities](http://anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities).

- Majestic Productions brings to stage *Miracle on 34th Street The Musical* at Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry). Performances are on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors 65+ and \$15 for children age 17 and under. Visit [majestictheatre.net](http://majestictheatre.net).

- Peacock Players present the *Holiday Spectacular* at Court Street Theatre (14 Court St., Nashua). This musical cabaret features holiday favorites and musical theater classics. The shows are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 pm. Ticket sales are TBA. Visit [peacockplayers.org](http://peacockplayers.org).

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# Midnight Merriment returns for 30th season

Concord downtown lights up the night

By Mya Blanchard  
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Downtown Concord will be decked for the holidays during the 30th Midnight Merriment on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 p.m. to midnight.

“Midnight Merriment is basically your quintessential hallmark shopping experience that you are looking for for the season,” said Jessica Martin, the executive director of Intown Concord, the organizer of the event. “We have lights, Santa, music echoing through the main street and downtown Concord. ... It’s basically that holiday experience that

## Midnight Merriment

**Where:** downtown Concord

**When:** Friday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m. to midnight.

you’re looking for.”

Music will be played from a local radio station and there will also be strolling carolers from the Concord High School Chamber Singers, The Derryfield School and other local singing groups. DJ Nazy will also return for the holiday dance part on City Plaza, as will Santa for pictures from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The downtown businesses are getting into the spirit with promotions and giveaways. Twelve 31 Cafe will give out free mini cannolis and Eatxactly Sweet Cafe in Eagle Square will supply hot chocolate and host the gingerbread competition. The Concord Art Market Winter Giftopolis will be in the atrium of Eagle Square starting at 5 p.m.

“Gibson’s [Bookstore] does a progressive discount throughout the night, [starting] with 5 percent off from 5 to 8

p.m., 10 percent at 8 p.m., 15 percent at 9 p.m., 20 percent at 10 p.m. [and] 25 percent at 11 p.m. until they close,” Martin said. “Their whole staff wears evening wear. It’s really fun.”

Wine on Main is doing a similar promotion, wine and gifts being 5 percent off from 7 to 10 p.m. and 10 percent off from 10 to 11:45 p.m.

New this year is story time with Santa at Gibson’s Bookstore from 4:15 to 5 p.m., right before Midnight Merriment begins.

“This holiday shopping season we’re teamed up with the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce and NBT Bank to do a shop local campaign ... called ‘Spread Joy, Shop Concord,’” Martin said. “It’s a marketing campaign for the whole season letting people know the joy it brings to the downtown businesses



Midnight Merriment from previous year. Courtesy photo.

[and] local businesses owners by choosing to shop locally. ... Each Saturday in December in downtown Concord we’ll be piping in music from noon to 5 p.m. so that the holiday experience ... can carry out after Midnight Merriment ... to keep the festivities alive.” 🍷

## Holiday parades, tree lightings and other festivities

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Find parades, tree lightings and more mostly outdoor celebrations of the season.

- **LaBelle Lights at LaBelle Winery** (14 Route 111, Derry) are now on display and will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays (closed Christmas Eve) from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. until Sunday, Jan. 7. with different themes each week including holiday pajama week, ugly holiday sweater week, Santa costume and ’80s ski week. Tickets range from \$4 to \$18 and are free for children 3 years old and younger. Visit [labelle.com/lights](http://labelle.com/lights).

- **Bektash Shriners Festival of Trees** (189 Pembroke Road, Concord) features decorated artificial trees and wreaths up for silent auction. Refreshments will be available at Candy Cane Cafe. Hours are Saturday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 21, and Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for those 12 years old and older and free for children under 12. Visit [bektashshriners.org](http://bektashshriners.org).

- **Gift of Lights at NH Motor Speedway** (1122 Route 106, Loudon) consists of more than 250 light displays spanning 2½ miles throughout a 150-foot tunnel from Thursday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$35 per car load, \$60 per

bus, limousine or RV, and cost \$2 in addition per person when there’s more than 15 guests. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the New Hampshire chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities. Hours are 4:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, through Saturday, Nov. 25; Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2; Thursday, Dec. 7, through Monday, Dec. 25; and Friday, Dec. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 30. Hours are 4:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, through Thursday, Nov. 30; Monday, Dec. 4, through Wednesday, Dec. 6; Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Thursday, Dec. 28; and Sunday, Dec. 31. Visit [nhms.com](http://nhms.com).

- **Plaistow Festival of Trees** (18 May Ray Ave., Plaistow) is on Friday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a raffle table drawing and a tree drawing as well as a craft fair, snack bar and breakfast with Santa Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The money raised will benefit Children Less Fortunate. Visit their Facebook page @PlaistowFestivalofTrees.

- **Concord’s Christmas tree lighting celebration** (107 Main St.) is on Friday, Nov. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a magic show and a kids’ costume contest, and food will be available from Big Al’s Food Truck. Visit their Facebook page @ConcordChristmasTreeLightingCelebration.

- Goffstown’s annual tree lighting event, **Friday Night Under the Lights**, will take place on Friday, Dec. 1, on Main Street from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit [\[mainstreet.org\]\(http://mainstreet.org\).](http://goffstown-</a></li></ul></div><div data-bbox=)

- **14th Annual Southern NH Festival of Trees** (6 Village Green, Pelham) includes trees up for raffle, food, a scavenger hunt, a Polar Express train ride, entertainment by local schools, theaters, church groups and dance studios, baked goods and Santa. The festival will run from Friday, Nov. 24, through Saturday, Dec. 2, and will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$5 for those 12 years old and older and free for children under 12. Raffle tickets are \$5 for 25. Visit [snhfestivaloftrees.pelhamcommunityspirit.org](http://snhfestivaloftrees.pelhamcommunityspirit.org).

- **Very Derry Holiday** is on Saturday, Nov. 25, with activities from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. like live performances, cooking decorating and pictures with Santa. The Nutfield Holiday Parade will start at 1 p.m. at Veterans Hall and the tree lighting will be at 5 p.m. at Benson’s Lawn (1 West Broadway). Visit the event’s Facebook page @VeryDerryHoliday.

- **Christmas in Wolfeboro parade** on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 3 to 4 p.m. goes from Brewster Academy (80 Academy Drive, Wolfeboro) to Mill Street, where Santa will light the community Christmas tree. Before the parade, there will be a craft fair at Kingswood Regional High School (396 S. Main St., Wolfeboro) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Gingerbread House Jubilee at Harmony Coffee House (21 Central Ave.), a toy collection for Wolfeboro Children’s Christmas Fund, carolers and musicians

and Santa and Mrs. Claus from 4 to 5 p.m. Visit [wolfeborochamber.com/events](http://wolfeborochamber.com/events).

- Celebrate Laconia hosts the **Lights Festival holiday parade** on Saturday, Nov. 25, starting at 5 p.m. with floats, bands, cars and a float contest. The parade begins at Laconia High School (345 Union Ave., Laconia) and ends at Stewart Park for the annual tree lighting, where trees will be lit for the City on the Lakes Holiday Walk. Food trucks, music and activities will take place from noon to 8 p.m. It costs \$50 to enter the float contest. Visit [celebratelaconia.org](http://celebratelaconia.org).

- The **52nd Salem holiday parade** (Main Street, Salem) will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26. This year’s theme is Superhero Christmas. Visit [salemnhparade.org](http://salemnhparade.org).

- The **Town of Bow holiday tree lighting ceremony** is on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bandstand (1 Knox Road, Bow). The Bow Middle School chorus will be performing holiday songs, Santa will be there for visiting and there will be games, crafts, refreshments and food and a letter to Santa station. Free bus transportation from Bow Middle School and White Rock Senior Living to the Bow Community Center. Visit [bownh.gov](http://bownh.gov).

- **25th Annual Festival of Trees** is free and open to the public on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Exeter Town Hall (10 Front St., Exeter). Decorated trees will be up for silent auction including a special tree filled with gift

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# Winter Wonderland

## Santa Claus Shuffle and Manchester Holiday Parade return

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The Manchester Holiday Parade will make its way down Elm Street from Brady Sullivan to Victory Park on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. following the annual 3-mile BASC Santa Claus Shuffle put on by Millennium Running. The race starts at 3 p.m. at Veterans Park, where it will also end. Along the way, Granite State Dairy Pro-

motions will provide participants with chocolate, milk and cookies, and Maple UnTapped will offer candy and maple treats, according to the organization's website. Beverages and bananas will be offered after the race. Participants can get their Santa suit at the Millennium Running retail store in Bedford.

"[It's] a very fun day [starting] off with the Santa Run ... and then after that we have the parade of floats and walkers," said Sophia Koustas, who is part of the

Manchester Holiday Parade Committee. "Participants can be businesses or individuals. ... We're hoping it will be nice so people can stay throughout the two events. ... This year's theme is Winter Wonderland."

Around 80 to 85 organizations usually participate, among them New Hampshire Roller Derby and New Hampshire Junior Roller Derby, Motley Mutts Rescue, Miss Manchester and Greater Plaistow Scholarship, Manchester Firemen's Relief Association, New Hampshire Fisher Cats and many more. Both the Manchester Memorial High School and Manchester Central marching bands are set to perform. Accessible viewing and parking areas include the bus station area at Victory Park and across the stage area.

"[We hope] for people to come together



Manchester Holiday Parade. Photo by Jeffrey Hastings

as a community to enjoy the day, have fun ... for businesses to be able ... to be a different part of the community by attending and participating [and] for spectators to enjoy and see the strength of the community," Koustas said. "[We invite people to come and ... be part of a community-wide event that has become a tradition ... in our city [and] we need everybody's support for it to continue happening." 🍂

### Manchester Holiday Parade

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

**Where:** Downtown Manchester; the parade will head down Elm Street, beginning at the Brady Sullivan tower (1750 Elm St.) and ending at Victory Park (91-139 Concord St.)

**More info:** Visit the Facebook event page @MHTHolidayParade.

### BASC Santa Claus Shuffle

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m.

**Where:** The race will start and finish at Veterans Park (723 Elm St.)

**More info:** Visit millenniumrunning.com.

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cards and certificates. Proceeds go to The Community Children's Fund. Visit [exeterareacharitablefoundation.org](http://exeterareacharitablefoundation.org).

- The **Penacook tree lighting** on Wednesday, Nov. 29, starts with singing by the Penacook Elementary School chorus at 5:45 p.m. followed by the tree lighting at 6 p.m. and an appearance from Santa at 6:30 p.m.

- Enter a haunted house with rabid reindeer and cannibalistic elves at Fright Kingdom's **Fright Before Christmas** on Friday, Dec. 1 (7 to 9:30 p.m.), Saturday, Dec. 2 (6 to 9 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 3 (6:30 to 9 p.m.). Tickets are \$35. Visit [frightkingdom.com](http://frightkingdom.com).

- Experience what Christmas was like 400 years ago at the **Candlelight Stroll/Vintage Christmas at Strawberry Banke** (14 Hancock St., Portsmouth) with historic houses decorated with dried flowers, role players and holiday traditions. There will be a bonfire, hot apple cider, performanc-

es by Ice Dance International's Currier and Ives Vintage Skaters, shopping at Pickwick's at the Banke and the 'History Lights Our Way' candlelight stroll. The dates are Fridays, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, and Saturdays, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, from 5 to 9 p.m., and Sundays, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$16 for children 5 to 17 years old and free for children under 5 years old. Parking is available at Hanover Street Garage and Foundry Place Garage. Visit [strawberrybanke.org](http://strawberrybanke.org).

- The theme for **Merrimack's holiday parade and tree lighting** on Sunday, Dec. 3, is "Rock & Roll Holiday Thru Time." The parade begins at 3 p.m. at the Commons Shopping Plaza (515 Daniel Webster Hwy.) and will end in the Town Hall parking lot (6 Baboosic Lake Road), where the tree lighting will take place. Visit [merrimackparksandrec.org](http://merrimackparksandrec.org).

- Portsmouth's **Illuminated Holiday**

**Parade and Tree Lighting** is on Saturday, Dec. 6. The tree lighting is at 5:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 6 p.m. from Islington Street to Market Square. Visit [cityofportsmouth.com/recreation](http://cityofportsmouth.com/recreation).

- The 8th annual **Raymond Festival of Trees** will be at New Life Church (84 Nottingham Road, Raymond) on Thursday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit their Facebook page @RaymondFestivalofTrees.

- **9th annual Hollis Luminaria Stroll & Town Band Concert** on Saturday, Dec. 9, will include more than 2,000 luminaria lanterns, a Santa tractor parade, holiday craft shopping, a chili and cornbread dinner, music performances in Monument Square, a gingerbread house contest and a bake sale. The stroll and tree lighting will be at 4 p.m. at Monument Square. Visit [hollisluminaria.org](http://hollisluminaria.org).

- The **Gilford Village Candlelight Stroll** is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. with an extended route. The Gilford Community Band will be performing at the Gilford Community Church. Make s'mores and visit Santa at Village Field, enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and craft making at Gilford Public Library and more. Visit their Facebook page @GilfordVillageCandlelightStroll.

- This year's **Hampstead Christmas parade** is Colonial Christmas in celebration of the town's 275th anniversary. The parade starts on Main Street on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. with refreshments and an appearance from Santa afterward. Visit @HampsteadColonialChristmasParade on Facebook.

- **Pats Peak** will have **New Year's Eve fireworks** on Sunday, Dec. 31, from 10:20 to 10:40 p.m. The McMurphy's will provide live music in the Sled Pub from 6 to 10 p.m. Visit [patspeak.com](http://patspeak.com). 🍂

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# Santa season

Where kids can find holiday fun

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Here are some events tailored to kid and family fun.

- **Santa's Wonderland 2023** at Bass Pro Shops, running now until Dec. 24, offers free Santa photo sessions (advance reservations required), a free shareable video with Santa photos, a Christmas Toy Shop for holiday gifts and more. Visit [basspro.com/shop/en/santas-wonderland](http://basspro.com/shop/en/santas-wonderland) to reserve a time slot.

- **Charmingfare Farm** (774 High St. in Candia; [visitthefarm.com](http://visitthefarm.com)) has lots of holiday family fun on the calendar. The **Christmas Tree Spree** runs Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26. Admission costs \$22 per person or \$159 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. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3; Friday, Dec. 8, through Sunday, Dec. 10; Friday, Dec. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 17; Wednesday, Dec. 20, through Saturday, Dec. 23. Pick a time when you buy tickets for either a four-person or a 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 **2024 with a New Year's Eve Ride**. This evening event features a fireside meal, music and a ride along the trail of holiday lights.

- Loon Preservation Committee's annu-

al **Holiday Open House** at The Loon Center (183 Lees Mill Road, Moultonborough) is on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's a day of family fun with horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday treats, balloon animals, kids' crafts and a visit from Santa. The event is free and open to all. Visit [loon.org/loon-center](http://loon.org/loon-center).

- Mercy Hill Church (750 Pine St. in Manchester) is hosting its **Christmas Fest** on Fridays throughout December. Festivities kick off with a Community Dinner on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Fireside S'mores Party on Fridays, Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. A special Wacky Tacky Sweater Soiree for ages 13 and up is set for Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., and Breakfast With Santa will take place that same day starting at 8:30 a.m. for children age 12 or younger. Visit [manchesterchristmasfest.com](http://manchesterchristmasfest.com).

- The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill (174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford) will host a **Santa visit** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Visit [theeducationalfarm.org](http://theeducationalfarm.org).

- Experience the magic of a **Victorian Christmas** at the Jones Farmhouse at the New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Hwy., Milton) on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the decorated farmhouse and join in the holiday spirit with volunteers dressed in period attire. Help decorate the barnyard animals and the outdoor Christmas tree, and enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, a visit to the Blacksmith Shoppe, mulled cider by the outdoor hearth, popcorn roasting, carol singing and crafting fragrant pomander balls. Don't forget to visit the 1940s kitchen for cookie decorating. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (65+), \$6 for juveniles (age 4 to 17), and children under age 4 enter for free. Additionally, there's a family pass available for \$30, which includes admission for two adults and kids or grandkids. Visit [nhfarmmuseum.org/event/victorian-christmas](http://nhfarmmuseum.org/event/victorian-christmas).

- The Millyard Museum's (200 Bedford St.,



Santa Claus visits the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. Courtesy photo.

- Manchester) **holiday open house** is on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include children's holiday crafts, cookies and cider, old-fashioned board games, and a special visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is free. Visit [manchesterhistoric.org](http://manchesterhistoric.org).

- Londonderry Access Center TV (281 Mammoth Road) will host **Santa Live 2023** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present in the studio for children to visit and will be broadcast live on television. The event is free of charge and does not require Facebook access for attendance. It operates on a first come, first served basis. Refreshments and coloring activities are provided for children while they wait. Each child will receive a gift and a candy cane. Parents are allowed to take pictures during the visit. Visit [facebook.com/LondonderryAccessTV](http://facebook.com/LondonderryAccessTV).

- Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., Manchester) is hosting the **American Girl Doll Christmas Tea Party** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants are invited to bring their dolls and join in a tea party that includes refreshments and crafts, featuring portrayals of Manchester's notable women from history as depicted by American Girl Dolls. Santa Claus will also be visiting. Tickets are \$20 per person. Visit [manchesterhistoric.org](http://manchesterhistoric.org).

- **S'mores with Santa** is returning to New Boston on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. Attendees can enjoy meeting Santa, mak-

ing s'mores and sipping on hot chocolate or cider while mingling with friends and neighbors. The gathering will also include singing Christmas carols and the official lighting of the Christmas Tree. Santa will be present in the gazebo for the tree lighting at 4 p.m., and children are invited to visit with Santa afterward and bring an ornament from home to place on the town tree. Toasty fire pits for roasting marshmallows will be available, with all the fixings for s'mores, hot chocolate and cider provided by the Recreation Department. In case of inclement weather, the backup date is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3. Visit [new-bostonnh.gov](http://new-bostonnh.gov).

- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St. in Dover) is hosting its annual **Jingle Bell Extravaganza** on Sundays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, with sessions from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Visitors can meet Santa, participate in hands-on holiday craft activities, experience a magical science experiment, and receive a special treat. Pajama attire is welcomed for this festive event. Ticket prices are \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members; children under 1 year old are free. Online ticket sales end 24 hours before the start of each event. Photos can be taken by the museum staff with visitors' own cell phones. For more details and to reserve a spot, visit [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org).

- **Elf Training** sessions are back at the Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry). The sessions will occur Monday, Dec. 4, through Wednesday, Dec. 6, with multiple time slots each day: On Dec. 4 and Dec. 5, there are sessions at 3:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.; on Dec. 6, an additional session for infants starts at 10 a.m., followed by sessions at 3:30 and 5 p.m. Activities include elf-themed crafts, songs, snacks and storytelling. Interested participants are required to register as a family, with all children's names listed under a single registration "space." Visit [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org)

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# Christmas classical

Symphonies, choruses and more

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'Tis the season for the classics. Here are some of the classical music performances on the schedule this season.

- Majestic Theatre presents **Robert Dionne's Piano Christmas**, an interactive sing-along cabaret. This annual holiday tradition is set for Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Majestic Studio Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester). Tickets are \$20. Visit [majestictheatre.net](http://majestictheatre.net).

- The Vienna Boys Choir will bring **Christmas in Vienna** to the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia) on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$49 to \$89. Visit [coloniallaconia.com](http://coloniallaconia.com) or call 800-657-8774.

- The Manchester Community Music School's (2291 Elm St., Manchester) **Holiday Pops Concert** is on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of holiday music, cash bar, refreshments and raffle prizes. Individual tickets are \$45, or reserve a table of 10 for \$400. Visit [mcmusicschool.org](http://mcmusicschool.org) or call 644-4548.

- The Rockingham Choral Society will perform **A Star Still Shines** on Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal (43 Pine St., Exeter). The concert will include seasonal works and holiday carols by Michael Fink, Dan Forrest, Sarah Quartel and Conrad Susa. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for seniors and students, with children under age 12 admitted for free. Advance tickets can be purchased from members or online, with remaining tickets available at the door. Visit [rockinghamchoral.org](http://rockinghamchoral.org).

- **Handel's "Messiah"** will have an open rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m., followed by a performance on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (22 Centre St., Concord). The performance, conducted by Benjamin Greene, will feature professional soloists and a community chorus. Visit [walkerlecture.org](http://walkerlecture.org).

- The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus presents its 2023 **Holiday Concert Series: Holly Jolly Folly** at Christ the King Lutheran Church (3 Lutheran Drive, Nashua) on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Stratham Community Church UCC (6 Emery Lane, Stratham) on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m.; the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey) on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; and Derryfield School (2108 River Road, Manchester) on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. Adult tickets are \$25, and admission for children age 12 and under is free with a ticket. Visit [nhgmc.com](http://nhgmc.com).

- Kenny G will perform **Miracles Holiday and Hits** at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua) on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$59 to \$129. Call 800-657-8774 or visit [nashuacenterforthearts.com](http://nashuacenterforthearts.com).

- The Nashua Choral Society presents **Gloria! A Christmas Festival** on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church (216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua). The concert, under the direction of Reagan G. Paras, will feature Vivaldi's "Gloria," selections from Ola Gjeilo's "Winter Songs" and other holiday favorites. Adult tickets are \$20, students \$10, and admission is free for children. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or Darrell's Music Hall and at the door. Visit [nashuachoralsociety.org](http://nashuachoralsociety.org).

- The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra presents a **Holiday Pops Preview** at LaBelle Winery (14 Route 111, Derry) on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. The concert will feature a brass quintet and string quartet, offering renditions of classical melodies and popular holiday tunes. Tickets are priced at \$30. Visit [nhphil.org](http://nhphil.org).

- The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and Conductor Keith Lockhart will perform the **"Unwrap the Magic" Boston Pops Holiday Tour** at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The concert features "Sleigh Ride," among other festive pieces, and is accompanied by the Metropolitan Chorale. Ticket prices range from \$79.50 to \$149.50 and are on sale now. Visit [snhuarena.com](http://snhuarena.com).

- Join the Souhegan Valley Chorus for their holiday concert **"I'll Be Home for Christmas"** on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (10 Union St., Milford). Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, with children age 12 and under admitted free. Visit [souheganvalleychorus.org](http://souheganvalleychorus.org).

- Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra invites you to **Christmas Belles** featuring guest artist Sheree Owens on vocals, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia). Enjoy a blend of traditional carols and modern holiday pieces in a grand orchestral presentation. Ticket prices range from \$22 to \$32 for adults and \$12 to \$22 for students. Visit [coloniallaconia.com](http://coloniallaconia.com).

- Symphony NH is set to hold their **Holiday Pops** concert conducted by Maestro Roger Kalia on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Keefe Center for the Arts (117 Elm St., Nashua), and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord). The

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## A jazzy, rockin' holiday

More musical takes on the season — plus comedy



The Heather Pierson Trio will be at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Courtesy photo.

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It's not all *Nutcracker*. Here are some rock 'n' roll, jazz and other musical approaches to the holiday — plus some comedy shows to keep you laughing through the season.

- **Capitol Center for the Arts** has several holiday musical events planned. At the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) the lineup of seasonal events includes:

The **Capital Jazz Orchestra** presents the Holiday Pops on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.

The radio show *Greg and the Morning Buzz* presents its annual **Buzz Ball** on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

**Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy Present: A Celtic Family Christmas** on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.

At the **Bank of NH Stage in Concord** (16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com), the schedule features:

**Mr. Aaron Holiday**, a holiday party from the local family entertainer, on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.

The Heather Pierson Trio plays a **Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas** on Friday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

- At **Chunky's Cinema Pub** (707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, chunkys.com), live performances include:

**Life's a Drag** 21+ drag show with multiple entertainers on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 p.m. in Manchester

**Family-friendly comedy illusionist Ben Pratt**, who will perform in Pelham on Dec. 28 at 6:15 p.m., in Nashua on Dec. 29 at 6:15 p.m. and in Manchester on Dec. 30 at 6:15 p.m.

All three locations will host **live comedy on New Year's Eve** (Sunday, Dec. 31) at 7 p.m.

- At **Dana Center** (Saint Anselm

College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, tickets.anselm.edu) catch **Irish Christmas in America** on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. featuring master fiddler Oisín Mac Diarmoda.

- Holiday shows at **The Flying Monkey** (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com) include:

**Eileen Ivers: A Joyful Christmas** on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas with the Celts** on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

And on New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m.) catch comedian **Preacher Lawson**.

- **Fulchino Vineyard** (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com) will feature **Christmas with Franco Corso** on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

- **Headliners Comedy Club** (headlinerscomedyclub.com) has events for **New Year's Eve** (Sunday, Dec. 31).

At the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown catch either **Dueling Pianos** (doors open at 6 p.m. for a dinner option, show is at 8 p.m.) or **comedians** including Rob Steen, Ken Rogerson, Tim McKeever and Alex Giampapa (with shows at 8 or 9 p.m.). Headliners also has **comedy on Dec. 31 at Chunky's** in Manchester, Nashua and Pelham (at 7 p.m.).

**Dueling Pianos** will also perform at Fratello's in Manchester as part of a Rock-in' Eve 2024 featuring dinner, dancing and a toast.

**New Year's Eve 2023 Gala** at Sky Meadow Country Club in Nashua runs from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and includes comedy (with Mark Scalia and Joey Carroll), a buffet and dancing.

Find tickets for all these events on the website.

- At **Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club** (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ,



jimmysoncongress.com) holiday-themed shows include:

**Jane Monheit — Holiday Show** on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

**Kat Edmonson — Holiday Swingin'** on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

**John McLaughlin Holiday Show** on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

• **LaBelle Winery** (345 Route 101, Amherst, and 14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, [labellewinery.com](http://labellewinery.com)) has a packed holiday schedule, though many events are already listed as sold out on the website. Musical events that may still have a seat for you include:

**The Granite State Ringers Holiday Handbell Concert** in Amherst on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 3 p.m.

**Holiday Pops Concerts: Brass and Strings** featuring members of the **New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra** in Derry on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.

**The Big Little Holiday Party**, featuring DJ entertainment from Get Down Tonight, in Derry on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.

**The Freese Brothers** at a New Year's Eve party that will feature dinner, dancing and LaBelle Lights in Derry on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m.

• At the **Lakeport Opera House** (781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, [lakeportopera.com](http://lakeportopera.com)), upcoming events include:

**Thanksgiving Eve with the Eric Grant Band** on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m.

**A Holiday Evening with Clay Cook** on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

• **The Majestic Theatre** (880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, [majestictheatre.net](http://majestictheatre.net)) will hold **A Piano Christmas** featuring interactive piano sing-along cabaret with Robert Dionne on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m.

• **The Music Hall** (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org)) will feature a production of *The Sound of Music* for much of the holiday season but you can catch **Juston McKinney's Comedy Year in Review 2023** on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 30, see **Dawes: The Night Before NYE** at 8 p.m.

**At The Music Hall Lounge** (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org)), catch:

**Taylor O'Donnell Trio** on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

**Abrielle Scharff's Abby's Holidays** on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.

• **Nashua Center for the Arts** (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, [nashua-centerforthearts.com](http://nashua-centerforthearts.com)) has performances by the Vienna Boys Choir and Kenny G listed as sold out but tickets are still available to holiday shows including:

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** with a "wild and swingin' holiday party" on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

**Eileen Ivers** on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

**Juston McKinney** wraps up the year on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m.

• The month-long production of *A Christmas Carol* will keep the stage busy at **Palace Theatre** (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) but you can still catch:

The annual **Chanukah at the Palace** show featuring UV Circus Show, ventriloquist Jack Williams and a Chanukah Musical Interlude on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

**Recycled Percussion** will begin its multi-show run on Thursday, Dec. 28, running through Jan. 7; see the website for showtimes (see the Nov. 9 issue for an in-depth interview with Justin Spencer)

Meanwhile at the **Rex Theatre** (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)), the schedule is packed:

**Comedian Emily Ruskowski's** Thanksgiving Leftover Laughs on Friday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

**The Scott Spradling Band Rockin' Big Band Christmas** on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

**Compaq Big Band Christmas Show** on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

**Queen City Improv Holiday Show** on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

**A Celtic Christmas** on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**Anthony Nunziata: My Italian Christmas** on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

**Eric Mintel Quartet: A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas** on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

**John Denver Christmas: Chris Collins & Boulder Canyon** on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**A Very Soulful Christmas with Morgan James** on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

**Candlelight: Holiday Special** featuring *The Nutcracker* and more on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 and 8:30 p.m.

**Comedian Kelly MacFarland's Christmas Party** on Friday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

**A Sinatra Christmas with Rich DiMare and the Ron Poster Trio** on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

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Find treats to eat and treats to give at these holiday events.

• The **Holiday Shoppes at Tuscan Village** (9 Via Toscana in Salem; [www.tuscanvillage-salem.com/holiday-shoppes-2023](http://www.tuscanvillage-salem.com/holiday-shoppes-2023)) opens Friday, Nov. 24, and runs through New Year's Eve with hours Thursday and Friday 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors' offerings include hot chocolate, arancini, kettle corn and other treats as well as jewelry, home goods, seasonal decorations and more.

• The YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown (116 Goffstown Back Road; find information about the event on the center's Facebook page) will hold its annual **Holiday Food & Arts Market** Friday, Nov. 24, through Friday, Dec. 22, in the center's lobby. The market will feature food as well as handmade crafts and art created by the center's staff and members, according to the post.

• See the world in cookie at the **33rd Annual Gingerbread House Contest and Exhibition** at the Portsmouth Historical Society (10 Middle St. in Portsmouth) Friday, Nov. 24, through Saturday, Dec. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open until 7 p.m. on Fridays). Vote for your favorite house between Nov. 24 and Dec. 13 (winners will be announced on Dec. 15). Community judges will award their favorite of the displayed gingerbread structures at the Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth kickoff celebration on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., according to [portsmouthhistory.org/exhibitions/gingerbread2023](http://portsmouthhistory.org/exhibitions/gingerbread2023).

There will also be a **downtown gingerbread scavenger hunt** — find houses throughout downtown Portsmouth and collect stamps by Dec. 19 for a chance to win a prize.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. the Portsmouth Historical Society will hold an **Ugly Sweater Cookie Swap** (see website for details and to sign up; bring two dozen cookies to share). Win a gingerbread house by participating in a raffle; tickets cost \$1 and winners will be notified on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

• The **New Hampshire Jingle Bells Winery Tour** is running weekends through Sunday, Dec. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For \$55 for a single admission or \$100 for a couple, sample wines and light hors d'oeuvres at 10+ New Hampshire wineries and receive an ornament at each location, according to the eventbrite description. See [facebook.com/NHJingleBellsWineryTour](http://facebook.com/NHJingleBellsWineryTour) to purchase tick-

ets and see the list of participating vineyards.

• Get local produce, baked goods and more at the **Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market** open Saturdays, including Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at 7 Eagle Square in downtown Concord. See [downtownconcordwinterfarmersmarket.com](http://downtownconcordwinterfarmersmarket.com).

• The New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Hwy. in Milton; [nhfarmmuseum.org](http://nhfarmmuseum.org)) will hold a **Country Store Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring maple syrup, Vermont cheese and other food items as well as homemade crafts such as mittens, hats, afghans, scarves, soaps, ornaments and more.

• **Fulchino Vineyard** (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, 438-5984, [fulchinovineyard.com](http://fulchinovineyard.com)) is holding a **Small Business Sunday** tasting and market with tasting sessions starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26. For \$15, shop the market, enjoy wine tastings (21+) and receive a souvenir wine glass, according to the website. The **Fulchino Vineyard Christmas Festival** will run Friday, Dec. 8 (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.); Saturday, Dec. 9 (noon to 2 p.m., 3 to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 10 (12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults (includes a wine glass and tasting), \$7.50 for ages 12 to 20, and 1 cent for children under 12. Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities including artisan food vendors, crafts vendors, fire pits and family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, according to the website.

• The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry) has adult+child cooking classes including:

**Gingerbread House Decorating** (for ages 4+) on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 4 and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The cost is \$48 per house.

**Holiday Cookie Tray** (for ages 10+) on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 3:30 p.m. making iced orange cookies, fruit & nut biscotti and coconut macaroons. The cost is \$80 per two-person team.

**Cinnamon Rolls** (for ages 6+) on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. The cost is \$58 per team.

Classes for ages 3 to 6 include:

**Gingerbread House Decorating** on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$48 per house.

**Christmas Tree Fruity Hand Pie** on Friday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child.

Adult class offerings include a **Holiday Small Plates** couples cooking class on Friday, Dec. 15, or Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. (the cost is \$165 per couple) and workshops **Pierogi Ruskie** (Friday, Dec. 8, at

10 a.m.; the cost is \$58); **Bread Making** (Thursday, Dec. 7, at 9:30 a.m.; cost is \$75, for ages 16+); **Holiday Pies** (Tuesday, Nov. 21, and Thursday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m.; cost is \$75, for ages 16+), and **Holiday Cookie Tray** on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 9:30 a.m. (cost is \$80, for ages 16+).

• Enjoy a **holiday afternoon tea** with the Cozy Tea Cart (104 Route 13 in Brookline; [thecozyteacart.com](http://thecozyteacart.com), 249-9111) at Gatherings (29 Mont Vernon St. in Milford) on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. The cost is \$39.95 per person. The meal will feature tea breads and savories, tea sandwiches, pastries and, of course, tea, according to the website.

• **LaBelle Winery** (345 Route 101, Amherst, and 14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, [labellewinery.com](http://labellewinery.com)) has a packed holiday schedule with events including:

**Hogwarts Yule Ball Wine Dinner and Dancing** in Amherst on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a four-course wine dinner with Harry Potter- and holiday-themed decor, a DJ and dancing. Hogwarts ball attire is encouraged. Tickets cost \$95 per person

**Cooking with wine class: holiday recipes** will be held in Derry on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. in Amherst. The cost is \$40.

**The Big Little Holiday Party**, featuring DJ entertainment from Get Down Tonight, in Derry on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.

**The Freese Brothers** at a New Year's Eve party, which will feature dinner, dancing and LaBelle Lights in Derry on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m.

• The **Very Merry Holiday Gift Festival** will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel (700 Elm St. in Manchester), according to [verymerryfestival.com](http://verymerryfestival.com). Admission to the event, a revamping of the Made in New England Expo, costs \$7 (\$6 for 65+ and kids 14 and under get in free).

• **Zorvino Vineyards** (226 Main St. in Sandown; [zorvino.com](http://zorvino.com), 887-9463) has holiday events on the schedule including **Holiday Sip N Shop** on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring local vendors (admission is free but register for a ticket online in advance) and the **Tidings & Tinsel** group holiday party, starting with a cocktail hour at 6:30 and featuring dinner and dancing (the cost is \$70 per person).

• **Chunky's Cinema Pub** (707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, [chunkys.com](http://chunkys.com)) will screen **The Polar Express** (G, 2004) at all three area Chunky's Friday, Dec. 8, through Thursday, Dec. 14, with at least one screen-



ing daily and three on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10. Buy a “**Milk & Cookies Movie Ticket**” to get a box with milk, cookies and a bell during the movies. “Dinner with Santa,” where guests will be greeted by Santa before and after the show, with opportunities to take photos with him, will take place at some screenings Dec. 13, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** (PG-13, 1989) will screen with a five-course dinner party in Manchester on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$75 for the dinner only (with a vegetarian option), \$110 for dinner with wine.

• The **Canterbury Farmers Market** will hold its final market of the year indoors on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Canterbury Elementary School (15 Baptist Road in Canterbury). See [canterburyfarmersmarket.com](http://canterburyfarmersmarket.com).

• The **Currier and Ives Cookie Tour** will run Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and feature 16 stops at inns, restaurants, galleries and more in the Monadnock region. Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased, starting Dec. 1, at the Inn at East Hill Farm in Troy and Frogg Brewing in Swanzey. At each stop, ticket holders get cookies, cookie recipes, refreshments and a look at the holiday decorations of the location. Visit at least 10 stops on the tour to be entered to win a gift certificate, according to [currierandivescookie.com](http://currierandivescookie.com), where you can find a map of the locations and more information.

• Or make a weekend of cookie adventures with the **Annual Holiday Inn to Inn Cookie Tour** on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at nine White Mountain inns stretching from Jackson to Eaton, with inns at least 15 minutes apart. Reserve a ticket as part of a lodging package for the weekend or, starting Monday, Nov. 27, at this website for single tickets: [cookie.com](http://cookie.com). See [countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com/annual-holiday-inn-to-inn-cookie-tour](http://countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com/annual-holiday-inn-to-inn-cookie-tour).

• **Averill House Vineyard** (21 Averill Road, Brookline, 371-2296, [averillhousevineyard.com](http://averillhousevineyard.com)) will hold a **Snowman Felting Workshop & Wine Tasting** on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. (the cost is \$50) and a **Christmas Tree Macramé Workshop & Wine Tasting** on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 6:30

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p.m. (cost is \$50).

- The Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford; [bedfordvillageinn.com](http://bedfordvillageinn.com), 472-2001) will hold its **Feast of the Seven Fishes** on Thursday, Dec. 21, starting at 6 p.m. This 21+ dinner costs \$125 per guest. The meal features passed and stationary hors d'oeuvres, three savory courses and a dessert station and is held in the Great Hall. Call or go online to reserve tickets.
- Other holiday meals include a Christmas Eve three-course menu (\$125 for adults, \$75

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performances will feature an assortment of seasonal works and carols. Tickets start at \$10. Visit [symphonynh.org](http://symphonynh.org).

- **Irish Christmas In America** will take place on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). It features music by master fiddler Oisín Mac Diarmada as well as photo backdrops, history and humor that celebrates Irish culture during the holiday season. Tickets are \$45. Call 641-7700 or visit [anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities](http://anselm.edu/dana-center-humanities).
- Saint Joseph Cathedral (145 Lowell St. in Manchester) will present a performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and Handel's "Messiah" on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. featuring chamber orchestra, choristers and soloists from the Diocesan Festival and Chamber Choirs, according to a press release. Tickets cost \$20 per person (children under 10 get in for free). Tickets will be on sale at the parish office, at the door and at [stjosephcathedralnh.org/cathedralconcert](http://stjosephcathedralnh.org/cathedralconcert).
- The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra's **Holiday Pops** concert at Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty

for ages 10 and under) plus a Grand Desert Buffet (4:30 to 8:30 p.m.); a New Year's Eve dinner with seating times from 5 to 9:30 p.m. (\$110 per adults; see the website for the menu) and a New Year's Day Brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Birch Wood Vineyards (199 Rockingham Road in Derry; [birchwoodvineyards.com](http://birchwoodvineyards.com), 965-4359) will hold its **Jingle Ball Holiday Party** on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. featuring a four-course meal and dancing. Tickets cost \$85 (with a "duet" or vegetarian meal option).

Drive, Salem) is on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$10 for students. Visit [nhphil.org](http://nhphil.org).

- The Manchester Choral Society will hold its winter concert **Starry Night** featuring "Stella Natalis" by Karl Jenkins along with a selection of holiday pops at First Congregational Church (508 Union St., Manchester), with performances on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and military members, while students from kindergarten to undergraduate level can attend free of charge. Visit [mcsnh.org](http://mcsnh.org).
- The Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) hosts the Strafford Wind Symphony for its 2023 holiday concert, **White Christmas**, on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.. The performance will showcase a variety of traditional and new arrangements celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and the new year, with vocal accompaniment and a full cinematic display. Tickets are \$20 for adults, with free admission for children under age 12 (ticket still required). Visit [rochesteroperahouse.com](http://rochesteroperahouse.com).

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to sign up.

- Join the Milford Recreation Department for **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Milford Town Hall Auditorium (1 Union Square, Milford). Guests can enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and sausage and have the chance to visit with Santa. The event costs \$10 per person, but children age 2 and under can attend for free. Seating is limited, so be sure to register by Dec. 3 to secure your spot. Visit [milfordnh.recdesk.com](http://milfordnh.recdesk.com).
- **Santa Claus will helicopter in** to make a stop at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, [aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://aviationmuseumofnh.org)) on Saturday, Dec. 9, according to a press release. Santa is slated for touchdown at 11 a.m. and scheduled to stay for two hours (he's scheduled to leave by fire truck at 1 p.m.). The event will feature hot chocolate, coffee, donuts and other holiday treats, the release said. Santa-fans are asked

to arrive at the museum by 10:45 a.m., the release said. The museum will be open free to visitors from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (admission will be charged from 1 to 4 p.m.).

- Celebrate **New Year's Eve** with a family-friendly event at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover). The festivities include two "countdowns to midnight," one at 10:30 a.m. during the morning play session (9 a.m. to noon) and another at 2 p.m. during the afternoon session (12:30 to 3:30 p.m.). These sessions are designed to make everyone feel as if they are in Times Square, complete with noisemakers, the creation of sparkly party hats and a photo booth for lasting memories, according to the website. The highlight is the glitter ball descent from the museum's 30-foot-high Build-It-Fly-It towers as the countdown reaches zero. The event is included with standard museum admission and is free for museum members. Reservations and pre-payment are required. Visit [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org).



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## Holiday art shows and events

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• Twiggs Gallery (254 King St., Boscawen) presents the annual **Sleighbell Studio** holiday showcase now through Dec. 16. The exhibit features a diverse range of local fine art and crafts for holiday gift buying. Visit [twiggsgallery.wordpress.com](http://twiggsgallery.wordpress.com).

• The “**Small Works — Big Impact**” holiday exhibit is up at Creative Ventures Gallery (411 Nashua St. in Milford) now through Dec. 31 and showcases work in various media from more than 30 area artists, with most pieces smaller than 12 inches in diameter, making them ideal for holiday gifts. The gallery’s hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Visit [creativeventuresfineart.com](http://creativeventuresfineart.com) or call 672-2500.

• The Seacoast Artist Association (130 Water St., Exeter) presents its themed group show “**Big Gifts Come in Small Packages**” for November and December. Artists are challenged to create beautiful and affordable work, with each piece priced at no more than \$100 to make for perfect holiday gift buying. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit [seacoastartist.org](http://seacoastartist.org).

• The Craftworkers’ Guild will host its annual **Holiday Fair Shop** at the historic Kendall House (3A Meetinghouse Road, Bedford). The fair opens Friday, Nov. 24, and runs through Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, along with an online shop. The fair will feature a variety of items including seasonal decor, photography, fine art and prints, cards, gourmet treats, woodworking, fiber and fabric, stained and fused glass, mixed media and jewelry, all created by juried local artists and craftspeople. Visit [thecraftworkersguild.org](http://thecraftworkersguild.org).

• The **Nashua Holiday Stroll Craft Fair** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Gym Entrance on Main Street across from City Hall (29 Spring St., Nashua). The fair will showcase a variety of vendors offering unique items. Visit [downtownnashua.org/holidaystroll](http://downtownnashua.org/holidaystroll).

• The **Milford Holiday Craft Fair**, supporting veterans, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Milford VFW (1 VFW Way, Milford).

The event will include free pictures with Santa and the Grinch, along with a variety of crafters and vendors. Admission is free. Visit [facebook.com/nevendorevents](http://facebook.com/nevendorevents).

• The **Winter Giftopolis by the Concord Arts Market** will take place on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 11 p.m. during Intown Concord’s Midnight Merriment. This year’s event is located at the Atrium at 7 Eagle Square. Local artists and craftspeople will be selling their handmade gifts. Visit [concordartsmarket.net](http://concordartsmarket.net).

• The **Contoocook Artisans Holiday Fair** is set for Friday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post No. 81 (E.R. Montgomery Event Center, 169 Bound Tree Road, Contoocook). Email [contoocookartisansnh@gmail.com](mailto:contoocookartisansnh@gmail.com).

• High Mowing School (77 Pine Hill Drive, Wilton) will host its annual **Pine Hill Holiday Fair** featuring an artisan market on Friday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and family festivities on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [pinehill.org](http://pinehill.org)

• The **Two Villages Art Society** will host its 2023 Winter Members Show and Sale from Dec. 1 to Dec. 23 at 846 Main St. in Contoocook. This show, part of Hopkinton’s town-wide Starry, Starry Weekend, will include an opening reception on Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon to 2 p.m. The show features works from more than 30 member artists, including paintings, pottery, sculpture, jewelry and more. Gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., with extended hours of 10 to 4 p.m. during Starry, Starry Weekend (Dec. 1 to Dec. 3). Visit [twovillagesart.org](http://twovillagesart.org).

• Pipe Dream Brewing (49 Harvey Road, Londonderry, will hold a **holiday craft fair** Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3, from noon to 4 p.m., featuring local vendors selling handmade crafts. See [pipedreambrewingnh.com](http://pipedreambrewingnh.com).

• The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Milford (20 Elm St., Milford) announces its **holiday fair** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., including handcrafted items and a bake shop. Visit [uucm.org/community/holiday-fair-2023](http://uucm.org/community/holiday-fair-2023).

• Arlington Street United Methodist Church (63 Arlington St., Nashua) will celebrate its **Holly Town Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will feature handmade items, crafts, candies, baked goods, and a cookie walk, with lunch available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit [itasmc.org](http://itasmc.org) or call 882-4663.



Sleighbell Studio at Twiggs Gallery. Courtesy photo.

• Caya Reiki & Healing will present the **Gingerbread Craft Market & Psychic Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Derry-Salem Elks Lodge (39 Shadow Lake Road, Salem). The event will feature more than 30 vendors and artisans. Visit [caya-healing.square.site](http://caya-healing.square.site).

• New England Vendor Events is organizing a **Nashua Holiday Craft Fair** for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hunt Memorial Library (6 Main St., Nashua). Visit [facebook.com/nevendorevents](http://facebook.com/nevendorevents).

• The Concord Arts Market is hosting its annual **Holiday Arts Market** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art (266 N. Main St.). Visit [concordartsmarket.net](http://concordartsmarket.net).

• The Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester (669 Union St., Manchester) invites you to its **Holiday Gift Faire** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Visit [uumanchester.org](http://uumanchester.org).

• The Somersworth Festival Association will host its **Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Somersworth High School (11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth). Visit [nhfestivals.org](http://nhfestivals.org).

• The 34th annual **Christmas in Strafford** event, showcasing more than 50 artists and craftspeople across 29 locations, is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Visit [christmasinstraftford.com](http://christmasinstraftford.com).

• The **Holly Jolly Craft Fair** will be held at the DoubleTree Hilton (2 Somerset Plaza, Nashua) on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 75 artisans will be selling their holiday crafts. Visit [joycecraftshows.com](http://joycecraftshows.com).

• The **Very Merry Holiday Gift Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel (700 Elm St., Manchester). Tickets are

\$7, with a discounted price of \$6 for those 65+ and free entry for children age 14 and under. Visit [verymerryfestival.com](http://verymerryfestival.com).

• Caya Reiki & Healing will present a **Winter Wonderland Craft Market & Psychic Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hooksett American Legion Post 37 (5 Riverside St., Hooksett). Visit [caya-healing.square.site](http://caya-healing.square.site).

• The **Wrong Brain Holiday Bazaar** is happening on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Country Hard Cider (38 Littleworth Road, Dover). The entry fee is \$1. Visit [facebook.com/wrongbrain](http://facebook.com/wrongbrain).

• A **Hudson Holiday Craft Fair** organized by New England Vendor Events is set for Saturday, Dec. 9, from noon to 5 p.m. Visit [facebook.com/nevendorevents](http://facebook.com/nevendorevents).

• **New Hampshire Audubon’s Holiday Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NH Audubon McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord). Visit [nhaudubon.org](http://nhaudubon.org).

• The **Nashua Holiday Craft & Vendor Festival Fair** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Eagles Wing Bingo Hall (10 Spruce St., Nashua). See [Bazaar Craft Fairs Facebook page](http://Bazaar Craft Fairs Facebook page).

• The **Manchester Holiday Craft Fair**, hosted by New England Vendor Events, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Club Canadian (128 S. Main St., Manchester). The fair will feature photo opportunities with Santa and the Grinch. Visit [facebook.com/nevendorevents](http://facebook.com/nevendorevents).

• Join Cisco Brewers (35 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth) on Sunday, Dec. 17, from noon to 5 p.m. for a **holiday market**. The market will feature festive food specials, jolly drinks including a hot chocolate bar, and live music. Shop local with an array of vendors selling gifts, flowers, wreaths, holiday foods and more. Visit [ciscobrewersportsmouth.com](http://ciscobrewersportsmouth.com). 🍷



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For some movie nerds, the end of the year is all about figuring out how many Oscar-hopefuls you can see before award season starts. For some, it's about trying to convince your family that *Gremlins* is a Christmas movie. But we can all agree that now is the season to say "Merry Christmas, Mr. Potter" and "You'll shoot your eye out." Here are some seasonal favorites you can find on a big screen.



Elf

• **The Flying Monkey** (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com) will feature screenings including *Warren Miller's All Time*, a film about skiing and ski culture, on Friday, Nov. 24, at 3 and 7 p.m., *Elf* (PG, 2003) on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m., and *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) on Friday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

• **LaBelle Winery** (345 Route 101, Amherst; 14 Route 111 in Derry 672-9898, labellewinery.com) has multiple screenings throughout the season of *The Polar Express* (G, 2004) featuring an appearance by Santa Claus. The screenings are listed as sold out but email tickets@labellewinery.com to be put on a waitlist.

• **Fathom Events** (fathomevents.com) has several holiday-themed screenings scheduled at theaters including the AMC Londonderry (16 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry, amctheatres.com), Cinemark Rockingham Park 12 (15 Mall Road, Salem), O'neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square (24 Calef Hwy., Epping, 679-3529, oneilcinemas.com), Regal Concord (282 Loudon Road, Concord, regmovies.com) and Regal Fox Run Stadium 15 (45 Gosling Road, Newington, regmovies.com).

*The Magic Flute*, recorded live in 2006 at the Metropolitan Opera, will screen on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 12:55 p.m. at Regal Fox Run in Newington.

*A Christmas Story* (PG, 1983), a 40th anniversary presentation, will screen on Sunday, Dec. 10, at AMC Londonderry (4 p.m.), Cinemark in Salem (4 p.m.), O'neil Cinemas in Epping (4 and 7 p.m.) and Regal Fox Run in Newington (4 and 7 p.m.), and on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at all four of those locations at 7 p.m.

*How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (PG, 2000), the Jim Carrey version, will screen on Sunday, Dec. 3, at AMC Londonderry (1 and 7 p.m.), Cinemark Rockingham

Park (1 p.m.), O'neil Cinemas (1 p.m.) and Regal Fox Run (1 and 7 p.m.); and on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Rockingham Park and Regal Fox Run.

*Max Lucado's Because of Bethlehem*, music and story based on the faith-based book, will screen on Tuesday, Dec. 5; Wednesday, Dec. 6, and Thursday Dec. 7, mostly at 7 p.m. at Cinemark Rockingham Park, Regal Concord and Regal Fox Run (the movie starts at 7:10 p.m. at Cinemark on Dec. 6 and 7:15 on Dec. 7).

*Waitress: The Musical*, a filmed presentation of the Broadway musical starring Sara Bareilles, may not technically be a holiday story but it's cute as pie and screening Thursday, Dec. 7, through Monday, Dec. 11, at AMC Londonderry (3:30 and 7 p.m.), Cinemark Rockingham Park (3:25 and 7:10, every day except Dec. 11, when it's 3:55 and 7 p.m.), Regal Fox Run (2:30 and 7 p.m.) and O'neil Cinemas (2:30 and 7 p.m.).

*A Christmas Story* (PG, 1983) will screen on Sunday, Dec. 10, at AMC Londonderry (4 p.m.), Cinemark Rockingham Park (4 p.m.), O'neil Cinemas (4 p.m.) and Regal Fox Run (4 and 7 p.m.) and Wednesday, Dec. 13, at those theaters, all at 7 p.m.

*Christmas with the Chosen: Holy Night*, a faith-based feature film with musical performances by Andrea and Matteo Bocelli, will be in theaters Tuesday, Dec. 12, through Sunday, Dec. 17. Sign up on the website to receive ticket information.

• As part of its Dickensfest programming **Park Theatre** (19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org) will screen *Oliver!* (1968) on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. and *The Man Who Invented Christmas* (PG, 2017) on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

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On Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m., Santa's Party will feature a screening of *Arthur Christmas* (PG, 2011) as well as an opportunity to meet Santa.

*It's A Wonderful Life* (1946) will screen on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 and 7 p.m.

• **Chunky's Cinema Pub** (707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, chunkys.com) has multiple holiday films on the schedule — some for all ages and some presented for 21+ audiences.

*The Polar Express* (G, 2004) will screen at all three area Chunky's Friday, Dec. 8, through Thursday, Dec. 14, with at least one screening daily and three on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10. Buy a "Milk & Cookies Movie Ticket" to get a box with milk, cookies and a bell during the movies. "Dinner with Santa," where guests will be greeted by Santa before and after the show, with opportunities to take photos with him, will take place at some screenings Dec. 13; Dec. 14, and Dec. 21.

*National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (PG-13, 1989) will screen with a five-course dinner party in Manchester on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. There will be a 21+ screening and Ugly Sweater party on

Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at all three locations. There will also be a 21+ *Christmas Vacation* trivia night in Manchester on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

*It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) will screen at all three locations on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

*Elf* (PG, 2003) will screen at a family screening on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. at a 21+ screening — at all three theaters for both screenings. There will also be a 21+ *Elf* trivia night in Manchester on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Also at Chunky's: There will be a 21+ trivia night for *A Christmas Story* on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Manchester.

An all-ages family trivia night for *Home Alone* is on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. in Manchester.

**Family-friendly theater candy bingo** will take place in Pelham on Dec. 27 at 6:15 p.m., in Nashua on Dec. 28, at 6:15 p.m. and in Manchester on Dec. 29, at 6:15 p.m.

**Family-friendly comedy illusionist Ben Pratt** will perform in Pelham on Dec. 28 at 6:15 p.m., in Nashua on Dec. 29, at 6:15 p.m. and in Manchester on Dec. 30 at 6:15 p.m.

**21+ year in review** trivia will take place Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Manchester

All three locations will host **live comedy on New Year's Eve** (Sunday, Dec. 31) at 7 p.m.

• **Red River Theatres** (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) is still filling its schedule with holiday screenings — the theater may have family-friendly screenings on weekend mornings, still TBD but keep an eye on their website. So far the theater, which will be open on Thanksgiving, plans to screen *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 or 7 p.m. and *Elf* (PG, 2003) on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10 a.m., according to executive director Angie Lane.

• **The Music Hall** (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusicHall.org) has holiday films on the schedule including:

*It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) on Friday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 24, at 3:30 p.m.

*White Christmas* (1954) on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m.

*The Holiday* (PG-13, 2006) on Satur-



*It's A Wonderful Life*

day, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.

*Rise of the Guardians* (PG, 2013) on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 1 p.m.

• **The Strand** (20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestrandddover.com) will screen *Elf* (PG, 2003) as part of its annual Christmas Break on a Budget event, which will also include family activities and a story-time starting at noon on Saturday, Dec. 23. Admission costs \$20 for a family (up to five people). 🍪

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30, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**Comedian Jimmy Dunn's New Year's Eve** on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

• **At the Park Theatre** (19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org), the holiday offerings include:

**Granite State Ringers** on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

**New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus** on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

**Symphony NH Holiday Brass** on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

**The Heather Pierson Trio with A Charlie Brown Christmas** on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

**Freese Brothers Big Band — Swinging Into the Holidays** on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

**Irish Christmas in America** on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

• **The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus** (nhgmc.com) also has shows on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Nashua; Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. at Stratham Community Church UUC in Stratham, and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. at the Derryfield School in Manchester. See the chorus' website for tickets.

• Get some laughs at the end of the year

at **Rochester Opera House** (31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteropera-house.com) with comedian Bob Marley on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 5 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m.

• **The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Ghosts of Christmas Eve** returns to **SNHU Arena** (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com) on Friday, Nov. 24, at 3 and 7 p.m. Other holiday shows include the **Boston Pops Holiday Concert** on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

And, while it's not exactly holiday, in that liminal week between Christmas and New Year's catch the **Harlem Globetrotters 2024 World Tour** on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 2 and 7 p.m.

• **Head to the Stone Church** (5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com) for the **Truffle: Annual Turkey Jam 2023** on Friday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m.

• **The Strand** (20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestrandddover.com) will feature the **Strafford Wind Symphony** with a holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m., and two New Year's parties — Club Vinyl presents the **Eve of New Year's Eve** on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8:30 p.m., and a **New Year's Eve party** on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 8

p.m. will feature the band Neon Wave and comedian Dave Sheehan.

• **3S Artspace** (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org) offers holiday happenings including:

**Model Airplane's Funksgiving** on Friday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m.

**Club3: Wintry Mix** (dance and karaoke party) on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.

**Oy to the World with Sherry Vine** on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m.

**Secret Santa, A Holiday Spectacular** on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

**Harsh Promadillo: Harsh Armadillo's New Year's Eve Party** on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m.

• **Tupelo Music Hall** (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusicHall.com) celebrates as they often do with **Gary Hoey's Ho! Ho! Hoey!** show on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8 pm. Other holiday offerings include:

**Wizards of Winter** on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m.

**Naturally 7 — the Holiday Hits Tour** on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m.

**Adam Ezra Group** will play New Year's Eve with dinner that begins at 5:30 p.m. and a show that starts at 9 p.m.

• **At The Word Barn** (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com) holiday offerings are at the Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road in Hampton Falls) and include:

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**Dallas Corbin's Country Christmas Classic** on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

**Rock My Soul Holiday Concert** on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

**Jordan TW Trio Celtic Christmas** on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m.

**A Cappella Christmas Mixtape** on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

**Ed Gerhard Christmas** on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.

**The Heather Pierson Trio with A Charlie Brown Christmas** on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

**Kat & Brett Holiday Show** on Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

**A Celtic Christmas with Lunasa** on Friday, Dec. 15, at 5 and 8 p.m.

**The Orchard Chapel Candlelight Carol Sing** on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.

**Home for the Holidays with Session Americana with Eleanor Buckland** on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

**Zachariah Hickman's Handsome Holiday Happening** on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

**The Orchard Chapel Candlelight Carol Sing** on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 p.m.

**A Nova Scotia Christmas with Cassie and Maggie** on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. 🍪



# ARTS — THE — ROUNDUP

The latest from NH's theater, arts and literary communities

• **Pop-up art show:** Artists Charlotte Thibault and Byron Carr will have a pop-up art show starting Friday, Nov. 24, and running through Dec. 29, according to an email. The show will feature New Hampshire landscape paintings and take place at the old CVS, 46 N. Main St. in Concord, the email said. Find work by Carr, which includes oil and watercolor of landscapes and waterfalls, at [byroncarrfineart.com](http://byroncarrfineart.com) and find work by Thibault, who also works in oils and does landscapes, seascapes, harbor scenes, still life and concept paintings, at [charlottethibault.com](http://charlottethibault.com), the email said. The show will feature paintings, prints and cards and will be open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (open until 8 p.m. on Fridays).

• **Three ghosts:** The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org), 668-5588) will kick off its month-long production of *A Christmas Carol* on Friday, Nov. 24, with a show at 7:30 p.m. The production will run through Saturday, Dec. 23, with shows Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$28 through \$49.

• **Holiday show:** The New Hampshire Antique Co-Op (323 Elm St. in Milford; [nhantiquecoop.com](http://nhantiquecoop.com), 673-8499) will hold its annual holiday open house on Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring raffles, a scavenger hunt, refreshments and more. Current exhibits include "Celebrating the American Landscape," featuring works from artists of the late 1800s through the present, according to a press release.

• **A life:** The Hatbox Theatre (Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road in Concord; [hatboxnh.com](http://hatboxnh.com), 715-2315) will present *Man on the Hill*, a musical theater production that follows the life of one man from boyhood through old age by New Hampshire composer and playwright John Stanley Shelley, on Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26. The show's music is performed by the Duncan Idaho Band, according to a press



"River at Dawn" by Charlotte Thibault. Courtesy photo.

release. Tickets cost \$22 to \$28. The show runs Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

• **A Nutcracker:** The New England Dance Ensemble will present *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Nov. 25, and Sunday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Dr. in Salem) in a show featuring live music by the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets cost \$35 to \$55 and are available at [nede.org](http://nede.org).

• **Pops:** The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra will return to the Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem for its Holiday Pops shows on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$10 for students. The Dec. 17 show will have a streaming option for \$15. See [nhphil.org](http://nhphil.org).

• **Winter show:** The Greater Salem Art Association will hold its 2023 Winter Art Show & Sale Thursday, Nov. 30, through Saturday, Dec. 2, at Kelley Library (234 Main St. in Salem) featuring original works of fine art by local artists and a fine art raffle, according to a press release. The show will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free. See [gsaa-nh.com](http://gsaa-nh.com).

• **Holiday pops:** The Manchester Community Music School (2291 Elm St. in Manchester; [mcmusicschool.org](http://mcmusicschool.org), 644-4548) will present its Holiday Pops concert on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). The evening will feature a cash bar, refreshments, raffle prizes and a silent auction as well as performances by the Dino Anagnost Youth Symphony Orchestra of New Hampshire, the Flute



Landscape by Byron Carr. Courtesy photo.

Choir, the Queen City Youth Choirs and the NH Jazz Orchestra, according to a press release. Tickets cost \$45 per person or \$400 for a table for 10. Call or go online for reservations.

• **Holiday spirit:** Theatre Kapow will present the New Hampshire premiere of *The Thanksgiving Play* by Native American playwright Larissa FastHorse (a MacArthur Genius) Friday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage in Concord (Main Street in Concord; [cconh.com](http://cconh.com)). "Three really REALLY well-meaning teachers and one actress walk into a school. The work at hand: a Thanksgiving pageant that won't ruffle any feathers," according to a press release description of this comedy. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. See [tkapow.com](http://tkapow.com) for tickets.

• **Contoocook Artisans fair:** The annual Contoocook Artisans Holiday Craft Fair will be held Friday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 3, at the American Legion Post 81 E.R. Montgomery Event Center (169 Bound Tree Road in Contoocook). A juried fine arts and crafts fair, the event will feature more than 30 artisans with locally made items including gifts for the home, baked goods, maple sugar and honey, baskets, holiday items, dolls and children's toys, wooden items, jewelry, leather items, clothing, oil cloth accessories and handbags, specialty paper and books, felted treasures, pottery, photography, soaps, folk art, beadwork, quilts, Shaker items, Christmas ornaments and more, according to a

press release. The fair will run Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **A Celtic holiday:** The Manchester Community Music School will also present upcoming faculty shows — "Spanish Renaissance" featuring Adriana Ruiz (voice) and Pablo Kennedy (lute and theorb) on Thursday, Nov. 16, and "A Celtic Holiday" featuring Aubrie Dionne (flute), Erin Dubois (flute and piccolo), Kylie Elliot (flute) and Rose Hinkle (flute), according to a press release. The shows start at 7 p.m. and are free with preregistration, which is required. See [mcmusicschool.org](http://mcmusicschool.org).

• **Holiday sounds:** The 35th annual Messiah Sing! performances will take place at Mont Vernon Congregational Church on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., and at the Milford United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m., according to a press release. The performance will feature a live orchestra as well as the chorus. Admission is free (donations accepted).

• **The Dickens, you say:** Theatrical company Carpe Diem will present *A Dickens of a Christmas*, the tale of a writer's-blocked Charles Dickens, at the Old Salt Restaurant (Lafayette Road in Hampton) Monday, Dec. 4, through Wednesday, Dec. 6, and Monday, Dec. 11, through Wednesday, Dec. 13, according to a press release. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 6 p.m. and includes a three-course dinner as well as live music and holiday carols. Tickets cost \$59.99 and must be reserved by calling the restaurant at 926-8322, the release said. 🍀

## Art Craft fairs

• **BEDFORD** The Craftworkers' Guild in Bedford (5 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, the building at the bottom of the library parking

lot; [thecraftworkersguild.org](http://thecraftworkersguild.org)) will open its annual Holiday Fair Shop Friday, Nov. 24, through Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily as well as online.

• **EXETER** The Exeter Holiday

Parade Committee will present a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Exeter Town Hall, both floors, according to the organizer's Facebook post. See [exeternholidayparade.com](http://exeternholidayparade.com).

• **NASHUA** The Nashua Holiday Stroll Craft Fair is on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gym Entrance on Main Street across from City Hall (29 Spring St., Nashua). The event will fea-

ture an array of vendors selling their unique wares. Visit [downtownnashua.org/holidaystroll](http://downtownnashua.org/holidaystroll).

• **MILFORD** The Milford Holiday Craft Fair, benefiting veterans, is on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 11

a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Milford VFW (1 VFW Way, Milford). Santa and the Grinch will be available for free pictures. The fair will host numerous crafters and vendors. Admission is free. Visit [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).



**Exhibits**

• **“SMALL WORKS — BIG IMPACT”** at Creative Venture Gallery (411 Nashua St. in Milford; creativeventuresfineart.com, 672-2500). The show features work in a variety of media from more than 30 area artists and most pieces are smaller than 12 inches in diameter, according to a press release. The gallery is open Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 6 p.m.; Friday from noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., according to the website.

• **“ABSTRACTION IN THE CURRIER COLLECTION”** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144), which will “feature abstract works together in the Currier’s collection, some of which have not been on view for quite some time, including sculpture, photography, ceramics and more,” according to the email. The Currier is open Wednesday and Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (with Art After Work, when admission is free, from 5 to 8 p.m.). Admission costs \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$5 for youth ages 13 through 17, and is free for

children under age 13.

• **“HEART OF THE MUSEUM”** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144). In this exhibit, “artist Saya Woolfalk’s commission for the Currier Museum of Art investigates the history of the institution and revisits its iconography and original design. The mosaics adorning the former façade of the Currier (designed by Salavatore Lascari in 1929-1930) constitute the starting point for this new installation by Woolfalk that reimagines the Western art canons singular cultural perspective,” the email said. The Currier is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (as well as from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays as part of Art After Work, when admission is free) and admission costs \$20 for adults, \$15 for 65+, \$15 for students, \$5 for ages 13 to 17, and children 12 and under get in free.

• **“SCHOOL OF PARIS PRINTS”** The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) presents “School of Paris Prints from a New Hampshire Collection.” “A New Hampshire collector’s passion for 20th century European modernism resulted in a life-long pursuit of acquiring great works on paper by Picasso, Matisse, Chagall, Rouault, Braque, and many others,” according to the Currier.

The Currier is open Wednesday and Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (with Art After Work, when admission is free, from 5 to 8 p.m.). Admission costs \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$5 for youth ages 13 through 17, and is free for children under age 13.

• **CITY EMPLOYEE & FAMILY ART SHOW** The Manchester Arts Commission’s City Employee & Family Art Show is on display now at City Hall (1 City Hall Plaza in Manchester, just off Elm Street). The exhibit, which will run through Nov. 30, features works by dozens of artists — photos, paintings, ceramics and more, according to a press release.

• **FALL ART SHOW** Four new local artists exhibit their work at the Sandy Cleary Community Art Gallery on the ground floor of the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua; nashuacenterforthearts.com). The artists are Bonnie Guercio, a mixed-media collage artist; Emily Pierce Edwards, who creates mixed-media paintings; Christian “Il Cents” Ramirez, an abstract artist, and Hsiu Norcott, whose works include hand-painted kimonos, according to a press release. The pieces will be on display through the end of December and will also be available for sale.

• **“SLEIGHBELL STUDIO”** Twigg’s Gallery (254 King St., Boscawen) presents the annual “Sleighbell Studio” holiday showcase through Saturday, Dec. 16, and will feature a diverse range of local fine art and crafts priced for gifting. Visit [twiggsgallery.wordpress.com](http://twiggsgallery.wordpress.com).

• **“BIG GIFTS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES”** The Seacoast Artist Association (130 Water St., Exeter) presents a monthly themed group show. November and December they will be presenting “Big Gifts Come in Small Packages,” in which artists are challenged to create beautiful and affordable work that customers can purchase for no more than \$100. The Seacoast Art Association is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit [seacoastartist.org](http://seacoastartist.org).

• **“CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE”** at the New Hampshire Antique Co-Op (323 Elm St. in Milford; 673-8499; [nhantiquecoop.com](http://nhantiquecoop.com)) is featuring pieces from the late 1800s to the present, highlighting The White Mountain School, the Dublin Art Colony and the Hudson River School, according to a press release. The exhibit is on display through Jan. 31. The Co-op is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Theater**

• **MATILDA** The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth; 433-4472, [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org)) will present the musical *Matilda* through Saturday, Dec. 23, with showtimes most Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 & 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. plus Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

• **WHAT THE DICKENS** The Players’ Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, [playersring.org](http://playersring.org)) presents *What the Dickens* Saturday, Nov. 25, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

• **IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE: LIVE RADIO PLAY** The New Hampshire Theatre Project (959 Islington St. in Portsmouth; [nhtheatreproject.org](http://nhtheatreproject.org)) will present *It’s a Wonderful Life: Live Radio Play* on Saturday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Dec. 10. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

• **TWELFTH NIGHT** The Pinkerton Players present *Twelfth Night* at Stockbridge Theatre (Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St. in Derry; [pinkertonacademy.org/stockbridge-theatre](http://pinkertonacademy.org/stockbridge-theatre), 437-5210) on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.; tickets cost \$10 to \$15.

• **THE THANKSGIVING PLAY** Theatre KAPOW will present *The Thanksgiving Play* on Friday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 3, (7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday) at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord (16 S. Main St. in Concord; [ceanh.com](http://ceanh.com)).

• **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS & RAGING QUEENS** A concert and celebration of lives of people lost to AIDS will be held Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.: *Elegies for Angels, Punks & Raging Queens* at Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth; 433-4472, [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org)).

• **ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW** The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth; 433-4472, [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org)) will present a live production of *Rocky Horror Picture Show* — costumes encouraged (see website for rules) on Monday, Dec. 25, at 11:59 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 31, at 11:59 p.m.

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## Come for the parade, stay for the tree lighting

Very Derry Holiday has shopping, Santa and live music

By Mya Blanchard  
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Each year, the Derry Parks and Recreation Department, the Town of Derry, the Derry Village Rotary Club, the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber and the Greater Derry Arts Council join forces to organize Very Derry Holiday, a day of holiday fun and festivities with a parade, performances, visits with Santa, a tree lighting and more throughout the downtown area. This year's event will be on Saturday, Nov. 25.

### Very Derry Holiday

#### Saturday, Nov. 25

- Nutfield Holiday Parade begins at 1 p.m. at Veterans Hall (31 West Broadway)
- Holiday crafts, activities and cookie decorating from 2 to 5 p.m. in Veterans Hall (31 West Broadway)
- Live holiday music and visit with Santa from 2 to 5 p.m. at Derry Opera House stage (29 West Broadway). Santa visit is free, pictures cost \$5.
- Tree lighting at 5 p.m. at 1 West Broadway

"It used to be that each group did their own piece and marketed separately," said Beverly Donovan, the economic development director for the town. "We decided a couple of years ago to take all these events and wrap it into one banner under 'Very Derry Holiday.'"

This year's theme is 'Superheroes Among Us,' celebrating those in the community who Donovan says go "beyond the call of duty," such as volunteers, teachers and military.

Throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Benson's Lawn, there will be an inflatable snow globe, a campfire to toast marshmallows, pop-up shops and a Small Business Saturday red ticket raffle. The tree lighting will happen at 5 p.m.

"We decided as a way to drive business into our local small businesses we would start a red ticket raffle," Donovan said. "Essentially, people can shop, buy gift cards, have a meal, traditionally shop for whatever, and for each \$10 they spend they can turn in their receipts — they can either come by my table that day situated downtown at the lawn ... text [a] photo ...

or email a copy of their receipt — and they get entered into a drawing for gift cards and prizes from local businesses. It's ... a way to get people to walk around and to get familiar with what we have in ... Derry."

The Nutfield Holiday Parade will begin at 1 p.m. with antique cars, local school bands and themed floats. Ahead of the parade, the Derry Village Rotary Club will be collecting non-perishable food items along the parade route, alongside the Derry Police Toys for Tots collection. Donations for both can also be dropped off at Benson's Lawn between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"At the Derry Opera House, the Greater Derry Arts Council is putting together a whole variety of entertainment," Donovan said. "There will be dancing [by] local dance schools, [and] some of the local music schools, such as the Real School in Derry, will be having performances."

Santa will be at the back of the venue for pictures, and holiday crafts, cookie decorating and other activities will be run at the Veterans Hall from 2 to 5 p.m.

From 4 to 9 p.m. some of the local restaurants will be participating in the San-



Photo by Chris Paul.

ta Crawl, where those 21 and older who are dressed festively will have access to a discounted drink menu.

"The overall goal is community," Donovan said. "We love to see visitors come and see all that Derry has to offer, ... what a great community [it] is and kick off the holiday season with us." 🍁

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• "Storytime! Small Business Saturday Edition" at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. will feature multiple authors reading from their new children's books: Deborah Buss with *Where Is Little Stripe's Daddy?*, Matt Forrest Esenwine with *The Thing to Remember About Stargazing* and Kari Allen with *Maddie and Mabel Make a Plan*.



farm to pick a balsam or Fraser fir, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, meet Santa's reindeer, warm up at the campfire and more. Reserve admissions online.

### Day at the museum

Museums are closed on Thanksgiving, but here's what's happening the rest of the weekend.

• The **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry; nhahs.org, 669-4820) 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 above, \$5 for 65+, veterans/military and kids ages 6 to 12, and is free for ages 5 and under.

• The **Children's Museum of New Hampshire** (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org, 742-2002) has play sessions from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 21; from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25; and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Nov. 26. Catch Wacky Art Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Science Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Buy admissions for a time slot online in advance; admission costs \$12.50 for adults

and children over 12 months, \$10.50 for 65+. Check out images of the museum's past 40 years in the "40 Years of Play" exhibit in Gallery 6.

• The **Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org, 669-6144) will be open Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$20 for adults, \$15 for ages 65+, \$15 for students and \$5 for ages 13 to 17 (children under 13 get in for free). Current exhibits include "Fabricating Modernism: Prints from the School of Paris," "Heart of a Museum: Saya Woolfalk" and "Sanaa Gateja: Selected Works."

• The **Manchester Millyard Museum** (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; manchesterhistoric.org, 622-7531) is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving). Admission costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for 65+ and college students, \$5 for ages 12 to 18 and free for kids under 12. Print out the "Gallery Games" sheets (or grab some from the front desk) to do a scavenger hunt.

• The **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** (2 Institute Dr. in Concord; starhop.com, 271-7827) is open Wednesday, Nov. 22, as well as Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission costs \$12 for adults, \$9 for ages 3 to 12, \$11 for 65+ and free for ages 2 and under, with planetarium shows an additional \$6 per person ages 3 and up. Current planetarium shows include *3-2-1 Liftoff*, *Totality!*, *The Great Spirit Bear Chase and the Hunt by the Bird People*, *Tonight's Sky* and *Big Astronomy*. See the website for the show schedule.

• The **New Hampshire Historical Society** (30 Park St. in Concord; 228-6688, nhhistory.org) is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except for Thanksgiving). The Society, which is currently celebrating its 200th anniversary, features the exhibit "Discovering New Hampshire" with objects, photographs, documents and more from New Hampshire's history. Admission costs \$7 for adults, children age 18 and under get in free.

• **SEE Science Center** (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org, 669-0400) is open Tuesdays through Fridays (closed Thanksgiving) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for ages 3 and up. Exhibits include the Lego Millyard, "Sun, Earth, Universe," Physics Fun, Cooking & Chemistry, Dinosaurs, BiologYou and Bubbles, The Ocean and You. 🍁



# Reflections on 25 years of writing a gardening column

Take time to sit and enjoy your garden

By Henry Homeyer  
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## — THE GARDENING GUY —

On Nov. 8, 1998, my first gardening column appeared in my hometown paper, The Valley News of West Lebanon, New Hampshire. Since then I have written more than 1,200 weekly columns and answered countless questions from readers. I am 77 years old and plan to slow down a bit — I'll be writing just one column per month this winter, and perhaps two a month after that. We'll see.

I've learned a lot during that time, interviewed plenty of interesting gardeners, and visited (and written about) great gardens in New England and further afield. Thank you, dear readers, for sending me suggestions, asking questions and generally keeping me on my toes. Early on I wrote about digging in the dirt and got an irate email from a reader: "It's not dirt," she wrote. "It's soil. It's what makes a garden work well. Dirt is what you sweep up." Later, during an election campaign, another reader told me to shut up about politics and write about what I know, gardening. As I said, you have kept me in line all these years.

My favorite interview was with Ray Magliozzi of public radio's *Car Talk*. He lives in a suburb of Boston and has a simple but elegant garden of rhododendrons, roses, dahlias and a tropical called *Datura* or *Angel's Trumpet*. He has the same quirky sense of humor and boisterous laugh in the garden that he has on the radio. I asked him



My dogs have always appeared in the column. Here is Rowan, who appeared in with kale his first December. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

if there was a common thread between gardening and working on cars. Quickly he answered with a full belly laugh: "Dirt. But garden dirt washes off more easily. The reason I love gardening is that I love getting my hands dirty. When we fix cars, it's not all science. There's an art to it, too."

Who else? The White House Gardener, Dale Haney. Tasha Tudor, the reclusive artist and gardener living in southern Vermont. Jean and Weston Cate, octogenarians who introduced me to the Seed Savers Exchange and the Boston Marrow Squash, a winter squash that they told me was the most popular squash grown in America in the 1850s — and still grown by them. And I interviewed and became friends with Sydney Eddison, a fabulous garden writer who when I called her recently had just come in from re-building a stone wall, even though she is now in her 90s. Gardeners do seem to last a long time.

I love the letters and emails of you readers

and wish I had saved them all. Here's part of one that I got recently that might interest you: What to do about the dreaded Asian jumping worm? "I sprinkled the tea seed meal (using my hand fertilizer spreader) and within a week (after a light rainfall which surely helped the process) the worms came to the surface (ick) and died. It would be lovely if they just stayed in the ground, but it was also gratifying to see that the tea seed meal actually worked! I have been told that they lay eggs this time of year so I will begin the process anew next spring." This reader told me that she bought it at her local feed-and-grain store. She used 50 pounds for her lawn and gardens — about half an acre. The worms die in winter and hatch in early summer, so I may try it as soon as I see them next summer. That said, I must warn you that even though this is a natural, organic product, it can have negative effects on fish and amphibians. Do your research, and I will, too. To be continued.

What else have I learned as part of my experience writing a column? Although I had been a gardener since I was a toddler and learned how to grow veggies and flowers from my Grampy, I took classes to fill in the gaps in my knowledge. I went to Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont, and took classes, including a great one about all the trees and shrubs that do well in our climatic zone. I already knew all the native trees that grow in Connecticut (where I grew up), but few shrubs and virtually no unusual decorative trees.

I took the Master Gardener course in New Hampshire, and that taught me lots of technical details about things like lawn care, insects and diseases, and lots more that I had never focused on. I drove 60 miles each way for 10 weeks to Concord, New Hampshire, where I spent half a day taking classes. And I committed to helping teach others in my community, which I have been doing ever



I bought this *Stewartia* for its blossoms and only later found that its fall foliage is spectacular and worth writing about. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

since. And it helped expand my knowledge for the column. I continue to take seminars given by experts whenever I can.

Writing a column also gave me a great excuse to buy plants. I needed to know, for example, if *Toadlily* or *Himalayan blue poppy* would do well here, and what they needed to succeed. I learned to buy perennials in groups of three or five — to make a bold statement, or to try in various locations.

I needed to learn how to design a beautiful landscape with flowers, trees and shrubs. All that was part of my education. I now grow about 200 kinds of flowers and nearly 100 kinds of trees and shrubs. I've written about the ones that thrived — and the ones I've killed.

Eventually I learned not to buy plants unless I already have a place in mind where I might plant them. OK, I fib a little there. I am a sucker for beautiful flowers in bloom, and will buy them — and make a place for them somewhere!

What is my advice to you after all these years? Never get discouraged or give up. But also don't bite off too much work. Start small and increase your gardens, one bed at a time. Stay true to using organic practices: Chemicals disrupt the natural balance of nature. Make a long-term plan for your garden if you can. Establish sight lines and pathways, and create small "rooms" in the garden. Plant trees early on — they take the longest to reach maturity. And when you reach my age, those trees can be magnificent. I planted several in 1972 that please me every time I think about them. Lastly, take time to sit down and enjoy your garden. You deserve to do so every day of the year.

I'd love to hear from you, dear reader. Is there an article that you remember best, or one you clipped and still refer to? I'm at henry.homeyer@comcast.net or PO Box 364, Cornish Flat, NH 03746. Thanks! 🍎

### INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,  
Would you be able to give me a value on my hippo? He is in great shape with all original tags. He is a Steiff, the tags say. I got him in the 1970s when I had my first daughter. Looking to find out more about him.



expensive collection. I have seen many in the thousands of dollars. Your hippo (so cute) in the condition it's in prices around \$60.

Sweet gift someone gave you. Keeping it in this shape is like money in the bank. Thanks for sharing your treasure, Rita.

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and

collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still 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](mailto:footwdw@aol.com), or call her at 391-6550. 🍎

Dear Rita,  
Someone gave you a collectible at the time of your baby. Your Steiff Hippo Mockey was made in the 1950s.

The Steiff story is a very interesting one. They started way back in the late 1800s with Margarete Steiff. Today the older ones are very collectible and can be a very



# Sometimes you lose your spark for unglamorous reasons



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:*  
 Recently I drove up to Pike's Peak in Colorado (14,000-foot elevation). On the way down, I had my car in D3, 2, or 1, depending on how steep the grade was. Part way down, an attendant was stopping people to check their brakes. He said I was doing fine.

The following day, I drove 75 miles to Denver, and the car ran perfectly. But the day after that, I noticed an unusual noise when idling. I drove maybe 10 miles that day. The following day, I drove one block, and the battery light came on.

I drove back home and put the battery charger on the battery, and later went to drive it. It went 50 feet and died. It was towed to my mechanic, and he determined that I needed a new alternator. Do you think my problem was caused by the trip down Pike's Peak? — Faye

In a word? No. My great uncle died that same week, and I don't think we can blame that on your trip down Pike's Peak either, Faye. The failure of the alternator can be blamed on the age of your car.

You don't say how old the car is, but if it's got 80,000-100,000 miles or more on it, your alternator is susceptible to failure. The alternator gets a ton of use. Every time you run the car, the alternator is spinning.

When it's spinning, it's pumping out electricity, which is used to power the car's electrical systems and to recharge the battery. Once the alternator starts to fail, your battery will stop getting charged — or will get charged much more slowly than it needs to be.

That explains the low battery warning light, Faye. The battery will then continue to drain until, eventually, it gets so weak that it can't provide enough power to energize the spark plugs. No spark, no go. So, the car stalls. And once the battery is that weak, you can't restart the car, either.

And that's what happened to you, Faye. Yours is a fairly typical presentation, where you hear some increased noise, see the battery or charging light come on, and then — kaput. But I do believe it kaputtled of natural causes, Faye.

*Dear Car Talk:*  
 My 1995 Toyota Celica has 150,000 miles on it and still runs well. I don't drive it very much anymore — less than 1,000 miles a year.

The battery died twice in a 7-month period. What should I do to keep it charged? Run the car every week for some minimum amount of time? Attach a charger every few weeks? Disconnect it when it's not in use?

The car is otherwise in good shape and seems like it could go another 50,000 miles or more. Thanks. — Mark

If it goes another 50,000 miles, that'll be 50 more years for you, Mark. I hope you're on the Mediterranean diet.

The battery typically gets recharged by the car's alternator when you drive the car. But you're hardly driving. And even though the current draw is small when the car is parked, over enough weeks, the battery will run down.

So, what are your options? The cheapest option is to disconnect the battery after you drive it. You don't have to remove it from the car. Just take a wrench, loosen up the cable on the negative terminal and pull it off. That'll eliminate any pow-

er drain between trips. When you want to drive, you just reconnect and tighten the cable.

If that's too messy, or you're wrench-averse, you can get yourself a trickle charger (sometimes called a battery tender). You plug one end of the trickle charger into a wall socket and attach two small clamps to your battery terminals when you park the car. It monitors the battery level and charges it up as needed so it's always ready.

If even that is too inconvenient, Mark, then get yourself a compact jump starter. The lithium-ion ones are about the size of a small paperback book now. Look for something like the Weego 44s.

You charge it like you would your phone. And then, when you need it, you hook up the two clamps to your battery, and it jump starts your car. Some even have smart clamps, so it won't work if you hook it up wrong. Then you toss it in your glove box until you need it again.

Write back in 49 years when you want my opinion on the 2073 Celica.

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# ON THE JOB

## ALLISON CLARKE PHOTOGRAPHER

Allison Clarke, from Bedford, owns Allison Clarke Photography.

**Q: Explain your job and what it entails.**

I am a senior portrait and wedding photographer. So I'm either there on someone's wedding day to capture everything as it unfolds, or when you're a senior in high school and you get your photos done, I'm the person that does those.

**How long have you had this job?**

I've been doing this for eight years.

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

I actually started my business when I was in high school. It was a passion and a hobby that turned into a job.

**What kind of education or training did you need?**

I went to school for photography for my freshman year of college, [but] then I realized that what I had left to learn to run a successful photography business wasn't so much on the photo side; it was on the business and marketing side. So I finished my degree at Southern New Hampshire University in marketing.

**What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?**

If I'm editing photos, I'm just on my couch in comfy clothes. If I'm at a senior session, I just wear basic everyday clothes. And then, for weddings ... I want to blend

in with the guests ... so I try to wear something that is professional but also looks like formal wedding guest attire.

**What is the most challenging thing about your work, and how do you deal with it?**

Time management and being your own boss can be difficult. ... I like to set daily goals for myself. ... I try to use calendars and to-do lists ... to stay on top of things.

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

In a career field that is very artistic, it's really easy to compare yourself to others. ... You'll always be growing and changing your style and adapting and learning. There's no use in comparing yourself to people around you. The only person you should compare yourself to is your past self.

**What do you wish other people knew about your job?**

I wish people knew it was more than just clicking a button. Running a photography business is a full-time thing, and we do



Allison Clarke. Courtesy photo.

way more work behind the scenes than people realize.

**What was the first job you ever had?**

It was actually this. I started my business in high school, and it was my first job.

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

If you want something, grab it by the horns and go full force into it. ... It's very difficult to ... start something from the ground up, but as long as you put your absolute all into it, have confidence and lead with passion, it'll all work out in the end. —Renee Merchant

**Five favorites**

- Favorite book:** *Harry Potter*
- Favorite movie:** Any classic comedy
- Favorite music:** Indie folk, like Noah Kahan
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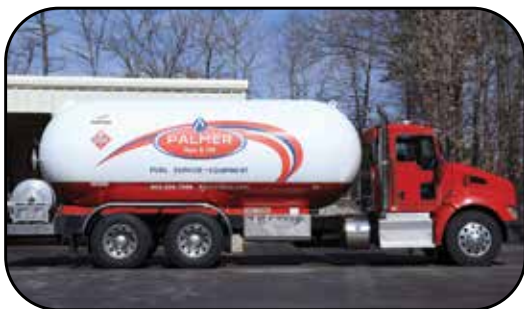
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News from the local food scene

By Mya Blanchard  
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• Breakfast and dinner with Santa:

Have breakfast with Santa at Hampshire Hills Athletic Club (50 Emerson Road, Milford) on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 to 11 a.m. and dinner on Sunday, Dec. 10, or Monday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. The breakfast buffet includes options such as French toast sticks, muffins, fresh fruit and avocado toast. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. The dinner buffet offers fried chicken, barbecue short ribs, broccolini and cheese, mac and cheese and a dessert bar. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Visit hampshirehills.com.

• Calumet bourbon dinner: Enjoy a five-course dinner with five bourbon expressions on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Ya Mas Greek Taverna & Bar (275 Rockingham Park Blvd., Salem). On the menu are charred heirloom beets, blackened pan-seared salmon, chicken tiki masala and a berry tart. Tickets start at \$125 and can be purchased via eventbrite.

• Holiday recipes: On Wednesday, Dec. 13, LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst) hosts a cooking with wine class featuring holiday recipes including a greeting eggnog cocktail, candied kielbasa, deviled eggs with LaBelle Seyval Blanc filling, LaBelle red wine caramelized onion dip, baked brie with LaBelle red wine fruit compote and LaBelle wine pairings (riesling, cranberry riesling and malbec). Chefs will make the meals in front of you and you'll be sent home with a recipe card. Tickets start at \$43.40 and can be purchased at eventbrite.com.

FOOD

Jingle all the way

Tour of New Hampshire's wineries

By Mya Blanchard  
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Tour wineries throughout New Hampshire this holiday season during the New Hampshire Jingle Bells Winery Tour running on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 17.

"It's a self-guided tour through ... 12 different wineries in the state of New Hampshire ... [ranging] all the way from the Seacoast area up to the North Country, all the way out to the western country in Westmoreland, so it basically encompasses the whole state," said Lewis Eaton, former president of the New Hampshire Winery Association and owner of Sweet Baby Vineyard in Hampstead, one of the participating wineries. "You get a whole month to do it and each winery provides wine samples. You also get a food component to go with it and you get an individual ornament from each one of the wineries."

Sweet Baby Vineyard will offer four one-ounce pours of any of the 20 wines on their tasting board with lots of fruity options such as blueberry, peach, apple, raspberry and strawberry, and freshly baked cookies and brownies made by a local baker. You will be able to pick from two ornaments, a logoed glass ball or a compostable seed packet shaped like a snowflake that you can toss in your garden in the spring to plant wildflowers.

Other participating wineries are Appollo Vineyard, Averill House Vineyard, Black Bear Vineyard, Cabana Falls Winery, Crazy Cat Winery, Flag Hill Distillery & Winery, Hermit Woods Winery, both LaBelle Winery locations in Amherst and Derry, Seven Birches Winery, Squamscott Vineyard & Winery and

The Summit Winery.

"We encourage you to do it as your Christmas shopping, so if you're going up to the North Country ... to shop at the outlets or anything like that you can hit a couple of wineries up there, [or] when you're on the Seacoast shopping," Eaton said. "The weekend after Thanksgiving is generally the most busy time for the Jingle Bell Tour because people are out Christmas shopping and just burning time."

At LaBelle Winery participants will be able to sample whatever wine they choose and enjoy a citrus, ginger and thyme crisp or a double chocolate crunch shortbread to have with their samples or take home. For those with food allergies or sensitivities, dark chocolate-covered cranberries will also be offered.

Each winery will be competing in the Holiday Spirit contest, so after you've gone to each one, make sure to go to the New Hampshire Jingle Bells Winery



LaBelle Winery. Courtesy photo.

Tour and follow the guidelines to vote for which winery was best decked for the holidays for the chance to win a gift basket filled by the wineries.

"It's such a nice program because it introduces the public and wine lovers to a good number of New Hampshire wineries," said Michelle Thornton, the marketing and business development director at LaBelle Winery. "A lot of people may have not ever been to all of them and this gives them the opportunity to go."

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# Which wines?

Experts recommend Thanksgiving wine pairings

By Renee Merchant

Looking for wines for your Thanksgiving meal? Three local wine experts have pairing recommendations.

## Hors d'oeuvres

Beth Waite is the co-owner and general manager of Averill House Vineyard, a family-owned winery in Brookline. She advised serving a **mulled wine** with your Thanksgiving hors d'oeuvres.

"Mulled wine is one of our favorite things to introduce during these cooler months and into the winter season," she said. "It's pretty much like a snuggle in a glass."

You can easily make mulled wine in a slow cooker, she said, by adding red wine, particularly a cabernet or a fruity wine, with apple cider, cranberry juice and a mulling mix that has cinnamon and nutmeg in it.

"I personally enjoy a pinot noir that has some blackberry to it," she said. "That fruit note really adds to the body of the mulling mix."

Mike Appolo is the owner and winegrower at Appolo Vineyards, a boutique winery in Derry. He said his pick for a pairing with Thanksgiving hors d'oeuvres is a **sparkling white wine**.

"You want something that would cleanse your palate," he said.

He mentioned Appolo Vineyards' sparkling wine called Bee Wild as a good option.

"It's a brut," he said, "which means it's a little bit sweet."

Al Fulchino is the owner and winegrower at Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis. He said he likes to "start off real simple" in a pairing with a **rosé or a blush**.

"We have a pinot noir rosé, called Amoré, wonderful for the first light appetizers like, let's say, shrimp or scallops," he said.

Then, for the heavier appetizers, you could serve "something a bit more serious," he said, like a **pinot grigio or a sauvignon blanc**. A red wine would work too, he said.

"[Try] a **sangria wine** or a **montepulciano**, a nice red with not a lot of tannins, but [that] has some body to it," he said.

A tip for serving red wine, Waite said, is to open it 30 minutes before serving to give it time to breathe.

"That will open up a lot more of the body of the wine," she said.



Averill House Vineyard Truly Cinematic. Courtesy photo

## Main course

Fulchino said a **chardonnay or a pinot grigio** will go well with a variety of Thanksgiving meals. If you prefer a red wine, he said, try a **cabernet, sangiovese or pinot noir**. He suggested Fulchino Vineyard's pinot noir called 603.

If you're having turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy for the main course, Waite recommended a pinot noir.

"It's a classic wine to go with the Thanksgiving dinner," she said.

She said Averill House Vineyard's **blackberry pinot noir**, called Truly Cinematic, is a must-try.

"It has a lighter body and kind of like a fruit-forward profile, and it's very versatile," she said.

According to Appolo, a **white wine pairs** best with a turkey dinner. He said that if you prefer a wine that is less dry, you might want to try Appolo Vineyards' wine, Sonrisa.

"[It] has a little bit of an orange muscat and seyval blend, so that one's a little bit sweet, and it tends to go with a great variety of foods," he said.

## To finish the feast

For dessert, Appolo suggested a **mulled wine**, like a glühwein.

"It's a German word that means smoldering wine. It's made to be served warm ... with [a] mulling syrup," he said, "That would go great with dessert because it's got spices, orange zest and cinnamon."

If you are serving pumpkin pie, Waite said she has two recommendations: an **earthy red wine**, like a nebbiolo, or a **sweeter wine**, like a port.

With an apple pie, she said, she enjoys a **dry or semi-dry white wine**, like a riesling or a sauvignon blanc.

"It just has a really nice acidity that complements the apple in that dessert," she said.

Fulchino recommends a small glass of **dry wine** to balance the sweetness of your dessert.

"It doesn't have to be over-the-top sweet for a dessert wine," he said, "[it] could be lightly sweet, and that's just enough, and sometimes that's the dessert by itself."

Appolo said not to be afraid to explore new types of wine.

"Don't treat wine like it's a big mystery thing that you have to be an expert in to enjoy," he said. "Just be adventurous."



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## Spice Cookies

Things you probably didn't know about your spices:

(1) They probably taste like sawdust. Did you know you're supposed to replace them? Whole spices like whole nutmeg or cinnamon sticks can probably last a year or two, but ground spices have a shelf life of about six months. Baking powder and baking soda should be replaced twice a year, too. Date all these when you buy them, so you remember how old they are.

(2) Most spices are way better when you grind them yourself. Buy a very cheap coffee grinder and set it aside for things like cumin, cloves, coriander and allspice. Use a micro-plane grater or the tiny-hole side of your box grater for nutmeg. (Seriously, grate some fresh nutmeg and smell it. It will be a revelation.)

(3) Some spices would probably be better if you ground them yourself, but are too much trouble: cinnamon, cardamom seeds, dried ginger and cayenne pepper.

(4) Small containers of spices at the supermarket are startlingly expensive, but if you buy them from an Indian market, a two-pound bag will cost less than the coffee you bought on your drive there. But then you end up with way more cumin or poppy seeds than you can possibly use before they hit that one-year mark.


(5) If at all possible, store your spices on their sides in a drawer, instead of a cabinet. They have a way of migrating to the back of a cabinet, and if you've put them on a high shelf, you will forget that you ever bought them. They'll hang out with that bottle of vegan Worcestershire sauce and the dip mix you bought at that gift shop that time, having sad conversations in a sort of all-spice production of *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

(6) Every once in a while, bake something that uses a lot of different spices.

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- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- ¾ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper – ½ teaspoon if you are stout of heart
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground cardamom
- ¾ cup (149 grams) white sugar
- ½ cup (99 grams) vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup (85 grams) molasses
- About 1/3 cup of sugar to coat the cookies

Heat the oven to 325°.

Combine all the dry ingredients — the rye flour, salt, spices and baking soda. I don't know why sugar is treated as a wet ingredient, but it is. It's just one of those unanswerable mysteries.

Whisk the oil and sugar together, then add the egg. It should pull together into a rough batter.

Mix in the molasses, then the dry ingredients.

Using a tiny ice cream scoop or a spoon, roll the dough into 1½-inch balls, then roll them around in the sugar.

Place them on a baking sheet with a silicone baking mat or a piece of parchment paper, about 2 inches apart. This will probably take two baking sheets.

Bake for about 15 minutes. If your oven runs hot, it might take a little less time, and longer if it runs a little cool. If it's like mine, you can never be certain what it will do, so you should probably start checking on the cookies at 12 minutes.

Let the cookies cool on the tray.

Not only do these spice cookies taste good; they are a confidence-booster. They come out very round and crinkly. These might be the most professional-looking cookies you bake this year. The rye flour and the molasses deepen the flavor and provide a bass note to the spices.

Could you play around and replace some of the spices? Probably. I've made these with smoked cinnamon and they were pretty good. Ground cloves might be another way to add some zing.

You'd be rolling the dust by grinding caraway seeds and using them, but now that I just thought of it, I'm going to try it.

This is a good dress rehearsal for the holidays and makes you inventory your spice drawer.

*John Fladd is a veteran Hippo writer, a father, writer and cocktail enthusiast, living in New Hampshire. 🍷*

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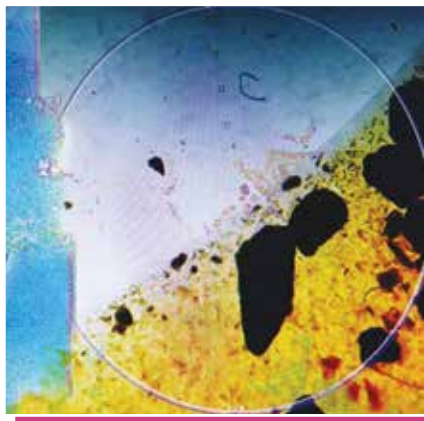
## Gale Forces, *Highlights Of Existence* (self-released)



Well, I don't mind this at all. As often as I've been disappointed by the last few months' worth of Los Angeles bands darkening my door, there's a lot of cred here, starting with the roster, which includes ex-members of Engine Kid and This White Light, along with a guy who's still in AWOLNATION. The raucous music that's on this LP isn't hard to describe; there's a lot of Aughts-era stoner rock to it, buoyed by a "brown" sort of guitar sound that typifies Trail Of Dead, and frontman Jade Devitt's voice (he collaborated with someone from (((Sunn O))), by the way) evokes U2's Bono on Nick Cave juice;

that is to say it's energetic but not hopelessly commercially shrinkwrapped. The end result is a bunch of tunes that are too cool for sports-bar rock but still quite accessible; SST Records would have loved this stuff as a companion product to Redd Kross and bands like that. **A** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

## dreamTX, *Living In Memory Of Something Sweet* (self-released)



Dallas, Texas,-based multi-instrumentalist and producer Nick Das is looking into techno reinvention after spending a few years chasing Drag City Records cred the way his fellow Texans do. He hatted out for Woodstock, New York, to inhale the spiritual air, promptly finding himself roasting in July without air conditioning, so this collection obviously has some trippy life stories behind it. "Get Around" has a tribal bend to it, evoking sunburnt neo-hippies jumping and dancing crookedly; it's celebratory, yes, but it's also pretty gothic in its way, and I definitely like the muzzled no-wave guitar sound.

"Elated" aims for the same sort of emotional bliss; like a sort of shoegaze 2.0, it's sexless but rave-y, with multi-tracked faraway chant-like vocals begging the listener just to let go and be elated over something, whatever it might be. I'm sure a lot of writers will file this under dream-pop for the convenience of it, but it's more than that, a very listenable mystery-meat I found particularly blissful really. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

## PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Nov. 24 is the day after Thanksgiving, aka Black Friday, and wouldn't you know it, as always, even though Black Friday is the holiest of shopping days, very few albums will be released, assumedly because all the bands and artists and record company Men In Black know that people won't be buying albums, they'll be trapped at the mall, in the Apple and T-Mobile stores, trying to buy just the right glorified Tamagotchi for their ungrateful little Jacobs and Marissas, waiting around for some store clerk (who knows even less stuff about smartphones than they do, if that's even possible) to take pity on them and answer their technical questions, like "Where's the 'on' button?" (By now I've probably given away the fact that I hate smartphones; being an OG software engineer I see them as nothing more than walkie-talkies that tell you the weather). But anyway, Friday is a day that ends in 'y' and that means incorrigible songwriting addict Robert Pollard has written enough sort-of-songs to release a new **Guided by Voices** album whether I want him to or not! When last we left Pollard, federal agents were unable to confiscate his recording equipment owing to an obscure constitutional clause called "artistic freedom," and so, for what, the 10th time this year, I'm again tasked with peering through an electron microscope at his latest songwriting outburst, an LP titled *Nowhere To Go But Up*, in an effort to find something to like about it. When last we left this nonsense, it was July and our intrepid hero had just released *Welshpool Frillies*, which had a song that I said was OK, not that I can remember anything about it, so I'll have to take my word for it. OK, aaaand I'm riffing, let's listen to the new single, "For The Home," there it is, on YouTube. It starts out with some unplugged Led Zepelin III weirdness, which would have been fine if Pollard had simply left it at that and maybe yodeled over it, but no, here we go, he rips off Norman Greenbaum's "Spirit in The Sky," hoping that there are three people left on the planet who've never heard that song and they're Guided By Voices fans. It's cool enough but pointless.

• British indie band **Spector** enjoy making borderline pub-rock for sports bars, you know, that goop that sounds important and edgy even though it's not, and suddenly you're saying to the waitress, "Sure, I'll try the extra-hot wings," and then you regret it. Their bandleader, Fred Macpherson, is influenced by '80s/90s swill like OMD, Spandau Ballet and Ultravox, but I'm going to listen to the new single "Driving Home for Halloween," from their fast-approaching new album *Here Come The Early Nights*, nevertheless. Oh lol, this is so gross, the tune's faux-punk AOR hook is something you want to get out of your head as soon as it catches hold, it's like a gothy version of the worst Kaiser Chiefs song you've ever heard, and there's no escaping it. Absolutely terrible.

• **Take That** is a British dance-pop band that's won zillions of British music awards, meaning that no American has ever heard of them except for me, just now. *This Life* is their ninth studio album, and the title track is — aw, I can't snark at this, it's nice and dancey, a dumb piano-pop thing, sort of like Andy Grammer or Billy Joel, and at least the video doesn't have a runway model in it pretending to be a normal person.

• We'll end with all y'all putting on cowboy hats, because country dude **Chris Stapleton** releases his new one, *Higher*, this week! He'll be at the Bank of NH Pavilion for three days next August, tickets are going fast, and in the torchy new single "I Think I'm In Love With You" he sounds like a cross between Bon Scott and Peabo Bryson! Yee-haw, you have to love it! — Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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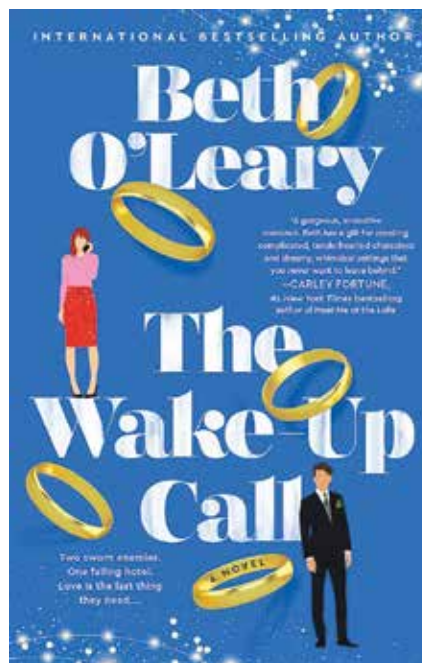


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## POP CULTURE BOOKS



### **The Wake-up Call** by Beth O'Leary

If I were a trendy person, I would call this book “mid”: just fine, mediocre, middle of the road. *The Wake-up Call* is fine for what it is — a predictable entry in the women’s fiction category.

Maybe I shouldn’t have read this right after finishing *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, which is thoughtful, intelligent and unique; this is a very different kind of book, meant to be light and fun. And it was fun, but it’s also forgettable, sharing the same tired plot as so many other rom coms before it. I personally am tired of plots that only exist because the two main characters keep misunderstanding each other and have an unbelievable inability to communicate.

The book alternates chapters between main characters Lucas and Izzy. They hate each other! But do they? The premise is that they work together, and the previous Christmas Izzy had written a card to Lucas telling him she was interested in him. But, big shocker here, he never got the card! And thus ensues a year of miscommunication that so easily could have been rectified if Izzy had just talked about why she was so damn upset.

The hotel that they work at is a great setting, and the supporting characters are far more interesting than Izzy and Lucas. There are mysterious guests, quirky guests and lonely guests. The rest of the staff is more compelling than the main characters too.

And then there is the ring subplot; the hotel is going under, so they’re trying to sell off unclaimed items that guests have left behind. There are, somehow, several diamond rings. So the staff sets out to find the people who belong to the rings, and Izzy and



Lucas turn it into a competition of sorts, and it ultimately leads to some surprises that had the potential to make the book different from others in this category but were handled in what seemed like a slapdash way.

Ultimately, I wish O’Leary had put more effort into the stories and people behind the rings and less into Izzy and Lucas’s many, many frustrating experiences together — frustrating to them and frustrating to the reader who just wants to shake them and say “Just speak out loud what is in your head and everyone will feel better!” C+ — *Meghan Siegler*

### **The Good Part** by Sophie Cousens

Meanwhile, I devoured *The Good Part*. Also in the women’s fiction genre but with a much fresher take on relationships and a more thoughtful reflection on life, it was a captivating read. Were there predictable parts and unbelievable moments? Of course. Is the general trope similar to *Big and 13 Going on 30*? Sure. (Cousens noted as much in her author’s note.) But *The Good Part* offers a new twist, and Cousens’ writing is engrossing, moving the story along at a quick and entirely enjoyable pace.

Lucy Young is in her mid 20s, unhappy with her job, her dating life and her living situation. An encounter with a wishing machine prompts Lucy to wish that she could skip to the good part of her life. When she wakes up, it is 16 years in the future. Her body has changed, she has a good-looking husband, a nice house and an important job, and she’s the mother of two.

The rub here is that her memories between the time she made the wish and the present are gone. She has no idea how she got to



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where she is in life, and she doesn't know what to do. She doesn't know how to do her job, manage new technology or parent her toddler daughter and 7-year-old son.

The dialogue between Lucy and her son Felix is hilarious. Felix knows right away that this isn't his mom — this is an alien imposter. When she tells him what she thinks might have happened, he sets out to find the wishing machine that could transport her back to the time of life she left behind. The way their relationship develops over the span of the book is heartwarming and, more importantly, believable.

And of course Lucy also gets to know Sam, this stranger she apparently married

and had children with. Sam handles her memory loss with the right combination of compassion and sadness. He reminds her of some of the things she's been through in the past 16 years, and it's not all good — which is seemingly why she skipped those parts. But it also means she missed out on some of the good stuff: meeting Sam, her wedding day, the births of her children. She's left to wonder whether it was worth it.

*The Good Part* is the perfect combination of thought-provoking and funny, and the characters are loveable and real. It's a stellar example of what women's fiction has the potential to be. **A**

—Meghan Siegler

**Books**

**Author events**

• **MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM** will discuss his new novel *Day* in conversation with an NHPR host on Monday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m., at Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord). Tickets are available at [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com); \$38 for one general admission ticket and one hardcover copy of the book, \$48 for two general admission tickets and one hardcover copy of the book.

• **NINA MACLAUGHLIN** will discuss her book *Winter Solstice: An Essay* on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731, [waterstreetbooks.com](http://waterstreetbooks.com)).

**Book events**

• **STORYTIME! SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY EDITION** at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, [gibsons-bookstore.com](http://gibsons-bookstore.com)) on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. featuring authors reading from their new children's books: Deborah Buss with *Where Is Little Stripe's Daddy?*, Matt Forrest Ensewine with *The Thing to Remember About Stargazing* and Kari Allen with *Maddie and Mabel Make a Plan*.

• **PUBLISHERS PICKS NIGHT** with book publisher representatives and refreshments at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main

St., Concord, 224-0562, [gibsons-bookstore.com](http://gibsons-bookstore.com)) on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

**History, stories & lectures**

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE NATURE** with "The Brilliant Beaver" with Willa Coroka and "An Uncommon Look at the Common Loon" by Ian Clark on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., as part of the Walker Lecture Series at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St. in Concord). Doors open at 7 p.m. and no tickets or advance registration are required. See [walkerlecture.org](http://walkerlecture.org).

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## The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (PG-13)

Coriolanus Snow grows from an ambitious teenager into the guy who will one day be Donald Sutherland in *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, a prequel to the Katniss-era *Hunger Games* based on the book by the same name.

In the movie's main timeline, Coriolanus (Tom Blyth) is a high school senior or something who is trying to win a big scholarship that will not only cover his university tuition but also get money to his family. The Snows were once a big noise in the Capitol, the ruling city of Panem, the dystopia where all this business is set. But then there was a rebellion and both of Coriolanus' parents died and now they are sort of shabby gentry with Coriolanus and his big-sister-like cousin Tigris (Hunter Schafer) living with their grandmother (Fionnula Flanagan) in an apartment they can't quite afford. On the day when Coriolanus expects his winning of the Plinth Prize to be announced, the school's head Casca Highbottom (Peter Dinklage, who seems like he's really trying) tells the top students that they have one more task before anyone's getting any scratch. They will all become mentors for competitors in the upcoming Hunger Games, a death match ritual featuring children from the 12 Districts the Capitol rules.

The Hunger Games, now in their 10th year, are not the hot-ticket reality show Super Bowl-like blowout they are in the later movies. Their ratings have declined so much the ruling government seems on the fence about whether they should still have them. Dr. Volumnia Gaul (Viola Davis), a games designer and bio-weapons designer and general nutcase, is really insistent that



The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

they continue and I think hopes the mentors will jazz them up a little. Though why exactly is unclear. As viewed in this movie (and actually, in the whole series), the Hunger Games seem like a waste of time (and an easy target for dissenters) for this authoritarian regime that seems to be having enough trouble just keeping itself out of civil war.

Anyway, victory by the competitors in the games will mean victory for the students competing for the Plinth Prize. And "victory" doesn't necessarily mean being the last gamer standing. It can also mean having a competitor with a compelling story who gets people to tune in. Lucky for Coriolanus, his mentee is Lucy Gray Baird (Rachel Zegler, having fun with what she's given). When Lucy Gray's name is called during the reaping, she responds with a knowing smile. As she walks to the podium, surrounded by whispers, in a fancy Belle Epoque-y dancing girl dress, she stops to put a snake down a girl's back and then she sings a defiant little song into the mic. A member of a tribe of traveling musicians, she's known for twangy folk tunes and boyfriend seducin'. So much more personable than the girl with tuberculosis!

Snow quickly figures out how to play

the publicity game element of the Hunger Games, helping to develop some of the elements — donate to your favorite player! — that will become an important part of the Games in the later years. Also giving hints to what the Games will become is a theatrical weatherman named Lucky Flickerman (Jason Schwartzman) who is trying to make this show all it can be.

Dinklage might be the guy doing more Serious Acting than this movie warrants, but Schwartzman seems to be the guy really finding a tone and leaning all the way in with it. His Lucky doesn't exactly fit with the vibe of the rest of the movie, but he's definitely the film's most entertaining element.

This movie falls somewhere between "the dark education of a could-go-either-way Coriolanus Snow" and "a guy who starts off as an ambitious opportunist remains ambitious, sees opportunities." As the Games progress, Coriolanus' desire to have Lucy Gray be successful for his own goals turns into actual desire for Lucy Gray. They are, for a while, in love. Or either one or both of them is playing a long con to use the other for their advancement in this morally bankrupt society. Or life is complicated and both things are true. Intellectually, I like that the

movie lets you read the story it's telling in a few different ways. In fact, the more I thought about the way this movie's character motivations were constructed, the more interesting I found it.

After the fact.

In the moment, sitting in the theater, this made for some very slow, boring storytelling. I know who Snow is going to become and this movie doesn't really give me a reason to care how he got that way. And I feel like I'm watching the teen soap opera version of *Hunger Games* dystopia — it's all smaller, snottier and more high school. The big scary Panem Capitol and its rulers don't even seem quite as all-powerful and authoritarian here as in the original movies — they are basically every familiar aristocracy of rich jerks you've ever seen anywhere, from *Gossip Girl* to, like, real life.

I'll give the movie this: It's visually interesting in a "huh, neat" kind of way, with its riff on a past that sort of fits with the future we see in the original films. But "huh neat" is not enough to sustain two hours and 37 minutes of movie. **C+**

*Rated PG-13 for strong violent content and disturbing material, according to the MPA on [filmratings.com](https://www.filmratings.com). Directed by Frances Lawrence with a screenplay by Michael Lesslie and Michael Arndt (from the book by Suzanne Collins). The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is two hours and 37 minutes long and is distributed in theaters by Lionsgate.*

## The Holdovers (R)

A grumpy classics teacher is forced to babysit the kids left at a Massachusetts boys school for the Christmas holiday in 1970 in *The Holdovers*, a movie directed by Alexander Payne.

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### Films

• *Napoleon* (R, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord

on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 3 and 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 22, and Thursday, Nov. 23, at 3:30 and 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, at 12:15, 3:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26, at 12:45, 3:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 27, through Thursday, Nov. 30, at 3:30 & 6:45 p.m.

• *The Holdovers* (R, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Tuesday, Nov. 21, through Thursday, Nov. 23, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 26, at 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 27, through Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m.

• *Warren Miller's All Time* a film about skiing and ski culture, will screen on Friday, Nov. 24, at 3 and 7 p.m. at Flying Monkey in Plymouth.

• *X: The Life and Times of*

*Malcolm X*, The Met: Live in HD's presentation, will screen on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m. at O'neil Cinemas in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington. See [fathomevents.com](https://www.fathomevents.com).

• *The Magic Flute*, recorded live in 2006 at the Metropolitan Opera, will screen on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 12:55 p.m. at Regal Fox Run in Newington. See [fathomevents.com](https://www.fathomevents.com).

• *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (PG, 2000), the Jim Carrey version, will screen on Sunday, Dec. 3, at AMC Londonderry (1 and 7 p.m.), Cinemark Rockingham Park (1 p.m.), O'neil Cinemas (1 p.m.) and Regal Fox Run (1 and 7 p.m.); and on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Rockingham Park and Regal Fox Run. See [fathomevents.com](https://www.fathomevents.com).

• *Max Lucado's Because of Bethlehem*, music and story based on the faith-based book, will screen on Tuesday, Dec. 5; Wednesday, Dec. 6, and Thursday Dec. 7, mostly at 7 p.m. at Cinemark Rockingham Park, Regal Concord and Regal Fox Run (the movie starts at 7:10 p.m. at Cinemark on Dec. 6 and 7:15 on Dec. 7). See [fathomevents.com](https://www.fathomevents.com).

• *Waitress: The Musical*, a filmed presentation of the Broadway musical starring Sara Bareilles, is screening Thursday, Dec. 7, through Monday, Dec. 11, at AMC Londonderry (3:30 and 7 p.m.), Cinemark Rockingham Park (3:25 and 7:10, every day except Dec. 11, when it's 3:55 and 7 p.m.), Regal Fox Run (2:30 and 7 p.m.) and O'neil Cinemas (2:30 and 7 p.m.). See [fathomevents.com](https://www.fathomevents.com).



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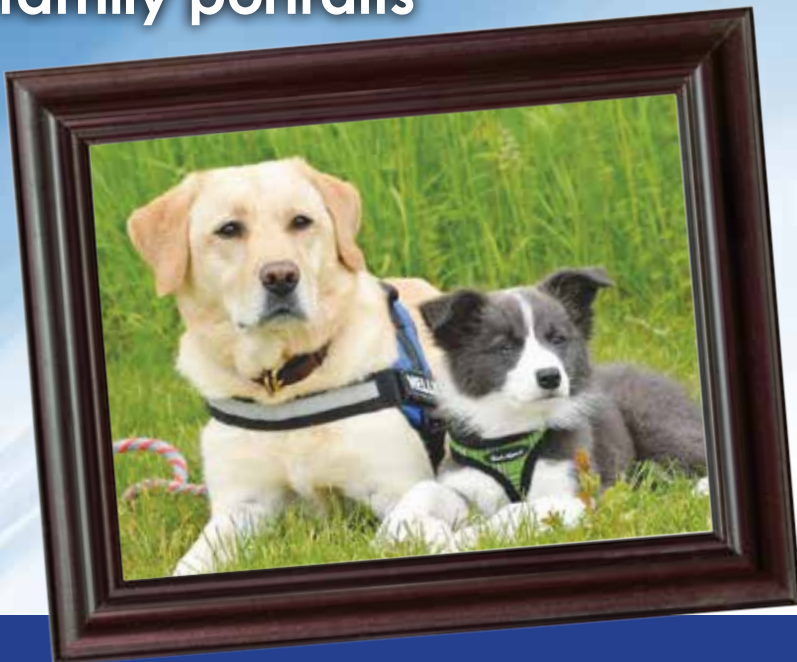


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By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Blues rocker:** Discovered at 16 by Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics, **Joanne Shaw Taylor** has an impressive list of adherents including Stevie Wonder and Jimmy Cliff. With a string of blues chart-topping albums, she's often boxed into the genre, but Taylor said recently, "I'm a soul singer and a pop-rock writer and it all just kind of jumbles together, because I'm hugely influenced by blues." Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, \$34.75 and up at ccanh.com.

• **Dead revival:** Spending an evening with **Zach Nugent's Dead Set** delivers more than a tribute act. Prior to launching the effort, which grew out of a weekly residency in Burlington, Vermont, Nugent was in ex-JGB member Melvin Seals' band. Beyond that, the guitarist is a lifetime fan of the jam band standard setters. When he was 8 he received a Dead-themed elementary school graduation card. Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, \$33 general admission at etix.com.

• **Super group:** Rock, funk and soul all-star group **A Band of Killers** was created by Johnny Trama, a Boston guitarist who's played in Dub Apocalypse, Toussaint & The China Band and many other area acts. It features Tim Gearan on lead vocals and guitar, keys player Darby Wolf, Sonya Rae Taylor on vocals, Mark Hickox and Thomas Arey on bass and drums and guitarists Ryan Taylor and Kevin Barry. Saturday, Nov. 25, 6 pm., The Stone Church, 5 Granite St., Newmarket, \$15 at portsmouthtickets.com.

• **Song painter:** With a voice that one writer enthused "goes down like red wine over good conversation," **Anna Paquin** has five albums to her credit, with a new EP due next year. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m., Contoocook Cider Co., 656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook; see nhmusiccollective.com.

• **Still standing:** In the early days of MTV, **The Fixx** reeled off a string of hits, including "Red Skies," "Stand or Fall" "Saved by Zero" and the smash "One Thing Leads to Another." Lead singer Cy Curmin and guitarist Jamie West-Oram also contributed to Tina Turner's *Private Dancer* album, appearing in her "Better Be Good to Me" video. Their classic lineup is still intact, apart from a few changes at bass. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$40 and up at tuplelohall.com.

# NITE

## Serving up laughs

### Post-Thanksgiving comedy show at Rex

By Michael Witthaus  
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Since all the crack-of-dawn flat-screen TV sales moved online, the day after Thanksgiving has become a time to recover and shake off the tryptophan, along with any memories of oversharing relatives. The way comedian Emily Ruskowski sees it, there are a lot of people among that crowd who could use an escape to some laughs.

"Black Friday is a lull, when people are home and looking for something to sort of decompress from travel or holiday stress," the Massachusetts native, who started in standup while going to graduate school in Washington, D.C., and has worked in her home region since 2013, said by phone recently. "Comedy is a great thing to do during those times, if only to get away from your family for a few hours."

To that end, she and three of the region's top comics will gather at the Rex Theatre in Manchester on Nov. 24. Ruskowski, a finalist in the 2018 Boston Comedy Festival, is a natural storyteller with sharp timing. Her bits include one about "aggressive meat hipsters" working in Portland, Maine, restaurants where the farm is a little *too* close to the table — who needs to hear every step in the preparation of goat stew?

"They're not wrong, their food is incredible," she said. "They're just very, very passionate about it."

Sharing the stage are Dan Boulger, who won the BCF in 2006 and is a regular at places like Headliners and Laugh Boston, and Amy Tee, who likes to appear in a suit and tie and poke fun at her androgynous appearance. "You're probably wondering what bathroom I'm going to use," she'll quip. "It'll be the one with the shortest line, I guarantee you that." Rounding out the bill is Boston's Tim Champa.

"I could not be more excited about this



Emily Ruskowski. Courtesy photo.

lineup, it's just A+ all-around top tier," Ruskowski said. "It's going to be just such an incredible show, I can't wait."

Ruskowski got into comedy by acclamation — enough friends told her she was funny that she decided to give it a try.

"I didn't know what the entry point was," she said. "Then my friend was like, 'Oh, you go to open mics, and there's one near my house; I'll go with you.' I was just hooked from that."

The same people urging her to try standup helped Ruskowski mine the jokes in her story-based act. "My friends would say, 'There's a lot of punches in there'... they would help me work it out," she said. "I'm so grateful to them for encouraging me, because doing comedy is one of the greatest joys of my life. I'm so lucky to get to do it."

When she moved back to New England, Ruskowski broke into the regional scene in an atypical way. "My biggest comedy contacts were people who had gone to high school and college with my sister," she said. "People were like, 'She's Audrey's sister, she's cool because Audrey is very cool.'"

Since then she's managed to land in a number of comedy circles, appearing

at the alt-leaning Shaskeen in Manchester, doing mid-level rooms like The Rex and Portsmouth's Music Hall Lounge — she'll be at the latter in mid-December, and opening for Gary Gulman at Boston's Wilbur Theatre last September.

During the day, Ruskowski works as a mental health professional, helping young people. "Don't applaud, I'm doing God's work," she'll tell crowds, adding with a smirk, "at least that's what they say, so they don't have to pay us."

She has one hilarious bit about taking a job satisfaction survey during the pandemic, asking for more money and receiving a fleece jacket instead. "That's what you everyone wants to wear, right, hospital-branded attire? Like you showed up in an ER naked, and that's what they sent you home in."

That said, the counseling job does help the comic hone her act.

"Teenagers are a very tough audience," she said, recalling one young girl complaining that Ruskowski didn't really care about her — she was only there because it was her job. "I said, 'You're right, I am here because I'm paid, and wouldn't it be weird if I wasn't? If I was just a random adult who came to your school to ask personal questions, you probably shouldn't talk to me.'" 🐾

“Comedy is a great thing to do during those times, if only to get away from your family for a few hours.”

EMILY RUSKOWSKI

**Emily Ruskowski's Thanksgiving Leftover Laughs w/ Dan Boulger, Amy Tee and Tim Champa**

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 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972

**The Goat**  
 20 L St., 601-6928

**L Street Tavern 603**  
 17 L St., 967-4777

**Shane's Texas Pit**  
 61 High St., 601-7091

**Wally's Pub**  
 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954

**Whym Craft Pub & Brewery**  
 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801

**Hudson**  
**The Bar**  
 2B Burnham Road

**Luk's Bar & Grill**  
 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900

**Lynn's 102 Tavern**  
 76 Derry Road, 943-7832

**Jaffrey**  
**Park Theatre**  
 19 Main St., 532-9300

**Kingston**  
**Saddle Up Saloon**  
 92 Route 125, 369-6962

**Laconia**  
**Defiant Records & Craft Beer**  
 609 Main St., 527-8310

**Fratello's**  
 799 Union Ave., 528-2022

**Tower Hill Tavern**  
 264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern**  
 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022

**Pipe Dream Brewing**  
 49 Harvey Road, 404-0751

**Stumble Inn**  
 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210

**Manchester**  
**Angel City Music Hall**  
 179 Elm St., 931-3654

**Backyard Brewery**  
 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545

**Bonfire**  
 950 Elm St., 663-7678

**Currier Museum of Art**  
 150 Ash St., 669-6144

**Derryfield Country Club**  
 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880

**The Foundry**  
 50 Commercial St., 836-1925

**Fratello's**  
 155 Dow St., 624-2022

**Getaway Lounge**  
 157 Franklin St., 627-0661

**The Goat**  
 50 Old Granite St.

**Great North Aleworks**  
 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789

**The Hill Bar & Grille**  
 McIntyre Ski Area  
 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159

**KC's Rib Shack**  
 837 Second St., 627-RIBS

**Olympus Pizza**  
 506 Valley St., 644-5559

**Murphy's Taproom**  
 494 Elm St., 644-3535

**Salona Bar & Grill**  
 128 Maple St., 624-4020

**Shaskeen Pub**  
 909 Elm St., 625-0246

**South Side Tavern**  
 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947

**Stark Brewing Co.**  
 500 Commercial St., 625-4444

**Strange Brew**  
 88 Market St., 666-4292

**To Share Brewing**  
 720 Union St., 836-6947

**Wild Rover**  
 21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's**  
 312 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-3313

**Twin Barns Brewing**  
 194 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-0876

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead**  
 641 Daniel Webster Hwy., 429-2022

**Milford**  
**The Pasta Loft**  
 241 Union Square, 672-2270

**Riley's Place**  
 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480

**Stonecutters Pub**  
 63 Union Square, 213-5979

**Moultonborough**  
**Buckey's**  
 240 Governor Wentworth Hwy., 476-5485

**Nashua**  
**Casey Magee's Irish Pub**  
 8 Temple St., 484-7400

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Kid Pinky, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tandy's:** open mic, 8 p.m.

**Hampton**  
**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.  
**Shane's:** music bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Wally's:** music bingo, 7 p.m.

**Laconia**  
**Fratello's:** Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
**Stumble Inn:** Chris Powers, 6 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Fratello's:** Dave Zangri, 5:30 p.m.  
**The Goat:** Monkey Knife Fight Lite, 9 p.m.  
**KC's Rib Shack:** Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.  
**Strange Brew:** David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bougeois, 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

**Seabrook**  
**Backyard Burgers:** music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.  
**Red's:** Charlie Chronopoulos, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**  
**Bedford**  
**Copper Door:** Phil Jacques, 7 p.m.

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Kid Pinky, 6:30 p.m.

p.m.  
**Penuche's:** open mic with Curtis Arnett  
**Tandy's:** karaoke, 8 p.m.  
**Uno Pizzeria:** Scott King, 6 p.m.

**Derry**  
**Fody's:** Jake Young Duo, Has Beens, Rockingham Boys  
**Hare of the Dawg:** Bella Perrotta  
**Sabatino's:** Sunset Rhythm

**Dover**  
**603 Bar & Lounge:** karaoke  
**Dover Bowl:** M & D Acoustic Duo

**Epping**  
**Telly's:** The 603s, 7 p.m.

**Hampton**  
**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.  
**Wally's:** The Bad Wolves, Uncured

**Hudson**  
**Lynn's 102:** Rock Junkies, 7 p.m.

**Kingston**  
**Saddle Up Saloon:** Rustfeather

**Laconia**  
**Fratello's:** Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
**Pipe Dream:** DJ Ache  
**Stumble Inn:** The Slakas, 8 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Angel City:** Not Fade Away Band, 6 p.m.  
**Bonfire:** Nikki Briar, 9 p.m.  
**Derryfield:** D-Comp Trio, 8 p.m.  
**Fratello's:** Jeff Mrozek, 5:30 p.m.  
**Getaway Lounge:** Pulpit  
**The Goat:** Different Strokez, 9 p.m.  
**Shaskeen:** DJ Myth, 8:55 p.m.  
**Stark Brewing:** Karaoke with DJ Sharon, 8 p.m.  
**Strange Brew:** Slim Volume, 8

p.m.  
**To Share:** Back to the '80s party with DJ Shamblez, 6 p.m.

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Mary Fagan, 5:45 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.

**Milford**  
**Pasta Loft:** Mostly '90s  
**Riley's:** karaoke, 7 p.m.  
**Stonecutters Pub:** open mic, 8 p.m.

**Nashua**  
**Fody's:** Joe McDonald, DJ Rich Karaoke

**Lafayette Club:** Milk Crates

**Portsmouth**  
**Book & Bar:** open mic with Liza Lynehan  
**Earth Eagle Brewings:** Modern Records pop-up vinyl listening  
**The Goat:** Jamie Cain, 9 p.m.  
**Napoletana:** Redemption Band  
**Thirsty Moose:** Jamsterdam

**Salem**  
**Copper Door:** Rebecca Turmel, 7 p.m.  
**Michael's Flatbread:** Eddie Sands  
**Sayde's:** George Williams Band  
**T-Bones:** Johnny Angel, 5 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** DJ Manny karaoke,



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If you're in the mood for over-the-top holiday pageantry, the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** has you covered. This ensemble, which reinterprets traditional holiday music in the style of classic rock and heavy metal, returns to the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com) on Friday, Nov. 24, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$43 to \$113.75, plus fees.

### Music, live and in person

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Call the venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions. Get your gigs listed by sending information to [adiaz@hippypress.com](mailto:adiaz@hippypress.com).



**NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK**

<b>Fody's Tavern</b> 9 Clinton St., 577-9015	<b>31</b> 11 Charles St., 753-9372	77 Daniel St., 431-5186	<b>Sayde's</b> 136 Cluff Crossing Road, 890-1032
<b>Liquid Therapy</b> 14 Court St., 402-9391	<b>Portsmouth Book &amp; Bar</b> 40 Pleasant St., 427-9197	<b>Thirsty Moose Tap-house</b> 21 Congress St., 427-8645	<b>Seabrook Backyard Burgers &amp; Wings</b> 5 Provident Way, 760-2581
<b>Millyard Brewery</b> 125 E. Otterson St., 722-0104	<b>Earth Eagle Brewings</b> 175 High St., 502-2244	<b>Rochester Porter's</b> 19 Hanson St., 330-1964	<b>Chop Shop Pub</b> 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706
<b>New Boston Molly's Tavern &amp; Restaurant</b> 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362	<b>The Gas Light</b> 64 Market St., 430-9122	<b>Salem Copper Door</b> 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033	<b>Red's Kitchen + Tavern</b> 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030
<b>Northfield Boonedoxz Pub</b> 95 Park St., 717-8267	<b>The Goat</b> 142 Congress St., 590-4628	<b>Luna Bistro</b> 254 N. Broadway, 458-2162	<b>Somersworth Earth Eagle North</b> 350 Route 108, 841-5421
<b>Northwood Northwoods Brewing Co.</b> 1334 First NH Tpk., 942-6400	<b>Grill 28</b> Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, 766-6466	<b>Michael's Flatbread</b> 8 Stiles Road, 893-2765	<b>Stripe Nine Brewing Co.</b> 8 Somersworth Road, 841-7175
<b>Penacook American Legion Post</b>	<b>Napoletana</b> 14 Market Sq., 570-3610	<b>T-Bones</b> 311 South Broadway, 893-3444	
<b>Press Room</b>			

7:30 p.m. **Red's:** Justin Federico, 8 p.m. **Seasons at the Brook:** James Kennedy

6:30 p.m. **Contoocook Cider Co.:** Brad Myrick, 1 p.m.

lin, 6 p.m. **Fratello's:** Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m. **Tower Hill Tavern:** 12 Oz Soul, 8 p.m.

**Somersworth Stripe Nine:** Dancing Madly Backwards

**Epping Telly's:** Jimmy's Right, 8 p.m.

**Londonderry Coach Stop:** Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 23**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**Epsom Hill Top:** Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

**Manchester Backyard Brewery:** April Cushman, 6 p.m.

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

**Goffstown Village Trestle:** Charlie Chropoulos, 5 p.m.

**Manchester Bonfire:** Chase Clark, 9 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 24**  
**Alton Bay Docksides:** music bingo, 7 p.m. **Foster's Tavern:** Dave Clark, 6 p.m.

**Hampton CR's:** Bob Tirelli, 6 p.m. **The Goat:** Mike Forgette, 9 p.m. **L Street:** Keith Crocker, 4 p.m. **Wally's:** Emo Night, 9 p.m.

**Bedford Murphy's:** Kat Ivy, 6 p.m.

**Hudson Luk's:** Jowdee Frawlee, 7 p.m. **Lynn's 102:** karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

**Manchester Foundry:** Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m. **Fratello's:** Johnny Angel, 6 p.m. **The Goat:** 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m. **Great North Aleworks:** open mic, 6 p.m. **Olympus Pizza:** Chris Taylor, 7 p.m. **Shaskeen:** Rumboat Chili, 8 p.m. **South Side Tavern:** Cox Kara-

**Brookline Alamo:** Joe Birch, 6 p.m.

**Laconia Defiant Records:** Mike Lough-



**A-CAROLING WE GO**

**Robert Dionne** is best-known in the Lakes Region as the founder and artistic director of the Majestic Theatre. He steps into the spotlight for his annual **Piano Christmas** program, in which he shares his favorite Christmas music in solo piano performances and sing-alongs. The show takes place at the Majestic Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.net) on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m., and tickets cost \$20 plus fees.

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## NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

oke, 9 p.m.

**Strange Brew:** live music, 9 p.m.

### Meredith

**Twin Barns:** Jack Ancora, 5 p.m.

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.

### Milford

**Pasta Loft:** Bob Pratte Band, 8:30 p.m.

**Riley's:** Glitter and Camo, 5 p.m.

**Stonecutters Pub:** DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

### Moultonborough

**Buckey's:** White Steer, 6:30 p.m.

### Nashua

**Casey Magee's:** karaoke, 9:30 p.m.

### New Boston

**Molly's:** live music, 6:30 p.m.

### Northfield

**Boonedoxz Pub:** karaoke night, 7 p.m.

### Northwood

**Northwoods Brewing Co.:** Steve Dennis, 6 p.m.

### Penacook

**American Legion Post 31:** Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

### Portsmouth

**Gas Light:** Lewis Goodwin, 9:30 p.m.

**The Goat:** Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

**Grill 28:** Freddie Catalfo, 6 p.m.

**Thirsty Moose:** Sweep the Leg, 9 p.m.

### Salem

**Luna Bistro:** Phil Jacques, 7 p.m.

### Seabrook

**Red's:** Francoix Simard, 8 p.m.

### Somerset

**Earth Eagle:** Moses Irons and His Long-Suffering Band, 6 p.m.

## Saturday, Nov. 25

### Alton Bay

**Foster's Tavern:** Jack Ancora

### Bedford

**Murphy's:** Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.

### Bow

**Chen Yang Li:** Ryan Willimson, 7 p.m.

### Brookline

**Alamo:** Henry Laliberte, 6 p.m.

### Candia

**Town Cabin:** Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.

### Concord

**Hermanos:** John Franzosa, 6:30 p.m.

### Epping

**Telly's:** Freddy Catalfo, 8 p.m.

### Gilford

**Patrick's Pub:** Sweetbloods Band, 6 p.m.

### Goffstown

**Village Trestle:** Bone Shakerz Band, 6p.m.

### Hampton

**The Goat:** Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

**L Street:** karaoke, 8 p.m.

**Wally's:** Fast Times, 9 p.m.

**Whym:** Liz Ridgely, 6 p.m.

### Londonderry

**Coach Stop:** Pete Miles, 6 p.m.

**Stumble Inn:** Swipe Right Band, 8 p.m.

### Manchester

**Derryfield:** Lisa Love Exp, 8 p.m.

**Fratello's:** Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.

**The Goat:** musical brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.

**Great North Aleworks:** Colin

Hart, 4 p.m.

**Shaskeen:** JZAC, Bouve, and more, 9 p.m.

**To Share:** Ernesto Burden, 5 p.m.

**Wild Rover:** Scotty Cloutier, 5 p.m.

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Eddie Sands, 6 p.m.

### Nashua

**Casey Magee's:** live music, 8 p.m.

**Liquid Therapy:** Humans Being, 6 p.m.

**Millyard Brewery:** Nuisance Neighbors, 4 p.m.

### New Boston

**Molly's:** live music, 7 p.m.

### Portsmouth

**Gas Light Pub:** Krystian Beal, 9:30 p.m.

**The Goat:** Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.

### Salem

**Luna Bistro:** Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

### Seabrook

**Red's:** live music, 4 p.m.

## Sunday, Nov. 26

### Bedford

**Copper Door:** Lilly Innella, 11 a.m.

### Brookline

**Alamo:** Jady Arpin, 4 p.m.

### Contoocook

**Cider Co.:** Andrea Paquin

### Goffstown

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

### Hampton

**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.

### Londonderry

**Stumble Inn:** Redemption, 2 p.m.

### Manchester

**Bonfire:** free line dancing, 7 p.m.

**The Goat:** Mike Forgette, 10 a.m.

**Murphy's:** live music, 3 p.m.

**Strange Brew:** One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

### Milford

**Riley's Place:** blues jam, 1 p.m.

### Northfield

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

### Portsmouth

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

### Salem

**Copper Door:** Nate Comp, 11 a.m.

## Monday, Nov. 27

### Dover

**Cara Irish Pub:** open mic, 8 p.m.

### Gilford

**Patrick's Pub:** open mic with John McArthur, 6 p.m.

### Hampton

**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.

**Wally's:** Johnny Friday, 9 p.m.

### Hudson

**The Bar:** karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

### Jaffrey

**Park Theatre:** open mic, 6:30 p.m.

### Londonderry

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

### Manchester

**Fratello's:** Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.

**The Goat:** Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

**Murphy's:** Chad LaMarsh, 5:30 p.m.

**Salona:** music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Dave Zangri, 5:30

p.m.

### Nashua

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

### Portsmouth

**Gas Light:** Alex Roy, 7:30p.m.

**The Goat:** Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.; Russ Six, 9 p.m.

## Tuesday, Nov. 28

### Concord

**Hermanos:** Paul Bourgelais, 6:30 p.m.

**Tandy's:** open mic, 8 p.m.

### Hampton

**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.

**Shane's:** music bingo, 7 p.m.

**Wally's:** music bingo

### Londonderry

**Stumble Inn:** Mugsy Duo, 5 p.m.

### Manchester

**Fratello's:** live music, 5:30 p.m.

**The Goat:** Monkey Knife Fight Lite, 9 p.m.

**KC's Rib Shack:** Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

**Murphy's:** Henry LaLiberte, 5:30 p.m.

**Strange Brew:** David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

### Merrimack

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

### Portsmouth

**Gas Light:** Alex Roy, 7:30 p.m.

**The Goat:** Isaiah Bennett, 8 p.m.

**Press Room:** Soggy Po' Boys, 9 p.m.

### Rochester

**Porter's:** karaoke, 6:30 p.m.

### Seabrook

**Backyard Burgers:** music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, Nov. 29

### Concord

**Hermanos:** Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.

**Tandy's:** karaoke, 8 p.m.

### Derry

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

### Hampton

**Wally's:** Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

### Kingston

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

### Londonderry

**Stumble Inn:** Rob Benton, 7 p.m.

### Manchester

**Derryfield:** J-lo, 6 p.m.

**Fratello's:** John Chouinard, 5:30 p.m.

**The Goat:** Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.

**Murphy's:** Chad LaMarsh, 5:30 p.m.

**Stark Brewing:** Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.

**Strange Brew:** open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Ralph Allen, 5:30 p.m.

### Milford

**Riley's:** karaoke, 7 p.m.

**Stonecutters Pub:** open mic, 8 p.m.

### Portsmouth

**Gas Light:** Isaiah Bennet, 7:30 p.m.

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

### Seabrook

**Chop Shop:** DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.



## JUSTON MCKINNEY

A lot has happened since Juston McKinney moved out of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in sixth grade. The former class clown has appeared on the *Tonight* show with Jay Leno and *Late Night* with Conan O'Brien, shared the stage with Denis Leary in the Comics Come Home events at the Boston Garden and recorded multiple specials for Comedy Central. Don't miss his upcoming shows at the Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com) at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25. Tickets range from \$32.50 to \$72.50,

plus fees.



## ACE HEADLINES

Since performing his first tight 10 in 1989, **Ace Aceto** has headlined nightclubs like the Comedy Connection and Catch a Rising Star, opened for comedians like Jon Stewart and Jim Gaffigan and hosted Comedy Central's *Short Attention Span Theatre*. He brings his latest set to Headliners (DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinerscomedyclub.com) on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 plus fees.



## COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

- **Amy Tee/Alex Giampapa** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth (themusichall.org), Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
- **Emily Rukowski** Rex in Manchester (palactheatre.org), Friday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.
- **Marty Caproni** Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com), Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, 8:30 p.m.
- **Juston McKinney** Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com), Saturday, Nov. 25, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **Amy Tee/Dave Decker** Main Street Grill in Hillsborough (mainstreetgrillandbar.com), Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m.
- **Ace Aceto** Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com), Saturday, Nov. 25, 8:30 p.m.
- **R-Rated Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr** Chunky's Manch-
- ter (chunkys.com), Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 p.m.
- **Tait Winston** Ruby Room, at the Shaskeen in Manchester (rubyroomcomedy.com) Wednesday, Nov. 29, 9 p.m.
- **Bob Marley** Amato Center, Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.
- **America's Got Comedy** Flying Monkey in Plymouth (flyingmonkeynh.com), Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
- **A Frost Heaves Christmas** Park Theatre in Jaffrey (the-arktheatre.org), Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.
- **Phillip Anthony** Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com), Friday, Dec. 1, 8:30 p.m.
- **Dave Ross & Ismael Loutfi** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth (themusichall.org), Saturday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.
- **Pete Andrews and Cottage**



Amy Tee

- Comedy Kathleen's Irish Pub** in Bristol, Saturday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.
- **Drew Dunn** Nashua Center for the Arts (nashuacenterforthearts.com), Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m.
- **Dan Crohn** Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com), Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m.
- **Mark Riley** Chunky's Nashua (chunkys), Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m.

### ◀ CONTINUED FROM PG 46

Paul Hunham (Paul Giamatti) is the most “Paul Giamatti character” of Paul Giamatti characters. A classics professor who eats and sleeps his job, he is a surly tyrant to his students, difficult with the school’s headmaster (Andrew Garman) and just sort of awkward around everyone else.

After handing out a bunch of D and F grades on a test to his students, berating them about their performance and general intelligence and assigning them homework during the break, Paul finds out that he will also be working over vacation. The teacher who had been expected to stay at the school to watch the handful of boys who weren’t going home weaseled out of the assignment and the headmaster, still mad that Paul wouldn’t pass an important donor’s son, makes Paul do it. Not only do the boys have to stay at school but they must all move to barrack-like lodgings in the infirmary because the heat will be off in their normal dorms. And Paul has decided that they need a regular schedule of outdoor exercise (in the Massachusetts winter) and study. And they all have to eat together in the school dining hall, where food is cooked by Mary Lamb (Da’Vine Joy Randolph), who warns Paul not to expect anything too great because there won’t be any new shipments of ingredients until the new year.

Mary, the head of the dining services, is stuck at the school in a different way — her son Curtis was a student but recently died in Vietnam. She feels like she needs to stay in this place, the last place they were together, at least for this, her first Christmas without him.

Eventually, the handful of boys is whittled down to just one — Angus Tully

(Dominic Sessa), a boy who was told at the last minute by his mother that he needed to stay at school so she and her new husband could have a honeymoon. Deeply resentful and heartbroken about this, Angus is also generally having a hard time. He’s been kicked out of a few previous schools and doesn’t have close friends at this one. He’s mourning the loss of his father and is angry about how his mother has moved on. And Angus and Paul have the natural irritation for each other that two people with a lot of the same qualities can easily have.

Three people trying, sometimes failing, to deal with the stuff life has thrown at them is the core of this movie and these three people forming an unlikely, temporary family unit makes up the bulk of what moves the story along. This very familiar kind of tale plus the very conscious 1970s vibe of the movie (right down to the “film” hisses and pops that kick off the movie’s audio) and the “everything you expect from a Paul Giamatti character” nature of Paul shouldn’t work, it should feel like the most done of “it’s been done” movies. And yet, for me, it all came together. That was a nice, kind movie — was my reaction, which sounds damning but wasn’t. It all coalesces — the core three performances, the little moments each actor gets to show you into the layers of their character, the most sitcom-like humor. *The Holdovers* was quietly charming and tartly gentle. **B+**

*Rated R for language, some drug use and brief sexual material, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Alexander Payne with a screenplay by David Hemingson, The Holdovers is two hours and 13 minutes and is distributed in theaters by Focus Features.* 🍷

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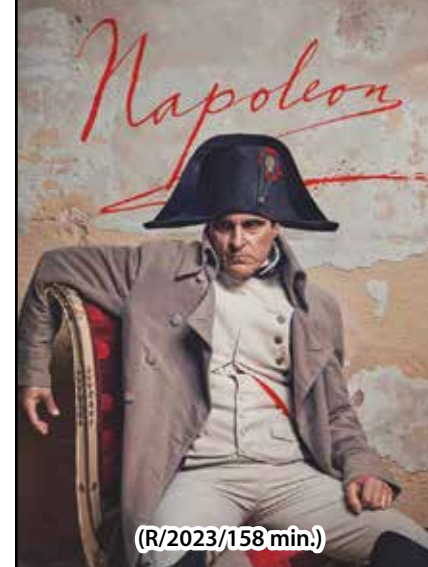
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**Trivia**  
**Events**

• **Harry Potter Thanksgiving Trivia with Autumn & Jace** on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. at Northwoods Brewing (1334 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood; northwoodsbrewingcompany.com, 942-6400).

• **'90s Music 21+ trivia night** Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

• **Home Alone all-ages trivia night** Sunday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

• **Elf 21+ trivia night** Thursday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

• **A Christmas Story 21+ trivia night** Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

• **Christmas Vacation 21+ trivia night** Thursday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

• **2023 Year in Review 21+ trivia night** Thursday, Dec. 28, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com).

**Weekly**

• **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Mitchell BBQ (50 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-2537, mitchellhillbbq.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** music trivia at Day of the Dead Taqueria (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy. in Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Great North Aleworks (1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthaleworks.com) from 7 to 8 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia with Game



Harry Potter

Time Trivia at Hart's Turkey Farm (223 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Yankee Lanes (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, yankeelanesentertainment.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday** Opinionation by Sporcle trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road in Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday Kings** trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396, gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.

• **First Thursday of every month** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua; fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.

• **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 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 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 Smuttynose (105 Towle Farm Road, Hampton, 436-4026, smuttynose.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglassbrewing.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** The Greatest Trivia in the World at Revolution Taproom and Grill (61 N. Main St., Rochester, 244-3042, revolutiontaproomandgrill.com/upcoming-events) at 6:30 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..

• **Wednesday** trivia at Millyard Brewery (125 E. Otterson St., Nashua; 722-0104, millyardbrewery.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at The Thirsty Moose (21 Congress St., Portsmouth 427-8645, thirstymoosetaphouse.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at The Bar (2b Burnham Road, Hudson, 943-5250) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at City Hall Pub (8 Hanover St.; Manchester, 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 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.

**Concerts**  
**Venues**

**Angel City Music Hall**  
179 Elm St. in Manchester, 931-3654, angelcitymusic hall.com

**Averill House Vineyard**  
21 Averill Road, Brookline, 371-2296, averillhousevineyard.com

**Bank of NH Stage in Concord**  
16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com

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

**Cisco Brewers**  
35 Corporate Dr., Portsmouth, ciscobrewersportsmouth.com

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

**Dana Center**  
Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, anselm.edu

**The Flying Monkey**  
39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

**Franklin Opera House**  
316 Central St., Franklin, 934-1901, franklinoperahouse.org

**Jewel Music Venue**  
61 Canal St., Manchester, 819-9336, jewelmusicvenue.com

**Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club**  
135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com

**LaBelle Winery**  
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.net

**The Music Hall**  
28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusic hall.org

**The Music Hall Lounge**  
131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusic hall.org

**Nashua Center for the Arts**  
201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com

**The Orchard Chapel**  
143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

**Palace Theatre**  
80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

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

**Press Room**



The Fools  
77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, pressroomnh.com

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

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

**Stone Church**  
5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com

**The Strand**  
20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestrandover.com

**3S Artspace**  
319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org

Stripe Nine Brewing

• **Quinn Sullivan** Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Not Fade Away** (Grateful Dead tribute) Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Angel City

• **Dueling Pianos** Wednesday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage

• **Eric Grant Band** Wednesday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House

• **Bulkheads/Good Trees River Band** Wednesday, Nov. 22, 9 p.m., Press Room

• **Mattson** Friday, Nov. 24, 4 p.m., Cisco Brewers

• **Trans Siberian Orchestra** Friday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m., SNHU Arena

• **Joanne Shaw Taylor** Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Chubb Theatre

• **Truffle** Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Stone Church

• **Model Airplane's Funksgiving** Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace

• **Souled Out Show Band** Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **The Coalboilers** Saturday, Nov. 25, noon, Cisco Brewers

• **Mattson** Saturday, Nov. 25, 4 p.m., Cisco Brewers

• **The Boy Band Project** Saturday, Nov. 25, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Rex

• **A Sinatra Christmas with Rich Poster** Saturday, Nov. 25, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge

• **A Band of Killers** Saturday, Nov. 25, 6 p.m., Stone Church

• **Halley Neal and Sam Roberts** Saturday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **The Cookers** Saturday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **The Fools** Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **Zach Nugent's Dead Set** Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Canibus featuring Kali Ranks** Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 p.m., Stone Church

• **Robert Dionne's Piano Christmas** Sunday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m., Majestic Theatre

• **Granite State Ringers** Sunday, Nov. 26, 3 p.m., LaBelle Amherst

• **The Anick/Klaxton Quartet** Sunday, Nov. 26, 6 p.m., Press Room

• **Popa Chubby** Sunday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Dead Set** (Grateful Dead tribute) Sunday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey

• **The Fixx** Tuesday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **Soggy Po' Boys** Tuesday, Nov. 28, 9 p.m., Press Room

• **Not Fade Away** Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m., Angel City

• **Vienna Boys Choir** Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Colonial Theatre

• **The Bad Plus** Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Mike Block Trio** Thursday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **Vienna Boys Choir** Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Grace Kelly** Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Keller Williams** Thursday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **Wellfleet** Friday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m., Cisco Brewers

• **A Cape Breton Christmas with Coig** Friday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., Word Barn



**BOY BAND PROJECT**

Looking for the perfect post-Thanksgiving hang for you and your friends? Check out The Boy Band Project, a vocal quartet that pays tribute to the golden days of boy bands. They drop in to the Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 plus fees.

**Tupelo Music Hall**  
10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusic hall.com

**The Word Barn**  
66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

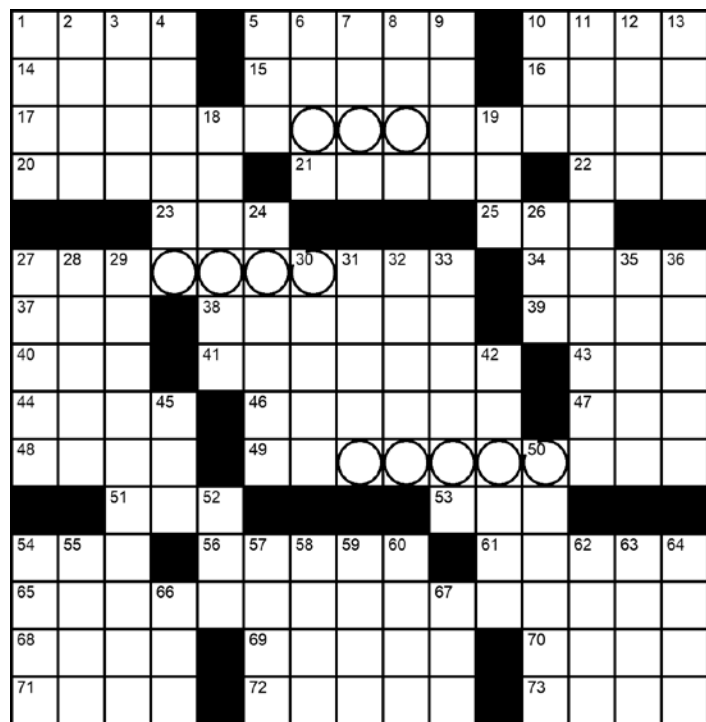
**Shows**

• **Soggy Po'Boys** Tuesday, Nov. 21, 9 p.m., Press Room

• **Dancing Madly Backwards** (Dave Matthews Band tribute) Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.,



# "To Bead Determined" — wanna swap?



**Across**

- Xx1. Greek Z
- 5. Landfill emanations
- 10. It's almost not a pencil
- 14. State, to Pierre
- 15. Character voiced by Charles Martinet until 2023
- 16. See 28-Down
- 17. What yoga and deep breathing help with
- 20. Rapper Shakur
- 21. Wombat relative
- 22. 157.5 deg. from N
- 23. "Blueberries for \_\_\_" (Robert McCloskey children's book)
- 25. "And She \_\_\_" (Talking Heads song)
- 27. Filmmaker's framing
- 34. Cat on a sportswear logo
- 37. A.P. competitor
- 38. 1980s Big Apple mayor
- 39. Oklahoma city near Oklahoma City
- 40. Part of HBO
- 41. Generous chances at starting fresh
- 43. 601, in Rome
- 44. Guinness of stage and screen
- 46. Celtic language
- 47. "Where \_\_\_ we headed today?"
- 48. Signals "yes"
- 49. 1994 song by Live that reached No. 2 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Tracks chart
- 51. Bowl during a bowl game broadcast, maybe
- 53. "Achtung Baby" producer Brian
- 54. Pitcher handle
- 56. Dish with dressing
- 61. Tablets that run Safari

- 65. Accessory where you'd see the three circled words (designed to look like one of these, sorta)
- 68. Look after
- 69. Crossword theme type (but not in Jonesin' --I'm not that mean)
- 70. Almond \_\_\_
- 71. Queries
- 72. "Forever" mail attachment

73. County hub

**Down**

- 1. Lemon peel part
- 2. "And you?", to Caesar
- 3. Ball field coverer
- 4. Far from nervous
- 5. Mantra syllables
- 6. Nighttime
- 7. Shake flavor
- 8. "Low" rapper Flo \_\_\_
- 9. James Brown's genre
- 10. "The \_\_\_-Weed Factor" (1960 John Barth novel)
- 11. Time announced (and repeated) in monster truck ads
- 12. Chicago-style pizza chain, informally
- 13. Radius, for one
- 18. One way to run
- 19. Cornfield noise
- 24. Largest lake in Europe
- 26. "George of the Jungle" creature
- 27. Sandwich type with ham and roasted pork
- 28. With 16-Across, 2014 Olympics skating analyst
- 29. Long Island iced tea, for one
- 30. "Cheers!", in Scandinavia
- 31. Crude abode
- 32. 3M sponge brand
- 33. Prosper
- 35. Economics opener?
- 36. "Arrivederci" relative
- 42. Having great views
- 45. Gil Grissom's TV group

- 50. "Three's Company" spinoff, with "The"
- 52. It's happening right now in Portland, for short
- 54. "Donde \_\_\_ la biblioteca?"
- 55. Astounds
- 57. Goes on linear television
- 58. Online writing system that coined "n00b"

- 59. "Dancing Queen" group
- 60. Tom, for one
- 62. Ingredient in some lip balms
- 63. Five times duo-
- 64. Turnovers, e.g.
- 66. Hook-and-ladder cos.
- 67. Cleopatra's downfall

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

1	24×		
6+	3-		1-
	36×	2÷	
			1

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WORKSPACE:

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CHALLENGING

60×	5-		2-		2
	3	15+		1-	
	2÷		5-		2-
3+		2-		4	
	1-		2	2÷	
10+		2÷		8+	

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**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-	7+	6×	
1	3	4	2
4	2÷	2	3
6×	3	5+	4
2	4	2-	1

1	3	6	5	4	2
5	6	1	4	2	3
6	1	2	3	5	4
4	5	3	2	6	1
2	9+	18×	1	3	6
3	2	4	6	1	5

## WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

Five water-loving birds ☑□□□□

Three meals □□□

Three six-letter units of time □□□

Two two-syllable metals □□

Wander □

7/6

Last Week's Answers: TRIANGLE OCTAGON SQUARE CIRCLE OVAL / BATHTUB BLURB BLOB BULB BLAB / AVATAR ALIENS / BERLIN LIMA / MOUNT

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S	B	E	S	E	C	O	N	D	R	F	G
M	W	D	H	W	J	O	E	N	E	L	L
E	I	A	D	W	R	S	A	H	V	A	D
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R	G	P	D	M	I	N	U	T	E	O	R



# WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT

**Across**

- 1. Major record label
- 4. "Say that you'll stay forever and \_\_\_" Oasis
- 8. "Like \_\_\_ without a bone, an actor out alone, riders on the storm"
- 12. 'No Place' rockers \_\_\_ Like Birds
- 13. Waking of General Public/English Beat
- 14. Ash lives a '\_\_\_ Less Ordinary'
- 15. Bonnie Raitt 'I \_\_\_ Make You Love Me'
- 16. Gavin Rossdale 'The Skin \_\_\_'
- 17. Rocker jacket material, at times
- 18. 'Do Anything You Wanna Do' \_\_\_ Rods

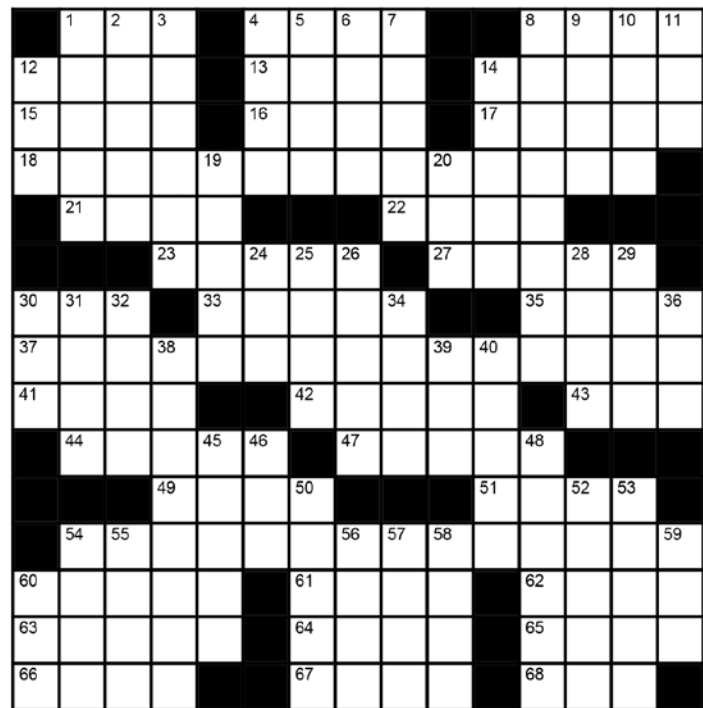
- 21. 'May I Sing With Me' NJ band \_\_\_ Teng
- 22. Star's stretched-out ride
- 23. Country/Westerners Asleep \_\_\_ Wheel
- 27. Beastie Boys '\_\_\_ Boutique'
- 30. Ween "\_\_\_ lay the present to waste"
- 33. Steely Dan classic '\_\_\_ School'
- 35. Tex-Mex guy Doug
- 37. Neil Diamond song for a Civil War Confederate general's honorary ship
- 41. Clash "King told the boogie men, you have to let that \_\_\_ drop"
- 42. Eric Johnson 'Cliffs Of \_\_\_'

- 43. Celtic Thunder "I'm as fit \_\_\_ fiddle, so let's hide it a little"
- 44. Perry Farrell's \_\_\_ For Pyros
- 47. 'Have You Ever Needed Someone \_\_\_' Def Leppard
- 49. Gomez' 'Tribe' is in these kind of straits
- 51. '81 Theatre Of Hate single
- 54. Canadian guitarist's 'Snortin' Whiskey' group
- 60. '02 Vanessa Carlton album '\_\_\_ Nobody'
- 61. Singer Yothers of 80s show Family Ties
- 62. Damn Yankees 'Mrs \_\_\_'
- 63. "That's the way they all became the \_\_\_ Bunch"
- 64. 'Romancing The Stone' reggae guy Grant
- 65. Lenny Kravitz egged us to 'Bring \_\_\_'
- 66. "Beelzebub has a devil put aside for \_\_\_ you think you can stone me and spit in my eye"
- 67. Phish "You'll never get out of this \_\_\_"
- 68. Scott Weiland band (abbr)

**Down**

- 1. Sly And The Family Stone song about his uppercrust woman?
- 2. Vampire Weekend "Blasted from a disconnected light switch, through the \_\_\_ that they'll never finish"
- 3. Iced Earth song about a hun?
- 4. Sarah McLachlan "We are born innocent" song
- 5. Ted Nugent band \_\_\_ Yankees
- 6. Passionate
- 7. '83 Barbra Streisand musical film
- 8. Genesis went to this public tavern at 'Twilight'
- 9. Flinstones pet-inspired '24/7' guy
- 10. Grateful Dead "Yes I get the gist \_\_\_, but it's alright"
- 11. Best song on album
- 12. Paul Carrack 70s band
- 14. CA 'Planets' nu-metal band
- 19. '07 Marilyn Manson album '\_\_\_, Drink Me'
- 20. Candadians The Tragically \_\_\_
- 24. Borknagar bassist for son of Odin
- 25. Phish's 'Harry'
- 26. Live music venue in Dayton, OH
- 28. Counting Crows' Faces

- cover 'Ooh \_\_\_'
- 29. '99 Tal Bachman hit '\_\_\_ So High'
- 30. Album oriented rock format (abbr)
- 31. 'Rhythm Is a Dancer' 90s dance band
- 32. Phish's Billy Preston cover 'Will \_\_\_ Round In Circles'
- 34. They whipped it, whipped it good
- 36. Give \_\_\_ Sign
- 38. Breaking Up Is \_\_\_
- 39. Whitesnake guitarist Beach
- 40. '82 experimental Neil Young album
- 45. \_\_\_ Gritty Dirt Band
- 46. Cars 'Moving In Stereo' singer Benjamin
- 48. The Faces song about rubble?
- 50. '86 David Lee Roth album '\_\_\_ And Smile'
- 52. 'Not The Only One' Bonnie
- 53. '99 Van Morrison album 'Back \_\_\_'
- 54. David Thomas Cleveland weirdos \_\_\_ Ubu
- 55. Blueswoman Popovic and Matronic of Scissor Sisters
- 56. Ricky Martin 'Livin La \_\_\_ Loca'
- 57. 'Someone To Love You' R&Bers Ruff \_\_\_
- 58. Country guy Collin
- 59. 'Make Love Stay' Fogelberg
- 60. Jack Bruce power trio



**R&R answer from pg 44 of 11/16**



**Jonesin' answer from pg 43 of 11/16**



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**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.

**King Classic Sudoku Puzzle A**

		9	2	4	5	3		
	5			9	6		1	
	4		1		3	6		9
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Difficulty: ★

**King Classic Sudoku Puzzle B**

2	7				8		6	4
		8					5	
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Difficulty: ★★★

**King Classic Sudoku Puzzle C**

9	8						1	
7		1				2		6
		3			1			
1				3				5
						2		3
					6		2	8
8								
6			1				3	5
3	9					6	7	

Difficulty: ★★★★★



**SIGNS OF LIFE**

All quotes are from *Miss Mayhem*, by Rachel Hawkins, born Nov. 23, 1979.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** *All I ever did was try to help, try to make things better, and it seemed like I was failing all over the place. Depends on how you look at it.*

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** *The house in front of us looked a lot like Magnolia House back in town, but while that was just a reproduction of a fancy antebellum home, this seemed to be the real thing. Go for the real thing.*

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** *I didn't see an intercom button or anything like that, and I wasn't sure if I was supposed to knock. Kick down the door, maybe? Knock first.*

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** *How could David suddenly have new powers we didn't know anything about? Easy.*

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** *I couldn't get a read on anything, and not for the first time, I wondered if there was some kind of magic blocking my powers.*

Or you just need a nap.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** *'Sorry we got you involved in a Scooby-Doo mystery.' That made Ryan smile a little bit, and he shoved his hands in his pockets, rocking back on his heels. 'That is what's happening, isn't it? Which obviously makes you Shaggy.' Ruh-roh.*

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *Alexander only wrinkled his nose, bracing his elbows on the desk. 'Teenagers,' he said [with] a long sigh. 'Well, what can one expect, I suppose. In any case.'*

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** *But I had to admit that Bee actually knowing what was going on, being able to talk to her about it*

*and have her understand, felt good. Be understanding.*

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** *'It's just ... I thought you'd all know what you were doing,' she said at last, and with that, she walked out of the room, leaving me, Ryan, and David in silence. What gave you that idea?*

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** *... the Aunts had been distracted by discussing whether or not Jell-O salad was still a thing you could take to a church potluck. It is, but who's going to eat it?*

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** *Thankfully, Aunt Martha changed the subject, asking if any of my friends were going to be in the upcoming Miss Pine Grove Pageant. Well? Are they??*

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** *I'd hid out in the library like a weirdo because I hadn't wanted to face Bee or Ryan yet. Take your time. 🍷*

**7 LITTLE WORDS**

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 comedic actress Getty (7)	_____
2 1980s comedian Murphy (5)	_____
3 comedic actor Levy (6)	_____
4 "Burn" singer Goulding (5)	_____
5 singer Iglesias (7)	_____
6 tennis star Bouchard (7)	_____
7 Canadian actress Lilly (10)	_____

EL	DIE	EU	ED	GE
EU	IQ	ENR	NE	EL
EST	GE	UE	EV	IE
LE	ANG	INE	ELL	NIE

Last Week's Answers: 1. ROCKET 2. TRAFFIC 3. FIRECRACKER 4. VACUUM 5. SHOUT 6. EXPLOSION 7. TRAIN

**Sudoku Answers from pg 44 of 11/16**

**Puzzle A**

7	4	5	8	1	2	3	9	6
9	8	3	6	5	7	1	2	4
1	2	6	3	9	4	8	5	7
2	1	9	5	7	6	4	3	8
4	6	8	1	3	9	5	7	2
5	3	7	2	4	8	9	6	1
3	5	2	7	8	1	6	4	9
8	7	4	9	6	3	2	1	5
6	9	1	4	2	5	7	8	3

**Puzzle B**

3	4	8	9	2	1	7	6	5
1	6	9	4	5	7	3	2	8
5	2	7	8	6	3	1	9	4
6	9	3	5	8	2	4	7	1
4	8	1	6	7	9	2	5	3
7	5	2	3	1	4	6	8	9
2	7	4	1	9	8	5	3	6
8	3	6	2	4	5	9	1	7
9	1	5	7	3	6	8	4	2

**Puzzle C**

5	6	2	7	1	9	3	4	8
4	3	9	2	5	8	7	6	1
1	8	7	4	3	6	2	5	9
8	7	4	5	6	2	1	9	3
9	1	5	3	8	4	6	2	7
3	2	6	9	7	1	4	8	5
6	9	8	1	4	3	5	7	2
2	5	1	6	9	7	8	3	4
7	4	3	8	2	5	9	1	6

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**How About Just A Free Toothbrush?**

Dr. Jason Gladwell, an orthodontist in Raleigh, North Carolina, has a catchy new promotion going. WRAL-TV reported: "Grins and Glocks." Yep — patients who sign up for Invisalign braces can choose between a free Glock 19 (\$500-plus retail) or a membership to Youngsville Gun Club & Range. The deal is open only to those 21 and older, and the club will conduct a background check on recipients. Dr. Gladwell has received mixed reactions to the come-on; notably, Align Technology, which makes Invisalign, isn't happy: "This promotion does not reflect our brand purpose." WRAL Nov. 9

**Florida!**

In West Palm Beach, Florida, on Nov. 9, Kelly Jacobson was heartbroken after officers led away her pet pig, Pork Chop, during an eviction. WPTV reported that animal care and control officers actually had to drag the pig, as he weighs 400 pounds and can't really walk. They plan to gain custody of Pork Chop and get him the dietary care he needs. Jacobson has been cited twice before for neglecting his needs, but she said she would "do whatever I have to do to make him better. I need him." WPTV, Nov. 11

**Weird Science**

Kelsey Hatcher and her husband, Caleb, of Dora, Alabama, have three kids under 8 and a busy life, WVTM13-TV reported. Kelsey already knew she had the unusual condition of having two uteri and two cervixes when she became pregnant for a fourth time. But when she had her first sonogram last spring, she discovered something amazing: She has two babies on the way, one in each uterus. "OB/GYNs go their whole careers without seeing anything like this," Shweta Patel, Kelsey's doctor, said. The pregnancy is getting the Hatchers a lot of attention, which Kelsey isn't all that comfortable with. Both babies are girls and are due on Christmas Day, but doctors say they

could be born hours, days or weeks apart. WVTM13, Nov. 10

**Awesome!**

Kathy Magruder, who operates the Pageturners Bookstore in Indianola, Iowa, was rummaging through the never-checked-out books at the Calvin Community retirement home when she stumbled upon a treasure, KCCI-TV reported. There among the other titles was a leatherbound Bible, printed in 1705 in Selkirkshire, Scotland. Interestingly, it was printed illegally, without the oversight of the church. "This one, just something about it, when I open it up, the pages make a noise when you turn them that's a little different than a new book. They feel a little different, and the book smells a little different than any other book," Magruder said about the Bible. KCCI, Nov. 14

**What's in a Name?**

Too many words, according to officials in Spain. Fernando Fitz-James Stuart, the 17th duke of Huescar, recently baptized his second child with a name 25 words long, Sky News reported. The name pays tribute to the baby's mother and father, other members of the family and religious devotions. But register rules limit a child's name to one compound name and two simple

ones, and the duke and his wife will need to shorten the name for legal purposes. Sky News, Oct. 26

**It's a Mystery**

Adorchita Di Perno of Calgary, Alberta, was proud of finishing her 22nd marathon in Chicago on Oct. 8, so she decided to have her medal engraved on the back, Running magazine reported. She also had the 2018 Boston Marathon champion Des Linden sign the back in Sharpie. When she picked up the medal from the engraver, though, she saw that not only was her time wrong on the back, but the F-word was engraved above it. "This is my medal, but this is not my time or name," she said. "And I did not ask for the F-word." Later that day, store employees figured out that her medal had been confused with another runner's, who, oddly, DID want the F-word engraved on the back — but declined to say why. Di Perno said she was upset about the mix-up at the time, but now she's laughing about it. Probably helps that she qualified for the Boston race. Running, Oct. 18\

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