

# Where To Go, What To Do Near You

**Denver Santa Claus Shop, Dec. 1-11** — Drop off new toys at Glendale or Belcaro *King Soopers* stores. Information: 303-753-8801 or [www.denversantaclaushop.org](http://www.denversantaclaushop.org).

**J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Dec. 2** — *Pro Musica Colorado* and *St. Martin's Chamber Choir* at *Saint Paul Lutheran Church*, 7:30 p.m. Information: 720-443-0565.

**Christmas Craft Sale, Dec. 2-3** — More than 50 craft vendors at the *Barnum Recreation Center* (360 Hooker St.), 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 303-937-4655.

**Christmas Open House, Dec. 2-4** — *Paulino Gardens* hosts open house, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 303-429-8062 or [www.paulinogardens.com](http://www.paulinogardens.com).

**More Joy!, Dec. 2** — *Arts at Denver's* holiday show of miniatures First Friday Encore Mini-Party 5-8 p.m. Information: 303-722-0422 or [www.artsatdenver.com](http://www.artsatdenver.com).

**Blossoms Of Light, Dec. 2-Jan. 1** — A million lights create a winter wonderland at *Denver Botanic Gardens*. Information: 720-865-3853 or [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org).

**Holiday Gift Fair, Dec. 3** — *Italian Institute* on South Colorado Blvd. displays Tosori Italian pottery and ceramics from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information: 303-733-4335.

**Young Entrepreneurs Marketplace, Dec. 3** — Young business owners sell gifts at the *Young American Center* in Cherry Creek, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 303-320-3250.

**Santa Claus Stopover, Dec. 3-4 and 10-11** — Bring the kids to see Santa inside *Paulino Gardens'* warm tropical paradise, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 303-429-8062.

**Granny Dances To A Holiday Drum, Dec. 3-18** — The *Cleo Parker Robinson Dance* group plays its 20th season at *DU's Newman Center*. Information: 303-871-7220.

**American Art Invitational, Dec. 3-31** — Works by master painters on display at *Saks Galleries* with opening reception Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. Information: 303-333-4144.

**The Lion King, through Dec. 4** — Thrill to the pulsating rhythms of Elton John's *Circle of Life* at the *Buell Theatre*. Information: 303-893-4100.

**Thrill To Live Reindeer, Dec. 4** — Bring family and friends to see live reindeer outside the *Paulino Gardens* store, noon-3 p.m. Information: 303-429-8062.

**Colorado Christmas, Dec. 6** — Sleigh rides, roasted chestnuts, Victorian games and more at *Four Mile Park*, noon-4 p.m. Information: 720-865-0800 or [www.fmhp.org](http://www.fmhp.org).

**Fitness Kickboxing Class, Dec. 7** — Attend a free introductory kickboxing class at *Farrell's eXtreme Bodyshaping*. Information: 303-756-2639 or [www.joinfxb.com](http://www.joinfxb.com).

**Graduate Admissions Breakfast, Dec. 7** — Breakfast at *DU's Daniels College of Business* answers admissions questions, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Information: 303-871-3416.

**Anonymous 4, Dec. 8** — The four women of *Anonymous 4* entertain with magical sounds at the *DU's Newman Center*. Information: 303-871-7720.

**Reel Hope, Dec. 8** — Fundraising dinner and Hollywood movie at *Ellie Caulkins Opera House* to support *Jewish Family Services*. Information: 303-597-5000.

**Collectors' Choice, Dec. 8** — The *Denver Art Museum's* cocktail and dinner fundraiser, 6:30 p.m. Information: 720-913-2763 or [gwilson@denverartmuseum.org](mailto:gwilson@denverartmuseum.org).

**Christmas Around The World, Dec. 8** — Santa, music and holiday fun at the *Glendale Sports Center's* Christmas Party, 5-7 p.m. Information: 303-639-4711.

**Socializing For Singles, Dec. 8** — Party for single professionals 45 and over at the *Valley Country Club*, 5:30-10 p.m. Information: 303-649-9125.

**Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite, Dec. 8** — The *CU Jazz Ensemble* gives its first public concert of the Suite at *Dazzle Jazz*, 7 and 9 p.m. Information: 303-839-5100.

**Wine, Dec. 9** — *Active Minds* looks at history, types of wines plus complimentary wine tasting at *The Cottages at Dayton Place*, 2-4 p.m. Information: 303-751-5150.

**Latke Cook-off-Chanukah Party, Dec. 9** — *Temple Micah* event is at *Montview Presbyterian Church*, 5:30 p.m. Information: 303-388-4239 or [www.micahdenver.org](http://www.micahdenver.org).

**Timothy P. & The Rocky Mountain Stocking Stuffers, Dec. 9-11** — Fun-filled jamboree performances at the *Lakewood Cultural Center*. Information: 303-987-7845.

**Pre-Chanukah Party, Dec. 10** — Grammy-award winning *Klezmatiks* 25th Anniversary Tour stops at *L2 Arts Center*, 8 p.m. Information: 303-777-1003.

**Mosaics, through Dec. 10** — View an exhibit of mosaic wall hangings and sculptures at *910Arts* on Santa Fe. Information: 303-815-1779 or [www.910arts.com](http://www.910arts.com).

**Peace Concert, Dec. 11** — Songs, stories and music reflect on current events as a dozen musicians entertain at *Swallow Hill*, 7 p.m. Information: 303-777-1003.

**Santa Claws & Paws, Dec. 11** — Pet photos taken with Santa at *Cherry Creek Shopping Center*, 7-10 p.m. Information: 303-388-3900 or [www.shopcherrycreek.com](http://www.shopcherrycreek.com).

**Balls, Dec. 12 & 19** — A rollicking, slightly bonkers variety show for *Project Angel Heart* at *Lannie's Clocktower Cabaret*, 7 p.m. Information: 303-293-0075.

**Graduate Admissions Lunch, Dec. 13** — Luncheon at *DU's Daniels College of Business* explains the admission process, 12-1 p.m. Information: 303-871-3416.

**Mozart: Musician Heal Thyself, Dec. 13** — Explore the notion that music has healing properties at *Temple Emanuel*, 11 a.m.-noon. Information: 303-388-4013, ext. 307.

**White Christmas, Dec. 13-23** — Catch the musical production of the holiday movie at the newly opened *Lone Tree Arts Center*. Information: 720-509-1000.

**Deck The Windows, through Dec. 15** — Shoppers on Havana can vote on favorite merchant holiday display to win cash. Information: [www.onhavanastreet.com](http://www.onhavanastreet.com).

**Make & Bake, Dec. 15** — *BMH-BJ* Bnai Mitzvah and teens make Challah for homes and distribution by local food pantry, 6-8:30 p.m. Information: 720-583-4786.

**Ugly Sweater Christmas Party, Dec. 15** — A sing-a-long dedicated to the cherished ugly sweater at *Swallow Hill Café*, 7:30 p.m. Information: 303-777-1003.

**Dotsero & Hazel Miller, Dec. 15** — The contemporary jazz group joins Miller for a family holiday show at *The Soiled Dove* in Lowry, 8 p.m. Information: 303-830-9214.

**Sunburst Shabbat, Dec. 16** — A musical Shabbat service and family oneg (meal) open to community at *BMH-BJ Congregation*, 6 p.m. Information: 303-951-8231.

**A John Denver Christmas, Dec. 16 and 18** — *Aurora Symphony Orchestra* plays at *Vista Peak High*, 7:30 p.m. then at *Grandview High*, 3 p.m. Information: 720-275-5190.

**A Christmas Twist, through Dec. 17** — *A Christmas Carol* and *Oliver Twist* collide in weekend shows at the *John Hand Theater*, Lowry. Information: 303-562-3232.

**Adventures of Tom Sawyer, through Dec. 18** — The high-spirited Mark Twain classic plays the *Space Theatre*, DCPA. Information: 303-893-4100.

**Escanaba, through Dec. 18** — Enjoy a Christmas special full of quirky characters, warmth and humor at the *Aurora Fox*. Information: 303-739-1970 or [www.aurorafox.org](http://www.aurorafox.org).

**Pioneer Winter Camp, Dec. 19-20** — Youngsters create Civil War era toys, meet farm animals, more at *Four Mile Historic Park*, 9 a.m.-noon. Information: 720-865-0814.

**Festival Of Lights, Dec. 20** — Celebrate Chanukah at *Four Mile Park* with candle lighting, music, food and Israeli dancing, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Information: 720-865-0800.

**Chocolate, Dec. 21** — *Active Minds* explores the rich tale of chocolate at the *Washington Street Community Center*, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Information: 303-733-4643.

**Roger Clyne & The Peace Makers, Dec. 23** — The alt-country group plays the *Ogden Theatre*. Information: 303-832-1874 or [www.ogdentheatre.net](http://www.ogdentheatre.net).

**The 1940s Radio Hour, through Dec. 23** — Enjoy musical about 1942 holiday broadcast to troops at Arvada Center's *Main Stage Theater*. Information: 720-898-7200.

**More Joy!, through Dec. 24** — *Arts at Denver's* holiday show of miniatures. Information: 303-722-0422 or [www.artsatdenver.com](http://www.artsatdenver.com).

**A Christmas Carol, through Dec. 24** — Joyous musical with Tiny Tim and Ebenezer Scrooge plays the *Stage Theatre* for the holidays. Information: 303-893-4100.

**The Nutcracker, through Dec. 24** — Enjoy glittering snowflakes, shimmering sugarplums, ballet's unforgettable characters at the *Ellie*. Information: 303-837-8888.

**BOMA Gift & Toy Drive, through Dec. 24** — Group collects donations in Denver's office buildings. Information: 303-383-4870 or [www.bomadenver.org](http://www.bomadenver.org).

**Arctic Wonderland, through Dec. 24** — Bring family to *Cherry Creek Shopping Center's* Ice Palace exhibit. Information: 303-388-3900 or [www.shopcherrycreek.com](http://www.shopcherrycreek.com).

**Barry Rose, through Dec. 24** — View the first full gallery-show of personal work by the artist in 30 years at *Knoll Gallery* on Santa Fe. Information: 303-953-1789.

**David Bromberg Band, Dec. 30** — The artist entertains with Mollie O'Brien and Rich Moore at the *L2 Arts and Culture Center*, 8 p.m. Information: 303-777-1003.

**Noon Year's Eve, Dec. 31** — The *Children's Museum* has five ball drops every hour from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for children. Information: 303-433-7444 or [www.cmdenver.org](http://www.cmdenver.org).

**New Year's Eve Fireworks, Dec. 31** — See fireworks shows at 9 p.m. and midnight along the *16th Street Mall*. Information: [www.downtowndenver.com](http://www.downtowndenver.com).

**The Chick Sings Frank, Dec. 31** — Lannie Garrett's New Year's Eve tribute to Sinatra at her Cabaret following mall fireworks, 9:30ish. Information: 303-293-0075.

**Denver Plein Air Exhibit, through Dec. 31** — *Golden Triangle's* plein air art exhibit is in Denver Central Library's *Vida Ellison Gallery*. Information: 303-534-0771.

**New Year's Eve Bash, Dec. 31** — Beats Noir's bold combination of rock, hip hop and jazz entertains in *Dazzle's Dizzy Room*, 10:30 p.m. Information: 303-839-5100.

**iPhoneography, through Dec. 31** — Photos by Colorado photographer Siobhan Keleher on view at *Byers-Evans House Gallery*. Information: 303-620-4933.

**The Place We Live, through Jan. 1** — Robert Adams photography in the *DAM's Gallagher Family Gallery*. Information: 720-865-5000 or [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org).

**Whiffenpoofs Of Yale, Jan. 5** — The oldest and best known collegiate a cappella group offers a repertoire of songs at the *Newman Center*. Information: 303-871-7720.

**National Western Stock Show, Jan. 7-22** — See rodeos, 15,000 horses, cattle, sheep and a trade show at the *Coliseum Complex*. Information: 303-308-0360.

**Avenue Q, through Jan. 8** — The laugh out loud musical plays the *Vintage Theatre* on weekends. Information: 303-839-1361 or [www.vintagetheatre.com](http://www.vintagetheatre.com).

**The Whale, Jan. 13-Feb. 19** — Play about dangerously obese Charlie trying to connect with estranged daughter at the *Ricketson Theatre*. Information: 303-893-4100.

**Two Men Talking, Jan. 19** — The schoolboy rivals, a filmmaker and psychiatrist, give an unscripted routine at the *Newman Center*. Information: 303-871-7720.

**Four Friends, Jan. 21** — Musicians Doug Cotler, Beth Schafer and Julie Silver join Rabbi Joe Black for *Temple Emanuel's* fundraiser, 8 p.m. Information: 303-388-4013.

**Grandeur Of China, through Jan. 29** — Two exclusive exhibitions give a glimpse into China's history at the *Denver Art Museum*. Information: 720-865-5000.

**Abstract Expressionism, through Feb. 5** — Examples of expressionism including Kirkland's paintings at the *Kirkland Museum*. Information: 303-832-8576.

**Denver Jewish Film Festival, Feb. 23-March 4** — Opening night fundraiser kicks off 16th showing, 5:30 p.m. Information: 303-316-6360 or [www.macjcc.org](http://www.macjcc.org).

**Notes From A Quiet Life, through May 29** — View an evocative exploration of the photographer's work at the *Denver Art Museum*. Information: 720-865-5035.

## Escapes Elsewhere

**Georgetown Christmas Market, Dec. 3-11** — Quaint historic town becomes a bustling holiday scene for two weekends. Information: [www.historicgeorgetown.org](http://www.historicgeorgetown.org).

**Snow Sculpture In The Dark, Dec. 7-10** — Teams sculpture 8-ft. snow blocks in downtown Loveland followed by tree lighting, ice bowling. Information: 970-980-4764.

**Model Railroad Club Show, Dec. 10-11** — Prize-winning models, operating layouts in show at *Boulder County Fairgrounds*, Longmont. Information: 303-349-7006.

**12 Days Of Aspen, Dec. 20-31** — Ice skating, concerts, carolers and entertainment in downtown Aspen. Information: 800-670-0792 or [www.aspenchamber.org](http://www.aspenchamber.org).