

Holiday events and entertainment

from music and concerts, exhibits, parties, and family entertainment.

Music and Concerts

Oregon Repertory Singers* Their annual "Glory of Christmas" concert will be held at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church on Dec. 11-12 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. St. Philip Neri is located at SE 18th and Division in Portland. Reserved tickets (\$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$8 students) are available at Fastixx outlets or from Rep singers (227-3929).

Historical Society* "Soft Lights, Musical Nights" Holiday Celebration. Holiday decorations and live musical entertainment will be provided during evening events on Dec. 13, 20 and 23. Held at Stevens-Crawford Museum, 603 Sixth Street, Oregon City. Admission is \$2. More information may be obtained at 655-5574.

Portland Symphonic Girlchoir* Presenting Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" at First United Methodist Church on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. The "Ceremony of Carols" will be followed by familiar carols. First United Methodist is located at 1838 SW Jefferson in Portland. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Tickets may be ordered at 658-6407.

Messiah Sing-In* Features Michael Connolly and Kenneth Klesznski conducting more than 400 singers on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at the University of Portland Buckley Center Auditorium, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. Canned food donations are suggested. More information can be obtained at 283-7228.

Christmas by Candlelight* CCC's annual Christmas choral concert, featuring the Chamber Singers and College Chorale. The groups will perform Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Oregon City First Methodist Church, 811 Center Street, Oregon City. No admission will be charged. Jean Marshall can be contacted for additional information at ext. 2434.



Lights

Festival of Lights* At the Grotto, 5 to 10 p.m., now through Jan. 3 (closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day). Northeast 85th and Sandy Blvd. Admission is \$2.50 and \$3.50. Please call 254-7371 for more information.

Zoolights Festival* 125,000 lights, 75 lighted animal silhouettes and music by local school, church and professional choirs. Santa will be there and the zoo train will be running. Now through

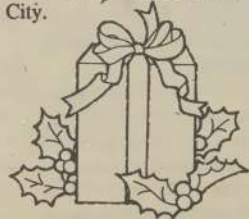
Jan. 2 (not Dec. 24-25) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Metro Washington Park Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon road, 226-1561.



Bazaars

Cottonwood Tree Gift Shop* Held at the Portland Waldorf School, Dec. 12 and 19 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 109 NE 50th (at Couch Street). More information may be obtained by calling 234-9660.

Christmas at John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center* Christmas gift and craft shop. Dec 8-12, 15-19, 22 and 23 from noon to 6 p.m. at the center, 19600 S. Molalla Ave., Oregon City.



Events

"A Storybook Christmas"* The Pittock Mansion will be decorated for Christmas through Dec. 31. Visiting hours are noon-4 p.m. and admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1.50 for children ages 6-18. Please call 823-3624 for more information.

Storytellers Guild* Members of the Portland Storytellers Guild will share both Christmas and Hanukkah tales, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Conant Conant Booksellers, 1001 SW 10th Ave, Portland. Donations will be happily accepted.

Nutcracker Fantasy* Travel through the land of frost where snowflakes dance, and follow Clara and the mesmerizing Nutcracker to his Kingdom in this exciting laser light show! Sound-track favorites include the Russian Dance, Arabian Dance and Dance of the Sugarplums. Showing at the new OMSI, 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland. For admission prices and times call 797-4646 and for advanced ticket sales (sold 24 hours in advance) call 797-4600.



Entertainment for families and children

Science Circus* This colorful exhibit offers six rings of 40 hands-on displays. Take a ride on a gyro chair, duck into a kaleidoscope, step inside a giant bubble, turn on a ghost and much more. Oct. 24-Jan. 31 at 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland. Included in general OMSI admission.

OMSI's Classes* OMSI's classes offer exciting learning experiences for children, students, adults and families during the holiday season. Register now and learn how to make a rocket, how to be an astronaut and how to find a constellation. Classes are two-days to one week and are designed for everyone, ages 3 and up. More information about the classes may be obtained at 797-4000.

Children's stories* Portland Storytellers Guild members tell holiday tales especially for children ages 3 and up. Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. in Conant Conant Booksellers, 1001 SW 10th Avenue, Portland. Donations are appreciated. Please call 241-7726 for more information.



Parties

Key Largo* Anyone over 21 may join in on the Christmas fun at Key Largo's Christmas party on Dec. 13. Key Largo is located at 31 NW First Avenue, Portland.

New Year's Eve at Key Largo* Quarterflash will be there to bring in the new year. Anyone over 21 welcome.

Alcohol and Drug Free Party* All ages are invited to bring in the new year with dancing, live music and a clear head. The party will be held in the Community Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sponsored by the CCC's ASG. More information may be obtained at 657-6958 ext. 2563.



Movie rentals

Renting movies is a popular activity on cold winter nights. During the holiday season, try some of these favorites.

All I Want For Christmas- Ethan

and his younger sister Hallie have a very important thing at the top of their Christmas wish list—they want to get their divorced parents together again! Ethan Randall (Dutch), Thora Birch (Patriot Games), Lauren Bacall, Leslie Nielsen (The Naked Gun), Harley Jane Sheridan (Stanley and Iris), all star in this family film. (1991, Rated G, 92 minutes)

A Christmas Story- A humorous holiday tale about nine-year-old Ralphie Parker who wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. The story takes place in a small town in Indiana during the 1940s and stars Darren McGavin (By Dawn's Early Light), Melinda Dillon (The Prince of Tides) and Peter Billingsley (Russkies). (1983, Rated PG, 93 minutes)

Christmas Vacation- The Griswold fiascos have begun once again, but this time it's at Christmastime. Clark Griswold would like his family to experience an old-fashioned Christmas but his hopes are ruined when relatives pay an unexpected visit and when Christmas preparations go haywire. (1989, Rated PG-13, 97 minutes)

It's a Wonderful Life- A classic story for the holiday season, starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. It is a film about George Bailey, a burned-out businessman close to committing suicide. Bailey's guardian angel appears and shows him what the town would be like if he had never been born. Available in black and white, and colorized versions. (1946, Not rated, 130 minutes)

Meet Me in St. Louis- A classic for any time of the year, Meet Me in St. Louis focuses on a St. Louis family who learns that they must move to New York. The move means that they will miss the 1903 World's Fair. Judy Garland (The Wizard of Oz) and Margaret O'Brien (The Canterville Ghost) star in this heartwarming family film which features Garland's rendition of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

(1944, Not rated, 113 minutes)

Miracle on 34th Street- Maureen O'hara (Only the Lonely) and Natalie Wood (Rebel Without a Cause) star in this Christmas classic that is enjoyable for people of all ages. Macy's department store has a new Santa who calls himself Kris Kringle. Is he the real Santa? He insists that he is, and six-year-old Susan (Wood) believes him, but her mother (O'hara) doesn't believe in Santa at all. This award-winning story deals with imagination and Christmas beliefs. (1947, Not rated, 97 minutes)

The Nutcracker- Mikhail Baryshnikov (Company Business) and Gelsey Kirkland star in this classic tale of a young girl's dream on Christmas Eve. This E.T.A. Hoffman fairy tale ballet is performed by the American Ballet Theater to Tchaikovsky's classic music. (1977, Not rated, 78 minutes)

Prancer- Nine-year-old Jessica finds a wounded reindeer in the woods and attempts to nurse it back to health so it can return to Santa. This holiday tale also explores the relationship between Jessica and her father (Sam Elliott), who have both changed since Jessica's mother died. Also stars Cloris Leachman (Texasville) and Abe Vigoda (Look Who's Talking). (1989, Rated G, 103 minutes)

Scrooged- A modern-day "Scrooge" story about Frank Cross, a greedy TV network president with a devilish sense of humor. Just like Scrooge from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Cross is taken in a ghostly time warp to teach him the true meaning of Christmas. Stars Bill Murray (What About Bob?), Karen Allen (Raiders of the Lost Ark), Bobcat Goldthwait (Burglar) and Robert Mitchum (Cape Fear). (1988, Rated PG-13, 101 minutes)

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