

Astoria



HOLIDAY EVENTS

Downtown Astoria Sparkles

3 to 5 p.m. Nov. 24
Liberty Theater
1203 Commercial St., 503-791-7940
www.libertyastoria.org

An event to kick-off your family's holiday spirit with movies, caroling, shopping and more. This event features two movies to get any scrooge into the holiday spirit, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, lighting ceremony with caroling and the start of the Astoria Sparkling Deals shopping event, coinciding with Small Business Saturday shopping event.

Downtown Sparkles Lighting Ceremony

5 p.m. Nov. 24
12th & Commercial streets, 503-791-7940

Celebrate this joyful season with special guests Mayor Willis van Dusen, Sen. Betsy Johnson and carolers from the North Coast Chorale and "Scrooged in Astoria" Angel Choir.

Sankta Lucia Festival

6:30 to 10 p.m. Nov. 24
Astoria High School
1001 W. Marine Drive
503-325-6136
www.astoriascanfest.com

This annual festival of lights features live music, traditional Scandinavian dancing and the traditional Lucia procession. Afterwards, refreshments served by the Finnish lodge. All admission funds go to the Scandinavian Festival scholarship fund.

"Messiah" Sing-a-long & Play-a-long Concert

4 p.m. Nov. 26
Performing Arts Center
588 16th St.
503-791-5681
www.northcoastchorale.org

North Coast Chorale presents the annual music of Handel's "Messiah," a sing-a-long, conducted by Denise Reed. The performance will benefit Clatsop County food banks. Instrumentalists are invited to play-a-long. Admission is free, but donations to the food bank accepted at the door.

Cannon Beach Chorus Christmas Concert

7 p.m. Dec. 1 at Warrenton Christian Church
1376 S.E. Anchor Ave., Warrenton
www.cannonbeachchorus.org

The fall season of Home for the Holidays will feature a major work "The Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saëns and family Christmas favorites including "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Peace, Peace," "Ave Maria" by Biebl and "Ave Maria" by Gounod and others. Tickets are \$10 per person.

"Scrooged in Astoria"

7 p.m. Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23, 2 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17
Astor Street Opry Company 129 W. Bond St.
503-325-6104, www.astorstretoprycompany.com

A melodrama adaptation of the timeless Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Story," combines holiday tunes with Scandinavian traditions, with special appearances by characters from "Shanghaied in Astoria." Tickets are \$5 Fridays, \$7 to \$16.

Starving Artist Faire

7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3
The Armory, 1636 Exchange St.,
503-458-6250, www.astorstretoprycompany.com

Sponsored by the Astor Street Opry Company, the annual Starving Artist Faire is one of the biggest local events of the season with a festive atmosphere, music and food. It features one-of-a-kind gifts ranging from photography, collage art, paintings, home and holiday décor, soap, wreaths, jewelry, candles, apparel and accessories, glass art, pottery and more. Prices are low to moderate. Admission is two cans of food or a \$2 suggested donation.

Holiday Run & Chili Feed

10 a.m. Dec. 2
The Relief Pitcher, 2795 S. Roosevelt Drive
503-325-6932, www.northcoastabate.com

North Coast ABATE's holiday run and chili feed is an annual event benefiting area food banks. Kickstands up at 11 a.m. with planned stops at Buoy 9 in Hammond, Jeffers Gardens Inn in Astoria; ending at the Astoria Moose Lodge for Pastor Bob's chili, 50/50 and other games. Tickets are \$15 for run/chili, and \$5 for chili only.

"The Nutcracker" Ballet

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Dec. 3
Astoria High School, 1001 W. Marine Drive
503-861-1971, www.maddoxdancers.com

The Little Ballet Theater presents the timeless classic and holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" featuring guest artists accompanied by dancers, an orchestra and 12-voice choir. Tickets are \$21 general admission.

"A Christmas Carol" Reader's Theater

7 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, and 15
Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St.
503-325-5922, www.libertyastoria.org

"A Christmas Carol" tells the story of a bitter old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge and his transformation into a gentler, kinder man after visitations by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. Tickets are \$15.

Clatsop Animal Assistance Holiday Party

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9
Fort George Lovell Showroom, 426 14th St.
503-861-0737, www.dogsncats.org

Don't miss Clatsop Animal Assistance's December fundraiser and holiday party — helping the shelter with volunteers and donations — includes pet pix with Santa, a fabulous bake sale, silent auction, raffle and more.

Gifts That Make A Difference

Noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 9
Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St.
This is not your ordinary holiday gift fair! Gifts That Make A Difference provides showcasing, networking and fundraising for nonprofits.

'Tis the Season Holiday Concert

7 p.m. Dec. 9
Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St.
503-836-2198, www.columbiariversymphony.org

Celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends and loved ones during Columbia river Symphony's holiday concert in conjunction with the Warrenton High/Middle School choirs featuring some favorite holiday musical selections, vocal soloists, Santa Claus and raffle prizes.

Winter Choir Concert

7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 14
Astoria High School
1001 W. Marine Drive, 503-325-3911

Presented by the Astoria School District, the Winter Choir Concert Spectacular features the Astoria Middle School Choir and Astoria High School Choir performing a variety of music from traditional to modern.

Plum Pudding & Tea

1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 through Dec. 30
(closed Dec. 24 and 25)
Flavel House Museum
441 8th St., 503-325-2203
www.cumtux.org

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a traditional Victorian holiday treat of fresh, warm plum pudding, tea and a self-guided tour of the museum. Tickets are \$12. Reservations are recommended for large groups of eight or more.

"Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All"

2 p.m., Dec. 17
Liberty Theater
1203 Commercial St., 503-791-5681
www.northcoastsymphonicband.org

North Coast Symphonic Band presents its 38th season celebrating "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All" with holiday favorites in traditional and new arrangements, featuring vocal soloists Andy and Rachel Becker.

Old Fashioned Christmas

6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18
Flavel House Museum
441 8th St., 503-325-2203
www.cumtux.org

Old St. Nick will be attending this Old Fashioned Christmas celebration where visitors will be treated to holiday music, cookies and hot chocolate; crafts, games and stories for the kids, too. And don't forget the camera! Regular admission applies.