



## CAPTURE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT HOLIDAY TOUR OPPORTUNITIES

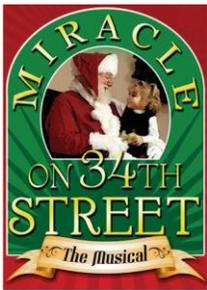
### DAYTON GRANDE ILLUMINATION TREE LIGHTING AND CHILDREN'S PARADE



Watch the holidays light up during Dayton's traditional tree lighting! At 7:45pm on Friday, November 28, 2014 we'll throw the switch and approximately 50,000 colored lights will brighten the two-story-tall holiday tree on Courthouse Square. Immediately following the tree lighting, the Children's Parade will round the corner of Second and Main streets to start its route through downtown, sparkling with more than 100,000 lights! Watch decorative seasonal floats, horses, drill teams and bands, and some special holiday treats.

### THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

With its enchanting story, lavish costumes, and colorful scenery, The Nutcracker engages the audience from beginning to end. Be there to witness the stage of the multi-million dollar **Schuster Performing Arts Center** (937-228-3630) come alive with white mice, marching soldiers, Russian princes, a Chinese quartet, shepherds and their lambs, the Snow King and Queen, and of course, the Sugar Plum Fairy. Make sure to ask the CVB to arrange an exclusive cast meet and greet! **\*\*Runs on the weekends leading up to Christmas day.**



**"Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street"** the musical is going to be featured at LaComedia Dinner Theatre. The story of the real Santa Claus, Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street is one of the most beloved holiday films of all time! Macy's thinks it has hired the perfect Santa for the holiday season. However problems arise when the man named Kris Kringle claims he is the real Santa Claus and tells customers they can find better details elsewhere. This touching musical version of the classic holiday film proves that miracles do happen and is sure fill both the young and the young at heart with the Christmas spirit. For group sales contact (800) 677-9505 x2 **November 5 – December 31, 2014.**

### VIRGINIA KETTERING'S HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY

Visitors of all ages can view this one-of-a-kind model train display that was given to the community by Mrs. Virginia Kettering. This beloved community treasure has been refurbished thanks to the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, Schultz Electric Train Layouts & Hobbies and the Miami Valley Garden Railway Society. The display can also be viewed through the building windows at Second and Main anytime. For additional information call (937) 224-1518. **Yearly, Late November – first week in January**



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### **SKATE THE 'SCAPE**

Riverscape may be Dayton's summer fun hotspot and a true "Gem" of the city, but the fun isn't over when it gets cold! This holiday season, "Skate the 'Scape" as RiverScape MetroPark (937-274-0126) becomes home to the regions only outdoor ice skating rink, festive light displays and other family winter activities. In addition, RiverScape is home to an extensive collection of interactive "invention stations" that celebrate the many inventors and inventions from Dayton: a replica of the Wright Flyer III, and bigger than life versions of the pop top can, the ice cube tray, the cash register and others. *Yearly, end of November thru February.*



### **WOODLAND FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**



*...bundled like snowmen, wrapped in scarves and clothed in mittens  
...follow the lighted path as snow crunches beneath your feet...carolers singing  
in the moonlight...the sweet smell of hot chocolate fills the air...*

Woodland Lights (937-438-7985, ext. 133) offers a fantasyland of holiday lights and displays along a half-mile wooded path. This 28-night event enters its 15th season with even more lights, more vignettes, and the same winter whimsy that enchants thousands of visitors every year. See the lights, enjoy refreshments, and visit with Santa before Christmas in an historic log cabin -- you're sure to love your visit with Santa's reindeer! *Yearly, all December.*

### **HOLIDAYS AT THE SCHUSTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

A new tradition for Daytonians, holidays at the Schuster (937-228-3630) means Christmas carol sing-alongs, animated window displays, and even a Tike's Shop where Santa's elves are on call to help the littlest shoppers with their purchases. The holidays are always a special time at the Schuster Center, Dayton's arts epicenter and a jewel in the crown of nations Performing Arts Centers. On a typical day, the Center's Wintergarden is a real-life tropical paradise; palm trees line the block-long glass atrium and beautiful melodies of the Dayton Philharmonic fill the air. During the holidays the Schuster Center takes on a whole new role: "Wintergarden Wonderland." We'd love for it to be *your* new holiday tradition! *Yearly, end of November thru December.*



### **PRE-HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREES**

Don't wait until the last minute - call the CVB for a custom shopping tour just in time for the holidays! Several areas in Dayton to this year's holiday shopping: **Dayton Mall, 2nd Street Public Market, Towne & Country and Cross Pointe Shopping Center.** Package holiday shopping with festivals, lights, and theatre for a tour that is sure to sell out!

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