



News Release

Rick Dunlap, Public Relations Director

Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau

3211 North Front Street, Suite 301-A, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Web: www.VisitHersheyHarrisburg.org

Facebook: [HersheyHarrisburg](https://www.facebook.com/HersheyHarrisburg)

Twitter: [@HHRVB4Media](https://twitter.com/HHRVB4Media) - and - [@HHRVB](https://twitter.com/HHRVB)

Email: Rick@HersheyHarrisburg.org

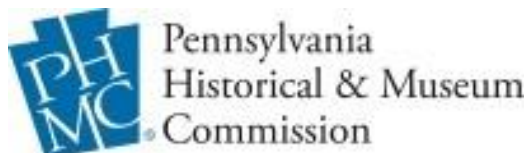
Cell: 717-884-3328

Media Lounge Online Resource Center – www.VisitHersheyHarrisburg.org/MEDIA

Kids go wild for “Noon Year’s” Celebration & Firefly Drop at the State Museum of Pennsylvania

Friday, December 30, 2016

10am – 2pm



MEDIA: Contact Howard Pollman, Marketing Director for the PA Historical & Museum Commission at 717.705.8639 or HPollman@pa.gov. Visit the PHMC web site at www.StateMuseumPA.org.

Harrisburg, PA (Dec. 14, 2016) - [The State Museum of Pennsylvania](http://www.StateMuseumPA.org) presents the 11th anniversary edition of its popular “Noon Year’s” celebration. Join museum staff, volunteers and other junior revelers and their families from 10AM to 2PM on Friday, December, 30 for an exciting opportunity to “ring in” the New Year.

Museum visitors will have an opportunity to make crafts, sip some hot chocolate, learn about music in nature and dance their way into the New Year. The highlight of this family-friendly event is the museum’s famous firefly and balloon drop at 12:00 noon in Memorial Hall.

Award winning children’s performer Steven Courtney will host two special music performances. Mr. Courtney has been honored for his work with children and in music. “I strive to write songs that kids and parents can be entertained by, while they are together, enjoying each other’s company,” says the Pennsylvania-based songwriter.

Curiosity Connection will be open during the event for our visitors under age 5 for activities and play. Space is limited, but a free, timed ticket is required for 45 minutes of play. Curiosity Connection will be closing at 2:15pm.

The event is included with general admission to the museum. Guests may call 717-772-6997 through December 23 to pre-purchase General Admission & Planetarium tickets and to reserve Curiosity Connection Playtime. No reservation is required and walk-ups are welcome, however Planetarium tickets and Curiosity Connection Playtime tickets are extremely limited. To guarantee your time, please consider booking early.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view the *Season of Light* planetarium show available at special times throughout the day. Although it is the coldest and darkest of seasons, this time of year holds some of the warmest and brightest celebrations. Trace the history and development of many of the world’s most endearing holiday customs. Planetarium shows are an additional \$3 per person. Space is limited and tickets are required for the planetarium show.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is one of 24 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History.

The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania’s fascinating heritage. With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary eras, a pivotal Civil War battleground and the commonwealth’s vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania’s story is America’s story.

For more information about the museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

###