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## **12 Days of Carry-Out to Showcase Local Arts Organizations, Support Restaurants and Raise Funds for Area Nonprofits**

*This project will promote 12 local restaurants from Dec. 10-21, with 20 percent of the proceeds each day going to local non-profit organizations*

**Peoria, IL-** The Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (Discover Peoria) and ArtsPartners of Central Illinois are excited to launch their new campaign, the **12 Days of Carry-Out**. The campaign will feature 12 local restaurants over the course of 12 days with 20 percent of the proceeds going towards 12 local non-profit organizations.

“Shopping and dining local is investing in your own community, it not only builds economic growth but also strong social connections. This campaign will allow for local restaurants and local non-profits to continue to thrive,” said **JD Dalfonso, President/CEO of Discover Peoria**. “During these incredibly difficult times, now, more than ever, is the time to support our local restaurants.”

During these 12 days, local residents will be encouraged to order carry-out and delivery from a designated local restaurant. Each purchase will automatically donate 20 percent of the funds to the specified non-profit organization of the day.

**When ordering from the restaurant, make sure to tell them it's for #12DaysofCarryOut!**

Highlights of the 12 days will include virtual performances from local arts organizations on select nights in December.

On Friday, December 11, order carry-out from Thyme and join the Peoria Ballet with Central Illinois' favorite holiday tradition, **The Nutcracker performed by the Peoria Ballet**. Get into the holiday spirit with this festive production made available this year to enjoy safely at home. The perfect way to have a date night while participating in the 12 Days of CarryOut . The Nutcracker has been a community favorite for over 45 years and is a treat for audiences of all ages! The cost to stream the performance is \$20 and available at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/peoriaballetnutcracker>.

On Saturday, December 12, grab your carry-out from Industry Brewing Company and watch the **Corn Stock Theatre production of Curtain Call**. It will be an evening of music, dance, poetry, and more! This cabaret-style showcase features over 20 performers, many of whom will be reprising roles previously seen on a Corn Stock stage, as well as some new performers that will be sharing their talents with Corn Stock audiences for the first time. Stream the event online at [www.cornstocktickets.com](http://www.cornstocktickets.com). The cost is \$20-\$25.

On Saturday, December 19, order carry-out from Rhythm Kitchen Music Cafe and then join the special televised performance of the concert **A Season of Hope by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra** at 8 p.m. on WTVP Create 47.4. The concert is a multi-faceted jewel shining in many directions, with works by Corelli, Handel, and Bach, along with ancient chants and messages of goodwill, peace, and hope to bring you joy, courage, and comfort into the New Year.

**The Full 12 Days of Carry-Out Schedule includes:**

Day	Date	Participating Restaurant	Call to Order	Non-Profit Benefactor
Thursday	12-10	Cayenne	<a href="tel:(309)966-1035">(309) 966-1035</a>	Big Picture Peoria
Friday	12-11	Thyme Craft Kitchen & Bar	<a href="tel:(309)713-2619">(309) 713-2619</a>	Peoria Ballet
Saturday	12-12	Industry Brewing	<a href="tel:(309)839-2930">(309) 839-2930</a>	Corn Stock Theatre
Sunday	12-13	[CxT] Roasting Company	<a href="tel:(872)333-2987">(872) 333-2987</a>	ArtsPartners of Central IL
Monday	12-14	Khoury's Cuisine	<a href="tel:(309)685-3000">(309) 685-3000</a>	Dream Center Peoria
Tuesday	12-15	Edge by Chef Dustin Allen	<a href="tel:(309)692-3343">(309) 692-3343</a>	Neighborhood House
Wednesday	12-16	Dac's Smokehouse	<a href="tel:(309)643-1223">(309) 643-1223</a>	Foster Pet Outreach
Thursday	12-17	Barrack's Cater Inn	<a href="tel:(309)692-3990">(309) 692-3990</a>	Contemporary Art Center
Friday	12-18	Sugar Wood Fired Bistro	<a href="tel:(309)676-0848">(309) 676-0848</a>	ART, Inc
Saturday	12-19	Rhythm Kitchen	<a href="tel:(309)676-9668">(309) 676-9668</a>	Peoria Symphony Orchestra
Sunday	12-20	Famous Dave's	<a href="tel:(309)691-7427">(309) 691-7427</a>	Wildlife Prairie Park
Monday	12-21	Firehouse Pizza	<a href="tel:(309)698-9111">(309) 698-9111</a>	Peoria Area Food Bank

According to the COVID-19 guidelines provided by Governor Pritzker as of Nov. 20, 2020, all participating restaurants are encouraged to follow current mitigation guidelines. Masks are recommended when picking up your carry-out orders. Please ask each individual restaurant about their current health and safety protocols as each business operates differently. In addition, guidelines may change during the promotion. For more information on local COVID-19 guidelines, please visit [www.restorehoi.com](http://www.restorehoi.com).

For more information about participating restaurants and nonprofit organizations visit [www.discoverpeoria.com/blog/post/12-days-of-carry-out](http://www.discoverpeoria.com/blog/post/12-days-of-carry-out).

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