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Pageants, Rockettes and Lots of Carols

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A sampling of holiday celebrations, including dance and theater events, in New York City. Admission is free unless otherwise noted. (Churches accept donations.)

Today

CHURCH OF ST. LUKE IN THE FIELDS (Episcopal), 487 Hudson Street, Greenwich Village. West Village Caroling Walk, led by the West Village Chorale; Michael Conley, music director. 7 p.m. (212) 517-1776.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (Little Church Around the Corner, Episcopal), 1 East 29th Street, Manhattan. A staged production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." With soloists, Transfiguration Camerata and the New York Kammermusiker; Claudia Dumschat, organist and choirmaster; Richard Olson, director. 7:30 p.m. \$25 (\$20 in advance); under 12, \$15. (212) 684-4174.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART Annual display of the Christmas tree and Neapolitan Baroque crèche, with special lighting ceremonies at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Through Jan. 7. Tuesdays through Thursdays and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays (and Dec. 28), 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Mondays. \$20; students and 65+, \$10; under 12 and members, free. (212) 535-7710.

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL, 1260 Avenue of the Americas, at 50th Street. "Christmas Spectacular," the annual holiday show with the Rockettes. 10 a.m. and 1, 3:30, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Through Dec. 30. \$40 to \$250. (212) 247-4777.

SOUTH STREET SEAPORT MUSEUM, 12 Fulton Street, Lower Manhattan. Free activities including a candle-making workshop (5 to 8 p.m.) and caroling by choristers in the Singing Christmas Tree (6 and 7 p.m.). (212) 748-8568.

Tomorrow

BROOKLYN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, Flatbush and Nostrand Avenues, Flatbush. Christmas in the Caribbean with the University Singers, featuring performers from the University of Jamaica. 8 p.m. \$20, \$35 and \$50. (718) 951-4500.

JEWISH MUSEUM, 1109 Fifth Avenue, at 92nd Street. "Light X Eight: The Hanukkah Project 2000," works by eight artists that use light. Through Feb. 4. Saturdays through Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Fridays. \$12; students, \$7.50 for students; under 12, members and everyone on Saturdays, free. (212) 423-3337.

VAN CORTLANDT HOUSE MUSEUM, Broadway at West 246th Street, the Bronx. "Christmas in the Colonies," with house tours, music and refreshments. 4 to 7 p.m. Also Sunday, same times. \$10; students, \$8; 8 to 12, \$5. Call 311.


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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Park Avenue, at 64th Street. An interfaith service followed by a blessing of live and stuffed animals. Donations will benefit Puppies Behind Bars, an organization that trains prison inmates to raise puppies to become service dogs for the disabled and law enforcement agencies. 6 p.m. (212) 838-1501.

CHRIST AND ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH (Episcopal), 120 West 69th Street, Manhattan. A staged reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol" and a cappella carols; with actors and a quartet of [Metropolitan Opera](#) choristers. Presented by J. R. Productions. 7:30 p.m. \$20; students and 65+, \$10; 12 and younger, free. Proceeds benefit the International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association for research in a genetic condition that turns connective tissue into bone. (212) 706-1437 or (212) 787-2755.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY (Episcopal), 1393 York Avenue, at 74th Street. A Christmas pageant and caroling. 11 a.m. (212) 737-2720.

JEWISH MUSEUM, 1109 Fifth Avenue, at 92nd Street. Hot Peas 'N Butter Celebrate Hanukkah, songs with a funky beat. 2 p.m. \$15; children, \$10 (family members, \$12 and \$8), includes museum admission. (212) 423-3337.

MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. "Posadas y Pastorelas," a Mexican celebration of the holiday, with food, crafts, music and a shepherd's play. Noon. Suggested admission: \$9; 62+ and students, \$5; under 12, free; families, \$20; Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon, free for all. (212) 534-1672.

QUEENS COLLEGE, Colden Auditorium, Long Island Expressway and Kissena Boulevard, Flushing. Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland," by American Family Theater. 2 p.m. \$12. (718) 793-8080.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH (Episcopal), 423 West 46th Street, Clinton. A dramatic adaptation of O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi," by Kathleen Cuvelier. 7 p.m. (212) 246-7277.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH (Episcopal), 346 West 20th Street, Chelsea. A reading of Clement Clarke Moore's "Visit From St. Nicholas"; also Friedell's "Song of Mary," McNeil's "While Shepherds Watched" and other works and carols; Maura Valenti, harpist; John Eggleston, music director. 6 p.m. Presented by the Chelsea Community Church. (212) 886-5463.

SYMPHONY SPACE, 2537 Broadway, at 95th Street, Manhattan. "Tappy Holidays!," a tap-dancing holiday show featuring the Tap City Youth Ensemble, the Cleveland Tap Collective, the Columbus Tap Project and others. 7 p.m. \$26 in advance, \$31 Sunday. (212) 864-5400.

Tuesday

CARNEGIE HALL A Christmas Jazz Celebration, with the Magic City Jazz Quintet; the Imperials; Amy Drinkwater, Neville Peter and Steve Darmody, vocalists; and Jeff Kruh, pianist. 8 p.m. \$30. (212) 247-7800.

Wednesday

ST. PETER'S CHURCH (Episcopal), 346 West 20th Street, Chelsea. Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," with the Chelsea Opera and the Chelsea Opera Chamber Orchestra. 8 p.m. Also Thursday at 8 p.m. \$20 in advance (students, \$15); at the door, \$25 and \$20. (866) 811-4111.

Christmas Eve

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST, Fifth Avenue, at 90th Street. Annual children's Christmas pageant, with live animals; Mollie Nichols, music director. 3:30 and 5 p.m. (212) 289-3400.

MERKIN CONCERT HALL, 129 West 67th Street, Manhattan. Choral music of Hanukkah by the Zamir Chorale. 8 p.m. \$25 and \$36. (212) 501-3330.

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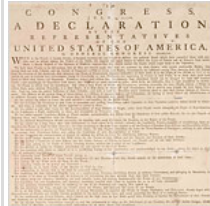
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