



Activities Calendar December 12-16, 2006

Ongoing

Dec. 1st-31st **Half Price Show Discounts – Mayor’s Holiday Specials**

Mayor Menino invites Boston residents and visitors to give their holidays extra sparkle with half price tickets for theatre, dance and music performances. Purchase half price tickets to holiday shows in conjunction with ArtsBoston and BosTix.

Shows include, but are not limited to: Black Nativity, Holiday Pops!, Radio City Music, Spectacular, Jose Mateo's Nutcracker – Duxbury, 'Tis the Season!, A Baroque Noel, A Christmas Carol - North Shore Music Theatre, A Christmas Carol - Trinity Rep, A Dancer's Christmas, and Urban Nutcracker.

Contact: Visit www.mayorsholidaysspecial.com for more information and to buy tickets

Dec. 7th-31st **Radio City Christmas Rockettes Spectacular**

Wang Theater – Boston

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular brings the high-kicking Rockettes -- and much more -- back to The Wang Theatre. This live production has dazzling scenery, costumes and lighting, as well as a cast and crew of nearly 100 members, including Santa Claus himself! In addition to eye-popping contemporary scenes such as the “Twelve Days of Christmas” and “Christmas in New York,” the show features family favorites like the “Parade of the Wooden Soldiers” and the awe-inspiring “Living Nativity” -- with real camels!

Location: 270 Tremont St., Boston

Contact: www.citicenter.com

Cost: \$20-77.50 per ticket. Visit website to purchase tickets

Dec. 8th-17th **Urban Nutcracker by BalletRox**

John Hancock Hall – Boston

Families are invited to revel in a holiday dance classic with an inner city edge that fuses ballet, swing, hip hop, tap, and flamenco. Performances feature the world-renowned flamenco dancing of Madrid's Isaac de los Reyes, the fiery tap choreography of Khalid Hill, and the incredible acrobatics of Liem Nguyen, as well as over 50 Boston area children. Proceeds support BalletRox's dance scholarship program for underserved youth.

Location: 180 Berkeley St., Hancock Place, Boston

Contact: www.balletrox.com

Cost: \$20-40 per ticket. Visit the website to purchase tickets.

Dec. 11th-31st **Boston Pops – Holiday Pops!**

Symphony Hall – Boston

Take part in one of Boston's most beloved traditions - a Holiday Pops concert at historic Symphony Hall. Bring your family and friends for a matinee or evening concert and enjoy the glorious New England holiday season. A number of performances are geared towards children and will include a children's sing-along, more time with Santa Claus, and a post-concert photo opportunity with Santa Claus.

Location: 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston

Contact: www.bso.org, 617-266-1492

Cost: \$32-115 per ticket. Visit the website to order tickets.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th

6 PM The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Faneuil Branch Library – Brighton

C.S. Lewis' classic, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, is a charming tale about four children whose curiosity and boredom take them on a fantastical journey. A magical wardrobe leads them into a mystical land called Narnia, where animals can talk and good battles evil. The children learn that the White Witch has cast a spell over Narnia and must help the benevolent lion ruler, Aslan, save the land and triumph over evil. Through this story, we hope to encourage the students to stand up for what is right and help those around them. Hampstead Players present this exciting play. Geared for grades K-8.

Location: 419 Faneuil St., Brighton

Contact: 617-782-6705

Cost: Free

6-8 PM Hands-on History Exhibit Opening and Holiday Celebration

Old State House Museum – Boston

The Bostonian Society invites you to a special holiday open house celebrating the history and preservation of Boston's venerable Old State House. Bring the whole family to enjoy an evening of holiday music and festive refreshments amid the historical charms of the Old State House! Join us for a special preview of *The Old State House: A Hands-on History*, a new family-friendly exhibition that invites visitors to learn about the Old State House in a whole new way. Celebrate the completion of the North-East Corner Restoration Project and meet the craftsmen and the preservation experts who performed this important work. Enjoy special discounts on unique museum shop merchandise.

Location: 206 Washington St., Boston

Contact: 607-720-1713, www.bostonhistory.org. **Please RSVP by December 8th** by phone or e-mail at oldstatehouse@bostonhistory.org.

Cost: Free

Wednesday, December 13th

5-8:45 PM Family Art-Making Activities

Museum of Fine Arts – Boston

Design paper crowns, make stained glass art, and help decorate a Wishing Tree with hand-made scrolls and gold foil figures.

Location: Avenue of the Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston

Contact: www.mfa.org, 617-267-9300

Cost: Adults: Free with museum admission (\$15) – we have free tickets. Children under 17: Free

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Honan-Allston Branch Library

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Location: 300 North Harvard St., Allston

Contact: 617-787-6313

Cost: Free

7-9 PM New England Conservatory Gospel Concert

Remis Auditorium – Museum of Fine Arts

For the third year in a row, the MFA welcomes the NEC Millennium Gospel Choir for a rousing holiday concert. As gospel music enjoys a renaissance in the new millennium, New England Conservatory's Millennium Gospel

Choir lifts its mighty voice. The choir's members, drawn from churches throughout the greater Boston area, perform traditional and contemporary gospel and spirituals, including congregational songs, in a special concert to ring in the holiday season.

Location: Avenue of the Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston

Contact: www.mfa.org, 617-267-9300

Cost: General admission: \$25; Members, seniors, and students: \$20. Buy tickets on the MFA's website.

Saturday, December 16th

10AM-4:45PM Family Art-Making Activities

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10AM-Noon Candy Land Tournament

Faneuil Hall – Boston

A children's tournament, based on the classic Candy Land game, is hosted by the Pitching in for Kids Foundation, and a benefit for The Starlight Starbright Foundation of N.E., two non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for hospitalized children and their families throughout New England. A kid's buffet, children's entertainment, and prizes are included.

Location: 75 State Street, Boston. Located in the middle building, upper rotunda.

Contact: www.pitchinginforkids.org, 617-367-3322

Cost: \$1

12-2 PM Audubon Ark

Boston Children's Museum

It can be hard to get a good look at the creatures that live around Massachusetts. Join Massachusetts Audubon when they bring some New England animals for a visit.

Location: 300 Congress St., Boston

Contact: www.bostonkids.org, 617-426-8855

Cost: Free with museum admission (Adults: \$9, Children (2-15): \$7)