



Downtown Holiday Events

December 2008

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Dear Carol,

There has never been more to do in Downtown Mobile in the month of December, so we're devoting an entire newsletter to the sights and sounds of the season. Since some of our members are outside of Downtown, you'll even see a few events that take you beyond our borders.



There's even a special offer for readers of *Downtown Details* at the bottom of this newsletter from the Alliance's newest member, Bellingrath Gardens. In any case, only a Scrooge would say, "There's nothing to do in Mobile!"

For a complete list of events please visit the City's website:
[Complete Calendar of Events](#)

December Events

December 6 and 7- Riverboat Christmas at the Richards DAR House, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. respectively, Richards DAR House, 256 North Joachim Street

December 7 - The Museum of Mobile Historic Open House, 1:00-4:30 p.m., 111 South Royal Street; Refreshments, activities, story telling, musical performances and a visit from St. Nicholas

December 12- LoDa Art Walk
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Cathedral Square Arts District and Lower Dauphin Street.

Exhibitions and entertainment in a variety of downtown galleries and other venues. Sponsor: City of Mobile Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.





December 13 and 14 - The Nutcracker presented by Mobile Ballet, 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. respectively, Mobile Civic Center Theater, 401 Civic Center Drive

December 19 - Gala Christmas Concert, presented by Musica Sacra Choir and Chamber Orchestra featuring Soprano Cara Lynne Early and Mobile's Singing Children, 8:15 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2 South Claiborne Street

December 20 - Mobile Holiday and Christmas Parade, 1:30 p.m. (rain date: December 21, 2 p.m.), Join Mayor Jones, Mobile City



Council Members, Santa and Grand Marshall, Ronald McDonald, for the city's annual Holiday and Christmas Parade. The parade starts at the Civic Center and runs east on Government, north on Royal, the opposite way on Dauphin and back to Claiborne to the Civic Center. Grab a curbside seat and enjoy the festivities. For the little ones, make sure you take them to Bienville Square for free activities, make and take ornaments, a SPCA pet adoption and much more!

December 20 - Maddie's Pet Rescue Project Pet Adoption, 11:00 a.m., Bienville Square

December 31 - For your New Year's Eve enjoyment, the city has arranged for live entertainment, fireworks and, to the elation of Councilman Richardson, a moon pie drop! Yes, come out and witness the festivities first hand and help usher in the New Year beginning at 10:00 p.m. at Fort Conde Village

Mobile Opera Events

December 8 - Messiah Sing-In, 7:00 p.m., Join guest soloists, the Mobile Opera Chorus and a chamber orchestra with members from Mobile Symphony and Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra, First Baptist Church of Mobile, 806 Government Street.



December 12 - A Dickens of a



Christmas: A Victorian Celebration with the Fezziwigs, presented by the Mobile Opera, Mobile's Singing Children, the Mobile Public Library, 6:30 p.m., Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street

December 15 - Night of Song, Wine Loft, Legacy Village Shopping Center at 9 Du Rhu Drive.

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Battle House Hotel Schedule for Christmas Carolers

Wednesday, December 5 - Haven Wood Baptist Church Children's Choir, 6:30- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10 - Davidson High School, 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11 - Old Shell School of Creative and Performing Arts; 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12 - St. Ignatius Catholic School, 10:00- 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 12 - Faulkner State Choir, 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 - Robert Clifton, Tenor with piano, 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17- Williamson High School, 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18- Boys & Girls Club, 4:00- 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19- Robert Clifton, Tenor with piano, 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Symphony Orchestra

Christmas Pops

Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m and Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m., Saenger Theatre, 6 South Joachim Street

Always a treat for the entire family and a great start to the holiday season, your Mobile Symphony plays sweeping symphonic arrangements of all your Christmas favorites. You can be sure sleigh



bells will be heard, a jolly old elf will appear and we're predicting a very good chance of snow. The holidays are all about having fun, and this concert delivers, all wrapped with a bow. Also featuring soprano Alice Wright.



Mithril: Celebrating the Winter Season
December 17, 7:00 p.m.,
Larkins Music Center, 257
Dauphin Street

Upcoming MSO guest artist and Celtic sensation Mithril will

Celebrate the Christmas Season with a one night only holiday event. Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Willson Rehearsal Hall of the Larkins Music Center will be Mobile's only chance to hear this Celtic Christmas Celebration.

Mithril will be performing selections from their CD "Winter's Day" along with new tunes for the season.

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Saenger Theatre Events



Christmas with the Aaron Neville Quintet

Saturday, December 20, 8:00
p.m., Saenger Theatre, 6 South
Joachim Street

Aaron has won four Grammys and was named "Best Male Singer" two straight years in the Rolling Stone critics' poll. Aaron has recorded a dozen solo albums ranging in genre from gospel to country. Now jazz. "Jazz," says Aaron, "was as much a part of my musical education as blues or funk. Brother Charles, who plays great tenor on this record, hipped me to modern jazz when I was a kid. He's always been an inspiration. I call him the Horn Man. He's my favorite sax player. He makes the thing talk. Charles is not only a founding member of the Neville Brothers, but he's the musical director of the Aaron Neville Quintet.

Saenger Christmas Film Series

A White Christmas

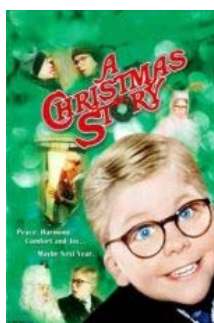
Thursday, December 18, 7:00
p.m., Saenger Theatre, 6 South
Joachim Street

Not Rated; 120 minutes; 1954

Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye star as two song-and-dance men who team up after the war to see a charming New England inn through its holiday season. A veritable



treasure of Irving Berlin classics including *Count Your Blessings Instead Of Sheep*, *Sisters, Blue Skies*, and, of course, Bing Crosby's immortal rendition of *White Christmas*.



A Christmas Story

Friday, December 19, 7:00 p.m., Saenger Theatre, 6 South Joachim Street

Starring: Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley

Humorist Jean Sheperd's American Christmas is brought vividly to life in A CHRISTMAS STORY, a nostalgic and witty remembrance of a time gone by.

Filled with humor, warmth and dozens of captivating moments. The movie's undeniable charm makes it an all-time favorite for young and old alike.

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Bellingrath Gardens Magic Christmas in Lights - through December 31st.

Bellingrath Garden's 13th annual *Magic Christmas in Lights* will take visitors underwater this year with its new *Underwater Garden* scene. We had a chance to preview this massive creation, complete with jellyfish, starfish, squid and stingrays, and it is sure to be a crowd pleaser! The *Underwater Garden* adds an appropriate Gulf Coast touch to the 13 million lights on the 835 set pieces that make up more than 12 major scenes. Be sure to print and clip the coupon below for a special discount.



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Bellingrath Gardens Magic Christmas in Lights Special Offer



Print out this coupon and bring it with you for a \$1.00 discount off regular admission. Valid Monday through Thursday during Magic Christmas in Lights. Offer is good for 5 admissions. Coupon must be presented to cashier at

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Offer Expires: December 31, 2008

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