



# CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017 FROM 4 PM - 9 PM

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE 35-FOOT CHRISTMAS TREE AND FIREWORKS AT NORTH BOULEVARD TOWN SQUARE. ENJOY FREE ICE SKATING, PLAY IN TEN TONS OF REAL SNOW AT THE SNOW VILLAGE, SEE HOLIDAY PERFORMERS, FACE PAINTERS, A BALLOON ARTIST, STILT WALKERS, AND OF COURSE...SANTA! CHECK THE LIST OF EVENTS AT THE SNOW VILLAGE, SANTA'S GIFT SHOP, OPEN HOUSES, AND MORE!

## 2017 DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS GUIDE

### MAYOR'S STAGE AT GALVEZ PLAZA

**Soul Jukeboxx Performs (4:15pm-6:00pm)**

**Lighting Ceremony (6:00pm-6:25pm)**

- Lighting of the Christmas Tree with Fireworks Immediately following

**Swing into Christmas with Ned Fasullo (6:25pm-9:00pm)**

### WINTER WONDERLAND

**Free Ice-Skating (4:00pm-9:00pm)**

- Provided by the River Center on the First Floor Plaza

**Free Snow Village (4:00pm) Repentance Park**

- Take a turn sliding down ten (10) tons of real snow! Ages 5-15 only

**Free Movies on the Lawn (6:30pm-8:30pm)**

- Enjoy Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and more!

**Santa's Gift Shop (4:00pm-9:00pm) Galvez Plaza**

- Artists from the Baton Rouge Arts Market, ARC, and around the region sell unique handmade items for everyone on your holiday gift list!

**Community Stage at Repentance Park (6:30pm-9:00pm)**

- Baton Rouge Music Studios, BRCVPA'S Jump, Jive, and Giggle, McKinley Middle Magnet Talented Music, All Star Arts Academy, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence Talented Theatre, Belaire High School Band, and Theatre Baton Rouge Acapella Carolers.

### HOLIDAY FUN AT NORTH BLVD TOWN SQUARE

**Food and Beverages from Cortana Kiwanis**

- All proceeds from food sales go directly to support children's charities

**Face Painting, Balloon Twisters, Live Sculptures, Stilt Walkers, Strolling Magicians, and MORE!**

**East Baton Rouge Parish Library Book Mobile**

**Louisiana Youth Orchestra Bake Sale**

- Purchase baked goodies and hot chocolate to benefit the Louisiana Youth Orchestra

**Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Bar and Beverages**

- Manship Theatre at Shaw Center for the Arts to provide beverages
- Junior League of Baton Rouge to provide popcorn
- St. James to provide hot chocolate

### OTHER DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY FUN

**Festival Lights at the Louisiana Art & Science Museum (5:00pm-8:00pm)**

- Experience a special showing of Let It Snow: A Holiday Music Journey in the planetarium, and get creative at the hands-on Holiday Ornament Workshop where you can create fun and fanciful crafts that are yours to keep.
- 225-389-7210 | [www.lasm.org](http://www.lasm.org) | 100 River Road

**Santa in the Senate at The Old State Capitol (6:30pm-8:30pm)**

- Admission: Free
- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the Senate Chamber to take pictures with families and children. They will also have holiday crafts for the young visitors and a Christmas film playing in the House Chamber.
- 225-342-0500 | [www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org](http://www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org) | 100 North Blvd

**First Presbyterian Church Live Nativity (6:00pm & 7:00pm)**

- First Presbyterian Church Terrace Garden, 763 North Blvd
- 225-387-0617 | [www.fpcbr.org](http://www.fpcbr.org)

**Reindeer Run and Jingle Bell Jog 5K + 1 Mile Race (7:00pm-9:00pm)**

- Admission: Ages 6-17 = \$25 (\$35 on day of race)  
Ages 18+ = \$30 (\$40 on day of race)
- [www.forum35.org](http://www.forum35.org) | [www.reindeer-run.org](http://www.reindeer-run.org) | Forum 35, 300 North Blvd

**Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra Home for the Holidays (7:30pm)**

- Baton Rouge River Center Theater
- 800-456-8499 | [www.batonrougerivercenter.com](http://www.batonrougerivercenter.com)

**Cajun Night Before Christmas at the Old Governor's Mansion**

- The Cajun Night Before Christmas will feature Papa Noel. Kids and families will also have the opportunity to purchase The Cajun Night Before Christmas book, create alligator ornaments, decorate Old Governor's Mansion-inspired holiday cards, write letters to Papa Noel and more!
- 225-387-2464 | [www.preserve-louisiana.org](http://www.preserve-louisiana.org) | 502 North Blvd

**13th Annual Holiday Trunk Show (11:00am-7:00pm) LSU MOA**

- Support the LSU Museum of Art while crossing everyone off your list! Shop unique items from local artists, including jewelry, glass, wood works, glass, photography and paintings.
- We'll be offering free gift wrap and refreshments, along with 20% off your entire purchase!

**Masterpiece Christmas (5:00 pm-9:00pm) at the First Baptist Church**

- Art projects and games for the whole family. FREE hot chocolate and cookies!
- 225-343-0397 | [www.fbcbr.com](http://www.fbcbr.com) | First Baptist Church Front Steps/Parking Lot

**FREE IN THE RIVER CENTER PARKING GARAGES** Parking also available in: Third Street Garage (201 Third Street) \$2/Hr or \$10 all-day flat rate

# HOLIDAY SEASON - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER 1

**Stories in Art**  
10:30am at LSU Museum of Art  
100 Lafayette St  
www.LSUMOA.org

## DECEMBER 2

**Planetarium Family Hour & Stargazing**  
10:00am in the Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

**Hands-On Happenings: Holiday Ornament Workshop**  
10:00-12:00pm in the Atrium at LASM, 100 River Road South

**Miss Trudy's Traveling Trunk Show**  
11:00am in the Adalié Brent Auditorium at LASM  
100 River Road South

**The Polar Express**  
3:00pm in Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

## DECEMBER 3

**Holiday First Sunday**  
1:00pm-4:00pm at LASM  
100 River Road South

**Mooseltoe the Moosical**  
2:00pm and 7:00pm at Manship Theatre, 100 Lafayette St.  
www.manshiptheatre.org

**Baton Rouge Concert Band Concert**  
3:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

## DECEMBER 5

**Baton Rouge Magnet High School Concert**  
7:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**Cool Winter Nights, Hot Jazz!**  
7:30pm at Manship Theatre, 100 Lafayette St.  
www.manshiptheatre.org

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## DECEMBER 7

**Handel's Messiah**  
7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church  
763 North Blvd  
www.fpcbr.org

## DECEMBER 8

**Baton Rouge Symphony Concert**  
7:30pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**Handel's Messiah**  
7:00pm at the First Baptist Church  
Free Admission

## DECEMBER 9

**Planetarium Family Hour & Stargazing**  
10:00am in the Planetarium Theater at LASM 100 River Road South

**Miss Trudy's Traveling Trunk Show**  
11:00am in the Adalié Brent Auditorium at LASM  
100 River Road South

**BASF Kids' Lab | Ages 6-12 with accompanying adults**  
December Activity: A Hair-Raising Experiment - Science Station Lab  
45-Minute Workshops  
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm at LASM, 100 River Road South

**The Polar Express**  
3:00pm in Planetarium Theater at LASM  
100 River Road South

**Christmas Parade**  
5:30pm

**Handel's Messiah**  
7:00pm at the First Baptist Church  
Free Admission

**Asleep at the Wheel - Merry Texas Christmas Y'all**  
7:30pm at Manship Theatre, 100 Lafayette St.  
www.manshiptheatre.org

## DECEMBER 10

**BASF Kids' Lab | Ages 6-12 with accompanying adults**  
December Activity: A Hair-Raising Experiment - Science Station Lab | 45-Minute Workshops  
1:30pm, 3pm at LASM  
100 River Road South

**Downtown Church Pilgrimage**  
5:30pm Mt. Zion First Baptist  
6:00pm First United Methodist  
6:30pm First Presbyterian  
7:00pm St. James Episcopal  
7:30pm St. Joseph Cathedral  
8:00pm First Baptist  
www.fpcbr.org

**Downtown Choral Pilgrimage**  
7:30pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**George Bell & Friends Present: An Evening of Holiday Jazz**  
7:30pm at Manship Theatre  
100 Lafayette St.  
www.manshiptheatre.org

## DECEMBER 15

**Michael McDowell's Christmas Spectacular**  
8:00pm Manship Theatre  
100 Lafayette St.  
www.manshiptheatre.org

## DECEMBER 16

**Planetarium Family Hour & Stargazing**  
10:00am in the Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

**Engineer It: Dream Big**  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Atrium at LASM  
100 River Road South

**Miss Trudy's Traveling Trunk Show**  
11:00am in the Adalié Brent Auditorium at LASM  
100 River Road South

**The Polar Express**  
3:00pm in Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

**The Nutcracker**  
7:30pm Baton Rouge River Center

## DECEMBER 17

**Live Nativity**  
5:30pm and 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church  
763 North Blvd  
www.fpcbr.org

**First United Methodist Church Christmas Concert**  
6pm at Town Square  
www.firstmethodist.org

## DECEMBER 23

**Planetarium Family Hour & Stargazing**  
10:00am in the Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

**Miss Trudy's Traveling Trunk Show**  
11:00am in the Adalié Brent Auditorium at LASM  
100 River Road South

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December Activity: A Hair-Raising Experiment - Science Station Lab | 45-Minute Workshops  
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm at LASM  
100 River Road South

**The Polar Express**  
3:00pm in Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

## DECEMBER 24

**Christmas Eve at First Presbyterian Church**  
10:30am Combined Morning Worship  
4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship  
6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship  
763 North Blvd  
www.fpcbr.org

**Christmas Eve Vigil Carol Concert**  
3:30pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**  
4:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**"A Baroque Christmas" (Organ and Strings) Musical Prelude**  
8:15pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**Christmas Mass in the Night**  
9:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

## DECEMBER 25

**Christmas Day Mass at Dawn**  
8:00am at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

**Christmas Day Mass During the Day**  
10:00am at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street

## DECEMBER 27

**8th Annual Home for the Holidays**  
7:00pm at Manship Theatre  
100 Lafayette St.  
www.manshiptheatre.org

## DECEMBER 30

**Planetarium Family Hour & Stargazing**  
10:00am in the Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

**The Polar Express**  
3:00pm in Planetarium Theater at LASM, 100 River Road South

## DECEMBER 31

**New Year's Eve**  
10:30am Combined Morning Worship at First Presbyterian Church  
763 North Blvd  
www.fpcbr.org

**New Year's Eve Mass**  
4:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street  
Champagne and Gumbo to follow

**Red Stick Rising**  
11:00am-1:00pm  
North Blvd Town Square

**Red Stick Revelry**  
5:00pm-12:30am  
North Blvd Town Square  
Come kick off the New Year with friends and family in downtown Baton Rouge!

For a complete listing of downtown events and merchants, visit [www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org). Many thanks to the sponsors: City of Baton Rouge: Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome and the Metro-Council, Department of Public Works, Downtown Development District, The Advocate, WAFB- TV Channel 9, and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.



For Christmas information visit [www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org)



*Baton Rouge Festival of Lights*



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

