

Buffalo Niagara THIS WEEK

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Dec 20 – Year End, 2024

Holiday Pops / Fri Dec 20 - 22

From the serene beauty of “Silent Night” to the jubilant “Jingle Bells,” each piece is performed with all the warmth and splendor the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra can deliver. Perfect for families and friends of all ages, this concert invites you to revel in the music that makes the holiday season a time of communal joy and celebration. Check the website for times. **Kleinhans Music Hall, 3 Symphony Circle, Buffalo 14201 / 716-885-5000 / <https://bpo.org/events/category/2024-2025-season/2024-25-pops-series/>**

The Lion King / Fri Dec 20 ~ continues through Jan 5 (No performance 12/25 & 1/1)

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The Serengeti comes to life as never before. As the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist. Experience the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage. 7:30pm. **Shea’s, 646 Main St., Buffalo 14202 / 716- 847-0850 / <https://www.sheas.org/performances/the-lion-king/>**

Breakfast with Santa / Sat Dec 21

Tickets for Breakfast with Santa include the breakfast buffet, the chance to meet one of our animal ambassadors, and a photo opportunity with Santa. Make sure you stick around after breakfast for a special Arctic Fox keeper talk. 9 & 11:30am. **Buffalo Zoo, 300 Parkside Ave., Buffalo 14214 / 716-837-3900/ <https://visit.buffalozoo.org/#/SpecialEvents/BreakfastWithSanta>**

Miracle on S. Division St. / Sat Dec 21 & Sun Dec 22

Clara Nowak and her 3 kids have known they were special since the miraculous Christmas Eve in 1942 when the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa in his barbershop! Daughter Ruth unveils her plan for a 1-woman show about the family miracle so the "whole world will know!" As her plans for theatrical immortality unfold, the family's faith is shaken by a deathbed confession. The results are heartfelt and hilarious. 2:30 & 7:30pm. **O’Connell & Co., 4110 Bailey Ave., Amherst 14226 /716-848-0800 / <https://www.oconnellandcompany.com/>**

Winter fun at Canalside / Open Daily ~ Holiday Hours in Effect

Embrace the season and have some festive fun at Canalside! Bundle up and enjoy ice skating, bumper cars, curling, and ice bikes. There’s always something happening here! 11am. **Canalside, 44 Prime St., Buffalo 14202 / 716-440-8919 / <https://buffalowaterfront.com/events/public-ice-skating>**

Poinsettia Show continues at Botanical Gardens/ Wed Dec 18 ~ Open daily, closed 12/25

Step into the warm embrace of our tropical conservatory, filled to the brim with brilliant poinsettias of all sizes and colors. Allow the vibrant reds, magentas, pinks, yellows, and oranges to fill your heart with joy. This holiday tradition is sure to brighten your mood and keep you warm as you explore our carefully curated poinsettia collection. Or come at night during Poinsettias After Dark, where thousands of twinkling lights will guide you through our magically illuminated greenhouses (after hours on select evenings; check the website for more info). 10am. **Buffalo Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave., Buffalo 14218 / 716-827-1584/ <https://www.buffalogardens.com/events/poinsettia-exhibit/>**



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah / Wed Dec 25

New Year’s Eve Ball Drop in Buffalo / Tues Dec 31

Attend the annual New Year's Eve Celebration downtown. 10pm. **Electric Tower and Roosevelt Plaza, 535 Washington St., Buffalo 14203 / <https://www.buffalony.gov/calendar.aspx?EID=5086>**

For information, call 716.852.0511

