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Visit Aurora Embraces Winter with Holiday Cheer

Bundle up and celebrate the holidays with traditional family fun

Nov. 21, 2014 – Aurora, COLORADO – With the first flurries of the winter season falling, [Visit Aurora](#) is layering up for fun, family holiday celebrations. From annual tree lighting events and brand new caroling opportunities to daily ice-skating and outdoor activities, there is an event to satisfy everyone's holiday traditions.

"Wintertime in Aurora is truly magical," said Visit Aurora's Vice President Briley Peters. "So many different ways to celebrate the holiday season brings out the very best in the community. This time of year gives us a chance to get together and appreciate our neighbors, family and friends."

For more information on all upcoming events in Aurora, visit www.visitaurora.com.

Ice Skating at The Pond – Southlands

Date: Daily throughout the winter

Time: Visit the Southlands [website](#) for The Pond hours and holiday hours

Location: Southlands

A highlight of the winter season is the Southlands skating rink. Enjoy ice skating with friends and family on The Pond daily throughout the winter! Group rates and corporate and private parties are available.

Visit <http://www.shopsouthlands.com/event/ice-skating-at-the-pond/2145445944> to learn more about The Pond and hours of operation.

"Red Ranger Came Calling" – A Guaranteed True Christmas Story by Berkeley Breathed

Date: November 21 – December 21

Time: For specific show times, visit aurorafoxartscenter.org

Location: The Aurora Fox Arts Center

A musical tale based on the true story of the author's father and his Christmas memories from the Great Depression era. The surprise ending will melt even the most stubborn Scrooge!

On Friday, November 28, stick around for the Opening Night After-Party. Meet the cast and take home a bag of delicious Christmas cookies.

Visit <http://aurorafoxartscenter.org/2014/05/24/red-ranger-came-calling-2/> for tickets and to learn more.

“Fully Committed” by Becky Mode

Date: November 21 – December 28

Time: For specific show times, visit aurorafoxartscenter.org

Location: The Aurora Fox Arts Center

Don't miss this one-man Christmas comedy about an out-of-work actor who mans the phones for a swanky 5-star New York restaurant. Unbelievable talent makes this production one-of-a-kind.

Visit <http://aurorafoxartscenter.org/2014/05/23/fully-committed/> for tickets and to learn more.

Southlands Holiday Hometown Parade & Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, November 22

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Location: Southlands

Join friends and neighbors at the Southlands as the celebratory season kicks off with the Holiday Hometown Parade and annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Special guests include Santa himself!

Visit <http://www.visitaurora.com/Events/HolidayHometown> to learn more.

Vintage Theatre Gala 2014

Date: Saturday, November 22

Time: 6 – 10 p.m.

Location: Vintage Theatre

Support Aurora's Vintage Theatre and honor all casts and crews from the 2014-2015 seasons. The 501-(c)(3) nonprofit theatre will host the Vintage Theatre Gala 2014, an evening filled with food, entertainment and cash bar – all proceeds from ticket sales and donations directly support the talent for the 2014-2015 season and general operational support for Aurora's Vintage Theatre. RSVP by November 19.

Visit <http://www.vintagetheatre.com/comedy/vintage-theatre-gala-2014/> to learn more and to purchase tickets to this event.

Holiday Caroling with the Aurora Singers

Date: Saturday, November 29

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.

Location: Gardens on Havana

Everyone is invited to lend his or her voices in spreading holiday cheer. Meet up with the Aurora Singers in front of the Toys & Babies “R” Us at the Gardens on Havana to take part in the caroling tour! Jump store-to-store through the Gardens on Havana

singing classic Holiday Carols with the Aurora Singers and its new director, James Leguna, who is adding lots of enthusiasm and new carols to the repertoire.

Visit <http://www.visitaurora.com/Events/HolidayCaroling> to learn more.

City of Aurora Holiday Tree Lighting

Date: Tuesday, December 2

Time: 4 – 8 p.m.

Location: Aurora Municipal Center

Get festive with all of the sights and sounds of the holiday season! There will be tasty treats – hot cocoa, holiday pastries and candy canes – available for all and be sure to check out the twinkling holiday tree. Mayor Hogan will flip the switch to ignite a fantastic holiday lights display, decorating Aurora City Hall, at 5 p.m.

Santa will make a grand entrance and greet families after a long trek from the North Pole. Enjoy local choirs perform classic holiday favorites, peruse the Aurora History Museum’s annual Festival of Wreaths and stick around for an outdoor performance of the play “Guys on Ice.” The performance begins at 6:30, weather permitting.

Visit <http://www.visitaurora.com/Events/Tree-Lighting> to learn more.

“Miss Saigon,” Directed by Rebecca Joseph

Date: December 5 – January 31

Time: For specific show times, visit vintagetheatre.com

Location: The Vintage Theatre

Based on Puccini’s opera, Madame Butterfly, set in 1970s Saigon during the Vietnam War, Miss Saigon similarly tells the twisted tale of a doomed romance. Miss Saigon follows the tragic love story of a Vietnamese bar waitress and an American G.I. With music and lyrics from the team that brought the world Les Miserables, Miss Saigon is sure to pack a punch.

Visit <http://www.vintagetheatre.com/musicals/miss-saigon/> for tickets and to learn more.

Secret Santa Saturday on Havana Street

Date: Saturday, December 6

Time: 1 – 4 p.m.

Location: Havana Street, between 6th Avenue and Dartmouth

This year, everybody has a Secret Santa! The Havana Business Improvement District will be purchasing gift cards from its stakeholder retailers and restaurants to distribute to unsuspecting shoppers between 1 and 4 p.m. just to thank them for shopping on Havana! Santa’s helpers will also be distributing candy canes to the kiddos along for the shopping trip.

Visit <http://www.visitaurora.com/Events/SecretSanta> to learn more!

Original Aurora's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fletcher Plaza

In collaboration with neighborhood leaders and local businesses, the Aurora Cultural Arts District is pleased to present its annual Christmas tree lighting in Fletcher Plaza of Original Aurora. Holiday festivities include a visit from Santa Claus and the lighting of the tree at 5:30 p.m.

The Aurora Symphony will fill the night air with festive, traditional holiday music. Santa will be distributing gifts to get the kids excited for Christmas and the Aurora Fox Theatre is donating 80 free tickets to its December 13 performance, "Red Ranger Came Calling," starting at 7:30 p.m.

Visit <http://www.auroraculture.org/events/> to learn more!

Annual Winter Wonderland Concert

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: East Middle School

Don't miss Aurora's traditional winter concert, featuring classic holiday favorites and a surprise visit from a very jolly old man. Expect to see some new, aspiring singers this year and be prepared to leave humming a song or two filled with holiday spirit.

For more information on Aurora, upcoming events or meeting facilities, visit www.VisitAurora.com or call 303-326-8698.

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