

Hollydazzle Returns to City Center for its 13th Year

~ Event to be held 4-8 p.m. Saturday, December 3~

Newport News, VA, Nov. 10, 2016 – Hollydazzle – a one-of-a-kind holiday show that combines synchronized fireworks, theatrical lighting, ground-based pyrotechnics and special effects all choreographed to festive music – will return to City Center at Oyster Point from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

In 2015, Hollydazzle moved from its traditional Friday night format to a Saturday to better accommodate the ever-increasing crowd. The event, which typically draws more than 30,000 people, transforms City Center at Oyster Point into a kaleidoscope of color reflecting on the fountains' five-acre water surface. And because it's "in-the-round," the show looks the same no matter where you're standing around the fountain.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with activities and holiday entertainment leading up to the spectacular light show at 7:45 p.m., followed by the lighting of our 45-foot Christmas tree.

A children's area will include "make and take" holiday crafts, along with performances by various dance and theater companies on the *Snowflake Children's Stage*. Wacky Chad, a stunt comedian, will take the stage at 6:15 p.m. Other stages include the *Dazzle Stage* (near the Fountain Way Parking Garage); the *Mistletoe Stage* (the gazebo on Town Center Drive); and the *Holly Plaza Stage* (near Cove Restaurant). Strolling street entertainment will include stilt walkers, living statues, fire performers, jugglers, and magicians.

The *Hollydazzle Holiday Market*, a one-day pop-up shopping experience, will return with 25 vendors this year. They will offer high-quality, handmade items, ranging from art, ceramics and accessories to furniture, jewelry, and specialty items. Food vendors will be clustered together in two main areas: in the grassy area near the intersection of Lakefront Commons and Cannon Boulevard and along Merchants Walk between Town Center Drive and Thimble Shoals.

Hollydazzle will conclude with the lighting of our 45-foot Christmas tree, which fades from color to color, shimmers, chases lights, and creates unique patterned effects. The tree's lights are synchronized with recorded holiday music. It can be enjoyed on the Fountain Plaza through January 1, 2017.

Admission to Hollydazzle is free. Call 757-926-1400 for details or click [here](#) for road closures, parking, performances, and a site map. For live updates during the event, follow NewportNewsFestivals on Facebook or @nnfestivals on Twitter.

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