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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK DECEMBER 6 – 12, 2018

PERFORMING ARTS

A DICKENS TALE

Peninsula Community Theatre

December 8; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m

A Bright Star Children's Theatre brings Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" to life in front of your eyes. Join old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, old Jacob Marley and more in discovering the true meaning of the season, right here at PCT! 10251 Warwick Boulevard, 757-595-5728, www.pctlive.org.

CHRIS TOMLIN CHRISTMAS

Ferguson Center for the Arts

December 8; 7:30 p.m.

Chris Tomlin has sold millions of albums, streamed billions of tracks, spawned 15 No.1 radio singles and has been awarded multiple RIAA Gold and Platinum certifications, a list of Grammy, Dove, Billboard Music and American Music Awards, and is touted by TIME Magazine as "the most often sung artist anywhere." On any given Sunday, tens of millions in churches across the globe sing songs from Chris' rich, worship-focused catalog. His benchmark anthems include "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)," "Our God," "How Great is our God," and his latest No.1 single "Good, Good Father" was Recording Industry Association of America certified Gold after spending 15 weeks atop the Billboard Top Christian Tracks Chart. 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

HAMPTON HOLIDAY PRESENTED BY THE GOODE DANCE PROJECT

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

December 8; 12 and 3 p.m.

Enjoy this holiday performance, presented by choreographer Iris Goode-Middleton and The Goode Dance Project. There are two shows: the first is at 12:00 PM and the second is at 3:00 PM. Tickets are only \$10 and are available now. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WIND ENSEMBLE: WINTER WONDERLAND

Ferguson Center for the Arts

December 8; 7:30 p.m.

Join the Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble as they present "Winter Wonderland," a delightful holiday concert featuring family classics including "The Night Before Christmas," Irving Berlin's "Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and many more, joined by Soprano Ellen Petko and the Yorktown Chorale. The program will be narrated by WHRO's Raymond Jones. Concert will be held at Pebbles Theater. 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

THE NUTCRACKER

Ferguson Center for the Arts

December 9; 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Virginia Regional Ballet is privileged to perform Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. From founder and Artistic Director Heidi Robitshek, this cherished Tidewater tradition performed for more than 35 years in Williamsburg now comes to the Ferguson Center. Professional and company dancers featuring guests from the American Repertory Ballet dazzle audiences, bringing Klara's journey to life. Join us in celebrating this magical ballet filled with holiday charm and cheer! 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

THE HALLELUJAH GIRLS

Peninsula Community Theatre

Continuing through December 16; 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday

Hilarity abounds when the feisty females of Eden Falls, Georgia, decide to shake up their lives. The action in this rollicking Southern comedy takes place in SPA-DEE-DAH!, the abandoned church-turned-day-spa where this group of friends gathers every Friday afternoon. After the loss of a dear friend, the women realize time is precious, and if they're going to change their lives and achieve their dreams, they have to get on it now! This is a side-splitting, joyful comedy that will make you laugh out loud and shout "Hallelujah!" Call or check out the website for specific dates and times. 10251 Warwick Boulevard, 757-595-5728, www.pctlive.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT NEWPORT NEWS ATTRACTIONS

COFFEE WITH THE CURATOR

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

December 6; 10 a.m.

Join Curator Diana Blanchard-Gross for coffee, pastries, and conversation about the current fashion-themed exhibition, ADORN. You'll hear behind-the-scenes stories about the exhibition and hear how and why works in the exhibition were chosen. Please RSVP to 757-596-8175. Free admission for Pfac members and \$5 for nonmembers. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

SAINT NICK AT ENDVIEW

Endview Plantation

December 6 and 7; 5 p.m.

Let your child experience the magic of an 1861 Christmas through a visit with St. Nick. Private family sessions create the perfect setting for seasonal photo opportunities in a historic setting. Craft activities are offered before the visit. Parents are to bring a wrapped present for their child and a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food bank. Advance reservations must be made by calling (757) 887- 1862 or emailing endview@nnva.gov. Admission is \$5.00 per child. 362 Yorktown Road, 757-888-1862, www.endview.org.

CHRISTMAS HANDPRINT PLATE

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

December 7; 2 p.m.

Bring your little artist and we'll paint their hand with non-toxic glaze and make a handprint (or a few) on a porcelain plate. Once the glaze dries, we'll add details that you've chosen and then we'll fire it. We'll call you after the plate is fired to let you know it's ready for pick-up. Please allow 7-10 days for firing. Price per plate \$12 members/ \$15 nonmembers. Please call 596-8175 to register. Class limit: 10 (parent and child duos/trios) Payment is due at time of registration. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE: LAST DAYS OF THE MONITOR

The Mariners' Museum and Park

December 7; 2:30 p.m.

Presented by John V. Quarstein, Director Emeritus, USS Monitor Center

Christmas Day 1862 was a joyful day for the Monitor Boys. Great food, cannon demonstrations and comradeship filled the hearts and minds of the heroes of Hampton Roads. Yet, that evening their thoughts turned serious as Capt. John Payne Bankhead told them of the order sending Monitor south. They all knew their ship was unseaworthy, and some feared passing Cape Hatteras. The USS Monitor left Hampton Roads under the tow of USS Rhode Island on 29 December. It encountered a fierce storm on the afternoon of 30 December. Heavy seas overwhelmed the ironclad with only 47 of its crew of 63 surviving as Monitor sank in the early morning of 31 December. Indeed, the little ship that had saved the nation was no more. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Mariners' Museum and Park

December 7; 12:30 p.m.

Visit the Museum on Friday afternoons to enjoy lunch in the Mariners' Park Café and stimulating Civil War discussion with renowned historian, John Quarstein. On select Fridays through the fall, Mr. Quarstein will lead the conversation as we dive deep into a theme in Civil War history. There is no charge to participate. Lunch will be available for purchase at the café! 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

HANUKKAH HOP & CRAFT

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

December 7; 1 p.m.

Join us to hear the fun story of one family's fun Hanukkah traditions and then create a craft stick Star of David with buttons and jewels! Please RSVP to 596-8175. Regular admission fees apply, children 5 and under are free. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

HOLIDAY FROST

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

December 7; 4 p.m.

Calling all time travelers! This year's annual holiday celebration at Downing-Gross will bring the Charles Dickens Classic "A Christmas Carol" to life! Journey through the past, present, and future to learn what the holiday spirit of giving is all about! This event will feature games, activities, music, karaoke, crafts, treats, gifts and more! We may also see some very special surprise guests! And the best part is that it's completely free and open to the public! RSVP is appreciated but not required! 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

STAR PARTY/LASER EVENING

Virginia Living Museum

December 7; 5 p.m.

The Virginia Living Museum offers free star gazing beginning at sunset every month. Star gazing is weather dependent. Several telescopes are set up on the grounds and staff astronomers are available to help visitors identify objects in the night sky. The evening also includes a planetarium program and several laser shows. Laser shows provide music to both the eyes and ears. The Museum has an incredible state-of-the-art laser system that splashes brilliant high-color LED laser light all across the entire surface of the dome. Plus, there's music to suit every taste. Different bands are featured every month. Shows are \$3 for VLM members, \$6 for non-members. Double features are \$5 for VLM members and \$10 for non-members. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

BAYPORT CREDIT UNION 25 NIGHTS OF NORTHERN LIGHTS: HOLIDAY CANDY **City Center at Oyster Point**

December 8; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come out and see City Center transformed into a magical Candyland! Enjoy special musical performances, food and beverage specials at various Jingle & Mingle lounges, strolling entertainment and more! Don't forget to stop in for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Town Center Drive, 757-926-1400, www.nnparks.com.

FRIENDLY HOURS

The Mariners' Museum and Park

December 9; 9 a.m.

Have a family member, friend, or loved one that needs a tailored museum experience? Join us for Friendly Hours on the second Sunday of each month. Friendly Hours is an inclusive time where guests with mobility, cognitive, or physical challenges can experience the Museum in a less crowded environment with reduced sound and lighting. Free with \$1 Museum admission! Friendly Hours will be from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, before the Museum opens to the public. Space is limited, so please register in advance to let us know you are coming. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

NATURAL WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOPS

Endview Plantation

December 9; 12:30 p.m.

Participate in an interactive workshop on making seasonal grapevine wreaths using nature's bounty. This workshop is being led by the Peninsula Master Gardeners. A \$15.00 program fee includes a tour of the historic house museum. Advance registration is required by calling November 1st. Participants are encouraged to register early as space is limited and workshops sell out regularly. 362 Yorktown Road, 757-888-1862, www.endview.org.

MARITIME MONDAYS

The Mariners' Museum and Park

December 10; 10:30 a.m.

Designed for children 18 months to 8 years and free with museum admission. Fun for Children! Join us Monday mornings for engaging learning activities for children that include story time and a craft! 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

25 OPEN MICS – FREE OPEN MIC

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

December 11; 7 p.m.

Join us for our monthly free open mic on every 2nd Tuesday! Hosted by the incredible Nina Brewton! This event is free and open to the public! RSVP is appreciated but not required! 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

ART START

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

December 12; 10:30 a.m.

Did you know that PFAC offers a free* story time and art class for children ages 5 and under every Wednesday morning at 10:30? You and your child will listen to a book read aloud, learn a song or other activity and then will move to the classroom for a story-related art activity. ArtStart classes encourage little ones to practice listening skills, exercise hand-eye coordination and enjoy creative fun with a parent or guardian. ArtStart classes are inclusive and last roughly 45 minutes. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

BAYPORT CREDIT UNION 25 NIGHTS OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

City Center at Oyster Point

Continuing through December 25

Join us in City Center at Oyster Point during the month of December to witness a spectacle of holiday cheer! There will be live Nativity scenes, light shows, train rides, visits to Santa's workshop, and much more! Check out the website for more information. 701 Town Center Drive, 757-873-2020, www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com.

ANTEBELLUM HOLIDAYS AT LEE HALL MANSION

Lee Hall Mansion

December 1 - 31

Guests step back in time to enjoy the wonder and elegance of Christmas during the early Victorian era. The Mansion is replete with all of the finery and seasonal décor commonly available to families such as the Lees in the years before the Civil War. Learn about nineteenth-century holiday traditions as well as how the Lee family would have celebrated Christmas. The holiday-themed tour is included with the price of regular admission. 163 Yorktown Road, 757-888-3371, www.leehall.org.

CHRISTMAS AT ENDVIEW PLANTATION

Endview Plantation

December 1 - 31

Greenery and period decorations brighten the house for the 1861 holidays. Learn about the families and local history that surround this historic plantation home as well as nineteenth-century holiday decorations and customs. Included with regular admission. 362 Yorktown Road, 757-888-1862, www.endview.org.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL: NEWPORT NEWS IN WORLD WAR I

The Mariners' Museum and Park

Continuing through December 31

This exhibition will feature artifacts, photographs, and documents relating to the camps located here in Newport News (Camp Hill, Camp Stuart, and Camp Alexander) as well as the critically important Animal Embarkation Depot and its counterpart in Saint-Nazaire, France. Stories will be told about how the community supported the war effort through Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and numerous civilian agencies. The exhibition will also examine the construction of Hilton Village as a means of accommodating the large influx of shipyard workers into the area. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org

26TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN LIGHTS

Newport News Park

Continuing through January 1st; 5:30 - 10 p.m.

New Gingerbread House Display and Falling Snow on Special Nights! Celebration in Lights, Virginia's first drive-through holiday light event, opens for its 26th season on Thanksgiving night (November 22, 2018). Newport News Park will be transformed by over a million individual lights, creating animated holiday and fanciful scenes. For its 26th year, the event will add special effects snow that will fall on the cars as they drive into the Winter Wonderland area on special nights. Hours and admission are: open nightly 5:30 - 10:00 p.m., \$12.00 per car and \$60.00 per bus; cash, credit cards Visa/MC, and checks made payable to the City of Newport News are accepted; advance/gift tickets may be purchased at the Newport News Visitor Center. 13560 Jefferson Avenue, 757-886-7912, www.nmparks.com.

ADORN EXHIBIT

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

Continuing through January 6

The ADORN exhibition includes; Judith Peto Leiber: Earthly Delights; The Perfect Dress; Roberto Coin: Jewelry; Walk This Way – an exhibition of juried and selected works; and Fashion Spheres a large-scale photography exhibition by John and Kim Wadsworth. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

OLD DOMINION OVER THERE: VIRGINIA MILITARY UNITS IN WWI EXHIBIT

Virginia War Museum

Continuing through May 2019

9285 Warwick Boulevard, 757-247-8523, www.warmuseum.org

NEWPORT NEWS PORT OF EMBARKATION IN WWI EXHIBIT

Virginia War Museum

Continuing through May 2019

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BEYOND TET: THE VIETNAM WAR 1968 - 1969

Virginia War Museum

Continuing through September 7, 2020

RESTAURANTS AND CLUB

AKAE BEKA

Boathouse Live

December 6; 8 p.m.

11800 Merchants Walk

(757) 534-7987

www.boathouselive.com

COMEDY OPEN MIC

Cozy's Comedy Club

December 6; 9 p.m.

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

www.cozzys.com

KARAOKE

Hoss's Deli

December 6; 8 p.m.

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Hilton Tavern Brewing

December 6; 8 p.m.

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

www.hiltontavernbc@wixsite.com

UNITED SOULS

Manhattan's

December 6; 10 p.m.

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com

BAND VONTRELLE

The Train Station

December 7; 7 p.m.

2295 Harbor Road

(757) 247-7512

WWW.THETRAINSTATION757.COM

CRIMSON FOX

Tradition Brewing Company

December 7; 7 p.m.

700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 592-9393

www.traditionbrewing.com

DJ BRYAN ONE

Manhattan's

December 7; 9:30 p.m.

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com

MACK'S DADDY BAND

Hoss's Deli

December 7; 9:30 p.m.

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com

WONDERLAND

Boathouse Live

December 7; 9 p.m.

11800 Merchants Walk

(757) 534-7987

www.boathouselive.com

LIVE MUSIC

Hilton Tavern Brewing

December 7 & 8; 7 p.m.

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

www.hiltontavernbc@wixsite.com

RAANAN HERSHERG

Cozy's Comedy Club

December 7 & 8; 8 p.m.

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

www.cozzys.com

DOWNTOWN ABBY & THE

ECHOES

Tradition Brewing Company

December 8; 8 p.m.

700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 592-9393

www.traditionbrewing.com

HEY HEY HOOLIGAN**Manhattan's****December 8; 9:30 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**TAILGATE DOWN****Hoss's Deli****December 8; 7 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES****Cozy's Comedy Club****December 9; 7 p.m.**

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 585-2800

www.cozzys.com**BRIAN SHULTZ****Hoss's Deli****December 10; 8 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com**KARAOKE****Manhattan's****December 10; 7 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**KARAOKE W/ KAY****Hilton Tavern Brewing****December 10; 7 p.m.**

10184 Warkwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

www.hiltontavernbc@wixsite.com**COMIC ROAST BATTLE****Cozy's Comedy Club****December 11; 8 p.m.**

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

www.cozzys.com**HIP HOP KARAOKE****Manhattan's****December 11; 7 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**FIFTY THIRDS****Manhattan's****December 12; 7 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**OPEN MIC****Aromas****December 12; 7 p.m.**

706 Town Center Drive

(757) 240-4650

www.aromasworld.com**OPEN MIC****Craft 60****December 12; 10 p.m.**

13361 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 988-0506

www.craft60.com**VINYL HEADLIGHTS****Hoss's Deli****December 12; 9 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com