

DECEMBER 2018 *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Your official guide to what's happening
in and around Scottsdale



Las Noches de las Luminarias
at Desert Botanical Garden

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



SCOTTSDAZZLE

Thru Jan. 1, 2019 | scottsdazzle.com

This month-long celebration of the holidays includes numerous signature events including: Feliz Navidad Fiesta (Dec. 1), Sugar Plum Avenue (Dec. 8), Santa Wine Around (Dec. 15) and the Java Jingle Crawl (Dec. 22).



CHRISTMAS AT THE PRINCESS

Thru Dec. 30, 2018 | scottsdaleprincess.com

It's the most wonderful time of the year at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess! Each year, the resort transforms into a sparkling winter wonderland complete with a four-story musical Christmas tree, desert ice skating rink, S'mores Land and Santa's Secret Headquarters.



LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

Select days thru Dec. 31, 2018 | dbg.org

Every holiday season, the trails of the Desert Botanical Garden glow with the light of more than 8,000 hand-lit luminarias and thousands of twinkling white lights. This year, Electric Desert: A Light and Sound Experience by Klip Collective amps up the nighttime glow.



THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN

Saturdays & Sundays thru Dec. 23, 2018 | verdecanyonrr.com

Embark on a magical journey to the North Pole with Verde Canyon Railroad! Enjoy holiday lights and treats, and drop off your letter for Santa at the depot before departing on a one-hour journey to see the big man himself. At the North Pole, visit Santa's Workshop, Mrs. Claus's Bakeshop and more!



HOLIDAYS IN SCOTTSDALE

Thru Dec. 31, 2018 | holidaysinscottsdale.com

Visit HolidaysInScottsdale.com, your official guide to all the season's most exciting events, hotel packages and holiday offers. You'll also find suggestions for outstanding holiday dining at Scottsdale's finest restaurants and tips on the best holiday light displays.



PUEBLO GRANDE INDIAN MARKET

Dec. 8-9, 2018 | pueblogrande.org

This annual event features more than 100 Native American artist booths showcasing pottery, jewelry, basketry and other arts. Enjoy live performances of traditional music and dance, as well as food trucks offering fry bread, cactus chili, burgers and other delicious specialties.

DECEMBER EVENTS

ONGOING EVENTS

Christmas at the Princess

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess
480-585-4848, scottsdaleprincess.com
Thru 12/30/2018

Footprints on the Desert: Frank Lloyd Wright in Arizona

Gallery @ the Library
Scottsdale Civic Center
480-874-4645, scottsdalepublicart.org
Thru 12/31/18

Las Noches de las Luminarias

Desert Botanical Garden
480-481-8188, dbg.org
Select dates thru 12/31/18

* Local Light

5th Ave. & Marshall Way
canalconvergence.com
Thru 12/31/18

* Scottsdazzle

Various locations, see website for details
scottsdazzle.com
Select dates thru 1/1/19



Illumination

Tempe & North Phoenix
602-567-3618, illuminationaz.com
Thru 1/5/19
Arizona's largest holiday drive-thru light show, featuring millions of lights synchronized to seasonal music.

Polar Express

Grand Canyon Railway
800-843-8724, thetrain.com
Select days thru 1/5/19

Holiday Lights at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
480-312-2312, therailroadpark.com
Thru 1/6/2019

Untamed: Wild Compositions by Frank Gonzales

Desert Botanical Garden
480-941-1225, dbg.org
Thru 1/6/19

ZooLights

Phoenix Zoo
602-286-3800, phoenixzoo.org
Thru 1/13/19



NKAME: A Retrospective of Cuban Printmaker Belkis Ayón

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
480-874-4666, smoca.org
Thru 1/20/19
NKAME presents 47 prints that encompass a wide range of Ayón's graphic production from 1984 through 1999.

Bodies Revealed

OdySea in the Desert
480-291-8000, odyseainthedesert.com
Thru 5/11/19

Electric Desert: Light & Sound Experience by Klip Collective

Desert Botanical Garden
480-481-8188, dbg.org
Thru 5/12/19

Fragments: Broken Bowls Tell More Tales

Pueblo Grande Museum & Archaeological Park
602-495-0901, pueblogrande.com
Thru 7/31/19

New Beginnings

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West
480-686-9539, scottsdalemuseumwest.org
Thru 9/22/19

DECEMBER 1

Arizona Coyotes vs. St. Louis Blues

Gila River Arena, 6 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com

Matthew Morrison

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
5 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org



* Scottsdazzle: Feliz Navidad Fiesta

Historic Old Town, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com
This inaugural event features unique piñatas, tamale tastings and sales, kids' activities and live entertainment.

* Scottsdazzle: Canal Concert: Mariachi Corazon

Soleri Bridge Plaza, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

A Special Holiday Concert with Gypsy Soul

Musical Instrument Museum, 7:30 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 1-2

* Arizona Asian Festival

Scottsdale Civic Center Park
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
aaaa-az.org

"A Christmas Story: The Play"

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

The Christmas Train

Verde Canyon Railroad
5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
800-582-7245, verdecanyonrr.com

"Dear Evan Hansen"

ASU Gammage
Sat. 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
480-965-3434, asugammage.com

Holiday Pops

Symphony Hall
Sat. 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.
602-495-1999, phoenixsymphony.org

International Off-Road & UTV Expo

WestWorld of Scottsdale
See website for details
internationaloffroadexpo.com

"Mary Poppins Jr."

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Sat. 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

* McDonald's Rock 'n' Roll Car Show

The Pavilions, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
480-443-0080
thepavilionsattalkingstick.com

* Old Town Farmers' Market

Brown Ave. & First St., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
623-848-1234
arizonacommunityfarmersmarkets.com

DECEMBER 2

Andrea Bocelli

Talking Stick Resort Arena, 7:30 p.m.
602-379-7800
talkingstickresortarena.com



The Devon Allman Project

Musical Instrument Museum
6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org
Join singer, songwriter and guitarist Devon Allman, son of legendary Gregg Allman, for an evening of soulful rock.

Thomas & Friends Live Show and Meet & Greet

Odysea in the Desert
10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 3 p.m.
odyseainthedesert.com

DECEMBER 6

Arizona Coyotes vs. Washington Capitals

Gila River Arena, 7 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com

Mike Stern

Musical Instrument Museum
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

* denotes free event

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27*** Scottsdale ArtWalk**

Scottsdale Arts District (Main St. & Marshall Way), 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
scottsdalegalleries.com

DECEMBER 7**Flavor Lab: Cider Corps**

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
7 p.m.
480-874-4666, smoca.org

Jackson Galaxy

Comerica Theatre, 7 p.m.
602-379-2800, comericatheatre.com

Warren Miller's "Face of Winter"

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
6:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

DECEMBER 7-9**"A Christmas Story: The Play"**

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

Cirque Holiday Spectacular

Symphony Hall, see website for details
602-495-1999, phoenixsymphony.org

"Mary Poppins Jr."

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

**Sister's Christmas Catechism**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
Fri. & Sat 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org
Help Sister solve the greatest Christmas caper ever – who swiped the gold that the three wisemen gave baby Jesus?

DECEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28*** Native American Dancing**

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, 5 p.m.
480-444-1234, scottsdale.hyatt.com

DECEMBER 8**Arizona Coyotes vs. San Jose Sharks**

Gila River Arena, 6 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com

Dianne Reeves: Christmas Time is Here

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
8 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

Jim Gaffigan

Comerica Theatre, 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
602-379-2800, comericatheatre.com

*** Miracle of Roses Pageant**

Old Adobe Mission, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

*** Movies in the Desert: Shrek**

Odysea in the Desert, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
odyseainthedesert.com

Over the Rhine

Musical Instrument Museum, 7:30 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

*** Scottsdazzle: Sugar Plum Avenue**

Fifth Avenue, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

*** Scottsdazzle: Canal Concert:**

Phoenix Boys Choir & Pete Pancrazi Quartet
Soleri Bridge Plaza, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

Warren Miller's Face of Winter

ASU Gammage, 8 p.m.
480-965-3434, asugammage.com

DECEMBER 8-9**The Christmas Train**

Verde Canyon Railroad
5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
800-582-7245, verdecanyonrr.com

**Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market**

Pueblo Grande Museum, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
602-495-0901, pueblogrande.com
Browse 100+ booths showcasing authentic Native American art, jewelry, pottery and more at this traditional Indian market.

DECEMBER 8 & 22*** Artisan Fest**

Odysea in the Desert, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
odyseainthedesert.com

DECEMBER 9**Arizona Cardinals vs. Detroit Lions**

State Farm Stadium, 2:25 p.m.
602-379-0102, azcardinals.com

Hawktail

Musical Instrument Museum, 7 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

Scottsdale Philharmonic

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
4 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

**DECEMBER 10****Alan Cumming: Legal Immigrant**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
7:30 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org
Tony Award winner Alan Cumming returns with a collection of musings on his 10 years as a U.S. citizen.

DECEMBER 11**The Joyous Music of Beethoven**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
7:30 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

DECEMBER 12**Handel's Messiah**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
7:30 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

Comerica Theatre, 7 p.m.
602-379-2800, comericatheatre.com

DECEMBER 12-16**Handel's Messiah**

Symphony Hall, see website for details
602-495-1999, phoenixsymphony.org

DECEMBER 13*** Scottsdazzle ArtWalk**

Scottsdale Arts District
(Main St. & Marshall Way)
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
scottsdalegalleries.com

DECEMBER 13-14**The Steve Gadd Band**

Musical Instrument Museum
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 13-16**The Nutcracker**

Symphony Hall, see website for details
602-381-1096, balletaz.org

DECEMBER 14**Daughtry**

Salt River Grand Ballroom at Talking Stick Resort, 8 p.m.
480-850-7777, talkingstickresort.com

2018 K-Love Christmas

ASU Gammage, 7 p.m.
480-965-3434, asugammage.com

Sutton Foster

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
8 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

**Trivia Night @ SMoCA: Holiday Edition**

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
7 p.m.
480-874-4666, smoca.org
Comedian Anwar Newton hosts an evening of holiday-themed movie, TV and music trivia to test your pop culture IQ.

DECEMBER 14-16**"A Christmas Story: The Play"**

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

"Mary Poppins Jr."

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

Sister's Christmas Catechism

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
Fri. & Sat 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

** denotes free event*

DECEMBER 15

*Downtown Scottsdale Art & Cultural Trolley Tour

Departs from Old Adobe Mission
10:30 a.m.
602-826-3155, ultimatearttours.com
(Reservations required)



A Merry-Achi Christmas

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
7 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org
Join Grammy Award-nominated mariachi musician Maestro Jose Hernandez for an evening of lively holiday music.

*Scottsdazzle: Santa Wine Around & Ale Trail

See website for locations
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

*Scottsdazzle: Canal Concert: Campanillas del Sol Handbell Ensemble

Soleri Bridge Plaza, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

Windham Hill's Winter Solstice

Musical Instrument Museum
4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 15-16

The Christmas Train

Verde Canyon Railroad
5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
800-582-7245, verdecanyonrr.com

DECEMBER 16

Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
3 p.m.
480-499-8587, scottsdalearts.org

Il Divo

Comerica Theater, 8 p.m.
602-379-2800, comericatheatre.com

DECEMBER 16-17

Irish Christmas in America

Musical Instrument Museum
Sun. 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Mon. 7 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 18

Arizona Coyotes vs. New York Islanders

Gila River Arena, 7 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com

A Peter White Christmas

Musical Instrument Museum
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 20

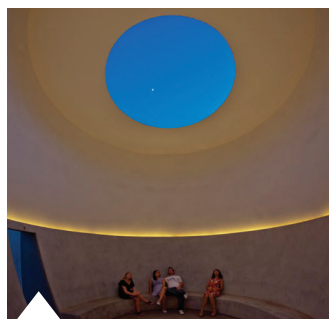
Arizona Coyotes vs. Montreal Canadiens

Gila River Arena, 7 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com

DECEMBER 20-24

The Nutcracker

Symphony Hall, see website for details
602-381-1096, balletaz.org



DECEMBER 21

Sunrise in the Skyspace

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
5:30 a.m.
480-874-4666, smoca.org
Celebrate the winter solstice in James Turrell's Knight Rise Skyspace and toast the shortest day of the year with Irish coffee and pastries.

DECEMBER 21-22

The Manhattan Transfer

Musical Instrument Museum
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 21-23

"A Christmas Story: The Play"

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

"Mary Poppins Jr."

Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.
480-483-1664, desertstages.org

DECEMBER 22

Arizona Coyotes vs. Colorado Avalanche

Gila River Arena, 5 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com

*Scottsdazzle: Java Jingle Crawl

See website for locations
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
scottsdazzle.com

*Scottsdazzle: Canal Concert: MusicaNova Brass Quintet

Soleri Bridge Plaza, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
scottsdazzle.com

DECEMBER 22-23

The Christmas Train

Verde Canyon Railroad
5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
800-582-7245, verdecanyonrr.com

DECEMBER 23

Arizona Cardinals vs. Los Angeles Rams

State Farm Stadium, 2:05 p.m.
602-379-0102, azcardinals.com



DECEMBER 26

CHEEZ-IT Bowl

Chase Field, 7 p.m.
480-350-0900, fiestabowl.org
One of college football's most exciting bowl games matches selections from the Big 12 and Pac 12 for a night of thrilling gridiron action.

DECEMBER 26-30

Holidays at the Heard

Heard Museum, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
602-252-8840, heard.org

DECEMBER 27

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

ASU Gammage, 7:30 p.m.
480-965-3434, asugammage.com

DECEMBER 28-29

Jerry Riopelle

The Showroom at Talking Stick Resort
8 p.m.
480-850-7777, talkingstickresort.com

DECEMBER 28-30

Blockbuster Scores: Music from TV and Film

Symphony Hall
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
602-495-1999, phoenixsymphony.org

DECEMBER 29-31

Jim Brickman

Musical Instrument Museum
Sat. & Sun. 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Mon. 7 p.m.
480-478-6000, mim.org

DECEMBER 30

Arizona Coyotes vs. Vegas Golden Knights

Gila River Arena, 6 p.m.
480-563-7825, coyotes.nhl.com



DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Celebration

Symphony Hall, 7 p.m.
602-495-1999, phoenixsymphony.org
Celebrate the New Year with The Phoenix Symphony for one of the most popular New Year's Eve Celebrations in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area.

* denotes free event

UPCOMING EVENTS



PLAYSTATION FIESTA BOWL

January 1, 2019 | fiestabowl.org

One of the game's premier events, the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl is part of the College Football Playoff (CFP) series. Cheer your favorite team as two of the four top-ranked teams selected by the CFP committee compete at State Farm Stadium.



CELEBRATION OF FINE ART

January 12 – March 24, 2019 | celebrateart.com

This event brings in artists from across the United States to set up working studios, and welcomes art aficionados to watch and interact with them as they create their work. With more than 100+ artists, art lovers will see work in all mediums, including sculpture, painting, jewelry, glass blowing, furniture and more.



SCOTTSDALE AUTO AUCTIONS

January 12-20, 2019 | See websites for details

barrett-jackson.com | russoandsteele.com | goodingco.com

If you love cars, don't miss this week when several of the nation's top auto auctions roll into town with thousands of classic and collector automobiles. Shows include Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction, Russo & Steele Collector Automobile Auction and Gooding & Company Collector Car Auction.



ExperienceScottsdale.com

EXPERIENCE SCOTTSDALE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:

SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE

Located in the food court
7014 E. Camelback Rd.

Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FIFTH AVENUE

Located inside The Purple Saguaro
7121 E. Fifth Ave. #3

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.