

A small selection of NYC Events

December 2016

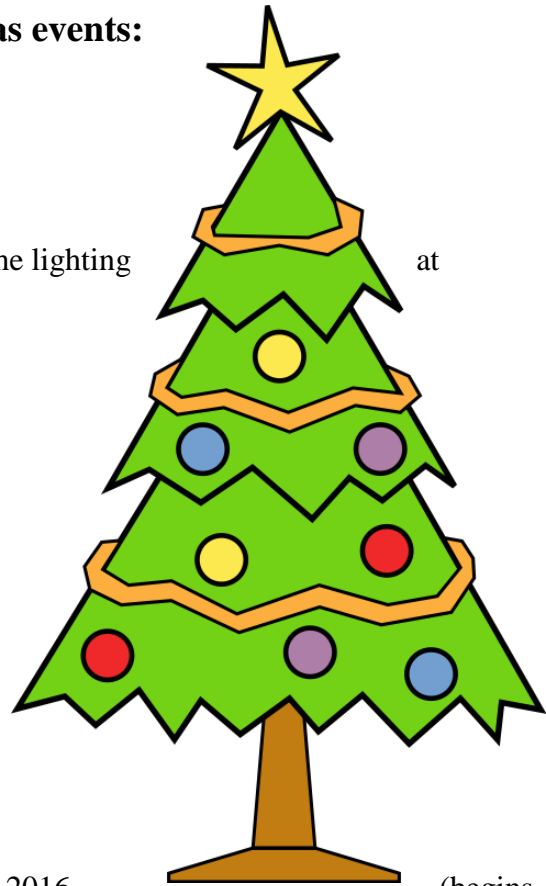
Have a look at these “must see” Christmas events:

Christmas tree lighting

December 1 - 10, 2016

Watch a free tree-lighting ceremony with music. The lighting at Rockefeller Center is Nov. 30, 2016.

- Dec. 1 (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.) - [Central Park](#)
- Dec. 3 (2 to 5 p.m.) - [Astoria Park](#)
- Dec. 4 (6:30 p.m.) - [Park Avenue](#)
- Dec. 4 (1 - 5:30 p.m.) - [Queens Botanical Garden](#)
- Dec. 6 (3:30 - 5:30 p.m.) - [Madison Square Park](#)
- Dec. 7 (6 - 7:30 p.m.) - [Washington Square Park](#)
- Dec. 10 (4:30 - 6:30 p.m.) - [W. Harlem Piers Park](#)



Holiday market - Central Park December 1 - 24, 2016 (begins Nov. 29)

Enjoy a hot beverage or meal, and shop for gifts from 100 vendors at the [Columbus Circle Holiday Market](#) at Central Park West and 59th Street. Free.

Holiday market - Grand Central, December 1 - 24, 2016 (begins Nov. 14) [Grand Central Holiday Fair](#) is a holiday market with 40 vendors in Vanderbilt Hall. Closed Thanksgiving. Free.

Holiday market - Union Square, December 1 - 24, 2016 (begins Nov. 17) Find handmade jewelry, fine art, clothing, ornaments, toys, food, and drink at [Union Square Holiday Market](#) in Union Square Park. Closed Nov. 24. Free.

Winter in Bryant Park, December 1, 2016 - Jan. 2, 2017 (starts Oct. 29), [Winter Village at Bryant Park](#) has 125 holiday kiosk shops, and an ice-skating rink open until March 5 (free unless you rent skates).

Christmas Tree and ice rink at Rockefeller Center

Have a look at the Holiday Windows Displays at

- Macy's, 151 W 34th St.
- Saks Fifth Avenue, 611 5TH AVENUE
- Bloomingdale's, 1000 Third Avenue 59th Street and Lexington Avenue & 504 Broadway
- Barney's New York, Madison Ave.: 660 Madison Ave & Downtown:101 7th Ave & Broadway/Upper West Side: 2151 Broadway
- Bergdorf Goodman, 754 5th Ave
- Lord&Taylor, 424 5th Ave

Christmas play	December 1 - 30, 2016	A Christmas Carol is Charles Dickens' classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge, Christmas ghosts, and Tiny Tim at Players Theatre in Greenwich Village. Discount tickets \$16 to \$22.
Attractions	December 1 - 31, 2016 (also Nov.)	Discount ticket prices including all taxes and fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CityPass (6 attractions in nine days) - adults \$117 • Ice Skating in Prospect Park - weekday tickets \$9 • NY Historical Museum two for \$20, family \$30
The Nutcracker	December 1 - 31, 2016 (begins Nov. 25)	George Balanchine's The Nutcracker is a holiday tradition with old-fashioned costumes, a tree that grows before your eyes, crystal-shaped snowflakes, fine choreography by New York City Ballet, and Tchaikovsky's captivating music at David H. Koch Theater.
Rock opera	December 1 - 31, 2016 (also Nov.)	Combining live music, choreography, lighting, and performance, The Portal takes you on an immersive journey at Minetta Lane Theatre. Discount tickets \$25.
Christmas spectacular	Dec. 1 - 31, 2016 (Nov. 11 to Jan. 2)	Radio City Christmas Spectacular is 90 minutes of dance, fireworks, and a flying Santa at Radio City Music Hall. Pre-show, meet a Rockette or Santa, and admire 10,000 crystals hanging in the Grand Foyer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 1 to 15 - Groupon tickets \$45 to \$89 • Dec. 1 to Jan. 2 - Goldstar tickets \$45 to \$110

Holiday Train Show	Dec. 1 - 31, 2016 (Nov. 19 to Jan. 16)	Watch model trains zip around miniature New York landmarks made of plant materials, and enjoy kids' activities at the Holiday Train Show at New York Botanical Garden. Closed Nov. 24, Dec. 25, and Mondays. Discount tickets \$19, child \$11.
Basketball	December 2 - 22, 2016	Watch the New York Knicks play a home game at Madison Square Garden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 2 - Minnesota Timberwolves tickets \$113 • Dec. 4 - Sacramento Kings tickets \$55 • Dec. 20 - Indiana Pacers tickets \$84 to \$113 • Dec. 22 - Orlando Magic tickets \$84 tp \$113
Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl	December 3, 2016	Wear your tackiest holiday duds for drink specials on the Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl that begins at Bar None.
Colombian Music Festival	December 3, 2016 (5 to 10 p.m.)	Enjoy an evening of Colombian rhythms and styles with 30 musicians plus dancers at Encuentro NYC Festival at Le Poisson Rouge. Room to stand only
Nutcracker dance	December 3, 2016 (7 p.m.)	Nutcracker Winter Suite is a one-hour, family-friendly version that includes only the dance performances at Symphony Space. Discount tickets \$15.
Buy American	December 3 - 4, 2016 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	Shop from 60 vendors selling American-made goods at American Field in Brooklyn Expo Center. Free.
Dance party & show	December 3 - 24, 2016 (10 p.m. Saturdays)	Dance to DJ music and watch costumed performers and high-flying acrobats at Gotham [website has sound], a standing-room-only party

		at Webster Hall for age 19+. Discount tickets \$10.
South African holiday songs	December 3, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017	Sing! features an ensemble of American and South African women singing in English and Zulu and accompanied by a live band at the Theatre at St. Clement's. Discount tickets \$20.
Classic soul & motown revue	December 3, 2016 - Feb. 12, 2017	A Decade of Soul features R&B music of the classic soul era performed live on stage at B.B. King Blues Club (\$10 minimum food/drink). Discount tickets \$10.
Jets football	December 5 & 17, 2016	Watch the New York Jets play at MetLife Stadium. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 5 - Indianapolis Colts discount tickets \$45 • Dec. 17 - Miami Dolphins discount tickets \$50
Charles Dickens' Christmas	December 7 - 24, 2016	Hear an actor dressed as Charles Dickens read in an elegant, festive parlor at A Christmas Carol at the Merchant's House , with optional preceding reception
Basketball	December 7 & 26, 2016 (7:30 p.m.)	Watch the Brooklyn Nets when play an exciting home game at Barclays Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 7 - Denver Nuggets tickets \$25 to \$65 • Dec. 26 - Charlotte Hornets tickets \$40 to \$100
Nutcracker set in New York	December 8 - 11, 2016	The Yorkville Nutcracker is a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's music with familiar backgrounds like Central Park at Kaye Playhouse.
Santa bar crawl	December 10, 2016 (10 a.m.)	Wear a Santa suit and start at one of the bars that will be listed Friday night on the Santacon website. Donation.

		Organizers ask Santas to obey all laws and be polite.
Cheese festival	December 10, 2016 (6 to 9 p.m.)	Taste unlimited samples from 30 artisanal creameries plus chef dishes, desserts, and beverages at The Great Northeast Cheese Fest at Flushing Town Hall.
Tuba concert	December 11, 2016 (3:30 p.m.)	Hear Christmas carols and sing along at Merry Tuba Christmas at The Rink at Rockefeller Center. Free.
Harlem holiday musical	December 14 - 18, 2016	Share the ups and downs of a multigenerational Harlem family in The First Noel at Apollo Theater. “This good-looking, high-energy show is packed with vocal talent and propelled by a terrific five-piece band.” [NY Times] Discount tickets \$22.
Winter solstice concert	December 15 - 17, 2016	Celebrate the darkest night of the year with the Paul Winter Consort at the secular Winter Solstice Celebration in The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.
Boombox/smartphone concert	December 17, 2016	Download the music, and then play it on cue with the crowd at Unsilent Night , which goes from Washington Square Park to Tompkins Square Park.
Christmas ghost stories	December 20, 2016 - Jan. 7, 2017	Lit by flickering candles, the actors of Radiotheatre NYC tell 4 or 5 stories of yuletide hauntings rooted in the chronicles of downtown Manhattan during Ghosts of Christmas Past at St. John's Lutheran Church on Christopher Street for age 11+. Discount tickets \$12.
Street music festival	December 21, 2016	Make Music Winter is a dozen musical parades on the streets and sidewalks on the first day of winter. Come watch, or join in as described in the schedule. Free.
Caroling	December 24, 2016 (5 to 7 p.m.)	Join the carolers and brass quartet at Christmas Eve

		Caroling at the arch in Washington Square Park. Free.
Menorah lighting	December 24 - 31, 2016	Celebrate Chanukah nightly with live music and hot latkes at the Lighting of the Menorah , which is 32 feet tall, at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn. Free
Shred bad memories	December 28, 2016	Say goodbye to your worst memories of 2016 so you can start fresh in 2017 by tossing them into the shredder at Good Riddance Day in Times Square.
New Year's Eve - restaurants	December 31, 2016	Find a list of restaurants that offer special menus and celebrations for New Year's Eve at OpenTable
New Year's Eve - Times Square	December 31, 2016	New Year's Eve in Times Square has dazzling lights, big-name music, balloons, confetti, fireworks, and a crystal ball that drops at midnight. To join the crowd seeing it live, read the FAQ and arrive early. Free.
New Year's Eve - AMC	December 31, 2016	Watch movies or dance all night on the family no-alcohol floor or the adult floors with open bar and mini buffet at New Year's Eve at AMC Theater on West 42nd Street
New Year's Eve - jazz	December 31, 2016 (7:30 and 11 p.m.)	New Year's Eve with Cécile McLorin Salvant features a jazz vocalist, a view of Central Park, and a three-course meal in Dizzy's Club at Broadway and 60th. The 11 p.m. show includes a champagne toast at midnight.
New Year's Eve - run	December 31, 2016	Free music and dancing begin at 10 p.m., fireworks at midnight, plus a 4-mile Midnight Run that requires registration, all at Central Park Bandshell.
New Year's Eve - biking/skating	December 31, 2016	New Year's Eve Bike Ride & Outdoor After Party for bikers or skaters has three

		starting points that all lead to a dance party with fireworks at Belvedere Castle in Central Park. Free.
New Year's Eve - Webster Hall	December 31, 2016	New Year's Eve Ball has 4 dance floors in 6 rooms, 100,000 balloons that drop at midnight, fire and aerial performers, and an open bar at Webster Hall.
New Year's Eve - peace concert	December 31, 2016 (7 to 9 p.m.)	Choir and orchestra music, solo singers, and bright candles at New Year's Eve Concert for Peace will uplift you in The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.
Kwanzaa Celebration	December 31, 2016 (2 and 7:30 p.m.)	Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night features joyful dance and music at the Apollo Theater, plus an after party.
New Year's Eve - fireworks	December 31, 2016	Enjoy entertainment and hot chocolate, and then watch the New Year's Eve Fireworks at midnight at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn. Free.