



**Downtown**  
**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**  
 December 4<sup>th</sup>  
 North Blvd. Town Square

## Celebrate the Holiday Season!

Friday, December 4, 2015  
 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Experience the magic of the holiday with the lighting of the 35-foot Christmas Tree and fireworks at North Boulevard Town Square. Enjoy free ice skating, play in ten tons of real snow at the Snow Village, see holiday performers, face painters, a balloon artist, stilt walkers, and of course....SANTA! Check the list of events at the Snow Village, Santa's Gift Shop, Open Houses, and more!

**FREE PARKING** in the River Center Parking Garages

Parking also available in:

**Third Street Garage** (201 Third Street)—\$2/Hr or \$10 all-day flat rate  
**LaSalle Garage** (521 Third Street)—\$2/Hr or \$10 all-day flat rate

## 2015 Downtown Festival of Lights Guide

North Boulevard Town Square, Repentance Park, and the Baton Rouge River Center

### ★ Live Entertainment on the Mayor's Stage at Galvez Plaza

**Baton Rouge Music Studios Performs** (4:15 pm - 5:15 pm)  
**New Venture Theatre Soulful Christmas** (5:15 pm - 5:45 pm)  
**Lighting Ceremony** (6:00 pm - 6:20 pm)  
*Lighting of the Christmas tree with fireworks immediately following*  
**Swing into Christmas with Ned Fasullo** (6:20 pm - 7:25 pm)  
*Featuring his Fabulous Big Band Orchestra*  
**Holiday Christmas Tunes** (7:25 pm - 8:00 pm)  
*Featuring Theatre Baton Rouge Carolers*  
**Swing into Christmas with Ned Fasullo** (8:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
*The fun continues with Ned Fasullo Featuring his Fabulous Big Band Orchestra*

### ★ Winter Wonderland

**Free Ice-Skating** (4:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
*Provided by the River Center on the First Floor Plaza*  
**Free Snow Village** (5:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
*Repentance Park*  
*Take a turn sliding down ten (10) tons of real snow! Ages 5 - 15 only.*  
**Free Movies on the Lawn** (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)  
*At the Town Lawn*  
*Enjoy Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and More!*  
**Santa's Gift Shop** (4:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
*City Hall Plaza*  
*Artists from the Baton Rouge Arts Market, ARC, and around the region sell unique handmade items for everyone on your holiday gift list!*  
**Community Stage at the River Center** (6:30pm - 9:00 pm)  
*Holiday performances on the Second Floor of the River Center Plaza*  
*Kids' Orchestra Chorus/Playmakers A Charlie Brown Christmas, Excerpts (6:30 pm - 7:00 pm)*  
*Allstar Arts Academy ARTSTARS/Scotlandville High School Dancers (7:05 pm - 7:40 pm)*  
*Scotlandville Theatre Department/Young Actors of A Christmas Carol (7:45 pm - 8:15 pm)*  
*Christmas Music/Christmas Karaoke (8:15 pm - 9:00 pm)*

### ★ Holiday Fun at Town Square

**Food and Beverages from Cortana Kiwanis**  
*All proceeds from food sales go directly to support children's charities in the Greater Baton Rouge Area.*  
**Face Painting, Balloon Twisters, Live Sculptures, Stilt Walkers, Strolling Magicians, and More!**  
**EBRP Library Book Mobile**  
*The Library is bringing the bookmobile out to the Festival of Lights! People of all ages can come aboard to check out their favorite books. Take a selfie with The Grinch and a few Whos! There will be color sheets available and children of all ages can write and drop off their letter for Santa.*  
**Louisiana Youth Orchestra Bake Sale**  
*Purchase baked goodies and hot chocolate to benefit the Louisiana Youth Orchestra*  
**Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Bar and Beverages**  
*Manship Theatre at Shaw Center for the Arts*

Volunteer Services provided by Junior League of Baton Rouge | ARC of Baton Rouge

### ★ Other Downtown Holiday Fun

**Forum 35 - 2015 Reindeer Run and Jingle Bell Jog**  
*(Fun Run Begins: 7:00 pm | 5k Begins Approximately: 7:20 pm)*  
**Starts at Lafayette Park at the Shaw Center for the Arts**  
*Register today! \$25.00 for Adults 18+ and \$20 for kids ages 6-17.*  
[www.forum35.org](http://www.forum35.org) | [www.reindeer-run.com](http://www.reindeer-run.com)

**Holiday Fun and Refreshments at LASM**  
**Louisiana Art and Science Museum, 100 River Road South**  
*Enjoy hands-on activities with Santa's Elves, shopping at the LASM Museum Store and special planetarium screenings 5:00 pm | 7:00 pm | 8:00 pm. \$9 adults, \$8 children or FREE with a toy donation.*  
 225-389-7210 | [www.lasm.org](http://www.lasm.org)

**LSU Museum Store Holiday Trunk Show** (11:00 am - 7:00 pm)  
**1st floor at the Shaw Center for the Arts, 100 Lafayette Street**  
*Handmade jewelry, pottery, woodworks, and more | 25% off one item | gift wrapping and refreshments*  
 225-389-7210 | [www.lsumoa.org](http://www.lsumoa.org)

**LSU Museum of Art** (10:30 am)  
**100 Lafayette Street, Third Floor**  
*Stories in Art: A Program for very young children, FREE*  
 225-389-7210 | [www.lsumoa.org](http://www.lsumoa.org)

**A Front Porch Christmas**  
**529 Convention Street**  
*Live music, hot chocolate, and treats on the front porch of First Baptist Church*

**Old Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House** (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
**Old Governor's Mansion, 502 North Boulevard**  
*Have your picture taken with Huey, Santa and Mrs. Claus; shop for special Christmas gifts FREE to attend | nominal cost for pictures*  
 225-387-2464 | [www.fhl.org](http://www.fhl.org)

**Santa in the Senate** (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
**Old State Capitol, 100 North Boulevard**  
*Old State Capitol open to the public and free of charge; holiday craft activity for children. Cartoons will play in the House Chamber throughout the evening. Have your photo taken with Santa. \$10.00 Prints available immediately | Gift Shop will be open*  
 225-219-6117 | [www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org](http://www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org)

**First Presbyterian Church Live Nativity** (6:30 pm)  
**First Presbyterian Church Terraced Garden, 763 North Boulevard**  
 225-387-0617 | [www.fpcbr.org](http://www.fpcbr.org)

**Reindeer Ride Downtown Celebration** (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)  
**Skip Bertman Drive Trailhead**  
*Join in a colorful bike parade through the downtown area!! Partnering with BRAMBA, Front Yard Bikes, and the EBRSO Bike Team, ride up the levee from Skip Bertman Drive to downtown to be part of the Festival of Lights Christmas Tree Lighting!*  
 225-272-9200 | [www.brec.org/outdooradventure](http://www.brec.org/outdooradventure)

**Rudolph Ride—Capitol Region Planning Commission** (5:30 pm - 9:00 pm)  
**Meet at City Park Tennis Courts**  
 5:45 pm Ride Downtown to the Lighting of the Tree

**Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra Home for the Holidays** (7:30 pm)  
**Baton Rouge River Center Theater**  
 800-456-8499 | [www.batonrougerivercenter.com](http://www.batonrougerivercenter.com)

# Holiday Season - Schedule of Events

## DECEMBER 2

**Advent Meditation (7:00 pm)**  
*Additional dates: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23*  
 Bethel AME Church  
 1358 South Boulevard

## DECEMBER 5

**Holiday Fleur de Lis Painting with Alison Adams (10:00 am)**  
*A studio art class for 15 & up creating a unique Fleur de Lis Family Crest*  
 LSU Museum of Art  
 Tickets available in Museum Store or by calling 225 389-7210

**Neighborhood Arts Project & Art Exhibition with Bethel AME Church, (10:00 am - noon)**  
 Purple Circle Social Club  
 1358 South Boulevard  
**FREE**

**Classic Christmas Celebration—USS KIDD Veterans Museum (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)**  
*CONTINUES through January 2, 2016*  
 225-342-1942  
[www.usskidd.com](http://www.usskidd.com)

**Baton Rouge Arts Market (8:00 am - noon)**  
 5th Street at Main Street  
 Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge  
 225-344-8558  
[www.artsbr.org](http://www.artsbr.org)

## DECEMBER 6

**The Shoemaker and the Christmas Elves (2:00 pm)**  
*Kids Club Pre-Party 12:30 p.m.*  
 Manship Theatre at Shaw Center for the Arts  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

**Baton Rouge Concert Band (3:00 pm)**  
 St. Joseph Cathedral 412 North Street  
 225-387-5928  
[www.cathedralofstjoseph.org](http://www.cathedralofstjoseph.org)

## DECEMBER 8

**Cool Winter Nights and Hot Jazz with Brian Shaw, Willis Delony and Bill Grimes (7:30 pm)**  
*Joined by guest vocalists Sasha Masakowski and Fr. Greg Daigle. Program includes Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite.*  
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[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

**Disney Live! Three Classic Fairy Tales (7:00 pm)**  
 Baton Rouge River Center  
 800-456-8499  
[www.batonrougerivercenter.com](http://www.batonrougerivercenter.com)

## DECEMBER 11

**Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra Holiday Brass Concert (7:30 pm)**  
 St. Joseph Cathedral  
 412 North Street  
 225-387-5928  
[www.cathedralofstjoseph.org](http://www.cathedralofstjoseph.org)

**A Charlie Brown Christmas | Playmakers of Baton Rouge**  
*Continues through December 20*  
 The Reilly Theatre  
 225-578-6996  
[www.playmakersbr.org](http://www.playmakersbr.org)

**Ragtime (tour) (8:00 pm)**  
 Baton Rouge River Center  
 800-456-8499  
[www.batonrougerivercenter.com](http://www.batonrougerivercenter.com)

## DECEMBER 12

**Baton Rouge Arts Market (8:00 am - noon)**  
 5th Street at Main Street  
 Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge  
 225-344-8558  
[www.artsbr.org](http://www.artsbr.org)

**Beausoleil Holiday Concert (8:00 pm)**  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

**Downtown Christmas Parade (5:30 - 7:30 pm)**  
 Presented by Cortana Kiwanis  
 225-342-3412

## DECEMBER 13

**Strolling Carolers from Theatre Baton Rouge's Cast of A Christmas Carol (December 13 - 22)**  
 Theatre Baton Rouge  
 225-924-6496  
[theatrebr.org](http://theatrebr.org)

**Christmas at First—Featuring the First Baptist Church choir and orchestra (10:45 am)**  
 First Baptist Church  
 529 Convention St.

**A Christmas Flourish (8:30 am & 11:00 am)**  
*Services of worship will feature the Chancel Choir and a 32 piece professional orchestra*  
 First United Methodist Church  
 930 North Boulevard

**Downtown Christmas Pilgrimage**  
 5:30 pm: Mt. Zion First Baptist Church  
 6:00 pm: First United Methodist Church  
 6:30 pm: First Presbyterian Church  
 7:00 pm: St. James Episcopal Church  
 7:30 pm: St. Joseph Cathedral  
 8:00 pm: First Baptist Church

## DECEMBER 14

**An Evening of Holiday Jazz with George Bell & Friends**  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

## DECEMBER 16

**Christmas Spectacular with Michael McDowell and The Edge Orchestra (7:30 pm)**  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

**Film Lounge with Capital City Grill presents: Miracle on 34th Street**  
 Hartley/Vey Studio Theatre  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

## DECEMBER 17

**The Longest Night (7:00 pm)**  
*A Service of Healing, Hope, and Encouragement*  
 First United Methodist Church  
 930 North Boulevard

## DECEMBER 18

**Cangelosi Dance Project Presents: Holiday Mixture (7:00 pm)**  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

## DECEMBER 19

**Baton Rouge Arts Market (8:00 am - noon)**  
 5th Street at Main Street  
 Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge  
 225-344-8558  
[www.artsbr.org](http://www.artsbr.org)

**The Nutcracker: A Tale from the Bayou (2:00 pm & 6:00 pm)**  
*Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre and the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra*  
 Baton Rouge River Center  
 225-766-8379  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Cangelosi Dance Project Presents: Holiday Classical (2:00 pm) & Holiday Sparkle (5:00 pm)**  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

**Soulful Sounds of Christmas (2:00 pm & 7:30 pm)**  
 New Venture Theatre  
 Independence Park Theatre  
[www.newventuretheatre.org](http://www.newventuretheatre.org)

**Baton Rouge River Center Ice Skating (December 19th- Jan 4)**  
**Public Ice Skating (9:30am-7:30pm)**  
*\$12 per person includes a free small coke. Groups of 10 or more tickets are \$10.*  
 Baton Rouge River Center  
 800-456-8499  
[www.batonrougerivercenter.com](http://www.batonrougerivercenter.com)  
 Visit The River Center's website for a full schedule.

## DECEMBER 20

**Elf (2003)**  
 Films at Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

**Live Nativity (5:30 pm & 6:30 pm)**  
 First Presbyterian Church Baton Rouge  
 763 North Boulevard  
 225-387-0617  
[www.fpcbr.org](http://www.fpcbr.org)

**The Muppets Christmas Carol (2:00 pm)**  
 Films at Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

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 Baton Rouge River Center  
 225-766-8379  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**A Service of Lessons and Carols (5:00 pm)**  
 St. James Episcopal Church  
 225-387-5141  
[www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)

## DECEMBER 27

**6th Annual Home for the Holidays Songwriter Night (6:00 pm)**  
 Manship Theatre  
 225-344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

## DECEMBER 31

**RED STICK REVELRY (9 pm - midnight)**  
*Baton Rouge's annual New Year's celebration. Join us as we ring in the New Year by dropping a custom designed, LED-lighted Red Stick at the Town Square Beacon.*  
[www.redstickrevelry.com](http://www.redstickrevelry.com)

**Annual Watch Night Service (10:30 pm)**  
 Bethel AME Church  
 1358 South Boulevard  
 225-344-6931



For a complete listing of downtown events and merchants, visit [www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org)  
 Many thanks to the sponsors: City of Baton Rouge - Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden and the Metro-Council, Department of Public Works, Downtown Development District, The Advocate, WAFB- TV Channel 9, and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

For Christmas information visit [www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org)



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