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Downtown Yakima Winter Wonderland Events

The calendar is full of family fun holiday festivities this season in Downtown Yakima.

On Friday, November 27th Yakima's Community Christmas Tree will serve as the centerpiece during a free *Light Up the Plaza* celebration at Millennium Plaza. The event will start at 6:00 pm with a musical performance by *Tim Snider* (6:00 pm . 6:40 pm). At 6:40 pm, Santa will help Yakima's Community Christmas Tree spring to life during a special lighting ceremony. Free photos with Santa will also be available inside Ron's Coin and Collectibles (6th N. 3rd Street) from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. *Joseph*, a band consisting of three sisters, will then take the stage and entertain the crowd until 7:30 pm.

On Thursday, December 3rd, Yakima Valley Tourism will hold its *26th Annual Holiday Reception & Silent Auction* from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Yakima Convention Center.

Friday, December 4th will feature multiple *First Friday* activities at a variety of Downtown Yakima businesses and performances by *Olate Dogs* at the Capitol Theatre at 7:00 pm and *Polyrhythmics* at the Seasons Performance Hall at 7:30 pm. On Saturday, December 5th, *Seattle Rock Opera presents: Led Zeppelin* will take to the Seasons stage at 7:30 pm.

The activities on Sunday, December 6th begin with the Yakima Symphony Chorus performing traditional Christmas favorites during its *Christmas Pops Spectacular* starting at 4:00 pm at the Capitol Theatre. At 6:00 pm, the *16th Annual Holiday Lighted Parade* will fill Yakima Avenue from 6th Avenue to 3rd Street. The parade will be led by runners and walkers participating in *Dasher's Dash*, a 1-mile race/walk sponsored by the Yakima Roteract Club. *Dasher's Dash* will follow the parade route from 6th Avenue to 3rd Street. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Registration can be taken care of ahead of time online at facebook.com/yakimaroteract or before the race at the Salvation Army beginning at 5:00 pm.

The Orion Cinema will feature *A Christmas Story* as its Tuesday, December 8th Classic Movie Night offering (all shows currently sold out). The Seasons Performance Hall will welcome *Cataldo & the Marshall McLean Band* on Friday, December 11th beginning at 8:00 pm.

Free horse drawn carriage rides will be available on December 11th and 18th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will board at both the Millennium Plaza and the Train Depot on North Front Street.

Second Saturday (Saturday, December 12th) will see the second opportunity for free pictures with Santa at Ron's Coin and Collectibles from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and the Eugene Ballet Company performing *The Nutcracker* at the Capitol Theatre at both 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

The busy season in Downtown Yakima will also include the Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra's winter concert at the Capitol Theatre on Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 pm and *A Holiday Cabaret with Charlie and Al* at the 4th Street Theatre on Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm.

A complete list of Downtown Yakima holiday festivities can be found on the Downtown Yakima website at www.downtownyakima.com.