



IT STARTED WITH ONE TREE...

The Museum of Science and Industry created Christmas Around the World in 1942 to honor Chicago's ethnic communities whose native countries were allied with the United States during World War II. The tribute consisted of one strong symbol: a single tree. It was decorated with handmade ornaments each evening by a different ethnic group for display the following morning.

Due to the popularity of this first effort, a tradition was born. Volunteers from Chicago's ethnic communities were invited back, year after year, to decorate their own individual tree according to traditions in their native lands. Performances were also added, treating guests to the songs, dances and festivities of different cultures. In 1994, the Museum's holiday festivities expanded further to include Holidays of Light. This multicultural display showcases holidays that feature light or enlightenment.

Today, quests enjoy more than 50 festive trees and displays. Who would have guessed that a simple celebration would grow to be such a beloved family tradition, standing the test of time for nearly 75 years!

TAG AND SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY PHOTOS

When posting photos and experiences of your MSI holiday visit, please tag them with #MSIholiday. We'd love to see them!

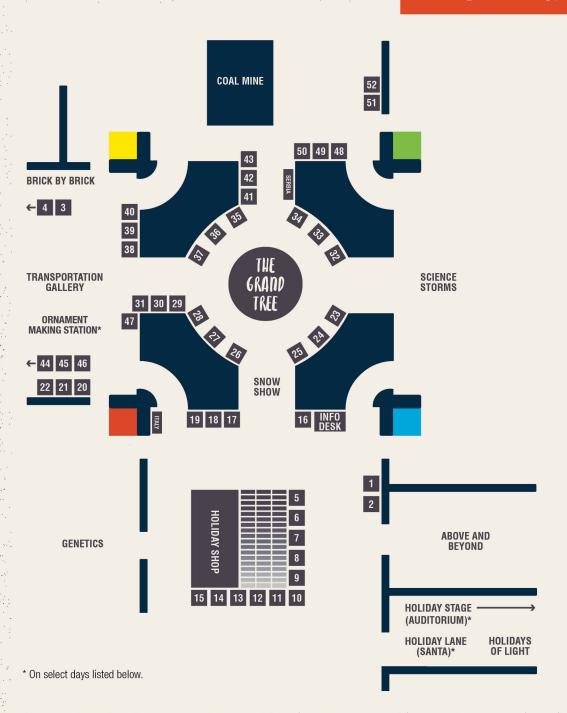
AN MSI MEMBERSHIP KEEPS ON GIVING

You don't have to try to find a gift bag large enough to fit a tornado, a 727, a submarine and dozens of baby chicks. Give the gift of membership instead! It offers a year of amazing experiences to the lucky recipient(s). Learn more: msichicago.org/giftmembership.





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HOLIDAYS OF LIGHT

Displays celebrating *Holidays of Light* are featured near the Holiday Stage. *Holidays of Light* includes displays celebrating St. Lucia Day, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Visakha Puja Day, Diwali and Winter Solstice.

CRÈCHES

Italy Serbia



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DAILY

Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light feature more than 50 different festive trees and displays, the Grand Tree and falling snow in the Rotunda. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We're offering visits with Santa and LEGO® ornament making on select days listed below, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Schedule is subject to change. Please check the Information Desk for an up-to-date schedule.

EVENT LOCATIONS

All cultural performances are held on the Holiday Stage in the Auditorium. Locations for other activities are included in individual listings.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

11 a.m. Healy School (China)

12:15 p.m. Choomsa-Rang & Little OL Korea

1:30 p.m. PACF Performing Arts & SamaSama

Project (Philippines)

2:45 p.m. Springbrook Chorus & Brass

(General Holiday)

4 p.m. Tsukasa Taiko (Japan)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

11 a.m. Command Attention (Kenya)

12:15 p.m. Jasmin Jahal Dance Company

(Middle East)

1:30 p.m. India Catholic Association of America2:45 p.m. Chicago Cuatro Orchestra (Puerto Rico)

4 p.m. Flamenco Chicago Dance Studio (Spain)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

12:15 p.m. Whispers Center for Artistic

Expression (Poland)

1:30 p.m. Taki Sumak (Ecuador)

2:45 p.m. Mangalorean Konkan Christian

Association (India)

4 p.m Bonilla Foundation (Puerto Rico)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making

(Transportation Gallery)

11 a.m. Moravian Cultural Society

(Czech Republic)

12:15 p.m. Nordikids (Sweden)

1:30 p.m. Ballet Folklorico Fiesta Mexicana (Mexico)2:45 p.m. Tuwamari Ballet Folkorico (Ecuador)

4 p.m. Belizean Cultural Bearers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. -4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making

(Transportation Gallery)

11 a.m. Finnladies of Chicagoland (Finland)

12:15 p.m. Filipino American Historical Society

(Philippines)

1:30 p.m. Mali Koscieliscanie (Poland)

2:45 p.m. Serbian Orthodox Youth of Midwestern

American Diocese

4 p.m. Slovenian Catholic Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making

(Transportation Gallery)

11 a.m. Kupa`a-Pacific Island Resources

(South Pacific)

12:15 p.m. Norwegian National League of Chicago

1:30 p.m. McNulty School of Irish Dance

2:45 p.m. Pachacamak Folk (Ecuador and

Afro-Andean)

4 p.m. Alma Ecuatoriana (Ecuador)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making

(Transportation Gallery)

11 a.m. Ensemble Horo (Bulgaria)

12:15 p.m. Irks School of Ukrainian Dance & Cherubic Voices Children's Choir

1:30 p.m. Austrian Mixed Chorus2:45 p.m. Flores de Mexico (Mexico)

4 p.m. Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making (Transportation Gallery)

12:15 p.m. After School Matters (Bolivia)

1:30 p.m. Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers

(Scotland)

2:45 p.m. Acappellago (General Holiday)

4 p.m. Donya Dance Ensemble (Egyptian/Persian/Latin Fusion)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. -4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. -4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making

(Transportation Gallery)

11 a.m. Colombian American Cultural Center

12:15 p.m. Society of the Danube Swabians Kindergruppe (Germany)

1:30 p.m. Renacer Boliviano Dance Troupe (Bolivia)
2:45 p.m. Knights of Lithuania Dancers & Suktinis
4 p.m. Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society (Greece)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Photos with Santa (Holiday Lane)

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Holiday Ornament Making

(Transportation Gallery)

11 a.m. Holy Cross-IHM Children's Choir and

Marimba Ensemble (Mexico)

12:15 p.m. Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

(Scotland)

1:30 p.m. St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church (Egypt)

2:45 p.m. Cambrian Society of Red Welsh

Dragons (Wales)

4 p.m. Hungarian Borozda Dance Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

11 a.m. Campanella Children's Choir (Russia)
12:15 p.m. Ensemble Alioni (Republic of Georgia)
1:30 p.m. Tierra Colombiana Dance Company
2:45 p.m. Polish Scouting Organization (Poland)
4 p.m. Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

(Museum open until 5:30 p.m.)

11 a.m. Punch and Judiasm (Hanukkah)*
12:15 p.m. Punch and Judiasm (Hanukkah)*
1:30 p.m. Momma Sunshine (Kwanzaa)*
2:45 p.m. Momma Sunshine (Kwanzaa)*

* Performances located in the Science Theater

ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY WORD HUNT

Find the festive words listed below.

FAMILY
FRIENDS
GARLAND
GIFTS
GINGERBREAD
HOLIDAYS

ICICLE
LIGHTS
MISTLETOE
ORNAMENT
POINSETTIA

SANTA
SEASON
SNOW
SPARKLE
STOCKING
TOYS

TREE WINTER

WREATH

REINDEER

GLOBAL GREETINGS

Match the country to its seasonal greeting!

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. France		a. Fröehliche Weihnachter
2. Greece		b. Wesolych Swiat
3. Germany		c. Joyeux Noël
I. Czech Republic		d. Merii Kurisumasu
i. Mexico		e. Feliz Navidad
S. Poland		f. Veselé Vánoce
'. Sweden		g. Kala Christougenna
3. Japan		h. God Jul
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SCAVENGER HUNT

8. A doll

Decorations you see on the *Christmas Around the World* trees may reflect a country's love of art or sports; the animals, plants or clothing that are native to their land; food and gifts that are popular at the holidays; patriotic or religious symbols; or ornaments that are part of their culture's tradition. See if you can find the following, and indicate the tree where you found it!

I. A DIFG
2. A flower
3. A musical instrument
4. A piece of fruit
5. An item of clothing
S. A spider web
7. Something made from straw