

Come HOLIDAY TOGETHER

CHRISTMAS AROUND *the* WORLD
and HOLIDAYS *of* LIGHT



FREE FESTIVE PERFORMANCES

As a part of *Christmas Around the World* and *Holidays of Light*, you can experience the music, dancing and holiday traditions of the diverse communities who call Chicago home. Visit the West Pavilion on weekends through December 22* to enjoy cultural performances on the Auditorium's **Holiday Stage**, create snow-themed **make-and-takes** and drop by the **Holiday Snack Stop**. See Calendar and Performances for dates and times.

*Performances end Monday, December 23. Schedule is subject to change.



HOLIDAY HISTORY

Christmas Around the World began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to the Allies during World War II. That first year, a single tree was newly decorated each day for 12 days to honor the countries fighting alongside America. A tradition was born. Families and organizations from Chicago's cultural communities were invited to MSI to decorate individual trees representing their cultural holiday traditions. Performances were also added, treating guests to songs and dances from around the globe. *Holidays of Light* joined the annual festivities in 1994, providing a multicultural display of holidays celebrating light and enlightenment.



CALENDAR + PERFORMANCES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Tsukasa Taiko Drummers (Japan)
- 12:15 p.m.** Ensemble Alioni (Republic of Georgia)
- 1:30 p.m.** Springbrook Chorus, Brass and Chamber Orchestra (USA)
- 2:45 p.m.** Pachacamak Folk Foundation (Andean Afro-Ecuadorian)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Latin Heritage Day

Learn traditional dances and music from South America and Puerto Rico

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Peru Profundo (Peru)
- 1:30 p.m.** Pachacamak Folk Foundation (Andean Afro-Ecuadorian)
- 2:45 p.m.** The Chicago Cuatro Orchestra (Puerto Rico)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Vivanov Dance Group (Bulgaria)
- 12:15 p.m.** The Cambrian Benevolent Society presents the Welsh Red Dragon Dancers (Wales)
- 1:30 p.m.** Philippine American Cultural Foundation with SamaSama Project (Philippines)
- 2:45 p.m.** The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) Chicago Branch Demo Team (Scotland)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Whispers Center for Artistic Expression (Poland)
- 12:15 p.m.** Zespól Jawory (Poland)

1:30 p.m. Jasmin Jahal Dance Company (Middle East)

2:45 p.m. Indian Catholic Association of America (India)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Moravian Cultural Society (Czech Republic)

12:15 p.m. Nordikids (Sweden)

1:30 p.m. Bonilla Foundation (Puerto Rico)

2:45 p.m. Casa de la Cultura Guatemalteca-Chicago (Guatemala)

4 p.m. Ballet Folklórico Fiesta Mexicana (Mexico)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Bonnie Lindholm School of the Dance (USA)
- 12:15 p.m.** Filipino American Historical Society (Philippines)
- 4 p.m.** Iskra School of Ukrainian Dance and Cherubic Voices Children's Choir (Ukraine)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Finnladies of Chicagoland (Finland)
- 12:15 p.m.** Tambura and Dance Group, The Croatian Vines and Croatian School (Croatia)
- 1:30 p.m.** Norwegian National League of Chicago (Norway)
- 2:45 p.m.** After School Matters (Spanish Dance of Bolivia, Mexico and Latin America)
- 4 p.m.** Aloha Center of Chicago (ACC) (South Pacific)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** McNulty Irish Dancers (Ireland)
- 1:30 p.m.** Suktinis (Lithuania)
- 2:45 p.m.** Mangalorean Konkani Christian Association (India)
- 4 p.m.** Flamenco Chicago Dance Studio (Spain)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Mabuhay Singers and Friends (Philippines)
- 12:15 p.m.** Bethany Romanian Church (Romania)
- 1:30 p.m.** Colombian American Cultural Center (Colombia)
- 2:45 p.m.** Ballet Folklórico Internacional Tuwamari (Ecuador)
- 4 p.m.** Borozda and the Hungarian Women and Children (Hungary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Alphorngruppe Alpine Echoes (Alpine Horn Music)
- 12:15 p.m.** Society of the Danube Swabians (Germany)
- 1:30 p.m.** The Donya Dance Ensemble (Turkey, Bolivia and other World Dance traditions)
- 2:45 p.m.** Tierra Colombiana Dance Ensemble and T.C. Children's Dance Group (Colombia)
- 4 p.m.** Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society (Greece)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Alma Ecuatoriana (Ecuador)
- 12:15 p.m.** Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers (Scotland)
- 1:30 p.m.** Holy Cross-IHM Marimba Ensemble and Children's Choir (Mexico and Central America)
- 2:45 p.m.** Serbian Orthodox Midwest Diocese Youth (Serbia)
- 4 p.m.** St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church (Egypt)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ornament Making
- 11 a.m.** Ensemble Horo (Bulgaria)
- 12:15 p.m.** Polish Scouting Organization of Illinois (Poland)
- 1:30 p.m.** Color's Entertainment Group (China)
- 2:45 p.m.** Holy Nativity of Romania (Romania)
- 4 p.m.** Hora of Romania (Romania)

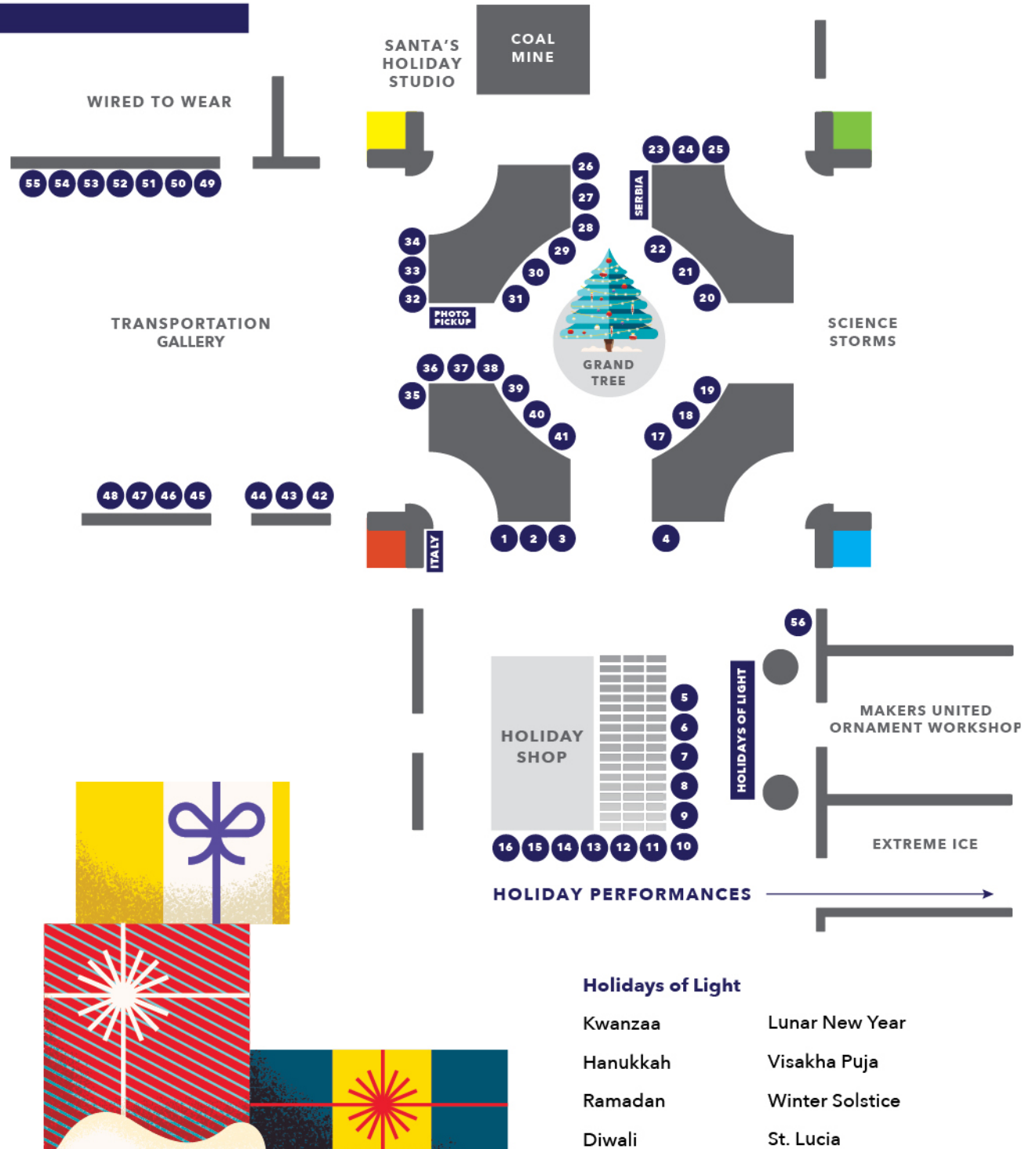
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 1:30 p.m.** Punch and Judaism (Hanukkah)
- 2:45 p.m.** Mama Sunshine (Kwanzaa)



TREE MAP

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| 15 Armenia | 38 Italy |
| 11 Assyria | 35 Japan |
| 29 Australia | 3 Kenya |
| 13 Austria | 48 Korea |
| 9 Belarus | 18 Latvia |
| 30 Belgium | 41 Lebanon |
| 1 Bolivia | 52 Lithuania |
| 25 Belize | 23 Luxembourg |
| 10 Bosnia + Herzegovina | 44 Mexico |
| 42 Canada | 45 Native America |
| 39 China | 19 Netherlands |
| 33 Colombia | 22 Nigeria |
| 27 Croatia | 4 Norway |
| 6 Czech Republic | 37 Philippines |
| 24 Denmark | 12 Poland |
| 53 Ecuador | 32 Puerto Rico |
| 50 Egypt | 47 Romania |
| 16 England | 54 Russia |
| 26 Estonia | 49 Scotland |
| 51 Finland | 21 Slovakia |
| 20 France | 5 Slovenia |
| 28 Germany | 56 SocialWorks |
| 46 Greece | 17 Sweden |
| 7 Guatemala | 55 Switzerland |
| 34 Hungary | 8 Thailand |
| 36 Iceland | 31 Ukraine |
| 14 India | 43 United States |
| 2 Ireland | 40 Wales |



Holidays of Light

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| Kwanzaa | Lunar New Year |
| Hanukkah | Visakha Puja |
| Ramadan | Winter Solstice |
| Diwali | St. Lucia |



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Capture your MSI memories by visiting Santa in the Holiday Studio (Main Level 2). The whole family can pose with the jolly man himself and bring home a souvenir photo.

Timed tickets can be purchased in the Entry Hall or at the Holiday Studio (see map). *Capacity is limited and subject to availability. Santa takes breaks between 12-12:50 p.m., and welcomes his final group of the day 30 minutes before close.*

Schedule

Thursday, November 21 - Sunday, November 24

Friday, November 29 - Sunday, December 1

Thursday, December 5 - Sunday, December 8

Thursday, December 12 - Sunday, December 15

Thursday, December 19 - Sunday, December 22

HOLIDAY GIFTS GALORE

Stop by the Holiday Shop (Main Level 2) and Museum Store (Entry Hall) to explore unique ornaments, gifts and stocking stuffers for your loved ones. MSI members receive 10 percent off their purchases.

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