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Holiday Season Programming – Music, Screenings and Family Fun!

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Historical Society announces a holiday season schedule full of family fun, musical performances, and exhibits! Free parking for all events provided courtesy of Colonial Parking, at the lot on the corner of 6th & Shipley Streets, Wilmington, Delaware.

Saturday, November 25 · FREE Admission · Parade plus Family Entertainment! 11AM – 4PM

Start the day with the Wilmington Jaycees Annual Christmas Parade, beginning at 11:00 a.m. right in front of the Delaware History Museum!

Warm up inside the museum following the parade with a screening of *The Polar Express*, and Christmas carols performed by the Imagination Players and Reeds Refuge! Toys and dolls from the Delaware Historical Society collections will also be on display. The Museum Store will be open for holiday shopping! #ShopSmall

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One State, Many Stories Holiday Display

12:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Film Screening: *The Polar Express*

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Refuge

Christmas Carols by Imagination Players & Reeds

Friday, December 1 · FREE Admission · Museum Open for Holiday Shopping! Art Loop

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Museum and Store open for holiday shopping. New merchandise arriving throughout the season!

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Art Loop. Refreshments available

Sunday, December 3 · Mélomanie Winter Concert 2PM

Gather your friends and come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music and a bit of holiday cheer with beverages for purchase. **Special members-only one-day 20% discount on merchandise in the Museum Store.**

Tickets required. Go to melomanie.org or call Mélomanie at 302-764-6338.

\$15 members, seniors, and students

\$25 nonmembers, 16 and older

Free for students 15 & younger

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Saturday, December 9 · Cathedral Choir School of Delaware Sounds of the Season 11AM

Lift your spirits with a performance of Christmas and holiday music from a variety of cultures by the outstanding singers of the Cathedral Choir School. Music will include familiar carols, a spiritual from the West Indies, and new twists on old favorites. Don't miss it!

Included with museum admission:

\$6 Adults

\$5 Seniors (65+)/Military/Student (with i.d.)

\$4 Children (3-18)

Saturday, December 9 · Delaware Music School's Holiday Sing 1PM

Bring the whole family for a festive sing-a-long celebration of the season! There will be plenty of hands-on music making with shakers and instruments, a melodic treat created especially for preschool-aged children.

Included with museum admission:

\$6 Adults

\$5 Seniors (65+)/Military/Student (with i.d.)

\$4 Children (3-18)

Saturday, December 9 · Read House & Gardens Spirit of Christmas 10AM – 4PM

A town-wide celebration in historic New Castle, the Spirit of Christmas includes free tours of private homes and churches decorated for the holiday season. Live entertainment performed throughout the day.

Stop by the National Historic Landmark Read House & Gardens between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and enjoy a special holiday tour celebrating past traditions. See selected rooms at a special discounted rate of \$2 per person.

For more information about Spirit of Christmas, go to www.newcastlepreschurch.org/spirit/

Sunday, December 10 · PBS Masterpiece *Victoria* Preview Season II! 3PM – 6PM

Join WHYY and the Delaware Historical Society for a decadent tea service and *Victoria*-themed swag followed by a screening of the first hour of the two-hour season premiere of the PBS Masterpiece hit, *Victoria*. Victorian attire is encouraged, but not required.

Registration required. \$20 members; \$30 non-members

Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/victoria-preview-screening-at-delaware-historical-society-tickets-39550480552

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Thursday, December 14 • Untapped History Gets Crafty! 7PM

Text a friend, don your ugly holiday sweater, and head to the Delaware History Museum for a casual evening of lighthearted merriment. Warm up with refreshments and corny holiday music while making your very own festive ornaments using felt, sequins, and more.

Enjoy a display of vintage holiday decorations from the Delaware Historical Society Collections. Ornament-making supplies are included with admission. Bring the kids, this is family-friendly event! The Museum Store will be open for holiday shopping.

Registration required: (302) 655-7161

\$7 members; \$10 non-members

Light snacks provided, beverages for purchase. Cash bar for 21-and over.

About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark, Read House & Gardens located in Old New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.

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