



Official Visitor Center for the Greater Philadelphia Region

# Real Philly Real Easy

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## Home of the game!!!

- Happenings in Philly during the month of Dec
- Museums
- Concerts & Performances
- Family & Sporting Events

**Army/ Navy Game– 12/12** where it belongs!!! Armynavy-game.com

**Bacon Brothers:** Save the Mummers Concert– Yep. Kevin and his brother are @ the Electric Factory to raise funds for our Mummers! 12/5 Savethemummers.com

### XMAS IN PHILLY

**Christmas Village in Philadelphia-**Vendors in 50 wooden booths will sell European food, sweets and drinks right at Dilworth Plaza at City Hall philachristmas.com

**Reading Terminal Holiday Railroad**–Toy trains @ the Headhouse of the Reading Terminal readingterminalmarket.org

**Holiday Light Show and Dickens Village @ Macys–** Who doesn't love tradition?

**Comcast Center Holiday Spectacular** Holiday Show on the world's largest LED Screen and it's in 3-D!

**Old First Reformed Church Live Nativity Scene!** See live donkeys, sheep and even a cow oldfirststucc.org begins 12/10

**Fairmount Park Houses Holiday Tours–** 7 Beautiful mansions will be open for your viewing pleasure both guided or your own 12/3– 12/13 fairmountparkhouses.org

**Deck the Alley** Elfreth Alley will open their doors for a house tour, holiday treats and caroling in the streets

On 12/5– elfrethsalley.org

**Latkepalooza-**Gourmet Latke anyone? Sun 12/13 gershmany.org

**Moo Shu Jew Show–** 8 Course banquet + Jewish Comics on Xmas Eve! Mooshu-jewshow.com

**Tree Lightings**  
City Hall Tree 12/2 @ 5pm  
Rittenhouse Square 12/3 @5pm

### New Year's Eve Fireworks

**6pm & 12 midnight –Penns Landing Twice the fun!**

**Mummers Parade- Begins @ 10am and ends 4:30pm Starts at Broad and Walnut !**

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### Santa Sightings

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### Dec @ the Independence Visitor Center

Independence Hall, Liberty Bell and the Center are all closed on XMAS! Hall and Bell open on Jan 1

Coat Drive- We are collecting new or gently used coats for Greater Philadelphia Cares till Jan 3

Holiday Choirs– Throughout the month of Dec

Free Gift Wrapping every weekend by our little elves

**Museums / attractions**

**ART Museums**

**Philadelphia Museum of Art— The Modern art of Arshile Gorky** till 1/10 open 10-5 Tuesday-Sun/Friday –8:45pm 215-763-8100

**PAFA— /Prices Vary Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 11-5pm 215-972-7600- "Birth of the Cool" – the work of Barkley Hendricks –1/3**

**Institute of Contemporary Art – Changing Exhibits W-F 12-8pm Sat-Sun 11-5pm Free! 215-898-7108**

**SCIENCE Museums**

**Academy of Natural Science— 10-4:30 Weekdays 10-5 Weekends, 215-299-1000— George Washington Carver— More than just peanuts 11.14- 2-/10**

**Franklin Institute— BODY-WORLDS 2!! 18 weeks only Open 7 days 9:30-5pm 215-448-1200-open late for exhibits—**

**UPenn Museum Archaeology and Anthropology— Iraq's Ancient Past— Rediscovering ur 's Royal Cementery opens 10/25** Tue-Sat 10-4:30pm Sun 1-5pm-215-898-4000

**-SPECIAL INTEREST-**

**African American Museum – Audacious Freedom— the History of African Americans in Philadelphia from 1776-1876** Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 12-5pm 215-574-0380—

**Atwater Kent Museum- Closes till 2010 for renovations**

**City Hall- Tour including Tower M-F @12:30pm Tour \$10 for just the tower-\$5 dollars (9:30-4:30pm) call to schedule appointment— 215-686-2840**

**Chemical Heritage Foundation** located at 315 Chestnut –Making Modernity Open 10am-4pm M-F Learn how chemistry affects our everyday lives. **Free!**

**Comcast Center—** At 975 feet tall with 57 stories – view the Comcast Experience—the largest LED screen in the world!

**Eastern State Penitentiary - Winter Adventure Tours!** No Heat but just a cup of hot chocolate! 215-236-3300

**Independence Seaport Museum—Skin and Bones Tattoos in the Life of the American Sailor –** till 2/10 -7 days 10am-5pm Free between 10-12noon on Sundays

**Kimmel Center-Building and Theater Tour—** Leaves at 1pm from Lobby— 1hr tour Tues-Sun **Free!**

**Masonic Temple—**Gaze at the beautiful architecture inside this hidden treasure 10am - 3pm- \$8.00 T-F/ Sat-10 to 12pm

**Mutter Museum—**M–F 10am-5pm Sat/Sun-10am-5pm 215 -563-3737— See oddities galore and explore the darker side of human nature

**National Constitution Center—** M-F 9:30-5pm Sat 9:30-6pm Sun 12-5pm, **Diana— A Celebration—** The life and work of the Princess of Wales 10/2-12/31 215-409-6700

**National Liberty Museum—**Great Family Place Tuesday-Sunday 10-5pm Admission Sundays— donation 215-925-2800

**Please Touch Museum!** Now open at Memorial Hall— open M-Sat— 9 to 5pm Sun 11am-5pm Children and Adults 15 dollars 215-581-3181

**Rosenbach Museum—** Your first and only stop for Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are! 215-732-1600

**Simeone Foundation—**fancy sports cars? Or rather model sport cars? Take a trip right off the airport to fuel your love of cars For more info **log on to [simeonefoundation.org](http://simeonefoundation.org)**

**Sports/ Recreation**

**Philadelphia Eagles**  
12/20 San Fran 49ers @ 1pm  
12/27 Den Broncos @ 1pm

**Philadelphia 76ERS**  
12/7 Denver @ 7pm  
12/9 Detroit @ 7pm  
12/11 Houston @ 7pm  
12/14 Golden State @ 7pm  
12/16 Cleveland @ 7pm  
12/19 LA Clippers @ 7pm

**Philadelphia Flyers—**  
12/3 Vancouver @ 7pm  
12/5 Washington @ 7pm  
12/8 Islanders @ 7pm  
12/10 Senators @ 7pm  
12/17 Penguins @ 7pm  
12/19 Rangers @ 1pm  
12/21 Panthers @ 7pm

**Becky Shaw** Comedy of romantic errors when best friends set up a romantic date with mysterious Becky Shaw 12/30-1/31 @ Wilma Theatre Broad and Spruce wilmatheater.org

**A Christmas Carol** Of course I'm talking about Tiny Tim! 12/5-12/19 @ Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut walnutstreettheater.org

**The Eight: Reindeer Monologues** The Tale of 8 disgruntled reindeer unpacking Santa's bag 12/2-12/22 Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard bckseet.com

**The Light in the Piazza** Will a mother's truth ruin a daughter's love? Six time Tony Award Winner 11/13-12/6 Suzanne Roberts Theater Broad and Pine philadelphiatheatercompany.org

**Little Shop of Horrors** 11/28- 12/20 @ Prince Music Theater 1412 Chestnut 11thhourtheatrecompany.org

**The Nutcracker- never gets old** 12/12-12/31 Academy of Music Broad and Locust kimmelcenter.org

**Nutcracker 1776-** The Rock School presents an hour long version of the classic- perfect for families! 12/5-12/6 @ the Merriam Theater 250 South Broad kimmelcenter.org

**Oliver** Dicken's Classic! "Food, Glorious Food!" 11/09 to 1/10 Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut walnutstreettheater.org

**Peter Pan** 12/2-1/24 @ the Arden Theater 40 N 2nd adrentheatre.org

**Rabbit Hole** Great marriage, dream house, great son but accidents do happen.. to 12/20 Arden Theater 40 N. 2nd ardentheatre.org

**The Santaland Diaries** A store elf goes postal on a crowd full of children- written by David Sedaris 12/3-12/20 @ Second Stage in the Adrienne 2030 Sansom flashpointtheatre.org

**This is the Week That is** Comedic truth on new administration, local politics and the economic shake down 12/3-1/3 Plays and Players 1714 Delancy Place 1812productions.org

**World of Jewtopia** Hilarious introduction to Judaism 12/24-12/27 Kimmel Center Broad & Spruce kimmelcenter.org

**White Christmas-** 2 showbiz buddies put on a show in Vermont and find their true love in the process. to 12/6 Academy of Music Broad and Locust kimmelcenter.org

## Music in Philadelphia!

**Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow** 12/17- 12/19 The Glorious Sound  
**215-627-1332** of Christmas

12/2 Raphael Saadiq

12/4 Rob Zombie

12/5 **Bacon Brothers Benefit-** 12/31 Orchestra performs on NYE

**Save the Mummers concert** **Tower Theater 610-352-2887**

12/6 All Time Low

12/11 Get the Led Out 12/26 Kevin Hart

12/12 Gwar

12/13 Chris Brown **TLA-4th South 215-922-1011**

12/18 Tribute to Sublime 12/1 LMFAO Rock Tour

12/19 Running of the Santas 12/2 Josh Ritter

12/20 Hate Breed

12/31 Lotus & Mstrkrft 12/5 The Script with Kevin Hammond

**Kimmel Center/Academy of Music-** 12/11 Switchfoot

**215-893-1999** 12/12 Railroad Earth

12/2 Chamber Music Society 12/18 Octane

12/3- 12/5 Orchestra conducted 12/20 The Slackers  
by Nezet -Seguin

12/4 Vienna Boys Choir 12/29 The Starting Line

12/4 Curtis Chamber Orchestra 12/30 The Word

12/5-12/20 Peter Nero presents 12/31 Brothers Past with Orchard  
Holiday Pops Lounge

12/10-12/12 The Ring-Orchestra  
Adventure

12/13 Orchestra presents Mes-  
siah

**Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live**

12/2 Daddy Yankee

12/2 Twisted Sister

12/4 Ghostland Observatory

12/5 The Movement

12/11 The Destruction of Dore and Grey

12/12 Dashboard Confessional

12/18 Vader

12/16 Drug Bunny Holiday Party

12/18-12/19 Big Mess Cabaret

12/23 Victory in Numbers

12/30 the Starting Line

**Wachovia Center-800-298-4200**

12/2 Radio City Christmas featuring  
the Rockettes!

**The Student Recital Series**  
**at the Curtis Institute of**  
**Music- 215-893-5261-**  
**Free concerts most Mon-**  
**Wed- Fridays..**

**World Café Live-@3025**  
Walnut Street 215-222-  
1400

**The Khyber-**Between Mar-  
ket and Chestnut on 2nd  
215-238-5888

**Tin Angel-** above Serrano  
on 2nd Market 215-928-  
0978

**Chris Jazz Café-1421**  
Sansom Street 215-568-  
3131

**Ortlieb's Jazzhaus-847 N**  
3rd St 215-922-1035

**Painted Bride** 2nd Vine  
215-925-9914  
www.paintedbride.org

# Family fun

**Ghost Tour, Spirits of 76 and Ride the Ducks are done for the season!**

**14th Annual Peace Around the World Celebration @ the Penn Museum 12/6 1pm-4pm**– Grab your passport and travel to 9 different countries learning about people’s customs, cultures and heritage all without leaving Philly! Best of all, it’s free!  
www.penn.museum - no .com or .org needed

**Free Sundays at PAFA- From now till Jan 3, Sundays are free at the first Art Museum in the Country. Check out the “Birth of the Cool”- a celebration of the work of Barkley Hendricks– a graduate of PAFA. He paved the way for many African American artists. Pafa.org**

**Tour of the Academy of Music- Home of the Ballet, Opera and Broadway, the oldest surviving European Opera House in the Country now offers free tours!! 215-790-5886 12/14-12/18 12/21 and 12/22 Fri kimmelcenter.org**

**Philly in the Movies Tour– Take a 2/12 hour of Philadelphia to see where all your favorite scenes were filmed! Includes running up the Rocky Steps!! Toursignup.com/movie\_tour**

**The Organ at Macys– Take a listen to the World’s largest pipe organ M-Sat plays at 12 noon and @ at 5:30 M, T, Th, Sat and @ 7:30 W and Fri—Guests are welcome to tour the console afterwards—Private tours of Macys are also available Stop by the Macy’s visitor desk for more details**

**The River Rink is now open!!! Admission \$8 dollars, Rentals \$3 dollars Open 7 days! Riverrink.com**

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**\$28.50– FLAT RATE TO AIRPORT FROM CENTER CITY– ADD 1 dollar to each additional guest! \$3. 20 for one person the minute you get in. Add two people and the party of three has to pay 5.20 before you even leave the cab..**

**Parking Rates inside the Visitor Center**

**—The height is “6’ 6”**

- up to 1/2= \$4.25
- up to 1hr= \$8.00
- up to 1/12hr= \$11.00
- up to 2hrs= \$14.75
- up to 10hrs= \$16.25
- up to 24hrs= \$17.75

Megabus/ Boltbus- Dirt cheap transportation to NY. Can only be purchased online From \$1 to \$14. with >50 cent surcharge/ Make sure you go to 30th Street Megabus.com and boltbus.com

D.C- how does \$30 dollar roundtrip sound- Only one place to catch it– Chinatown!! 2000coach.com

# Happenings at the PCC

## PCC EVENTS – Dec

### PA CONVENTION CENTER

12/5-12/6 Spirit National Championship Competition  
 12/11 Army Navy Gala  
 12/12 Magic the Gathering  
 12/15 Jannie Blackwell's Holiday Party for Homeless Families  
 12/27–12/30 Modern Language Association Annual Convention

### IVCC EVENTS – Dec 2009

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Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday, 12/4	NPS Holiday Party	6pm-10pm	Ballroom
Wednesday, 12/9	NPS Award Ceremony	10am-12pm	Ballroom
Wednesday, 12/9	Back on my Feet Board Meeting	4pm-7pm	Ballroom
Thursday, 12/10	Art Institute of Philadelphia	5pm-9pm	Ballroom
Tuesday, 12/15	GPTMC	12pm-5pm	Ballroom
Wednesday, 12/16	Mayor's Committee on Homelessness	10:30am-12pm	Ballroom
Friday, 12/18	IVCC Board Meeting	11am-1:30pm	Ballroom
Tuesday, 12/22	IVCC Staff Holiday Luncheon	12pm-1:30pm	Ballroom