

Carmel Pine Cone – December 10, 2021



HOLIDAY GUIDE

Schedule some time for music or dance — or a double axel

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THE HOLIDAY season is full swing, but if you haven't trimmed a tree or slipped your list to Santa yet, there are still plenty of opportunities to get into the spirit of things. While you're shopping for last-minute gifts, set some time aside to enjoy the veritable smorgasbord of local happenings that include history, choral music and dance.

Ice skating continues at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey through Jan. 2, including holidays, so you can glide with a view of blue water just a short walk from a restorative cup of clam chowder and perhaps a toddy. Grown-ups pay \$15, kids 12 and under are \$13. No ice skates? Rentals are \$5. If you're practicing to become the next Johnny Weir or Tara Lipinski, a season pass is \$150 (not including skate rental). The rink is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. Iceskatingbytheday.com has more info.

Christmas on Fisherman's Wharf is going on through Dec. 19, on Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. Santa will be receiving visitors next to Abalonetti's Bar and Grill, and merchants will offer hot cider, hot cocoa (or something a bit stronger) and cookies for sale. A variety of live entertainment is planned and the 23-foot Christmas tree will be there every day, surrounded by illuminated sea creatures. montereywharf.com

Monterey's 37th Christmas in the Adobes runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11. Tour nearly 20 historic buildings all decked for the holidays, with knowledgeable guides in period costumes. Many are not usually open to the public, so here's your chance to get a peek. Tickets for one evening start at \$25, with discounts for youth, active duty military and Monterey State Historic Park members. For \$40, you can go both nights. Bring your mask, as it will be

required for entry, and a flashlight is handy for navigating some of the streets. Check out mshpa.org for more information and remarkably specific ticketing instructions.

Whirlybird vs. reindeer

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., I Cantori di Carmel presents a winter concert with an orchestra at the Carmel Mission. It will feature Mozart's Kronungs Messe (Coronation Mass) and works by Johann Sebastian Bach, as well as 20th-century composers Francis Poulenc and Max Reger. Tickets start at \$30 (\$20 for military and youth) and are available at Pilgrim's Way, Bookmark music shop in P.G., Luminata in Monterey or through icantori.org. Proof of vaccination is required.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will board a helicopter for San-

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This year's holiday season includes offerings like (left to right) live musical performances at Fisherman's Wharf, ice skating and concerts by groups like I Cantori, along with ballets, adobe tours and Santa visits.