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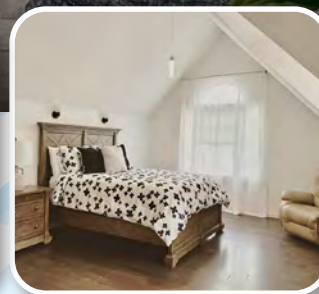
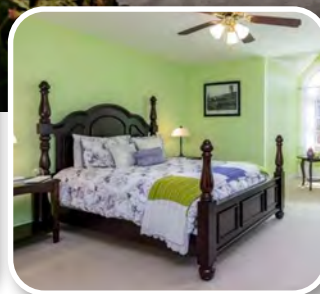


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Explore some hot spots in Upstate New York

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant



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Locals Talk About Central New York Winters

By Mary Beth Roach

Winter weather in CNY can be harsh and stormy at times. However, for many hardy residents, winters also hold an almost mystical charm. From the area's historic snowstorms to the serene snowfall on a crisp evening, winter, they say, is a season to be embraced and enjoyed.



MATT MULCAHY

CNYCENTRAL ANCHOR AND MANAGING
EDITOR OF THE NBC3 NEWS

Matt Mulcahy loves winters in Central New York, especially, he said, after a fresh snowfall.

"There is something magical about the peace that comes when I step outside late at night and there's six inches of snow falling," he said.

With that fresh snow and temperatures crisp, he enjoys running at Green Lakes State Park, but he also enjoys a winter hike at Lake Delta State Park in Rome with his wife, Jamie.

"We often will follow the trails carved out by the ice fishermen and walk right across the frozen lake," he added.

With his years covering stories in Central New York, Mulcahy has covered his share of winter blizzards, but two come to mind.

Number one, he said, is the Blizzard of '93, when the area got 43 inches of snow over the weekend of March 13 and 14.

As he recalled, "I anchored our coverage along with a dedicated group of journalists and television production people at Channel 3. Many of the people that worked that weekend are still good friends. The bond from covering a once in a lifetime weather event seems eternal."

Another memory, he said, is

from about 15 years ago. He said he "field anchored" the broadcast from the village of Mexico after a heavy lake-effect storm. He remembered walking through sidewalks that had been dug out, but the walls were as tall as him.

He added that at the television station, the newest reporters and photographers get an indoctrination in Central New York's winters.

"We send them out to report right in the middle of the latest winter storm. They quickly learn the right combination of long underwear, hats and gloves that make it bearable and fun," he explained.



LACEY LEONARDI

SPECTRUM NEWS ANCHOR

A Georgia native, Spectrum News anchor Lacey Leonardi admits that she is “a Southern girl through and through” and prefers warm days on the Oneida River to the Central New York winters.

She said she pays close attention to the meteorologist on Spectrum News 1 to plan the week and week-end for her family.

But despite her Southern roots, she finds pleasure in the winter weather, going sledding with her daughter and her friends.

“It energizes me when I take my daughter and all her friends snow sledding because they’re giggling the entire time and having so much fun,” she said, adding that they’re sometimes laughing at her as she

sleds down the hills screaming.

“It’s a sight to see,” she said.

She warms up winter nights with good friends, family and food.

“Our family also fills our cold nights with themed dinner parties with close friends and their kids to warm us through the season,” she said.

JASON SMORAL

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SYRACUSE METS

For Jason Smoral, general manager of the Syracuse Mets baseball team, there is no “off season.”

He and his staff are busy selling partnerships, groups, suites, season tickets and flex plans, planning and activating promotions, preparing budgets and buying for the 2024 season, Smoral said.

“It takes a lot of work to plan and prepare for a 150-game season. In addition to the 75 home games, we have to make sure the team is set

for the 75 road games. We have to put the stadium to bed and wake it up in time for opening day. Being in CNY this is a challenge as we have to turn the water off in October and hope we can turn it on in time for our season start in late March!” he explained.

But he pointed out that he loves to watch the change of scenery and that the winter can actually help with the field at the NBT Bank Stadium.

“I love to look out and see a field covered in snow! We actually count on a good layer of snow to put the grass to bed for the winter,” he said, adding that they’d like to see all the snow gone by St. Patrick’s Day.

But he makes time to enjoy the winter and some of CNY’s attractions.

“I like to ski, so we go to Song and Labrador mountains. If I can, I sneak out for a little ice fishing up at the St. Lawrence River,” he said.



KATE THORNTON

NEWSCHANNEL 9 METEOROLOGIST

For NewsChannel 9 Storm Team Meteorologist Kate Thornton, winter means more than tracking snow bands and gauging snowfalls.

It provides her an opportunity for more activities that she can share with her husband, Erik Columbia, and their daughters, Elsie, 7; Kendell, 3; and Hannah, 1 — whether it’s spending time on a sledding hill near

their home in the northern suburbs, ice skating or making snowmen and snow angels, followed by some hot cocoa.

Columbia, a producer on Channel 9’s Bridge Street show, also plays ice hockey and Elsie is starting to really enjoy the sport as well. Thornton said she’s looking forward to bringing the family to the Clinton

Square Ice Rink for the first time this year.

And it’s during this season that the family celebrates Kendell’s birthday. Doesn’t it seem quite appropriate that the meteorologist and her husband welcomed Kendell on the First Day of Winter — Winter Solstice — on Dec. 21, 2020?!



MAYOR BEN WALSH

CITY OF SYRACUSE

From its parks to downtown to making sure streets and sidewalks are clear of snow, Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh loves winter in the city.

“There is nothing quite like the beauty of a fresh coat of snow. Whether it’s adding a coating to our historic buildings downtown or creating a magical look in our picturesque parks, winter is a beautiful time of year,” he said.

And he and his family make the most of the area’s winter attractions, whether it’s skating at Clinton Square, followed by a dinner in one of the city’s restaurants; enjoying the Square decorated for the holidays, or skiing; strolling through their neigh-

borhood or around the Woodland Reservoir on South Geddes Street, a walk he finds invigorating on a cold day.

The mayor invites residents to visit Syracuse City Parks and enjoy the winter there.

“All of our parks are fantastic in the winter. There are so many great activities available — sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and more,” he said.

However, as mayor, he and the city’s DPW crews are responsible for keeping more than 400 miles of roads plowed.

“We spend a lot time getting ready for snow removal — on our

roads and sidewalks. It’s definitely the most challenging part of winter. It’s been rewarding, though, to see us upgrade our fleet of plows, expand the supplement sidewalk snow removal program, and share our progress with the public with our real-time street and sidewalk snowplow maps,” he explained.

From the city’s website — www.syr.gov/Living/Winter/Plowing — residents and motorists driving through Syracuse, can track real-time street conditions before venturing out, especially if it’s to travel to one of the rinks or city parks.

SHELLY LEWIS-JONES

EMPIRE STATE GAMES ATHLETE, BIATHLONER

Some may know Shelly Lewis-Jones as a belly-dance instructor at the Oswego YMCA, but she’s a biathlete, as well. Biathlons are races in which participants ski along a trail, with a rifle on their backs; then they make their way into a shooting range; fire at targets; and then conclude with more skiing. Missing those targets can result in extra distance.

Although she’s relatively new to the sport, Lewis-Jones decided to participate in the 2023 Empire State Games in Lake Placid.

“Why not?” she said, deciding to take on the challenge with some encouragement from her husband and her coach.

She competed in two races — the Sprint format, in which one shoots twice, and the Pursuit race, in which one shoots four times. She

finished second in the Sprint and first in the Pursuit race.

“It was really fun and it was my first race, so I was pretty happy with that,” she said.

Doing biathlons combines many of Lewis-Jones’ interests. She loves a challenge, she loves winter and she loves cross-country skiing racing and target shooting.

Growing up in the Utica area, she would go target-shooting with her father. She’s been cross-country skiing for about 20 years. As for her affinity for the winter weather — she moved from Oregon, where she lived for about 20 years, to Oswego in 2021 for the snow. Why?

“To play in it, experience it,” she said.

Since moving here, Lewis-Jones has found, to her pleasant surprise, two biathlon clubs — The Syracuse

Biathlon Club and the Polar Bear Club, based in Old Forge.

However, she has found that there are not many women taking part in the sport regionally and she’s hoping to change that.

But the sport is more than just a challenge for her.

She enjoys the dual nature of the sport — the intensity of cross-country skiing mixed with the concentration and stillness required to shoot.

“I love going through the woods. It’s so peaceful. It’s beautiful and it’s an amazing workout,” she said of cross-country skiing. “You’re working really hard and then you need to come in (to the shooting range) and become very mindful, almost meditative. You have to become incredibly present. You can’t think of anything else.”



JIM FARFAGLIA

FULTON-BASED AUTHOR

Local author Jim Farfaglia loves Central New York winters so much, he's written books about them. These include *Voices in the Storm*, in which area residents tell how they handled the 1966 blizzard, when more than 40 inches of snow dumped on the Syracuse in about four days and, more recently, *Historic Storms of Central New York*, which chronicles some of the major blizzards in the area from the 1700s to the late 1970s.

Born and raised in Oswego County, Farfaglia has always loved the winter weather. He relocated to Pennsylvania after college for a

teaching job, he moved back to the area within seven years, in part, he said, because of the weather here.

"Sometimes weather gets in your bones," he said. "I missed the snow so much."

In the preface to the *Historic Storms*, Farfaglia wrote, "I love the way it can change our world.... I enjoy witnessing one of nature's most poignant expressions of its power."

An outdoorsman, Farfaglia takes full advantage of Mother Nature's power, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and playing in the snow with his grandchildren.

"It's kind of a unique thing that

we get to do in this part of the country," he said.

Farfaglia can pursue his outdoor sports interests without having to travel too far from his Fulton home, because, as he explained, there are so many places to enjoy — for example, trails at Great Bear, between Phoenix and Fulton; the Sterling Nature Center; and Camp Hollis, on the shores of Lake Ontario, a facility that he attended as a child, worked as a counselor in his teens and then later ran when he worked at Oswego City-County Youth Bureau, which owns the camp.



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Winter: Love it or Hate it

Reactions to the cold weather

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant



Whether you love it or hate it, snow comes to the Upstate New York every year. We've asked a few area residents for their opinions on the white stuff.



"I do enjoy the wintertime. I've been an Upstate New York resident for a long time though I've lived in other, warmer states. I love the change of season, including snow. It does allow a variety of exercises to have that change of season. I was a big skier growing up and I'm starting to get back into it. It's a great way to work on your health. I like playing with the dogs in the snow."

Scott Kirchner
Head athletic trainer,
Crunch Fitness, Dewitt



"I hate it! It's cold. I tend to hibernate in the winter. I go to work, the gym and the grocery store

and that's it. Another reason why I don't like it is it disrupts travel. If I get clients who are stranded, I have to work extra hard to get them 'un-stranded.' I prefer 85-degree weather. I'm definitely not one who enjoys the snow. I prefer the summer."

Lynn Kistner
Travel agent, Canalview Travel Service,
Inc., Fulton



"Coming out of last year where it was lots of stops and starts, I'm excited. We have a backyard ice rink and track the conditions. Never have I seen a year with that many starts and stops for ice melting and rebuilding. Last year was the first year we didn't get a season pass to the mountains in over a decade. We go to Song Mountain and Labrador. They had only one trail open. It was a rough season. Normally, we go 20 to 30 times for snowboarding. I grew up in Oswego and Oswego is the snow globe of the world with

five months of winter and great lake effect snow. It's nice having four rich seasons in our area and one of them being winter. Last year was disappointing. I was excited with the forecast sounding like we'll have a really good winter. We start our rink building around Thanksgiving. We stage everything and usually we hope for a cold snap right before Christmas to get it going. We have the rink lit up at night. The neighbors are all very supportive. The last couple of years were anomalies. We have weird warm spells that offset the ecosystem of winter and the snow melts. It's about having the right gear and enjoying what Mother Nature brings along. There's so much to do outdoors in our area. You can be busy for years with the amazing things in Oswego County and Upstate New York."

Bob Ruggio
Adjunct professor in SUNY Oswego's
online MBA project management program



"Wintertime brings some challenges for the real estate business. We have to make sure driveways and sidewalks are shoveled for easy access. Sometimes it's hard to put our signs up where they can be seen. But the snow brings about many buyers to our area looking for recreational fun."

William R Galloway
Realtor and broker, Century 21
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"I love snow up until the middle of January. Then it could be spring and then summer again. I love the change of seasons and snow for the holidays and snow for a certain portion of winter. But I'm not a big snow guy."

Nathan Emmons
Owner of Just Push Play Productions,
Oswego



"I absolutely love it. I love our four seasons. I think we're blessed to have four unique seasons. Winter beauty to me is off the charts gorgeous. I love going to state parks in the midst of a snowstorm or right after one. Some of the best vistas in our region are right after a snowstorm. I love winter beauty which is why I chose to live my life here. Winter is so beautiful and it's so lasting."

John Kucko
Digital content creator and former
Channel 8 anchor



"I grew up in Vermont. You have to adapt if you live in this kind of climate. It's important to have a winter activity. My wife and I downhill ski. I run in the snow. I don't care. It's really pretty. A lot of the clients run in the snow, too. You have to dress appropriately to be active in this climate. There's also snowshoeing. We live in a wonderful area that supports winter activities, whether downhill, cross country or snowshoeing."

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FLAMES TO PLEASE

Several Central New York restaurants offer good food — and fireplace seating

By Margaret McCormick

Winter in Central New York is cocooning season. But sometimes it's nice to step out when Jack Frost is nipping at your nose — especially when a restaurant or entertainment venue has fireside seating.

Ask for a table near the flickering flames at these establishments.

SCOTCH 'N' SIRLOIN, DEWITT

A commanding wood-burning fireplace is the centerpiece of the bistro room and makes the Scotch a cozy place to be on a cold night. The fireplace is ringed with seats, but you'll be plenty warm at the community table or one of the booths nearby. Seating around the fireplace is first come, first served.

www.scotchnsirloin.com

NESTICO'S, NORTH SYRACUSE

Fun fact: Well-known Central New York restaurant owner Julie Nestico, who died in 2008, had a fireplace in all his restaurants (The Trivet House, Guv'nors Grill, Julie's Place and others), according to his son, Peter Nestico. When father and son opened Nestico's in the former Angelo's Cornucopia in North Syracuse in 2000, they added a gas fireplace. It's two-sided and built into a stone wall that serves as a sort

of divider between two dining areas. There's also a fireplace in the restaurant's small bar.

www.nesticos.com

ARAD EVANS INN, FAYETTEVILLE

In spring, summer and fall, the patio beckons at this elegant restaurant and bistro housed in a circa-1840s Federalist-style residence. There are two fire pits, and they're in use until it's time to close the patio for the season. After that, you can enjoy drinks by the fireplace in the parlor, which is close to the bar or request a table near one of two fireplaces in the dining room.

www.aradevansinn.com

THE RIDGE, CHITTENANGO

Formerly open to the public as a restaurant and bar, The Ridge has turned its attention to private events and live local music. The facility has an outdoor stage, but during the fall and winter months events move inside. A rustic wood-burning fireplace is a highlight of them.

www.theridgerocks.com

THE BRAE LOCH INN, CAZENOVIA

If you're after a table by a fire, chances are you can score one here: The Brae Loch has five fireplaces spread across its intimate dining

“nooks and crannies.” You'll also find fireplaces in the inn's lounge areas and guest rooms (three rooms have fireplaces that burn Duraflame logs).

www.braelochinn.com

THE BREWSTER INN, CAZENOVIA

When it comes to warmth and ambiance, this elegant country inn on Cazenovia Lake flames to please. The expansive outdoor dining space stays open as long as the weather allows and guests gravitate to two fire urns, six fire tables and a fire pit near the outdoor bar. Inside, two dining rooms have fireplaces — as do four guest rooms in the main house.

www.thebrewsterinn.com

THE KREBS, SKANEATELES

Looking for a place to come in from the cold during Dickens Fest in Skaneateles — or any time during the winter? The Krebs has fireplaces in its lounge and dining room. The landmark restaurant in the village was reimagined and reopened by new owners Adam and Kim Weitsman in 2014. The restaurant's proceeds are donated to area organizations in need.

www.thekrebs.com

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Lombardo's Bridie Manor in Oswego.

ROSALIE'S CUCINA, SKANEATELES

Rosalie's has a trio of fireplaces: One outside, one in the main dining area and one in its private dining room. Can we get a table by the fire? That's a burning question during the winter months. Get your requests in early and enjoy wood-fired pizza, house-made pasta and grilled meats near the dining room fireplace.

www.rosaliescucina.com

THE SHERWOOD INN, SKANEATELES

What's a historic inn without a fireplace — or three? The Sherwood has an inviting wood-burning fireplace in its lobby and it's common to find people sitting by it, reading a book or magazine. There's also a wood-burning fireplace in the tavern and in the main dining room. When there's a chill in the air, you can expect a fire in all three. The inn's conference room and most of its guest rooms have gas fireplaces.

<https://sherwoodinns.com/>

PERSIMMONS, BALDWINSVILLE

In spring and summer and on warm fall days, the best seats at Persimmons restaurant at Timber Banks Golf Club in Baldwinsville, offer a view of the links. Come winter, you might want to settle in to one of the comfy chairs and couches near the fireplace for a seasonal drink or bite

to eat.

https://timberbanks.com/Persimmons_Restaurant

THE LOUNGE AT COLLOCA ESTATE WINERY, FAIR HAVEN

Some people come to Fair Haven, on the south shore of Lake Ontario, for winter activities like cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ice fishing. Brrrr! Others come to Fair Haven to drink wine, listen to music, and cozy up to the fire at The Lounge at Colloca Estate Winery. The wood-paneled lounge is in the winery's event center. Check the website or Facebook for entertainment announcements.

www.collocawines.com/lounge

JAKE HAFNER'S RESTAURANT AND TAVERN, NORTH SYRACUSE

You don't have to travel far for libations and a relaxing lunch or dinner by the fireplace. Jake Hafner's in North Syracuse is an option: a two-way fireplace adds some heat to the bar and dining room. The menu is warm and comforting, too.

www.jakehafners.com

POINT PLACE CASINO, BRIDGEPORT

Relaxing seats by the fire at a casino? You bet. Take a break from the slots and gaming tables at Point

Place Casino – or come strictly for its fireplace. the fireside lounge features a wood-burning fireplace and a circular seating area, framed by armchairs and cocktail tables along the perimeter.

www.pointplacecasino.com

LOMBARDO'S BRIDIE MANOR, OSWEGO

The massive stone building that houses this restaurant was originally known as Ontario Mills and it played a major role in Oswego's industrial history. The Lombardo family purchased the building in 1988 and established Lombardo's Bridie Manor. Outdoor dining is popular in the summer. This time of year, come in from the cold for lunch or dinner by the gas fireplace. Menus feature Italian-American and classic American fare and many tables in the restaurant offer a view of the Oswego River.

<https://bridiemanor.com>

This list is not intended to be comprehensive.

Margaret McCormick is a food writer and food blogger in Syracuse.

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A Weekend in the Big Apple



By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

With so many things to see and do in New York City, it's tough to pick a few must-dos for a weekend Downstate. Although not all-inclusive, these are the top must-not-miss things to do:

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

Formally known as “The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World,” Lady Liberty represents one of the most highly recognized symbols of New York and of the U.S. worldwide. Because of the site’s popularity, visitors may only visit the Statue of Liberty by obtaining tickets in advance through Statue City Cruises (www.cityexperiences.com/new-york/city-cruises/statue), the only authorized ticket source for Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island. From New York, the departure point for the ferry is Battery Park.

www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL

Catch a live show at Radio City Music Hall. The Rockettes’ perennial Christmas Spectacular is a classic; however, outside of the holiday season, Radio City offers unforgettable shows in its iconic location.

www.radiocity.com

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

The meeting place of star-crossed and meant-to-be lovers, the Empire State Building has long been eclipsed by other structures as the tallest; however, it’s hard to deny its appeal. TripAdvisor ranked it as the No. 1 attraction in the US for 2022 and 2023.

www.esbnyc.com

TIMES SQUARE

In the heart of Manhattan, the bustle of Times Square is like no other spot on earth. Host of the New Year’s Eve ball drop and events all year long, Times Square is vibrant, dynamic and always on the move with shoppers, workers, and tourists.

www.timessquarenyc.org

CENTRAL PARK

Comprised of 843 acres, Central Park is home to programs and events all year round.

www.centralparknyc.org

ROCKEFELLER CENTER

If it’s during the holiday season, you must see the 80-foot Norway spruce and take a few turns on the skating rink nearby. More than 50,000 lights twinkle from the tree’s limbs. The tree typically remains on display until mid-January. Any time of the year, the view from the “Top of the Rock” is spectacular. Check the website for special events.

www.rockefellercenter.com

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART (THE MET)

Plan plenty of time to stroll through “The Met” while in New York City. With a valid ID (which can include a library card or driver’s license), New York state residents may pay what they wish. The museum includes 490,000 works of art and an ever-changing circulation of new exhibits.

www.metmuseum.org

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (MOMA)

In the middle of Manhattan, the Museum of Modern Art displays works from the 1880s through current times. Check the website for special events and performances.



Admission is \$30. Save \$2 on admission by purchasing online. Children 16 and younger are free.

www.moma.org

THE 9/11 MEMORIAL

The 9/11 Memorial provides an open space for quiet contemplation and a renewal of hope in the enduring human spirit. Seventy feet below the ground level, visitors find the 9/11 Memorial Museum, where artifacts from the Twin Towers remain on exhibit in a 110,000-square-foot display area, including the final piece of steel removed from the site nine months after the attacks.

www.911memorial.org

THE HIGH LINE

This newer park (established in 2009) on the west side of Manhattan blends nature, architectural design and art in a public space meant for renewal and tranquility two stories above the sidewalk. Although foliage is limited in wintertime, the views from The High Line and the art on

display still draw visitors year-round. Access for self-led tours is free, but docent-led tours are \$250 for up to 10. Book at least three weeks in advance.

www.thehighline.org

LITTLE ITALY

While in lower Manhattan, venture down Mulberry Street north of Canal to enjoy the ambiance and eateries of Little Italy. Emilio's Ballato (www.ballatos.com), Parm (www.parmitalian.com), Peasant (www.peasantnyc.com), Lombardi's (www.firstpizza.com), DiPalo's Fine Foods (www.facebook.com/dipalofinefoods), and Ferrara Bakery (www.ferrarany.com) are a few examples of some of the great restaurants to try.

CHINATOWN

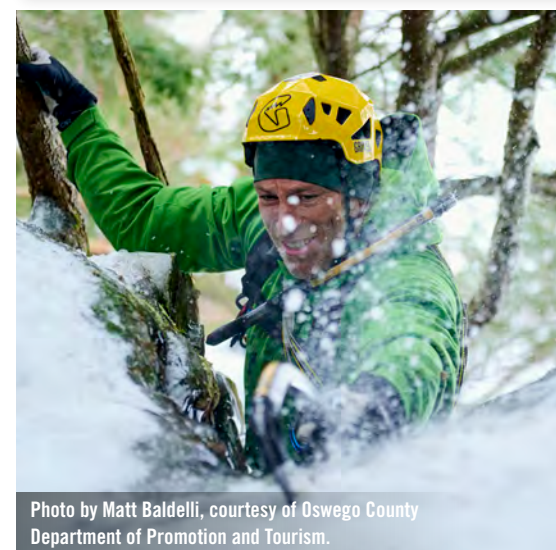
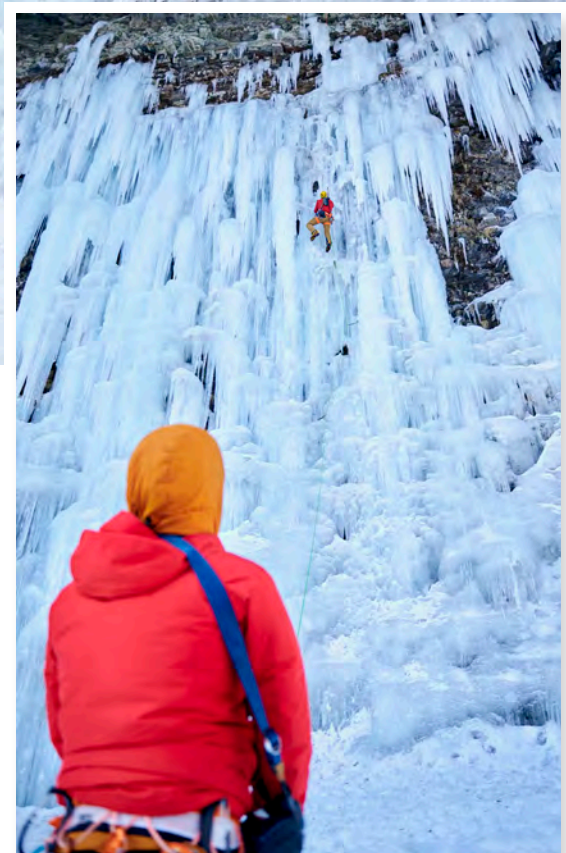
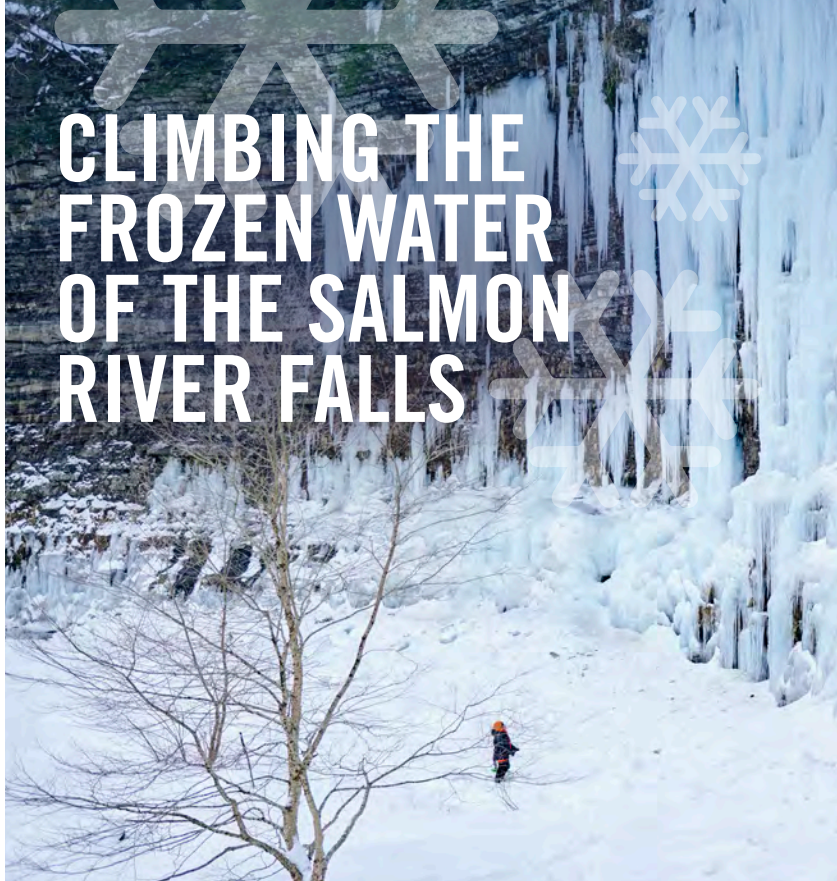
In lower Manhattan from Canal Street to Bayard Street, peruse the stores and restaurants of Chinatown. Authentic and varied Chinese restaurants abound in NYC, includ-

ing Super Taste (www.noodle5888.com), Great NY Noodletown (www.greatnewyorknoodletown.com/), Happy Veggie (happyveggieny.com), Joe's Shanghai (www.joeshanghairestaurants.com), and Ping's (www.eatatpings.com), to name a few.

HOW TO SAVE

Consider purchasing a City Pass (www.citypass.com) while making plans, as this provides up to 40% savings on visiting five NYC venues, the Empire State Building and American Museum of Natural History, plus admission to three more attractions from among the following: Top of the Rock Observation Deck, Ferry Access to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises, Intrepid Museum and Guggenheim Museum.

CLIMBING THE FROZEN WATER OF THE SALMON RIVER FALLS



Matt Baldelli and his crew visited the Salmon River Falls in the winter of 2019-2020 and took photos of the falls and the people climbing its frozen waters.

Baldelli is a photographer, director and adventurer. "I create powerful photographs in often difficult, demanding and dangerous situations," he says on his website.

"Whether it is hanging off cliffs in Moab, Utah, at the summit of Mount Washington in winter, where the worst weather in the world takes place, or inside the climbing gym, everywhere is my studio," he says.

He is based in Easthampton, Massachusetts.

Photo by Matt Baldelli, courtesy of Oswego County Department of Promotion and Tourism.



EXPLORE NEW YORK'S WINTER REALMS

Winter Realms in Lake George includes plenty for children and adults to enjoy together

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

Feel like you stepped into a sparkling ice fairytale crafted by Elsa from "Frozen" as you explore the Winter Realms by Ice Castles in Lake George.

Ice Castles operates seasonal winter wonderland locations nation-

wide, providing ice features for play, display and adventure.

Company founder Brent Christensen began the concept by building a "castle" for his children's enjoyment in the yard at their home in Utah.

Word quickly spread and soon

families across the neighborhood and even the town came to see and play in the castle.

From Christensen's concept came Ice Castles in 2011, which now — known as Winter Realms — boasts locations in Colorado, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Utah and Wisconsin, in addition to Lake George. The company builds and carves its structures by hand with thousands of hand-placed icicles and lights.

Winter Realms in Lake George includes plenty for children and adults to enjoy together, such as the ice skating rink (skate rental is included with rink admission), illuminated walkways, play areas and warming stations with snacks and treats for sale.



At the snowman park, guests can create their own snowmen with free decorations, such as coal for eyes and carrots for noses to design the classic figure. It's also the perfect place to make snow angels and maybe enjoy a friendly snowball fight.

The ice sculpture garden displays larger-than-life, sparkling artwork, an ice throne, igloo and numerous other carved creations illuminated for view. Those 21-plus can imbibe at the ice bar beer and winter cocktails. Guests can also reserve an Arctic Alcove for a special moment such as a proposal or other important event.

Visitors should plan to dress for cold weather and wear skid-resistant boots.

Typically, Winter Realms open in January, but warm wintertime weather has made staying open challenging. This year, including fewer weather-dependent features has enabled Winter Realms to open in November. The earlier opening also allows for holiday events through the end of December, including Candy Cane Court and photo ops with the Jolly Old Elf.

The facility remains open through late February or early March.

Advanced tickets are strongly recommended as tickets will only be sold at the gate if the location has not sold out first. General admission is \$22 weekdays and \$29 weekends (ages 12-plus) and \$15 weekdays

and \$22 weekends (ages 4-11). The hours are Thursday through Sunday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Winter Realms is at Charles R. Wood Park, 19 W Brook Rd. Parking is in lots on W. Brook Road with Elizabeth Little Boulevard.

MORE INFO

www.winterrealms.com/winter-realms-lake-george

www.facebook.com/TheIceCastles

LINDA LOWEN: TOP WINTER EVENTS YOU SHOULD CHECK

The author of “100 Things to Do in Syracuse Before You Die,” just launched a new book, “Secret Syracuse: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure.” We’ve asked her some suggestions on what to do this winter in Central New York

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

You have plenty to do this winter in Central New York. Really. To follow are a few of the best events to not miss this season, according to local writer and lifelong Syracuse resident Linda Lowen, author of the newly-published “Secret Syracuse: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure” (Reedy Press, 2023).

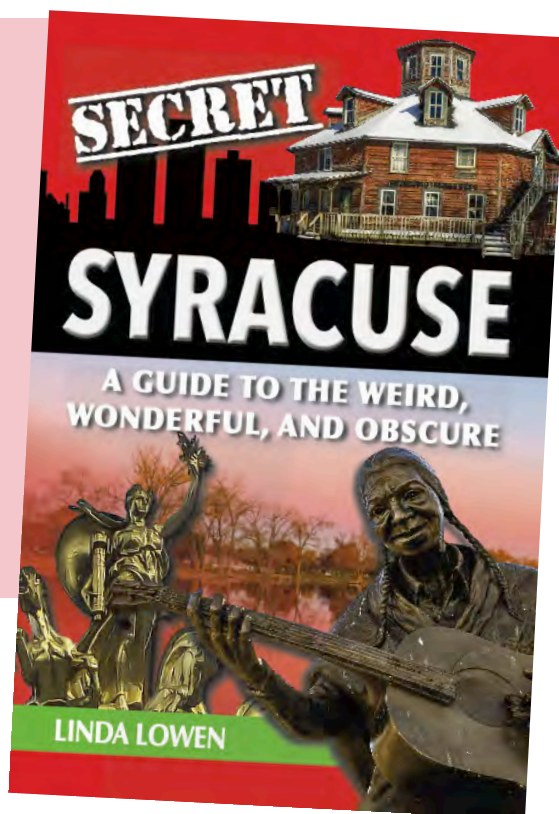
- **Dickens Christmas, Skaneateles**, Nov. 24-Dec. 24. Free. (www.skaneateles.com/calendar/annual-events/dickens-christmas).

“God bless us all, every one, for living in Central New York, where this immersive experience takes over the quaint streets of downtown Skaneateles,” Lowen said. “Characters from the classic Christmas Carol tale by Charles Dickens stroll the streets in costume, interacting with visitors and making spirits bright.”

She added that guests can enjoy roasted chestnuts, theater, caroling, pictures with Father Christmas, and more. Some activities, like horse-drawn wagon rides, charge a fee.

- **The Polar Express and Visit with Santa on the Adirondack Railroad**, Utica, Nov. 17-Dec. 18. \$39-\$58. (<https://adirondackrr.com/utica/polar-express>).

“Relive the experience of the beloved tale written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg,” Lowen said. “Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while you travel to the North Pole where Santa will board the train, visit with each family,



and give the first gift of Christmas: the silver bell, just like in story. Buy tickets in advance as the event sells out each year, and don’t be afraid to wear your pajamas!”

- **Lights on the Lake at Onondaga Lake Park**, Liverpool, Nov. 13-Jan. 12. \$10-\$75. (www.lightsonthelake.com).

“The eastern shore of Onondaga Lake comes alive with thousands of lights,” Lowen said. “Lights on the Lake, sponsored by Wegmans, is a two-mile long drive-through show featuring towering holiday displays, larger-than life Land of Oz, a twinkling fantasy forest, colorful section arches, memorable animated scenes and a fairy tale magic grand finale. As you enjoy the displays, tune into holiday music provided by Sunny 102.1.”

She added that Lights on the Lake tickets must be purchased online only through the official website; guests may not buy tickets at the gate.

- **Festival of Trees and Light at the Everson Museum**, Syracuse, Dec. 2- Dec. 16. Free with admis-



sion. (www.everson.org).

"Syracuse's art museum is transformed into a holiday show-place featuring pre-lit decorated trees, decorated wreaths, and unique seasonal and winter-inspired décor items representing Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Years, winter solstice, and other seasonal celebrations," Lowen said. "Enjoy live performances and activities and browse artisanal gift items and ornaments for purchase. The 2023 Festival of Trees is in its 38th year."

- **Nutcracker Twist:** An Enchanted Journey at the Landmark Theatre, Syracuse, Dec. 9. \$23-\$77. (<https://experiencesymphoria.org/event/nutcracker-twist-an-enchanted-journey>).

"See aerialists, jugglers, acrobats, comedians, and other amazing circus performers bring Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker to life in a new version of the classic story," Lowen said. "Symphoria performs the music as circus artists reimagine the Nutcracker with humor, wondrous magic, daring feats, and awe-inspiring stunts."

The performance features CirqOvation, Sora Iriye, Joshua Edelman, and Syracuse Youth Chorus and is suitable for all ages.

Want more to do after the hubbub of the holiday season winds down? Consider:

- **23rd Annual Great Eastern Whiteout Antique And Vintage Snowmobile Show And Swap Meet,** Fulton, Feb. 3. Cost to be announced. (315-592-4892). Join other vintage sled enthusiasts at the Fulton War Memorial to see and swap snowmobiles and snowmobile parts.

- **Syracuse Winterfest,** Feb. 15-25. Free with charges for some activities. (www.syracusewinterfest.com). Family-friendly events and activities are planned all over the city.

- **New York Farm Show,** indoors at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, Feb. 22-24. Free admission with advanced tickets and free parking. (www.newyorkfarmshow.com). Watch interesting demonstrations, learn more about forestry and land conservation and peruse scores of vendors of goods and services of interest to rural landowners and farmers.



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EXPERIENCE SYRACUSE'S WINTER FAIR

The fair, which is held in February, features vendors, food, live entertainment and even fireworks

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

If you want to get out and do something fun this winter that won't result in frost nipped fingers and toes, the Syracuse Winter Fest is a great option.

Held at the New York State Fairgrounds, the fair includes many of the fun elements of the summertime event, such as midway style rides, fair food, vendors, live entertainment and even fireworks.

The fair will be held Feb. 2, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Feb. 3, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Feb. 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fireworks will take place Friday and Saturday (Feb. 2-3).

"We came up with this idea and launched it in 2019 to give people a chance to have some of the summer fun in winter," said Steve Becker, head of Premier Promotions in Liver-

pool, which produces the event.

Although the pandemic curtailed further growth of Winter Fair, it's back and bigger than ever, covering all of the 100,000-plus square feet of the Expo Center.

To benefit local Boys and Girls Clubs, Winter Fair is hosting Winter Fair Hoops. This event raised \$5,000 last year. The fair also fundraises for NAACP and donates exhibit space for other charitable organizations.

New for this year, members of Legend Athletics of Syracuse University will make guest appearances to offer a Q&A session, mingle and even shoot a few hoops with visitors. The fair will launch Legend Athletics merchandise featuring prominent athletes from SU's basketball, lacrosse and football teams. A percent-

age of sales will benefit Boys and Girls Clubs.

On Sunday, the fair celebrates Black History Month with Gospel music performers, African drumming and a fashion show.

Other exhibitors include Irish dancers, karate demonstrations, and Six Nations dancers.

"It's a fun event and we usually have at least 13 to 15 rides, from a roller coaster to merry-go-round to things you can experience outdoors during the summer," Becker said.

Outside, guests can view ice sculptures by renowned sculptor Stan Kolonko. A fireworks display by Majestic Fireworks will take place at 8:45, Feb. 2-3.

Advanced tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for teens, pre-teens and seniors. Children 10 and younger are free. At the door, admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for teens and pre-teens and seniors. Children 10 and under are free. Parking is free for all advanced ticket holders. If attendees come after 7 p.m., admission is free and parking is \$10. Unlimited ride tickets are \$25.

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Events Calendar 2023-2024



Because venues and event management can change plans after the publication of the calendar, it is advisable to check with their social media page and website to stay up to date.

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DAILY

Auburn. Festival of Trees. More than 100 decorated trees on display indoors until Dec. 24. Vote for your favorite. Free coffee and hot chocolate. Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays 1 to 8 p.m. Free. Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural & Country Living Museum, 6880 E. Lake Road. <http://wardwoharaagriculturalmuseum.org>.

Liverpool. Lights on the Lake. A two-mile drive through light show featuring larger-than-life displays celebrating the holidays. Themed sections include the Fantasy Forest, Under the Sea, North Pole Station, The Land of Oz & Emerald City and the Fairytale Magic Grand Finale. Hundreds of icicle laden trees, towering displays, a giant poinsettia arch and animated scenes, all viewed from the warmth of your vehicle. The show continues to Jan. 12. All tickets must be purchased online in advance. No tickets will be sold at the gate. 5 to 10 p.m. \$10 to \$75 per vehicle. Onondaga Lake Park, 106 Lake Drive. <https://events.visitsyracuse.com/events/site/lights-on-the-lake22769>. 315-453-6712. olp@ongov.net.

New York City. Radio City Christmas Spectacular: Radio City Rockettes. The classic Christmas extravaganza high steps back onto the stage for another year of this unparalleled live show. Check the website for tickets and showtimes all month long and

Jan. 1. \$81 to \$280. Radio City Music Hall, 1260 Avenue of the Americas. www.radiocity.com. 800-475-7085.

Syracuse. 37th Annual Gingerbread Gallery at the Erie Canal Museum. View more than 30 original creations by amateur and professional bakers throughout the region. Proceeds support the Museum's educational programs, exhibits, research, and collections management. Runs daily through Jan. 7 (closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1). 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 24 and 31). Admission to the museum, which includes the Gingerbread Gallery, is \$10; \$7 seniors (65+), \$4 children 3-17, and free for children 2 and younger. Erie Canal Museum, 18 Erie Blvd. E.. <https://eriecanalmuseum.org/gingerbread>. 315-471-0593. vicki@eriecanalmuseum.org.

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Syracuse. "A Christmas Carol." The classic play highlights the power of kindness and love in the uplifting tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey to redemption. This energetic retelling includes music, dance and a two-ring circus. Times vary. \$30-\$65. Syracuse Stage Complex, 820 E. Genesee St. www.syracusestage.org. 315-443-3275. info@syracusestage.org.

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS

Oswego. Public Ice Skating. Bring your own skates or rent for \$2. Family skate time

requires an adult with all youth under age 18. Public skate is free for city residents. Ice rink rental is available for private events for \$150/hour. James P. Cullinan Rink is open Sundays 5:30 to 7 p.m. for families and 7:30 to 9 p.m. for the public; Tuesdays 6 to 7 p.m. for families; Fridays 8:30 to 10 p.m. for the public; Saturdays 5:30 to 7 p.m. for families; 7:30 to 9 p.m. for the public. 281 W. Fifth St. 315-342-8167.

SUNDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS

Utica. The Polar Express Train Ride. Live the magic of the classic Polar Express Train Ride story with the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. This trip is approximately two hours round-trip. Depart from Utica's Union Station and travel north while being served hot chocolate and cookies. Children and parents are encouraged to come in pajamas. Ask in advance for groups. Those with fewer than four may share a table with other parties. Train will run through Dec. 18. Make reservations to ensure a seat. First class ticket includes a ceramic souvenir mug and bag and table seating for four. Rides available through Dec. 18 (the only Monday ride). 4:30 and 7 p.m. \$39 to \$68. Children 2 and younger free but must sit in a parent's lap. Utica Union Station, 321 Main St. www.adirondackrr.com/utica/polar-express. 800-819-2291.

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Hannibal. Deck the Halls. Enjoy a 30-ft. mega tree light show, sing along, photos and visits with Santa, and wagon right through the woods with 125,000 Christmas tree lights. Concessions available for purchase. Continues through Dec. 24. 5 to 8 p.m. Demon Acres, 341 county Route 36. www.demonacres.com. 315-564-8070.



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TUESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS

Rochester. Sweet Creations. This annual display features dozens of cleverly designed and deliciously decorated gingerbread creations. Tues.–Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Eve. Free to view with museum admission: \$20; seniors (65+) \$18; students with ID \$7; ages 5-17 \$7; free children 4 and younger and museum members. George Eastman House, 900 East Ave. www.eastman.org. 585-327-4800.

TUESDAYS

Auburn. Open Mic Night. Watch or perform music, comedy and spoken word art

on Stage Right. Full instrument backline available. 7:30. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>. 315-253-6669.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS

Rochester. Roc Holiday Village Winter Festival. Family-friendly events including shopping, visits with Santa, free ice skating, tree lighting, Santa's workshop, hand-crafted goods, pop-up restaurants, igloos, holiday celebrations, live music, private parties, nightlife, and more. Event runs through Dec. 23. Various times. Check the website. Free. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 353 Court St. <https://rocholidayvillage.com>. www.facebook.com/rocholidayvillage. [jolly@rocholidayvillage.com](https://www.jollyrocholidayvillage.com).

WEEKENDS

Medina. Polar Express Ride. One hour train ride to the "North Pole" to enjoy hot cocoa and a cookie, along with music from the movie, a storybook reading of the Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg, a "magic" bell for each child and visit with Santa. First class passengers receive a ceramic commemorative mug and bag, along with seating at a table for four. Dress in your pajamas. Museum admission included with train ticket. Order in advance since many trips sell out. Trains board 20 minutes before departure. Last

run is Dec. 17. Departures occur at various times, so check the website to verify times, availability and to order online. \$40 to \$220. Medina Railroad Museum, 698 Gwinn St. www.medinarailroadmuseum.org/polar-express-excursions-2023. 716-948-0505.

Skaneateles. Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles. An annual tradition, the celebration runs every weekend through Dec. 24. Charles Dickens and his cast of over 50 costumed characters, including Father Christmas, will interact with residents and visitors. Live music, unique shopping, activities, food, and horse and wagon rides around the village. Free. Downtown Skaneateles. skaneateles.com/visit/events-a-attractions/dickens-christmas.html. www.facebook.com/DickensChristmasSkaneateles. 315-685-0552.

Syracuse. Crafted Underground Series. Shop an eclectic showcase of local talent in CNY located in the heART of Downtown Syracuse and give all sorts of entrepreneurs an opportunity to grow their brands. The event features a selection of pop-up handmade, homegrown vendors at the McCarthy Mercantile. No multi-level marketing, business-to-business or resale vendors, but only

farmers, artists, makers, growers, vintage/ flea market, and crafters permitted. 12 to 5 p.m. Free admission. 217 S. Salina St. Syracuse. www.mccarthymercantile.com.

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Auburn. 12 Beers of Christmas & Ugly Sweater Party. Try 12 Christmas-themed beer tastings and holiday foods to pair, served at stations throughout the taproom & brewery. Live music, ugly sweater awards, and Prison City Christmas beer releases. Reserve a table for 2-20 people. Admission includes 12 tasting tickets. Proceeds to support Cayuga County Child Advocacy Center Christmas Adoption Program. Reservations required. 3 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. \$45. Prison City Pub & Brewery, 251 North St. www.prisoncitybrewing.com.

Auburn. Auburn Public Theater presents The Calamari Sisters' Feast of the Seven Fishes. In this Christmas comedy, watch as Delphine and Carmela attempt to serve their award winning "Seven Fishes in Seven Minutes" dish. Ages 18+. 7 p.m. \$40-\$80. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. [https://](https://auburnpublictheater.org)

auburnpublictheater.org.

Clayton. "The Polar Express." Enjoy an interactive movie night. 6:30 p.m. \$5. Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive. www.claytonoperahouse.com. 315-686-2200. director@claytonoperahouse.com.

Glens Falls. Adirondack Holiday Festival. Come celebrate the holidays at The Adirondack Christmas Market 2023. More details TBA. 5 to 8 p.m. Glens Falls City Park, Maple St. www.facebook.com/ADKChristkindmarkt. <https://glensfallscollaborative.com/adirondack-christmas-market>.

Newark. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Concert. Hear the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra play favorite holiday music, including carols, "Sleigh Ride" and more. The event is hosted by the Newark Central School District in conjunction with Wegmans, Lyons National Bank and the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce. Newark High School Jazz Band and Fusion play at 6 p.m. Free. RPO plays at 7 p.m. Ticket cost TBA. Newark High School, 625 Peirson Ave.. www.newarkcsd.org.

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Rochester. "Rudolph: The Musical." The beloved TV classic Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer soars off the screen and onto the stage this holiday season. Come see all of your favorite characters from the special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. 7:30 p.m. \$40 to \$78. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtll.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbtl.org.

Saranac Lake. 38th Annual Sparkle Village Arts & Crafts Fair. Find special, handmade gifts by shopping among one-of-a-kind local makers and vendors. 4 to 8 p.m. \$3; free children younger than 12. Harrietstown Town Hall, 39 Main St. www.adirondack.net/holiday/annual-events/sparkle-village. 518-891-1990. welcome@slareachamber.org.

Saratoga Springs. 2023 Victorian Streetwalk Weekend in Saratoga Springs. Celebrate the 37th Anniversary of the Victorian Streetwalk with a whole weekend of activities in Saratoga Springs. Check the website for a complete schedule. 3 to 8 p.m. Free. Downtown Saratoga Springs. www.saratogaspringsdowntown.com/victorianstreetwalk.

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Syracuse. Corey Holcomb. Going from hanging in the hood to performing comedy on Jay Leno's "Tonight Show," Corey's comedy transcends class and racial divides. If you understand English, Corey's humor will tickle your funny bone. Age 21 and older only. The

club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 and 10 p.m. \$42. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. Holiday Nights presented by Amazon. Enjoy a festive and fun after-hours stroll amid sparkling displays of holiday lights that transform the zoo into a winter wonderland. Warm up by the fire pits and enjoy hot chocolate, s'mores, live performances of holiday music, holiday market, ice carving demonstration by The Ice Farm, roving entertainers and animals on evening exhibit. 5 to 8 p.m. \$8 members; \$9 non-members. Rosamond Gifford Zoo, 1 Conservation Place. www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org. 315-435-8511 x8526.

Syracuse. NYS Indoor Kart Racing Championship. View fierce wheel-to-wheel action in 6 second laps on the 100-foot diameter track. With 12 karts on the track, just to watch it is a challenge. The karts pull 1.4 lateral G's in the corners, and because the track is inside a building, it's all turns. There are no straights on which the drivers can momentarily relax. 6 to 9 p.m. \$30; free children 5 and younger. New York State Fairgrounds Center of Progress Building, 581 State Fair Blvd. www.syracuseindoor.com. 315-676-0227. syrindoor@gmail.com.

Syracuse. Syracuse City Ballet Presents Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." The classic seasonal story delights children and adults. 6 p.m.; 2 and 6 p.m. on 12/3; and 2 p.m. on 12/4. \$20 to \$75. The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theater, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Toronto



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Waterloo. Clay Walker. With nearly 20 million on-demand and video streams for his latest single, "Need a Bar Sometimes," Walker also has 750,000 TikTok followers. Producer James Stroud (Toby Keith, Tracy Lawrence, Tim McGraw, Kenny Rogers) discovered Walker in bar while Walker was in his early 20s. Ages 21 and older only. 8 p.m. \$40 to \$90. Del Lago Resort and Casino, 1133 State Route 414. <https://dellagoresort.com/entertainment>. 315-946-1777.

Watertown. "The Nutcracker" on Ice. See skaters present this classic, timeless story of "The Nutcracker," one of Tchaikovsky's most famous and beloved pieces of music. 2 and 7 p.m. \$45. Dulles State Office Building, 1291 Faichney Dr. <https://dpaoconcerts.com>.

DEC. 2 **Alexandria Bay.** 19th Annual Kris Kringle Market. Shop among craft vendors, sample wine and find special holiday gift sets, with an emphasis on local artisans and small businesses. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thousand Islands Winery, 43298 Seaway Ave Ste 1. www.thousandislandswinery.com. 315-482-9306. info@thousandislandswinery.com.

Auburn. Auburn Public Theater presents The Calamari Sisters. 2 and 7 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Auburn. Holiday Craft Fair & Market. Find seasonal décor, Christmas gifts, and holiday cheer with live music, Christmas tree sales, vendors, a visit from the Grinch, and holiday-themed competitions and raffles. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fingerlakes Mall, 1579 Clark Street Road. www.fingerlakesmall.com/holiday-craft-fair-market?t=1667332490. 315-255-1188. marketing@fingerlakesmall.com.

Baldwinsville. The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Dinner. America's largest interactive comedy murder mystery dinner show allows guests to tackle a challenging crime while

enjoying dinner. Just the criminal is lurking somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a prime suspect before you know it. Admission includes dinner, murder mystery entertainment, prize package for Top Sleuth, and more. 6 to 9:30 p.m. \$69.95+. Mohegan Manor, 58 Oswego St. www.moheganweddings.com.

Buffalo. The Nutcracker Ballet. Neglia's Nutcracker production has been recognized for its spectacular production value. The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performs Tchaikovsky's Christmas masterpiece. 7 p.m. \$36 to \$102. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. www.sheas.org/performances.

Clayton. 61st Annual Christmas Parade. This year's theme is "Christmas Wishes & Holiday Glitches." Shop, dine and enjoy family activities downtown and fireworks show. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Downtown. 315-686-3771. www.1000islands-clayton.com/christmasparade.

Corning. Corning Museum of Glass Open House. Free admission to the museum, live music, craft activities, seasonal fun, and special glassmaking experiences kick off the holiday season. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making a special visit to the Museum to greet guests throughout the day until 4 p.m. Fee for add-on activities including cookie decorating, glassmaking, and crafts. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Corning Museum of Glass, One Museum Way. www.home.cmog.org. 607-937-5371.

Geneva. Beatles vs. Stones. Two of the greatest bands of all time face off in a high-energy, adrenaline-pumping musical showdown represented by tribute bands. 8 p.m. \$35.06 to \$92.49. Smith Center for the Arts, Smith Opera House, 82 Seneca St. www.thesmith.org. 315-781-5483.

Glens Falls. Adirondack Holiday Festival. See Dec. 1.

Lake Ontario Wine Trail. Christmas Around the World 2023. Travel the Lake Ontario Wine Trail on a self-guided tour to sample festive pairings of wine, spirits and ciders

with foods from around the world. Each vendor participant represents a different country, pairing traditional holiday dishes with local wines, spirits and ciders. Guests have two days to finish the tour. Due to limited space in tasting rooms, reservations for groups of eight or more are required. Not all locations can accommodate large groups. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$40 (includes both days). www.lakeontariowinetrail.com. contactus@lakeontariowinetrail.com.

Mexico. Christmas in Mexico. Welcome the holiday season with activities and events planned throughout the village. Live entertainment, free trolley rides and free horse drawn carriage rides. More than 150 vendors in 10 different locations are participating. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mexico. Oswego County Holiday Farmers' Market. CCE Oswego will host the event featuring Oswego County-based vendors selling local agriculture-related gifts such as cheeses, honey, maple syrup, milk soaps and lotions, wreaths, boughs, wood-carved items, and more. Free coffee and hot chocolate offered at the event. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Mexico VFW, Scenic Ave. 315-963-7286 ext. 203 or ejk247@cornell.edu.

Mumford. Yuletide in the Country Tours and Yuletide Dinners. Explore the wintry village bedecked in holiday splendor you'll be invited into vignettes that illuminate the link between today's cherished holiday traditions and the cultural customs of generations that came before. Pair your tour with a festive yuletide dinner. Seatings for dinners on Fridays are at 5 p.m.; seatings on Saturdays are at 3:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., and seatings on Sundays are at 3 and 5:15 p.m. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your seating. Various times; check website to verify and buy tickets. Yuletide tours \$26 members; \$30 non-members; yuletide dinners \$32 adults; \$20 ages 3 to 12; free children 2 and younger. Genesee Country Village & Museum, 1410 Flint Hill Road. www.gcv.org. 585-538-6822.

Oswego. A Christmas Carol. See Dec. 1.

Oswego. 32nd Annual Reindeer Run. Join a 5k Fun Run and Walk. This event is a non-competitive fun run and participants are encouraged to dress festively in their holiday best. Participants may run individually or as a team. The YMCA is offering the Reindeer Games for kids aged 4-12 from 9 a.m. to noon Reindeer Fun Run registration is available online or at the Oswego YMCA. Fees increase for same day registration will be accepted until 9:15 a.m. on race day. Santa will be at the finish to congratulate all runners and to share some holiday cheer. Snacks and refreshments, including coffee and hot chocolate and snacks will be offered following the run. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd finishers of both male and female and another prize for best costume. 9 a.m. Oswego YMCA, 265 W 1st St.

Oswego. Home for the Holidays. The Oswego County Humane Society hosts this festive event featuring adoptable animals, craft and vendor tables, silent auction, snacks and cocoa, pet and family photos with Santa (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and online pet photo contest leading up to the event. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oswego Elks Lodge, 132 W. 5th St. www.oswegohuman.org.

Oswego. The Rough and Tumble. A dynamic duo comprised of Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler, The Rough and Tumble play folk and Americana. 7:30 p.m. \$15 to \$18. Oswego Music Hall, Roy C. McCrobie Building, 41 Lake St. www.oswegomusichall.org. 315-342-1733.

Rochester. "Rudolph: The Musical." 11 a.m., 2 and 6 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Romulus. 2023 Holiday Shopping Spree. Hit the Cayuga Lake Wine trail to find gifts and treasures for friends and family. Eleven wineries are participating this year. Groups are limited to 12 maximum people. Guests receive a souvenir wine glass (or ceramic mug for designated driver), a souvenir ornament, wine and food pairings, a digital recipe book, and \$5 off of a \$35 wine purchase at every single winery. Check the website for more details. Each ticket is good for the whole weekend to visit each winery once. Single tickets are \$85 and couples tickets are \$120.; single designated driver full weekend \$35. Taxes and service fees are extra, and tickets are only good for the chosen dates. Cayuga Lake Wine Trail, 2770 Ernsberger Road, Suite 200. www.cayugawinetrail.com.

Sackets Harbor. Christmas on the Farm. Old McDonald's Farm will hold its annual Christmas on the Farm event with an opportunity to meet Santa, plus Olaf, Elsa and Ana, in the Gathering Barn. Visitors can also view the animals in their winter homes, including the farm's two reindeer, Sven and Jingle Bells. Cookies, milk and hot chocolate will be available for purchase. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Saratoga Springs. 2023 Victorian Streetwalk Weekend in Saratoga Springs. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. Corey Holcomb. 7 and 9:45 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. Holiday Nights presented by Amazon. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. Irish Tenors: The 25th Anniversary – A Family Christmas. Ronan Tynan, Anthony Kearns and Declan Kelly will perform with a full orchestra. 7:30 p.m. \$46 to \$77. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. info@landmarktheatre.org.

Syracuse. Messiah. Symphoria performs Handel's classical Christmas masterpiece, "Messiah," celebrating the birth of Christ. Includes Syracuse University Oratorio Society and Symphoria. 8 p.m. \$30; senior \$25; college student with ID \$5; free children 18 and younger. Church of the Most Holy Rosary, 111 Roberts Ave. <http://experience-symphoria.org>. 315-299-5598.

Syracuse. NYS Indoor Kart Racing Championship. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. North Pole Pajama Parties. Enjoy the hot cocoa bar, activities involving many aspects of the Arctic, and the National Grid ExploraDome for a specially created planetarium program, "Night in the Arctic." Wearing pajamas is encouraged. The Dec. 16 event will be sensory-friendly. Tickets include museum admission, party, activities and 7 p.m. planetarium show. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$14; \$12 for members. Museum of Science & Technology (MOST), 500 S. Franklin St. www.most.org. 315-426-9068. sherbert@most.org.

Syracuse. Syracuse City Ballet Presents Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." See Dec. 1. Waterloo. Don Felder. Don "Fingers" Felder

recently released his first solo album in seven years, "American Rock 'N' Roll" (BMG). He performs live. 8 p.m. \$35 to \$85. Del Lago Resort and Casino, 1133 State Route 414. <https://dellagoresort.com/entertainment>. 315-946-1777.

Watertown. Ornament. A tribute band to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Ornament is an 11-piece rock orchestra producing a full musical production complete with a sound system and a light show consisting of dozens of lights, strobes, lasers, fog machines and snow machines. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Dulles State Office Building, 1291 Faichney Dr. <https://dpaoconcerts.com>.

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Albany. Great Train Extravaganza 2022. Eastern New York's largest model railroad and toy train hobby show offers dozens of vendors offer new and used trains for sale, plus parts, clothing, memorabilia, photographs, and accessories. The event also features numerous exhibitors showing off all kinds of pieces of railroad history and artifacts, and several operating model railroads in N, HO, and O gauges, LEGO, and larger. Ride a Roaming Railroad around the Empire State Plaza Concourse. The Taste NY Holiday Market in the concourse will be open and the holiday tree lighting and fireworks happens just after sunset. \$10 adults; free children 12 and younger with an adult. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. New York State Convention Center, Empire State Plaza. 518-668-9892. trains@gtealbany.com.

Auburn. Auburn Public Theater presents The Calamari Sisters'. 2 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Auburn. Holiday Craft Fair & Market. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Dec. 2.

Buffalo. "The Nutcracker" Ballet. 1 p.m. See Dec. 2.

Corning. Corning Museum of Glass Open House. See Dec. 2.

Fulton. Punch Party Open House. 1:30 p.m. Admission TBA. 177 South First St. <http://www.punchpartyopenhouse.com>

www.pratthousemuseum.org. friendsofhistoryfulton@gmail.com.

Glens Falls. Adirondack Holiday Festival. See Dec. 1.

Glens Falls. LARAC Winter Arts Festival. Formerly Fall Festival, the Winter Arts Festival is hosted by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC). Shop among 40 regional artisans to find unique gifts or something special for yourself. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. The Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge St. <https://larac.org/festivals>.

Lake Ontario Wine Trail. Christmas Around the World 2023. See Dec. 2.

Mumford. Yuletide in the Country Tours and Dinners. See Dec. 2.

Oswego. "A Christmas Carol." 2 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Pulaski. Light Up Pulaski Christmas Parade. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus to celebrate the season with a parade. 11:15 a.m. Free. Downtown. 315-559-5200. ringgoldpresident@gmail.com.

Oswego. Open Skate. Refreshments provided by Auxiliary Services. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free admission and skate rentals for students; \$2 SUNY Oswego employees; \$3 public. Skate rental \$3. Deborah Stanley Ice Arena, 1 Union Road. www.oswego.edu/campus-recreation/ice-skating. 315-342-6789.

Rochester. The Irish Tenors. The Celtic music kings, The Irish Tenors, bring their 25th Anniversary "A Family Christmas" tour to Rochester for one night featuring Ronan Tynan, Anthony Kearns and Declan Kelly with a full orchestra. 7:30 p.m. \$48 to \$75. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtll.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbttl.org.

Romulus. 2023 Holiday Shopping Spree. See Dec. 2.

Sackets Harbor. Christmas on the Farm. See Dec. 2.

Saratoga Springs. 2023 Victorian Streetwalk Weekend in Saratoga Springs. 11 a.m. to 2



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p.m. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. Collectors Mega Show. Peruse 200+ tables of sports cards, non-sports cards, supplies and other collectible items, models and toys of numerous sorts. Cash admission only. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$5 p.m.; Free children 10 and younger. New York State Fairgrounds Horticulture Building, 581 State Fair Blvd. cnypromotions.com. 607-753-8580. collectorsfest@cnypromotions.com.

Syracuse. Holiday Concert. 3 p.m. Our Lady of Pompei Church, 301 Ash St. https://sub-rass.syr.edu.

Syracuse. Syracuse City Ballet Presents Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." See Dec. 1.4



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Geneva. "A Celtic Christmas" by Taste of Ireland. After captivating audiences in Australia, New Zealand & the United Kingdom last year, Taste of Ireland presents two star-crossed lovers twirl beneath the mistletoe as award-winning Irish musicians complement Irish dancers. 7:30 p.m. \$43.77+. Smith Center for the Arts, Smith Opera House, 82 Seneca St. www.thesmith.org. 315-781-5483.

Oswego. Open Skate. See Dec. 3.

Verona. Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland. Embark on an unforgettable musical journey that blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of world-class circus performers with seasonal classics. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$45 to \$60. Turning Stone Event Center, 5218 Patrick Road. www.turningstone.com. 877-833-7469.

Verona. The Buddy Holly Holiday Show. Sing along with Buddy's greatest hits like "Peggy Sue" and "That'll Be the Day," along with holiday classics like "Blue Christmas." 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$49. Turning Stone Event Center, 5218 Patrick Road. www.turningstone.com. 877-833-7469.

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Buffalo. An Evening with Chevy Chase. Celebrate National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation with a special screening of the film followed by a live conversation and Q&A with Chevy Chase, and his wife Jayni. 7:30 p.m. \$53 to \$92. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. www.sheas.org/performances.

Rochester. Bert Kreischer Tops Off World Tour. Comedian Bert Kreischer's career has evolved from earning Rolling Stone's 1997 "Number One Partier in the Nation," to one of the top grossing stand-up comics in the business. In 2022, Pollstar listed Bert as #4 in the "Top 10 Highest Grossing Tours," performing to sold-out arenas around the globe. 7 p.m. \$51 to \$283. Blue Cross Arena, One War Memorial Square. www.bluecrossarena.com. www.disneyonice.com. 585-454-5335. info@bluecrossarena.com.

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Buffalo. "Forever Plaid: Plaid

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Buffalo. "Plaid Tidings." See Dec. 7.

Buffalo. Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chris Davis. Grammy Award winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program includes multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting. 7:30 p.m. \$42 to \$86. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. www.sheas.org/performances.

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Mumford. Yuletide in the Country Tours. See Dec. 2.

Old Forge. Annual Snodeo Weekend in Old Forge. The Annual Snodeo kicks off snowmobile season. All four manufacturers will display the newest snowmobile models. Family activities all weekend, including raffles, races for all ages, performance shop modified runs, food, vendors, and swaps. Hildebrant Recreation Center Pavilion, 201 North St. www.Snodeo.com. 315-369-6983.

Oswego. A Christmas Carol. See Dec. 1.

Rochester. RPO Holiday Concert. 100% of proceeds support OPUS (Orchestral Program for Urban Students). The concert includes a special performance by RCSD/Center for Youth's Strings for Success, a main OPUS partners. Bring a household item to benefit Rochester's Bethany House, which has an Amazon wishlist for most-needed items. Families are invited to wear their comfiest pajamas and get cozy with timeless holiday classics. 7 p.m. Admission is pay what you wish. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patrons@rpo.org.

Rochester. "The Nutcracker." Gather your loved ones for the nostalgia of America's favorite Christmas celebration. Experience the extraordinary international cast and Ukrainian principal artists performing at the peak of classical European ballet. Be transported by the magic of jaw-dropping acrobatics, larger-than-life puppets, and stunning hand-crafted sets and costumes. 7 p.m. \$33 to \$83. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtll.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbtll.org.

Seneca Falls. "It's a Wonderful Life" Festival. Celebrate the classic Christmas film "It's a Wonderful Life" in Seneca Falls, the town thought to be director Frank Capra's inspiration for the film's fictitious setting of Bedford Falls. The event includes special guests such as cast members from "It's a Wonderful Life" Karolyn Grimes (Zuzu Bailey); Jimmy Hawkins (Tommy Bailey); and Donald and Ronald Collins (Young Pete) John Kuri, son of Emile Kuri, the set decorator, and Mary Owen (Donna Reed's daughter) Monica Capra Hodges (Frank Capra's granddaughter) and Mrs. New York 2023, Chloe Rosen. Tour the "It's a Wonderful Life" Museum and experience presentations on the film and a film screening. See the website for a complete list of events' times and locations throughout the three-day event. www.wonderfullifemuseum.com/2021-festival.

Syracuse. Christmas Craft & Holiday Market. The horticulture building will be transformed into a Christmas shopping wonderland with artisans and vendors with exceptional gifts in decorated booths. 5 to 9 p.m. \$8. Free children 12 and younger. New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. <https://nysfairgrounds.ny.gov>.

Syracuse. Dave Landau. Working the road nonstop since age 21, Dave Landau has grown into a comedic juggernaut, finding jokes everywhere. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. \$27. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. Holiday Nights presented by Amazon. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. Jerry Seinfeld. America's premier comedian, Jerry Seinfeld performs his newest stand-up routine on the little, relatable things in life. Eight ticket limit. 7 p.m. \$88 to \$697. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. info@landmarktheatre.org.

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Syracuse. North Pole Pajama Parties. See Dec. 2.

Syracuse. Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration. The Community Folk Art Center (CFAC) celebrates the 7 principles of Kwanzaa. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Community Folk Art Center in the Black Box Theater, 805 E. Genesee St. <https://communityfolkartcenter.org>. 315-442-2230. ctbolton@syr.edu.

Syracuse. Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti - Christmas Comes to Town. Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti, Heidi Klum's unforgettable 2016 Golden Buzzer recipient and finalist of America's Got Talent, is an Italian-American crooner known best for his flawless vocals, larger than life personality, and his heart of gold. 8 p.m. \$28.52+. Palace Theater, 2384 James St. www.palaceonjames.com.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Hershey Bears Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Winter Jazz Concert. Join the Le Moyne College Jazzuits and Jazz Ensembles for an evening of classic jazz standards. 7:30 p.m. Admission TBA. \$5 students. Le Moyne College, 1419 Salt Springs Road. www.lemoyne.edu/Arts. 315-445-4209. mckissj@lemoyne.edu.

Syracuse. The Ebony Hillbillies. Presented by the Folkus Project, the premier African American string band performs live. From the street corners of Manhattan to the stages of Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center to TV appearances on the BBC and ABC's "Good Morning America," The Ebony Hillbillies bring 19th-century string dance band sound made popular in the 1920s and 1930s. 8 p.m. \$25; Folkus members \$22. May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, 3800 E. Genesee St. <https://cnyarts.org/events/events/site/the-ebony-hillbillies-presented-by-the-folkus-project>. 315-552-1497. info@folkus.org.

Waterloo. Ruby Shooz. The oldies group has developed a large fan base in the upstate



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DEC. 9 **Baldwinsville.** The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Dinner. See Dec. 2.

Buffalo. "Plaid Tidings." 8 p.m. See Dec. 7.

Cape Vincent. Christmas in the Cape. Holiday craft and vendor fair, community Christmas parade, and photo ops with Santa. Check the website for the schedule of events. www.capevincent.org/christmas-in-the-cape.

Cazenovia. Lorenzo's Christmas Celebration. The annual holiday celebration will feature a tour of the decorated mansion, refreshments, live music, and horse-drawn sleigh/wagon rides. In addition, on Sunday, holiday crafts for kids of all ages will be featured at the Rippleton Schoolhouse. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$6; \$2 children 12 and younger. Lorenzo State Historic Site, 1 Rippleton Road. <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/lorenzo/details.aspx>. 315-655-3200.

Geneva. 2nd Annual Geneva Jingle Markets. Support 30 Finger Lakes vendors selling their diverse gifts. Enjoy local wine, beer, cider,

and food tastings, while filling Made in the Finger Lakes gift boxes with local products. 10 a.m. Free. Finger Lakes Welcome Center, 35 Lakefront Drive. <https://taste.ny.gov/location/finger-lakes-welcome-center>. 315-787-0007.

Lake Placid. Lake Placid Holiday Village Stroll. See Dec. 8.

Mumford. Yuletide in the Country Tours and Dinners. See Dec. 2.

Old Forge. Annual Snodeo Weekend in Old Forge. See Dec. 8.

Niagara Falls. Festival of Slice. Pizza Unites. The Festival of Slice is a celebration of Western New York's pizzerias, local restaurants and the culture of cup & char. The event features pizzerias and restaurants from around the Western New York region. Attendees will purchase \$1 tickets for party slices (approx. 3 inches by 2 inches) and vote on their favorites. Live music, a free bocce tournament with prizes, and craft beer and wine options. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$10. Niagara Falls Convention Center, 101 Old Falls St. www.niagarafallsusa.com/festival-of-slice. www.facebook.com/festivalofslice.

Oswego. "A Christmas Carol." See Dec. 1.

Seneca Falls. "It's a Wonderful Life" Festival. See Dec. 8.

Syracuse. North Pole Pajama Parties. See Dec. 2.

Syracuse. Christmas Craft & Holiday Market. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Dec. 8.

Syracuse. Dave Landau. 7 p.m. See Dec. 8.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Utica Comets Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000. Syracuse. Holiday Nights presented by Amazon. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. "Nutcracker" Twist. Symphoria, The Orchestra of Central New York, presents CirqOvation with aerialists, jugglers, acrobats, comedians, and other cirq performers,

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Verona. Aaron Lewis. Country star Aaron Lewis returns to his country origins for an acoustic tour. Hear hits like Billboard's #1 Hot Country Song "Am I The Only One" and songs from his latest album, "Frayed At Both Ends." 8 p.m. \$219 to \$764. Turning Stone Event Center, 5218 Patrick Road. www.turningstone.com. 877-833-7469.

Waterloo. Blood, Sweat & Tears. Blood, Sweat & Tears is not the first band to ever use a horn section, but they are the first to fuse it with rock, jazz, and some blues thrown in for good measure. Their eponymous album received the Grammy Award for Album of the Year in 1970 beating the Beatles' "Abbey Road" and earning quadruple Platinum status with sales of well over 4 million units. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$65. Del Lago Resort and Casino, 1133 State Route 414. <https://dellagoresort.com/entertainment>. 315-946-1777.

DEC. 10 **Auburn.** Christmas Open House An Old Fashion Christmas. Enjoy horse and wagon rides, a visit with Santa, music, refreshments, more than 140 Trees on display, kids activities and special demonstrations. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural & Country Living Museum, 6880 E. Lake Road. <https://wardwoharaagriculturalmuseum.org>.

Auburn. "Die Hard." Public film screening. 1 p.m. Free. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>.

Buffalo. "Plaid Tidings." 2 p.m. See Dec. 7.

Buffalo. "Cinderella." The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine performs "Cinderella." 7:30 p.m. \$59 to \$112. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. www.sheas.org/performances.

Cazenovia. Lorenzo's Christmas Celebration. See Dec. 9.

Fayetteville. Brass and Bells Concert. The Syracuse University Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. James T. Spencer, will perform their annual holiday concert. The

UCF Handbell Choir will open the concert. A free will offering will be collected for the UCF annual outreach program. 3 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Free. United Church of Fayetteville, 310 E. Genesee St. <https://subrass.syr.edu/?t=1699459934>. 315-637-3186.

Lake Placid. Lake Placid Holiday Village Stroll. See Dec. 8.

Mumford. Yuletide in the Country Tours and Dinners. See Dec. 2.

Old Forge. Annual Snodeo Weekend in Old Forge. See Dec. 8.

Oswego. "A Christmas Carol." 2 p.m. See Dec. 1.

Rome. 95th Anniversary Program. Rome's Capitol Theatre opened on Dec. 10, 1928. 95 years later to the day, the Capitol will present a re-creation of a program that ran at the theater March 21-23, 1929, showing the feature films and the short subjects that were on the original bill: Vitaphone talking short subjects: Blossom Seeley and Bennie Fields with The Music Boxes (song & dance vaudeville team); The Debutantes: "The Band Beautiful" (all-girl jazz band); Laurel &

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Syracuse. Champions of Magic. Experience an evening of illusions and spectacular special effects. Described by the press as The Avengers of Magic, catch the only team of magicians in the world as they present their original, phenomenal ensemble illusions. 4 p.m. \$25 to \$65. The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theater, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Christmas Craft & Holiday Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Dec. 8.

Syracuse. Christmas at the Landmark with the DeSantis Orchestra. The DeSantis Orchestra and guest musical artists will perform Christmas classics live. 6 p.m. \$44 to \$68. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. amasters@landmarktheatre.org.

and the Seven Dwarfs" in two acts with one intermission. The fairy tale comes to life in dance and staging by the State Ballet Theater of Ukraine. 7:30 p.m. \$45 to \$85. The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theater, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

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Buffalo. Lindsey Stirling: "Snow Waltz" Tour. For more than a decade, Stirling has performed

before audiences around the globe with her electronic violin. From her new album "Snow Waltz," the classically trained musician shares a selection of holiday songs. 7:30 p.m. \$74 to \$264. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. www.sheas.org/performances.

Rochester. "Annie." Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes, an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. "Annie," directed by Jenn

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Auburn. Exchange Street Records Fall Concert. Exchange Street Records is a rock ensemble class for novice, intermediate, and advanced musicians, from guitar players and drummers to trombone players and violinists. Enjoy a showcase of the musicians' favorite film scores. 7 p.m. Free. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>.

Syracuse. "Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs." Classical Arts Entertainment presents the ballet fairy tale "Snow White

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Rochester. Annie. See Dec. 12. Rochester. Disney on Ice Presents Into the Magic. Hosts Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse bring audiences on an expedition across raging seas, snow covered mountains and the marigold bridge in Disney On Ice presents Into the Magic. This action-packed extravaganza, produced by Feld Entertainment, Inc., features Disney's Moana, Frozen, Coco and Beauty and the Beast with other beloved Disney characters returning to be featured in five fun-filled performances from December 14-17. Times vary; check website. \$26 to \$95. Blue Cross Arena, One War Memorial Square. www.bluecrossarena.com. www.disneyonice.com. 585-454-5335. info@bluecrossarena.com.

DEC. 15 **Mumford.** Yuletide in the Country Tours and Dinners. See Dec. 2.
Rochester. "Annie." 8 p.m. See Dec. 12.

Rochester. Disney on Ice Presents "Into the Magic." See Dec. 14.

Rochester. Gala Holiday Pops. Jeff Tyzik conducts the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, with the Festival High School Chorale, and Rochester storyteller, Jay Stetzer, narrating "The Night Before Christmas." Begun by Maestro Tyzik 30 years ago, Gala Holiday Pops has become one of Rochester's favorite holiday traditions. 8 p.m. \$18 to \$123. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patronservices@rpo.org

Syracuse. Almost Queen. Queen tribute band shares a live performance with special guest Hard Promises. 8 p.m. \$38 to \$60. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. amasters@landmarktheatre.org.

Syracuse. Carmen Lynch. Carmen Lynch has appeared on a string of late-night TV shows including "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"; "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert"; "The Late Show with David Letterman"; and "Conan." She has also appeared on "Inside Amy Schumer", "That Damn Michael Che", "Life & Beth" and the documentary Hysterical. Carmen tours doing standup in Spanish. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. \$22. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. Holiday Nights presented by Amazon. See Dec. 1.

Waterloo. 8 p.m. Brett Michaels. Bret Michaels has over 100 million records, digital and streams sold worldwide. 8 p.m. \$46 to \$79. Del Lago Resort and Casino, 1133 State Route 414. <https://dellagoresort.com/entertainment>. 315-946-1777.

Thompson, features the iconic book and score, written by Tony Award®-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin. 7:30 p.m. \$46 to \$109. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtll.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbtll.org.

Rochester. The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine's "The Nutcracker." The holiday spectacle transports you to a dazzling winter wonderland in this special evening performance. Step into the magical world of toy soldiers and colorful characters. Tchaikovsky's beloved score is full of instantly recognizable music, including "Waltz of the Flowers," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "Waltz of the Snowflakes," and more. 7:30 p.m. \$73 to \$129. Kodak Center, 200 W Ridge Road. www.kodakcenter.com/events.

DEC. 13 **Rochester.** Annie. See Dec. 12.
Syracuse. Lindsey Stirling: Snow Waltz Tour. For more than a decade, Stirling has performed before audiences around the globe with her electronic violin. From her new album Snow Waltz, the classically trained musician shares a selection of holiday songs. 8 p.m. \$58 to \$237. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. amasters@landmarktheatre.org.

DEC. 14 **Auburn.** Winter Songs & Carols featuring Mary Fahl & Band. Fahl was the lead singer and co-founder of the mid-1990s NYC-based chamber-pop group October Project. Her album "Winter Songs and Carols" won a 2020 Independent Music Award. 7 p.m. \$40 to \$80. 80 Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>.

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DEC. 16

Alexandria Bay. River Santa Festival. Enjoy food and drinks, games, hayrides, face painting, activities, a visit from Santa and more to provide Christmas gifts to children and benefit local charities. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Park Pavilion, Casino Island Village Park, Fuller Street. www.facebook.com/1000IslandsRiverSantaFestival. Dat@xmission.com.

Auburn. "A Christmas Story: A Dickens Christmas" radio play. 7 p.m. \$15. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>.

Baldwinsville. The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Dinner. See Dec. 2.

Geneva. 2nd Annual Geneva Jingle Markets. See Dec. 9.

Naples. The Pickle Mafia. Ring in the holiday season with a visit from The Pickle Mafia, Rochester's high energy piano power instrumental trio, blends elements of jazz with hip hop, Latin and pop sensibilities as they celebrate the season with unique takes on some classic Christmas favorites and their own originals. 7 p.m. \$20. Group discounts. Bristol Valley Theater, 151 S. Main St. <https://bvtnaples.org/the-pickle-mafia>. 585-374-9032.

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Rochester. "Annie." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. See Dec. 12.

Rochester. Disney on Ice Presents "Into the Magic." See Dec. 14.

Rochester. Gala Holiday Pops. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. See Dec. 15.

Syracuse. Billy Strings. Nashville-based Billy Strings is a GRAMMY Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician. He's been awarded Best Bluegrass Album at the 63rd GRAMMY Awards, Artist of the Year at 2022's Americana Music Awards, Entertainer of the Year and Song of the Year at the 2022 IBMA

Awards, and Best New Headliner (all genres) at the 2022 Pollstar Awards. 7:30 p.m. \$49.50 to \$74.50. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter, 421 Montgomery St. www.asm-syracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Carmen Lynch. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. See Dec. 15.

Syracuse. Holiday Nights presented by Amazon. See Dec. 1.

Syracuse. North Pole Pajama Parties. See Dec. 2.

Syracuse. Symphoria Presents Home for the Holidays. Symphoria welcomes back local vocalist Katie Weber and the Syracuse Pops Chorus under the direction of Lou Lemos. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$45 to \$85. The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theater, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Syracuse Community Choir Winter Solstice Concert: Joy as Resistance. In this heartwarming celebration, voices unite in a dynamic display of musical unity to promote peace, freedom, and justice. Deaf interpretation available. 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. \$15 to \$25. University Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St. 315-428-8151. sccinfo@syracusecommunitychoir.com.

Waterloo. Carlos Mencia. Comedian Carlos Mencia, best known for his raw and unfiltered style of comedy, performs live. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$70. Del Lago Resort and Casino, 1133 State Route 414. <https://dellagoresort.com/entertainment>. 315-946-1777.

DEC.
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Rochester. Disney on Ice Presents Into the Magic. See Dec. 14.

Rochester. "Annie." 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. See Dec. 12.

Rochester. Gala Holiday Pops. 2 p.m. See Dec. 15.

Syracuse. Horns and Harmonies. 7 p.m. Syracuse University, Hendricks Chapel, 121 Crouse Dr. <https://subrass.syr.edu>.

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Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Laval Rocket Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000. 21

Syracuse. Jordan Jensen. Beginning in comedy in upstate NY, Jordan Jensen now co-hosts the podcast "Bein' Ian with Jordan" with comedian Ian Fidance and her first half hour special, presented by GaS Digital Media, is available on her YouTube channel. Most recently, Jordan was featured on Vulture's "The Comedians You Should and Will Know in 2023." Jordan's stand-up has been featured on "The Late Late Show with James Corden," "Comedy Central Features" and "Don't Tell Comedy." Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. \$27. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Verona. Dancing with the Stars Live. See your favorite Dancing with the Stars pros plus a special guest star. Watch dance routines in every style and non-stop entertainment. 7 p.m. \$60 to \$262. Turning Stone Event Center, 5218 Patrick Road. www.turningstone.com. 877-833-7469.

DEC.
22

Syracuse. Joe Becker. He has performed at Dangerfield's, Caroline's on Broadway, and the Gotham comedy club to name a few.

Joe's comedy is high energy and cross-cultural, which has made him a fan favorite at shows across the nation. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

DEC.
23

Geneva. 2nd Annual Geneva Jingle Markets. See Dec. 9.

Syracuse. Joe Becker. 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. See Dec. 22.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

DEC.
31

Syracuse. Noon Year's Eve. Experience a kid-friendly celebration that allows youngsters

to experience all the fun of welcoming a new year while keeping bedtime in mind—including a dance party, noisemakers, sparkling juice "toast," countdown and ball drop at noon. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a dance party and fun photo ops in the zoo's banquet room. At 11:45 a.m., revelers will receive their free drinks and head to the zoo courtyard for the noon ball drop countdown. Guests are free to explore the zoo after the party. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free members; Included with regular zoo admission for non-members. Rosamond Gifford Zoo, 1 Conservation Place. www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org. 315-435-8511 x8526.

JANUARY

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS

Oswego. Public Ice Skating. Bring your own skates or rent for \$2. Family skate time requires an adult with all youth under age 18. Public skate is free for city residents. Ice rink rental is available for private events for \$150/hour. James P. Cullinan Rink is open Sundays 5:30 to 7 p.m. for families and 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the public; Tuesdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for families; Fridays 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the public; Saturdays 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for families; 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

for the public. 281 W. Fifth St. 315-342-8167.

TUESDAYS

Auburn. Open Mic Night. Watch or perform music, comedy and spoken word art on Stage Right. Full instrument backline available. 7:30. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>. 315-253-6669.

JAN.

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Lake George. Lake George Polar Plunge. Every New Year's Day, hundreds of winter enthusiasts

take a dip into Lake George. The Polar Plunge has been a First Day tradition since 1973. Revelers in bathing suits and costumes dash into the icy lake. Plunges are held in waves of 400 people every 15 minutes. Water shoes are recommended. Sign up starts on New Year's Eve from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again on New Year's Day at 10:30 a.m. at Duffy's Tavern. Event benefits Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children and Lake George Volunteer Fire Department. Long sleeve polar plunge shirts will be available for \$10. Celebrate at the New Year's Day Polar Plunge Party with live music from Dirt Cheap at Duffy's. 1 p.m. \$10 to participate; free to watch. Canada St. www.visitlakegeorge.com/event/polar-plunge-first-day-in-lake-george.

JAN.

3

Rochester. RPO Presents Star Wars: A New Hope. Set 30 years after "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, Star Wars: A New

Hope," the fourth episode of the saga, returns to the desert planet of Tatooine. Watch Star Wars: A New Hope as Eastman School of Music's Director of the Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media Mark Watters conducts John Williams' award-winning score with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. \$38 to \$133. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtl.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbtl.org.

JAN.

4

Syracuse. "Disney On Ice Presents: Mickey's Search Party." Join Mickey Mouse and his friends on an adventure filled with world-class skating, high-flying acrobatics and unexpected stunts. Look for clues in the search for Tinker Bell through immersive, fantastic worlds. Explore the colorful spirit realm of "Coco," sail away with Moana as she bravely saves

her island, see Belle in the sky as the enchanted chandelier comes to life, and sing-along with Elsa in the icy world of "Frozen." Make memories during "Aladdin", "Toy Story" and "The Little Mermaid" as the search party becomes an all-out celebration. Times vary. \$15 to \$120. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

JAN.
5

Rochester. Let's Groove Tonight: Motown & the Philly Sound. The pop, soul, and R&B sounds of

Motown and Philly Soul face off in this concert experience. Principal Pops Conductor Jeff Tyzik leads the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Broadway star Chester Gregory ("Motown: The Musical") and vocalists Ashley Jayy and Brik Liam through this evening full of favorites made popular by The Spinners, The Stylistics, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Lou Rawls, Diana Ross and Percy Sledge. Philly Soul classics such as "Ain't No Stopping Us Now," "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" and "Me and Mrs Jones" share the stage with iconic Motown hits including "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "Don't Leave Me This Way" and "I'm Coming Out." 8 p.m. \$18 to \$123. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patrons@rpo.org.

Syracuse. "Disney On Ice Presents: Mickey's Search Party." See Jan. 4.

Syracuse. Mike Vecchione. Mike has multiple appearances on "The Tonight Show," as well as on Netflix, "Comedy Central" and Hulu. A former special education teacher, Mike got his start in Philadelphia, before moving to The Big Apple where he gained the respect of the industry, comedy clubs and his fellow comedians. Mike has a sarcastic, joke heavy style combined with sharp writing and an understated delivery that leaves audiences in stitches. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. The Ultimate RV Show. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission TBA. Exposition Center, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. <https://nysfairgrounds.ny.gov>.

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See Jan. 5.

Syracuse. "Disney On Ice Presents: Mickey's Search Party." See Jan. 4.

Syracuse. Mike Vecchione. 7p.m. and 9:45 p.m. See Jan. 5.

Syracuse. The Ultimate RV Show. See Jan. 5.

JAN.
7

Lacona. Norway 5K Snowshoe Race. This snowshoe season opener is a great way to start New Year's resolutions. There's nothing too extreme about this course. It offers beautiful overlooks, massive stone walls, and Norway Spruce forests. Register online. 10:30 a.m. \$20 to \$35. CCC Camp, Winona Forest, Co. Rt. 90. www.runreg.com/winonasnowshoe. 315-657-3480.

Syracuse. Clash of the Comics. Watch or participate in a competition for local comedians. All comics involved are competing for a cash prize and the hopes of getting inserted in the host rotation. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Rob Belcamino at rob.belcamino@funnybone.com for more details. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 6 p.m. \$10. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. "Disney On Ice Presents: Mickey's Search Party." See Jan. 4.

Syracuse. The Ultimate RV Show. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. See Jan. 5.

Syracuse. Jeff Arcuri. The Chicago Tribune calls Jeff Arcuri "a joke machine." Jeff has appeared on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," "Comedy Central's Roast Battle," "Laughs!" on Fox, SiriusXM, and a plethora of

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Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

JAN.
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Syracuse. Jeff Arcuri. 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. See Jan. 12.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Cleveland Monsters Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

JAN. 15 **Syracuse.** Syracuse Crunch vs. Utica Comets Hockey. 1 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

JAN. 16 **Rochester.** Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf." Pre-concert activities will be held at Hochstein starting one hour prior to the concert and are free for ticket holders. Consider this concert a perfect introduction to the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and orchestral instruments for kids of all ages. As a narrator tells the story of a boy encountering animals in the woods, the RPO portrays each character with themes using specific instrument families. See if you can identify them all. 2 p.m. \$20 adults; \$10 children. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patrons@rpo.org.

JAN. 17 **Verona.** Ron White. Known as "Tater Salad," Ron White evolved from his cigar-wielding, scotch-savoring Blue Collar Comedy Tour sensation to chart-topping, Grammy-nominated comic and acclaimed actor. 8 p.m. \$60 to \$177. Turning Stone Event Center, 5218 Patrick Road. www.turningstone.com. 877-833-7469.

JAN. 19 **Syracuse.** Eddie Griffin. Eddie Griffin's Stand-Up Comedy Specials have received rave reviews including Def Comedy Jam (1992), the Cable Ace Award-nominated HBO special One Night stand (1992), the HBO special Voodoo Child (1997), Dysfunktional Family (2003), Comedy Central's You Can Tell 'Em I Said It (2011), and the Showtime Special Undeniable (2018). Comedy Central has honored Eddie as one of the Top 100 Greatest Stand-Up Comedians of all time. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. \$48 to \$63. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone™ in Concert. Watch the movie in high definition while a live orchestra performs John Williams' iconic score. 8 p.m. \$58 to \$218. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979.

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Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Providence Bruins Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

JAN. 20 **Syracuse.** Eddie Griffin. 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. See Jan. 19.

Syracuse. Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone™ in Concert. 2 p.m. See Jan. 19.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Utica Comets Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

JAN. 21 **Lacona.** Traditional Stone Wall 5K. This snowshoe race is for those who feel a 10K might be a bit much. The 6.55-mile relentless course has it all. If you are registering for the marathon, this race is included. Don't pay twice. 10:30 a.m. \$25 to \$37. CCC Camp, Winona Forest, Co. Rt. 90. www.runreg.com/winona-snowshoe. 315-657-3480.

JAN. 25 **Rochester.** The Planets: HD Odyssey Featuring 35 Years of NASA Footage. The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra performs Gustav Holst's sonic celestial showpiece to NASA images with former RPO Associate Conductor Peter Bay. The performance also features Debussy's impressionistic "Nocturnes." 7:30 p.m. \$18 to \$104. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patrons@rpo.org.

JAN. 26 **Syracuse.** Syracuse Crunch vs. Laval Rocket Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

JAN. 27 **Rochester.** The Planets: HD Odyssey Featuring 35 Years of NASA Footage. 8 p.m. See Jan. 25.

Syracuse. New York Sportsman's Expo. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission TBA. Exposition Center, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. <https://nysfairgrounds.ny.gov>.

Syracuse. Symphoria Presents Symphoria

Presents: "The Four Seasons." Violinist Rachel Barton Pine leads the orchestra in the second half for Vivaldi's "Four Seasons." The show opens with Missy Mazzoli's atmospheric "Orbiting Spheres" and "Brahms's Symphony No. 3, the only remaining Brahms symphony yet to be conducted by music director Lawrence Loh. One hour prior to to concert, Loh will lead a pre-concert talk. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. \$57 to \$73. Crouse Hinds Theater at The Oncenter, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

JAN. 28 **Buffalo.** "Dancing with the Stars" Live. See your favorite Dancing with the Stars pros plus a special guest star. Watch dance routines in every style and non-stop entertainment. 7:30 p.m. \$50 to \$203. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. www.sheas.org/performances.

Syracuse. New York Sportsman's Expo. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Jan. 27.

JAN. 30 **Syracuse.** "Hairspray." 7:30 p.m. Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy is back on tour. Join 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960s Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. \$195 to \$405. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. amasters@landmarktheatre.org.

JAN. 31 **Rochester.** Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. See Jan. 30.

Syracuse. "Hairspray." 7:30 p.m. See Jan. 30.

FEBRUARY

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FEB. 1 **Lake Placid.** Empire State Winter Games. The 2024 Empire State Winter Games is a multi-day sports event. The Games bring together athletes from across New York State and beyond to compete in over 30 winter sports events. 2634 Main St. www.empirestatewintergames.com.

Rochester. Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. See Jan. 30.

Rochester. KC and the Sunshine Band. Fifty years ago, Harry Wayne Casey—KC for short—developed a unique fusion of R&B and funk, with a hint of a Latin percussion groove, generating a string of hits like “Get Down Tonight,” “That’s The Way (I Like It)” and “Shake Your Booty.” With sales of over 100 million records, nine Grammy nominations, three Grammy Awards and an American Music Award, KC and the Sunshine Band was one of the most progressive bands of the 70s and is credited with changing the sound of modern pop music. \$37 to \$85. Kodak Center, 200 W Ridge Road. www.kodak-center.com/events.

Syracuse. Hairspray. 7:30 p.m. See Jan. 30.

FEB. 2 **Lake Placid.** Empire State Winter Games. See Feb. 1.
Rochester. Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. 8 p.m. See Jan. 30.

Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. Enjoy fun activities for all ages, including fun run, obstacle course, icicle contest, frying pan toss, downhill ski race, snow rugby and more. See the website for a complete schedule of events. www.saranaclakewintercarnival.com.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Chocolate & Wine. Enjoy a self-guided tour around the Seneca Lake Wine Trail while exploring pairings of

local wines with foods featuring chocolate as a key ingredient. Since this is a chocolate-themed event, expect to sample a lot of desserts and sweeter style foods, but there are usually at least a couple of savory foods along the way, too. Each stop includes a food sample paired with wine, plus three additional samples. Early reservations recommended. Seventeen wineries will participate. Tickets are non-refundable. Maximum group size is six. Noon to 5 p.m. \$80 per person; \$25 designated driver. <http://www.senecalakewine.com>. 877-536-2717.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Belleville Senators Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. “Hairspray.” 7:30 p.m. See Jan. 30.

Syracuse. Winter Fair. Enjoy carnival rides, fair style food, family activities, live entertainment and vendor all in the heated Expo Center. 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Advanced tickets: \$5 adults; \$3 teens/preteens and seniors. Free children 10 and younger. At the door: \$7 adults; \$5 for teens/pre-teens and seniors. Free children 10 and younger. Parking is free for all advanced ticket holders. If attendees come after 7 p.m., admission is free and parking is \$10. Unlimited ride tickets are \$25. Exposition Center, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. www.nyswinterfair.com. 315-727-9393. steve@premierpromo.com.

FEB. 3 **Fulton.** 24th Annual Great Eastern Whiteout Antique And Vintage Snowmobile Show And Swap Meet. Join other vintage sled enthusiasts to see and swap snowmobiles and snowmobile parts. Time and cost TBA. Fulton War Memorial, 609 W. Broadway. 315-592-4892.

Lake Placid. Empire State Winter Games. See Feb. 1.

Rochester. Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. See Jan. 30.

Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Chocolate & Wine. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Feb. 2.

Syracuse. "Hairspray." 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. See Jan. 30.

Syracuse. Winter Fair. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. See Feb. 2.

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Lake Placid. Empire State Winter Games. See Feb. 1.

Rochester. Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. See Jan. 30.

Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Chocolate & Wine. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Feb. 2.

Syracuse. Tom Shillue: Spontaneous Combustion. A brand-new show, Tom tells hilarious stories of his youth, growing up in Norwood, Massachusetts. Tom has appeared on Fox and has appeared in his own Comedy Central Stand-Up Special, on The Late Show on CBS, Late Night on NBC, Conan, Last Comic Standing, and was a correspondent on The Daily Show. Tom frequently appears on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 6 p.m. \$32 to \$57. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

Syracuse. Winter Fair. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Feb. 2.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

Syracuse. Eric D'Alessandro. New York native and social media star Eric D'Alessandro had his recent video "Mask Off Remix (Walmart Diss)" go viral, gaining over 16 million views across all his platforms. Due to the success of this video, Forbes featured

Eric in an article about his comedy and ability to connect with fans online as well as on stage. Eric has sold out most of the shows he has headlined, including the Borgata in Atlantic City, NJ, 1,300 seats at New Jersey's iPlay America and the famous 1,800 seat St. George Theater in Staten Island. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7:30 p.m. \$32. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

Saratoga Springs. 25th Annual Saratoga Chowderfest. Family-friendly, Chowderfest features more than 80 vendors. Live music downtown and kids' activities. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$2 for 4-oz. samples. www.discoversaratoga.org/events/chowderfest. 518-584-1531.

Syracuse. Symphoria Presents: "Rhapsody in Blue." Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the premiere of "Rhapsody in Blue" with Robert Auler as the soloist. Gershwin incorporates influences of his contemporaries, such as Ravel (the tuneful first movement from "Le Tombeau de Couperin") and Debussy "Clair de Lune" to pull back the layers and reveal what made Gershwin and his music so timeless and beautiful. 7:30 p.m. \$43 to \$73. Crouse Hinds Theater at The Oncenter, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

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Saranac Lake. 2024 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. See Feb. 2.

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Saratoga Springs. Flurry Festival 2023: Winter Roots See Feb. 16. Enjoy dances, workshops, and more during the event. Dances and

workshops include ascontra, Irish, English country, swing, hip hop, Zydeco, European, Eastern Asian and more. Beginner to experienced sessions. Times and costs vary. Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway. www.flurryfestival.org/about.

Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. From the center of downtown Syracuse to surrounding areas throughout Onondaga County, the celebration includes children through adults. With more than 100,000 people attending dozens of indoor and outdoor events, parties, cook-offs, various competitions plus an abundance of other activities, Syracuse Winterfest draws the second largest audience in all of Central New York. P.O. Box 578. www.syracusewinterfest.com. wacooper@twcny.rr.com. 315-243-2500.

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Clifton/Fine. Adirondack White Out Weekend. The Annual winter festival includes outdoor recreation, music, arts, and food with a friendly, small-town feel. Enjoy snow bowling, a woodland walk, snow croquet and campfire. Check the website for a schedule of events. <https://sites.google.com/view/adkwow/home>.

Syracuse. "PAW Patrol." This action-packed, music-filled production is based on the top-rated animated preschool series PAW Patrol, produced by Spin Master Entertainment and airing on Nickelodeon. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$27 to \$139. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. amasters@landmarktheatre.org.

Saratoga Springs. Flurry Festival 2023: Winter Roots See Feb. 16.

Syracuse. Symphoria Presents: "The Planets." The Syracuse University Oratorio Society women's chorus joins Symphoria for Holst's influential, astronomy-inspired orchestral suite, "The Planets." Before intermission, principal flutist of the Seattle Symphony and incredible soloist Demarre McGill performs a staple of the Romantic flute repertoire, François Borne's "Carmen Fantasy." Crouse Hinds Theater at The Oncenter, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Clifton/Fine. Adirondack White Out Weekend. See Feb. 17.

Lacona. 43rd Annual Winona Forest Tourathon Annual XC Ski Event. Enjoy a loop of 9K of Nordic skiing, followed by post-race refreshments. Race status will be determined Thursday, February 15, based

on current conditions and forecasts. If the event is canceled, registrants have the option of deferment to this same event next year, or to donate registration fees back to the club. No refunds. Register at www.skireg.com/WFRAnordic. 10 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. start times. \$40 preregistration until 2/2 at 7 p.m.; \$50 afterwards. CCC Camp in Winona Forest, Center Road. www.winonaforest.com. KickwaxDK@gmail.com.

Saratoga Springs. Flurry Festival 2023: Winter Roots See Feb. 16.

Syracuse. "PAW Patrol." 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. See Feb. 17.

Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Rochester. "Mrs. Doubtfire." See Feb. 20.

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Rochester. Journey. Following the success of the 2023 Freedom Tour, legendary rock band Journey has announced a new round of shows for their 50th Anniversary Freedom Tour 2024 featuring very special guest TOTO. 7:30 p.m. \$61 to \$361. Blue Cross Arena, One War Memorial Square. www.bluecrossarena.com. www.disneyonline.com. 585-454-5335. info@bluecrossarena.com.

Rochester. "Mrs. Doubtfire." See Feb. 20.

Syracuse. New York Farm Show. Peruse 400 vendors' wares among six heated buildings. Attend free presentations from noted experts on agriculture, land stewardship and other rural topics. Family oriented and farm focused. Food for sale on-site, including the show's famous roast beef "sundaes." 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free by requesting tickets in advance by writing to: New York Farm Show, P.O. Box 3470, Syracuse, NY 13220 or \$5 at the door. Free children 17 and younger. Free parking. New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. www.newyorkfarmshow.com.

Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Rochester. "Mrs. Doubtfire." 8 p.m. See Feb. 20.

Syracuse New York Farm Show.

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Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Inlet. Frozen Fire & Lights. Join in sledding, ice skating, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing all day. Bring your own equipment or rent skates, skis, or snowshoes from Pedals & Petals in downtown Inlet. Watch or join the Outhouse Race and Cardboard Sled Race. Warm up at the bonfire with free hot-dogs and watch the fireworks. Check the website for a complete schedule of events. Fern Park Recreation Area, 11 Loomis Road. <http://www.frozenfireandlights.com>. 315-357-5501.

Rochester. "Mrs. Doubtfire." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. See Feb. 20..

Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Lorraine. Winona Forest Tired Iron Vintage & Classic Snowmobile Ride. Get out of the house for a chance to win a vintage sled. The winner of the vintage sled will be announced after the ride. The raffle is for a 1986 Polaris Star Twin 340. Tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20. Sled will be on display at Cedar Pines. Bonfire at CCC after Ride. Sleds must be insured. Will apply for a permit, so sleds will not need to be registered. Snowmobiles 1999 and older welcomed to attend. Gates open at 8 a.m.; ride starts at 10 a.m. Free. Winona Forest CCC Camp, 20027 County Route 90. 315-771-9085.

Rochester. "Mrs. Doubtfire." 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. See Feb. 20.

Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Syracuse. Syracuse Winterfest 2024. See Feb. 16.

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Rochester. "Rhapsody in Blue" @ 100! The fascinating rhythms of George Gershwin will fill Kodak Hall as Jon Nakamatsu joins Principal Pops Conductor Jeff Tyzik to celebrate the centennial of "Rhapsody in Blue," which they recorded together with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra to great acclaim in 2006. They also perform Rachmaninoff's ravishing

Second Piano Concerto. Jeff Tyzik conducts two electrifying showpieces: the "Danzón No. 2" of Márquez, and Respighi's thundering "The Pines of Rome." 7:30 p.m. \$18 to \$115. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patrons@rpo.org.

MARCH

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS

Oswego. Public Ice Skating. Bring your own skates or rent for \$2. Family skate time requires an adult with all youth under age 18. Public skate is free for city residents. Ice rink rental is available for private events for \$150/hour. James P. Cullinan Rink is open Sundays 5:30 to 7 p.m. for families and 7:30 p.m. to 109 p.m. for the public; Tuesdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for families; Fridays 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the public; Saturdays 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for families; 7:30 p.m. to 10 9 p.m. for the public. 281 W. Fifth St. 315-342-8167.

TUESDAYS

Auburn. Open Mic Night. Watch or perform music, comedy and spoken word art on Stage Right. Full instrument backline available. 7:30. \$2. Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St. <https://auburnpublictheater.org>. 315-253-6669.

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Rochester. "Rhapsody in Blue" @ 100! 8 p.m. See Feb. 29.

Syracuse. Scotty McCreery - Cab In A Solo Tour. Scotty performs alongside special guests Anne Wilson and Noah Hicks. 7:30 p.m. \$42 to \$184. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. <https://landmarktheatre.org>. 315-475-7979. amasters@landmarktheatre.org.

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Clayton. Celtic Angels. Irish traditional and contemporary tunes flawlessly intertwined and performed fully live. 7:30 p.m. Admission TBA. Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive. www.claytonoperahouse.com. 315-686-2200. director@claytonoperahouse.com.

Rochester. John Mellencamp. Fresh off the heels of his sold-out "Live and In Person 2023" North American tour, John Mellencamp confirms its continuation with "Live and In Person 2024." Mellencamp will perform for one night only in 27 new cities, beginning in Rochester. Mellencamp is a



Volunteer instructor Frank Williams helps participants photograph a hemlock tree branch

'WINTER FUN CHALLENGE'

Cross-country, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, snow-tubing and even a guided tour: Nonprofit promoting winter challenge in the Tug Hill region

By Norah Machia

The Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is hosting its second annual Winter Fun Challenge to encourage people of all ages to get outside and explore the region during the cold winter months.

Participants can try out cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, and even snow-tubing at various locations throughout Oswego, Oneida, Lewis and Jefferson counties.

Anyone who participates in a minimum of eight activities in the Tug Hill region will earn a special patch or decal, and all that's re-

quired is sending a list of the places visited to the land trust.

"We are also interested in any photos people would like to send us as well," says Linda Gibbs, community programs director for the nonprofit organization.

A list of places where people can enjoy winter activities in the Tug Hill region will be posted on the land trust website, along with a registration form. In addition, the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is planning several guided outings during the winter season which will also be counted toward the Winter Fun Challenge.

One outing that is new this year in the Winter Fun Challenge may be especially appealing to those who not only want to enjoy nature, but also help preserve it. For anyone interested in conservation, the land trust will offer several opportunities to help monitor an invasive species known as the hemlock woolly adelgid. This insect kills hemlock trees and has been spreading throughout the region, including into parts of the Lake Ontario shoreline in Oswego County.

The land trust is one of several groups working with the St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (SLELO PRISM), an organization dedicated to preventing, detecting, and responding to invasive species.

The hemlock woolly adelgid is actually easier to detect in the winter months, says Gibbs. "They are normally the size of a poppy seed or smaller," she says. "That makes them very challenging to find." But in the winter months, the insects grow fur-

ry coats, making them easier to spot on tree branches.

The land trust has scheduled several hemlock woolly adelgid Volunteer monitoring "Walks and Talks" for anyone interested in learning how to identify the pests and report their findings to monitoring officials.

Sometimes, an observation of the tree itself will indicate if the invasive species has taken up residence, says Gibbs. "By looking at the overall health of the tree, we can often tell if it's been affected by the insect."

The following hemlock woolly adelgid training outings have been scheduled by the land trust in partnership with SLELO PRISM:

Dec 13, 10 am - Noon, Salmon River Falls, Altmar

Feb 14, 10 am - Noon, Forest Park, Camden

Mar 13, 10 am - Noon, Great Bear Swamp Recreational Area, Fulton

Registration is required in advance for each of these hikes. For more information on these and other outings, along with the Winter Fun Challenge, visit www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org. Linda Gibbs may also be contacted at lgibbs@tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org or 315-779-8240.

More information on the hemlock woolly adelgid may be found on the New York State Hemlock Initiative at www.cornell.edu, the SLELO PRISM website at www.sleloinvasives.org or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website www.dec.ny.gov/animals.

Numerous public parks and lands throughout the Tug Hill region remain open during the winter season. A listing of public trails may be found in the official Tug Hill Recreation Guide, and those denoted with a cross-country skier icon indicate they are open during the winter months. The guide, published by the 1000 Islands Tourism Council, may be found at www.visit1000islands.com/request-a-guide.

More information on places to explore in the Tug Hill region during the winter months may also be viewed at www.visittughill.com.

member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. 8 p.m. \$93 to \$486. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtll.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbtll.org.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Winter Warmup and Wine. Enjoy a self-guided tour around Seneca Lake while exploring unique, delicious pairings of local wines with foods featuring winter comfort foods such as soups, stews, and other winter dishes. Visit any of the 20 participating Seneca Lake Wine Trail wineries. Venues cannot accommodate food allergies and other dietary restrictions during Wine Trail event weekends. Designated drivers receive a souvenir insulated travel mug, plus food samples and a non-alcoholic beverage at each participating winery along the way. Tickets are non-refundable. Maximum group size is six. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$80 per person; \$25 designated driver. <http://www.senecalakewine.com>. 877-536-2717.

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Rochester. Rochester Comedy Festival. The show features numerous renowned comedians, including Sommore, Lavell Crawford, Bill Bellamy, and Tony Roberts. 8 p.m. Admission TBA. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. www.rbtll.org. 585-222-5000. mail@rbtll.org.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Winter Warmup and Wine. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See March 8.

Syracuse. Symphoria presents Julian Plays Tchaikovsky. Longtime returning artist and international award-winning cellist Julian Schwarz plays Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme. Lawrence Loh conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 5 for the first time, bringing back to the stage one of the most famous purely orchestral Mahler symphonies. One hour before the performance, Loh will offer a pre-conference talk. 7:30 p.m. \$57 to \$73. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter, 421 Montgomery St. www.asmsyracuse.com. 315-435-8000.

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Lacona. The Orange Course at Winona Forest. This is a 3.65-mile loop trail on a favorite course with lots of variety. This course is all on the trail. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free. CCC Camp, Winona Forest, Co. Rt. 90. www.runreg.com/winonasnowshoe. 315-657-3480.

Rochester. Masters of Illusion - The

Live Tour. Starring the world's greatest award-winning magicians, this 21st century magic show is filled with modern illusions and arts of deception, performed live on stage. Masters of Illusion has performed live in front of tens of thousands of people across the US for the past six years and has been seen by over 100 million viewers on the CW network as well as in 126 countries around the world. 6 p.m. Admission TBA. Kodak Center, 200 W Ridge Road. www.kodakcenter.com/events.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Winter Warmup and Wine. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See March 8.

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Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000. 14

Syracuse. Pinky Patel. Originally from Illinois, Pinky Patel is a PTA mom turned creator, comedian and personality with a fan base of over 5 million. She is best known for her commentary and viral videos from her glam cave that have garnered over 76 million likes on TikTok. Age 21 and older only. The club seats guests at four-person tables, so those wanting to sit together should arrive as a group. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. 7 p.m. \$37 to \$62. Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Destiny USA, 306 Hiawatha Blvd. <https://syracuse.funnybone.com/?t=1667334021>.

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Rochester. When the Saints Go Marching In. Join Rochester favorite Byron Stripling on a journey through the classic melodies that gave birth to the Blues, featuring hits made famous by icons of the Jazz Age and New Orleans favorites like Bessie Smith, Muddy Waters, Ma Rainey, and Louis Armstrong. Byron is joined by vocalist and theatrical star Miche Braden. 8 p.m. \$18 to \$115. Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 255 East Ave. <https://myrpo.org>. 585-454-2100. patronerservices@rpo.org.

Syracuse. Syracuse Crunch vs. Belleville Senators Hockey. 7 p.m. Tickets vary. Upstate Medical Arena at The Oncenter War Memorial, 421 Montgomery St. <https://syracusecrunch.com/index.aspx> 315-435-8000.

For more winter events, visit
www.cnywinter.com



Alternative Winter Activities

Go beyond the traditional winter activities. Instead try something new this year

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

Winter isn't the time to hibernate at home. You have many reasons to get outside that go beyond the basic ice skating, skiing and snowboarding. And some of these activities offer some of the aspects of your favorite summertime recreation.

INSTEAD OF ALPINE SKIING...

Try ziplines. If you still want to get out to the mountains to placate the skiers in your group — and it's hard to deny the views are amazing — try zipline riding at Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua (<https://bristolmountainadventures.com>) or

at Cortland's Greek Peak Mountain Resort (www.greekpeak.net). The vistas and speed are breathtaking, and no skill is needed to enjoy them. Just strap in and away you go! The mountain coaster and bobsled riding at Mt. Van Hovenberg in Lake Placid (<https://mtvanhoevenberg.com>), also offer high speed alpine adventure. You can feel like an Olympian skimming along the courses.

INSTEAD OF BICYCLING...

Try fat biking. You can ride a fat bike anywhere regular cycling is permitted — and much further — because of how the wheels are made. The four-inch rims accommodate “fat” tires that dig in and provide



the traction you need to pedal right through winter's snow, slush and mud. You won't have to hang it up for spring through fall, either. The wider traction is helpful for sand, wet leaves and other lower-traction surfaces.

INSTEAD OF COURT SPORTS...

Try curling, especially if you're a fan of pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard or other team-oriented activities. You can gather your friends to try curling. The sport involves strategy and teamwork. Players work together to advance their "stone" toward the goal. They also try to knock the opposing team's stone away from the goal as they take turns hurling their

stones down a sheet of ice. To learn more about the ancient Scottish sport, reach out to Utica Curling Club in Whitesboro (315-736-1724, www.uticacurlingclub.com) or Rochester Curling Club (585-235-8246 www.rochestercurling.org).

INSTEAD OF MOTORCYCLE RIDING...

Try dog sledding. A few places you can learn more include Adirondack Kennel near Sandy Creek (<https://adirondackkennel.weebly.com>), Thunder Mountain Dog Sled Tours in Lake Placid (www.facebook.com/thundermtdogsled), Mike Arnold Dog Sled Rides (518-323-7622), also in Lake Placid and

Seneca Siberian Husky Club (www.facebook.com/senecasiberianhusky-club) in Rochester (owning a husky is not required). A similar activity is skjøring, a Scandinavian practice of tethering a dog or dogs to a skier for cross country movement. "Skjøring" means "ski driving" in Norwegian, and the handler must guide the dogs in a similar fashion as a sled driver for dog sledding. The Pennsylvania Sled Dog Club, which includes members from several states in the region, hosts a dog sled and skjøring event, Tug Hill Challenge (<https://www.pasleddogclub.com/races-events-source/2022/7/25/tug-hill-challenge-2023-37sxa>) Jan. 27-28.



SNOWMOBILING ANYONE?

Snowmobilers will run out of winter before they run out of places to ride in Upstate New York

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

New York boasts more than 10,000 miles of designated snowmobile trails for enthusiasts to enjoy each winter. From the Tug Hill Plateau to the Catskills, Adirondacks and Great Lakes region, snowmobilers will run out of winter before they run out of places to ride.

Snowmobiling is more than the thrill of skimming over the trails. It's also developing a sense of camaraderie among other riders in the group and exploring small towns along the trail. Snowmobilers spot wildlife in their natural habitat and viewing sparkling winter landscapes as well.

If you're new to snowmobiling,

consider joining a club to learn where to go and to make friends with fellow riders. The New York Snowmobile Association (<https://membership.nysnowmobiler.com>), based in Central Square, lists more than 230 local clubs on its site. The site also guides sled riders to places of lodging and dining along designated snowmobile trails.

The snowmobile page hosted by the Department of Environmental Conservation (www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7718.html) shares information on where to go and rules of snowmobiling in New York, including the New York State Snowmobile Trail System, Forest Preserve Lands, state



forests, Wildlife Management Areas, and conservation easements.

Top places to ride include Old Forge, which hosts **Snodeo Week-ends** in December and offers 500 miles of Adirondack Park trails.

Winona State Forest (www.dec.ny.gov/lands/8072.html) in Lacona offers 8.7 miles of snowmobile trails winding through spectacular forest land.

Tug Hill Plateau (<https://tughill.org/links-local>), with an average of 200 inches of snow annually, seldom lacks fresh snow on the trails. The region is home to numerous snowmobiling clubs.

Another hotspot—or should it

be “cold spot?”— is **Allegany State Park** (<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/1/details.aspx>) south of Salamanca, boasting 90 miles of groomed trails. Make it a snowmobiling weekend by reserving lodging at any of its 150 winter-ready cabins.

Letchworth State Park (<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/79/details.aspx>) in Castile is noted for its spectacular views from summer through autumn; however, the show’s not over after the last leaf falls. The “Grand Canyon of the East” offers 25 miles of snowmobile trails.

Snowmobiles ridden in public areas must be registered; however, out-of-state registration fees are

waived in New York the first full weekend of March. Invite out-of-state friends to join you on the trails. Always ask permission when riding on private land and in public areas, stay on designated trails. Wait until snow is at least three inches deep or you could damage your sled and the ground. Do not cross bodies of water unless the ice is at least 5 to 7 inches thick. Thaws can happen quickly, so check conditions frequently.

Wear adequate clothing and protective gear, including ski goggles and a helmet. Avoid substance use while snowmobiling, just as you would while driving. Carefully supervise youth while snowmobiling.



FAT BIKE 101

And why Winona Forest might just be the best there is for fat biking

By Stefan Yablonski

About 10 years ago, Matt Westerlund, 51, and his wife were really into snowshoeing. They'd go to Vermont to compete because there were none in Central New York.

He started showing up at meetings of the Winona Forest Recreation Association.

"I was interested in bringing a snowshoe race to Winona," he said. "A few years later, that evolved to being the association's president and helping to build an amazing team of volunteers and leaders."

The first snowshoe race, Stone Wall Snowshoe Walk and Run, a primitive 10K race, required participants to leap over logs and stone walls on ungroomed forest trails, he recalled.

"Winter conditions are unpredictable," Westerlund said at the time, promoting the event. "You may encounter deep snow, bitterly cold temperatures, blizzard-like conditions, logs to jump, limbs to duck, wet conditions, water holes, downed trees, steep up and down hills, snowmobilers, skiers and wild animals. It could be a bright, blue, clear winter

day or it could be something much different. Prepare for anything. Regardless of weather, come to enjoy the day with fellow 'shoers, in a beautiful forest."

"And then fat biking came to town. It opened up new possibilities. You could have a duathlon on snow," Westerlund said.

And so, SnoFatShu was born.

Twelve people took part the first year. Now that number has nearly tripled, according to Westerlund.

Does he have a fat bike?

"Oh yes, definitely. Actually I have two," he replied.

Why two fat bikes?

"Fat bikes are exactly that — bikes with fat tires. This allows for flotation on snow; the wider the tire, the more the flotation. One of my bikes has fatter tires than the other. These fat tires, coupled with low air pressure, allow for grip and flotation in all sorts of conditions. You can ride them anywhere, in all kinds



Matt Westerlund, 51, is president of Winona Forest Recreation Association: "I love snowshoe racing and fat biking," he says.

of conditions."

The best, the ideal, is hard-packed snow, he added.

"It is like being able to ride on a frozen race track through the woods — an amazing and fun experience!" he said.

Winona Forest the Mecca of Fat Biking

"Locally, there are mountain bike groups making strong efforts to maintain trails in the winter, and I highly respect them all. It's good for the sport. That said, Winona has 50 miles of groomed trails, across almost 10,000 acres. No one can compete with that, at least not in the Northeast," he said. "As an organization, we made the decision seven years ago to invest heavily in this user group. We've invested tens of thousands of dollars on new trail construction and rehabilitation while simultaneously purchasing equipment to do the job."

"Our group is made up of fat bike riders. We know what we like and that is what we built — and continue to build," he added.

As an organization, they are always trying to build relationships with local businesses.

"As business partners, we both have much to gain. This year in fact, Murdock's Bicycles and Sports in Oswego has been a huge supporter,

donating a high-end fat bike for us to use as a fundraiser," he said. "We have very loyal followers and when they see support from local businesses, they return the favor. I am hopeful Murdock's has seen an increase in bike sales from Winona users due to their support of us."

Winona currently organizes two fat bike winter events. One event is the SnoFatShu, a unique event that combines fat bike riding with snowshoe racing.

"To be honest, after participating in all kinds of events across the USA, this is my favorite event of all time. I love snowshoe racing and fat biking. Put the two together, and you get the best of both worlds. It is a duathlon, two sports in one event. You can do this as a team, or solo. Solo is the ultimate challenge," he said.

Their other fat bike event is called the IditaFat. There are distance options and a place for anyone in this event regardless of ability levels.

Some SnoFatShu participants race 20 to 30 endurance events in a given year, from half marathons to triathlons. SnoFatShu is a tune-up for them, Westerlund said.

The IditaFat is an annual event held the first weekend in March. The SnoFatShu will be held Feb. 11.

Information about these and other events can be found on the WFRA website, www.winonaforest.com and Facebook page.

Fat bikes, at least the concept, have been around for a long time. Cyclists wanted to keep riding even when the snow arrived, so they would fabricate all kinds of methods to extend their seasons.

Not until about 10 years ago did fat bikes really rise in popularity and did bike manufacturers believe there was a large enough market to justify producing them in large quantities.

Like any bike, it is up to you how much you want to spend. When purchasing a bike, you have the choice of frame material, carbon, steel, aluminum, as well as all the components that are added onto a bike. These all range in price. A great fat bike can cost \$2,000. Fat bikes can reach \$5,000 fairly easily. This is true of any bike. Lightweight materials add to the price.

Staying active in the winter months, especially in Upstate New York, is important for your health and wellness. Choosing fat biking is a really good option.

The fat tires provide additional stability that a regular bike cannot, making you feel safer. A fat bike has nubby wheels that vary in width from 3 1/2 up to 5 inches. These bikes also have wider wheel rims and frames.

Fat bikes look heavy, but they are amazingly lighter than you would think. While the intent was to ride on snow in the winter months, most people end up riding their fat bikes year round. They are fun. They are stable.

Normal base model fat bikes come in at around 33 to 36 pounds. More premium models, such as carbon fat bikes, are going to weigh in at 30 pounds or less.

Fat bikes can also be rented and ridden year-round at Greek Peak Mountain Resort in Cortland County. For more, see greekpeak.net.

Mural on the side of the Palace Theatre in Eastwood, designed by artist Dan Bingham.



EXPLORE 'THE VILLAGE WITHIN THE CITY'

Eastwood, a Syracuse neighborhood, has it all

By Margaret McCormick

Eastwood has it all: parks, recreation, restaurants, entertainment, a brewery, used bookstores, an award-winning cheese shop and cheese shop owner, and a plant store that's a great place to see greenery in the middle of winter.

You could easily spend a half-day or full day in the neighborhood known as "The Village Within the City" – especially in Eastwood's James Street business district, which stretches roughly from Teall Avenue to Thompson Road (in DeWitt). But check out the side streets off

James and the Burnet Avenue side of Eastwood, too. The Brooklyn Pickle sandwich shop, for example, an Eastwood staple since 1975, anchors the corner of Burnet and Midler avenues.

The Eastwood Neighborhood Association calls Eastwood "Syracuse's most walkable neighborhood." You'll need a walk after an order of pancakes or the famous frittata challenge at Mother's Cupboard.

BUT FIRST, COFFEE

- **Cafe Kubal:** The local coffee

chain with six locations originated in a tiny storefront in the Eastwood Plaza. It's still there, serving drip coffee, pourovers, espresso drinks, iced coffees, tea and more, including pastries and cafe fare. It anchors the plaza at 3501 James St.

– www.cafekubal.com

- **Cracked Bean Roastery and Cafe:** Cracked Bean started out as a specialty coffee roaster before opening a coffee shop and cafe next door to the Eastwood Palace, 2384 James St. You can get your caffeine fix there seven days a week.

– www.thecrackedbeanroastery.com

COLD BEER HERE

- **Eastwood Brewing Company:** Tap into your love for ales, stouts, IPAs, and other craft beers at this nano brewery at 108 Walter Drive,



on the back side of the Eastwood Plaza.

– www.facebook.com/Eastwood-BrewingCompany

• **Stafford Convenience Store:** The compact corner store at 372 Stafford Ave., in a residential pocket of Eastwood, has an impressive selection of craft beers, including local favorites like Middle Ages. Get some snacks while you're there.

– 315-433-0124

BRING YOUR APPETITE

• **Mother's Cupboard:** Mother's (3709 James St.) is perhaps the best-known diner in Syracuse, featured on the Food Network for its six-pound frittata challenge. Take the challenge, if you dare, or dig into the more manageable half-order (or an omelet of breakfast sandwich).

– www.facebook.com/mother-

scupboardsyr

• **OIP (Original Italian Pizza):** Char-grilled chicken wings, New York-style pizza, sausage rolls, stromboli, calzones, subs, salads - this place has your cravings covered. OIP has seven locations in the Syracuse area, including 3509 James St. (Eastwood Plaza).

– <https://myoip.com>

• **Goodies Mediterranean Grill and Cuisine:** You might know Goodies from the Central New York Regional Market in Syracuse. The Eastwood location (3605 James St.) is mainly takeout, but you can order at the counter and dine on-site if you like. Specialties include stuffed grape leaves, hummus, falafel, spanakopita, gyros, Lebanese lentil soup with spinach and "fresh never frozen" burgers.

– www.syracusegoodiesmediterranean.com

• **The Curd Nerd:** If your sweet dreams are made of cheese, you'll want to visit The Curd Nerd, 2800 James St. (at South Collingwood). Owner and cheesemonger Sarah Simiele, who earned top honors at the 2023 Cheesemonger Invitational, has created a cheese-centric shop that includes national, international, regional and local cheeses, as well as cheeses made without dairy.

– www.thecurdnerd.com

• **Sinbad:** Sinbad (2727 James St.) is a Middle Eastern restaurant noted for both its food and the hospitality of owner and chef Assad Almajid. Start with stuffed grape leaves or hummus and build on your meal with a falafel sandwich or bowl of fattah, which consists of spiced shredded lamb, yogurt, chickpeas,



toasted pine nuts and pita bread. Desserts include Almajid's signature "stretchy" ice cream (rolled ice cream coated with pistachios and sliced).

– www.sinbadsweets.net/

• **KrunchBird at Chadwick's Sports Bar and Grill:** It's always a plus when a sports bar has winning bar food. Chadwick's (2529 James St.) is also home to KrunchBird, a ghost kitchen serving fried chicken sandwiches, chicken tenders, chicken wings with housemade blue cheese dressing, Royal burgers (named for chef Steve Samuels' son), steak sandwiches and more.

– www.facebook.com/chadwicks.barngrill

– www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086555632270

• **Lee's Garden:** In the mood for Chinese food? Lee's Garden, a fixture in Eastwood, has you covered. Warm up with some wonton or hot and sour soup. The menu has all the usual offerings: fried rice, lo mein and beef, pork, poultry, seafood and vegetarian dishes.

– 315-437-3638



• **Kofta Burger:** Kofta Burger describes itself as a "new American diner inspired by Middle Eastern flavors." It's at the back of Marketplace on James (see below). Owner and chef Jullen Merrill's menu includes the signature Kofta burger (a spiced beef patty topped with garlic sauce, tomato, parsley, sumac, onion, and white cheddar, on a challah bun), a falafel smash burger, and fattah nachos (toasted pita chips loaded with shaved flank steak, garlic sauce, pomegranate, mint, tomato, sumac and onion).

– www.koftaburger.com

• **Hieros:** Hieros (2812 James St.) offers artisan sandwiches you'll need two hands to eat, as well as an ever-changing selection of craft beers (on tap and in cans). Sandwiches include the BGLT (bacon, Gouda, lettuce and tomato on pressed ciabatta bread) and the Turkey Day, a roasted turkey sandwich with all the trimmings, on toasted focaccia. You'll also find soups, salads, paninis, wraps, a couple hot subs, nachos, and tacos.

– <https://hieros.menu/>

- **Goal Tenders:** The name of this small eatery (2700 James St.) might lead you to think its specialty is chicken tenders. The menu offers tenders - and more: chicken sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, subs, slushies and milkshakes.

– 315-396-0001

- **Nav's Popcorn:** Crunch and munch as you explore the neighborhood. Pop into Nav's (2533 James St.) for a package or two of flavored popcorn. The choices include traditional favorites like cheddar and caramel corn, plus imaginative flavors like Eastwood apple, pickle, pumpkin spice, Sour Patch and Fireball.

– www.navspopcorn.com

- **Luv Handlz:** This self-serve frozen yogurt shop (2500 James St.) "serves the city" by donating a portion of proceeds to local charities -- round your purchase price up to donate if you like. On the menu are classic yogurt flavors (vanilla, chocolate, twist) and flavors like cheesecake, cinnamon bun and pumpkin pie. Add on toppings at the topping bar and you're good to go. Or stay a while and check out the game room.

– www.facebook.com/luvhandlz-eastwood

- **Fifi's Ice Cream and Sweets:** Fifi's (3021 James St.) is open year-round, though the selection of Perry's ice cream decreases a bit during the winter months. Enjoy a cone, cup, sundae, milkshake, smoothie, smoothie bowl or frappe. Fifi's is also known for specialty ice cream cakes.

– www.fifisicecream.com/

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

- **The Palace Theatre:** The 1922 theater (2384 James St.) is an event and entertainment venue and community gathering place that hosts concerts, movies, local talent shows, the Syracuse Film Festival and the classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show," among other things. It's also available for private events.

– www.palaceonjames.com/

BOOK NOOKS

- Eastwood is home to two



Curd Nerd owner Sarah Simiele.

used bookstores and they're with-in a block of each other on James Street. **Books End** (2443 James) is Syracuse's oldest bookstore. It has a new owner, Patrick McGrath, who purchased the store when its longtime owner retired earlier this year. The store specializes in rare, used and out-of-print books. **Books and Melodies**, at 2600 James St., offers an eclectic selection of books, CDs and vinyl.

- **Paine Branch Library:** The Eastwood community has its own library, at 113 Nichols Ave. Stop in to check out the selection of books, magazines and media and sign up for a library card if you don't already have one.

– onlib.org/locations/city-libraries/paine-branch-library

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

- **Found Things Plant Shop:** Found Things started out in a small storefront on James Street but quickly outgrew it and moved to a bigger space at 111 S. Collingwood Ave. The shop is lush and green and features plenty of plant care items, like planters, grow light bulbs, potting soil mix and soil additives.

– www.foundthingsco.com/

- **Bug, Bear & Bean Candles:** Shop owner Nikki Eiffe specializes in premium, hand-poured soy candles that fill spaces with fragrance. Scents

change with the seasons and this time of year might include cinnamon pinecones, pumpkin spice, warm apple pie and No Place Like Home. Location: 2721 James St.

– <https://bugbearbean.com/>

- **Marketplace on James:** The eclectic gifts shop at 2802 James St., home to multiple small vendors offering vintage and new merchandise (everything from Pyrex to greeting cards to clothing and jewelry) announced in October that it will be closing December 24. There's still a bit of time to check it out.

– <https://marketplace-on-james.square.site>

- **Dalton's American Decorative Arts:** Dalton's is a gallery - a gallery of fine arts and crafts furnishings. Furniture makers represented include Gustav Stickley, L. & J.G. Stickley, Roycroft and other arts and crafts producers. You'll also find rugs, lighting, pottery and books. It's at 1931 James St.

– <https://daltons.com/>

- **The Kia Foundation, Inc.:** The Kia Foundation (2546 James St.) is a nonprofit pet thrift store, pet food pantry and small pet rescue organization serving Eastwood and beyond. The store has food, toys, clothing and other accessories for pets, as well as some adoptable pets.

– www.thekiafoundation.org/

- **Wegmans:** Eastwood considers the store at 4256 James St., near Thompson Road, its neighborhood supermarket, even though it's technically over the city line. It's one of the grocery chain's smaller stores in Central New York, but you'll still find everything you need – and some things you probably don't need.

– www.wegmans.com/

TATTOO YOU

- **Working Class Tattoo** accepts walk-ins every day, according to its website. The studio is at 2641 James St. Eastwood is also home to Vessel Tattoo Co. (3013 James).

– www.workingclasstattoo.com

– www.vesseltattoo.com

(This list is not intended to be comprehensive.)

2 SLOW COOKER SOUPS TO WARM YOU UP

Registered dietitian in Skaneateles recommends two recipes to try this winter

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant



When you come in from the cold after a long day, you can have a hot and hearty meal awaiting you, thanks to your slow cooker.

Soup offers a particularly warm welcome.

Kelly Springer, registered dietitian, master's-prepared health

educator and owner of Kelly's Choice in Skaneateles, shared a couple of recipes.

"These two soups are loaded with fiber, rich in protein, and filled to the brim with antioxidants," Springer said.

"Fiber can keep you full longer and is amazing for gut health. We

can all use more plant-based proteins. You don't need to be vegan, but by consuming more plants, you will reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and almost any chronic health condition."



HEARTY MINESTRONE SOUP SLOW COOKER STYLE – SERVES 8

"This soup is loaded with nutrients and has an ample amount of protein and fiber," Springer said. "Onions and garlic are natural antivirals. Carrots are loaded with immune-boasting vitamin A. Tomatoes have an incredible amount of lycopene, a powerful antioxidant

that research shows may improve brain and heart health.

"Most people don't get nearly as much fiber as they should. A cup of this soup will give you over 30 grams of fiber from the beans and the pasta. Yes, the pasta! This soup uses chickpea pasta, which has 11 grams of fiber per serving as opposed to 2 grams of fiber in ordinary pasta."

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large onion, diced
- 4 garlic gloves, minced
- 3 large carrots, diced
- 3 stalks of celery, sliced
- 1 zucchini, sliced
- 2, 14-ounce cans of low sodium diced tomatoes
- 1, 14-ounce can of low sodium tomato sauce
- 1, 15-ounce can of cannellini beans, rinsed
- 1, 15-ounce can kidney beans, rinsed
- 4 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons pesto
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 ½ cups chickpea rotini

INSTRUCTIONS:

Mix all the ingredients, except the chickpea rotini into a slow cooker. Cook on high for 4 to 5 hours or low 7 to 8 hours. Add in the chickpea rotini 10 minutes before serving and turn the crockpot to high if you had it set to low. Let it cool for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.



INGREDIENTS:

2 cups of dry red lentils
 1 cup of medium spiced salsa
 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil
 2 yellow onions, chopped.
 3 large carrots, cut in half length wise and thinly sliced
 5 cloves of minced garlic
 2 teaspoons of Turmeric
 1 teaspoon of cumin
 1 teaspoon of fenugreek
 1 teaspoon of salt
 ½ teaspoon of lemon pepper
 6 cups of vegetable stock
Korean Chili sauce
 1 can of light coconut milk
 1 tablespoon of lemon juice
Chopped cilantro and unsweetened shredded coconut for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS:

Rinse lentils and soak overnight in 5 cups of water. In a big soup pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onions and carrots and cook for 5 minutes, stirring them until they are soft. Add the garlic, turmeric, fenugreek, salt and lemon pepper and stir for one minute. Add the salsa and bring to a boil. Stir in the lentils and vegetable stock. Transfer this mixture to a slow cooker. Cook on high for 4 to 5 hours or low for 8 to 10 hours. Stir in coconut milk and lemon, cook for 15 to 20 minutes on high. Add a couple of squirts of the Korean chili sauce. Mix well. Serve in soup bowls garnished with cilantro and coconut.

CARROT LENTIL COCONUT STEW FOR A SLOW COOKER – SERVES 6

“This soup is so flavorful with health-boosting spices,” Springer said. “Turmeric is one of the most powerful spices on the planet. It is a natural anti-inflammatory and research has found that it may lessen pain, improve memory, and even fight depression. Fenugreek may

help stable blood-sugar and lower cholesterol. Lentils contain the highest amount of protein originating from any plant. The amount of protein found in them is up to 35%, which is comparable to red meat, poultry, fish, and dairy products. Lentils are also filled with fiber.”

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TAP INTO NEW YORK'S SWEETEST FLAVOR

Maple Weekend in March to showcase the labor of 180 of New York's maple producers

By Deborah Jeanne Sergeant

Thought to have originated with Native Americans who cooked maple tree sap into a thicker liquid, maple syrup products have long been an important part of New York's agriculture.

Using modern methods, maple farmers boil about 40 or more gallons of sugar maple tree sap to produce one gallon of pure maple syrup.

If you would like to see the process in action and learn more about the state's maple syrup industry, visit a farm during Maple Weekend 2024, an open house event where maple farms welcome visitors to tour their farm. Held two weekends in March-16-17 and 23-24-the event showcases the labor of 180 of New York's maple producers, who on average make more than 800,000 gallons of liquid gold annually, according to USDA's most recent figures.

In addition to syrup, most producers also make value-added goods including maple sugar, maple candy, maple cream, maple cotton candy, and maple-based sauces, dressings and marinades and maple lollipops.

Visitors to host farms during Maple Weekend can watch evaporators

in action, sample maple products, purchase a pancake breakfast and enjoy children's activities, among other things to do.

Farms typically display different grades of maple syrup, so visitors can compare them. Some exhibit sample spiles and tubing—the equipment that makes modern sugaring possible—for visitors to handle. From a safe distance, visitors may also see the reverse osmosis equipment, evaporator, and wood-fired boiler in action at some sugar houses.

Many sugar houses share displays of vintage photos and old-time equipment like galvanized buckets.

"Maple sugaring is steeped in tradition for most producers, and they love sharing their passion and stories with the public," said Kristina Ferrare, Mobile Maple Experience coordinator for the New York State Maple Producers' Association in Syracuse. "Families will find the warm and delicious smelling sugarhouses and welcoming enthusiasm of producers irresistible. Visiting neighboring producers on Maple Weekends just might become your family's next tradition."

Host farmers enjoy answering questions about the maple sugaring process and showing visitors around their sugarhouse. Many maple farms produce other goods and offer them for sale in their farm market and may include other farms' goods as well, such as jams, jellies, cheese, baked goods and more.

Because Maple Weekend involves visiting operating farms, expect the possibility of uneven ground, inclement weather and outdoor activities.

Dress for the weather with closed shoes suitable for wet, slippery conditions because sugarhouses are located in the woods.

Maple Weekend will go on, rain or shine. Most sugarhouses cannot comply with accessibility guidelines because of the nature of their business. Not all farms offer pancake breakfasts, but for those that do, ask about any dietary restrictions in advance. Plan to pay with cash, as some more remote sugar houses may not accept credit cards.

To find a sugarhouse near you, visit <https://nysmaple.com>.



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