

2021 Community Partner Events

Durham Museum

Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 25, 7PM

Turn into the Durham's [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) Thanksgiving night to watch their 40 foot-tall Christmas Tree come aglow for the holiday season. This 30-minute program features musical performances by the Boys Town Choir, a greeting from Santa and the countdown to the lighting of the region's largest indoor Christmas Tree. All from the comfort of your couch!

Here Comes Santa Claus

November 26 – December 23, Daily (Tuesday-Sunday)

Tuesday - Saturday: 10AM – 12PM, 1 – 3PM; Sundays: 12 – 3PM

Children can sit on Santa's lap or give the big guy a call on an old-fashioned telephone...you choose!

Season's Greetings, Omaha!

November 26 – January 9, 10AM – 4PM

The Durham has partnered with six local organizations this season to unwrap the joys their programs bring to the holidays. In festive displays, these institutions (El Museo Latino, Omaha Conservatory of Music, the Omaha Symphony, the Rose Theater, Great Plains Black History Museum and Omaha Children's Museum) will present tableaus of their programming and decoration for guests to discover.

Holiday Concert Series

Tuesdays and Saturdays, November 27 – December 21

Enjoy some of the area's most beautiful holiday music under the glow of The Durham's Christmas tree. Talented local entertainers, school musicians and choirs perform as part of The Durham Museum's holiday concert series. See a list of shows [here](#).

Family Nights with Santa

Tuesdays, November 30 – December 21, 5 – 8 PM

During the busy holiday season, The Durham Museum makes it easy for families to create special memories. Santa visits the museum on Tuesday evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plus, be on the lookout for a snowfall in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall each Family Night at 7:50 PM! Families can also take part in creating holiday crafts and enjoy live performances by local choirs and ensembles. *Advanced tickets are required for this event. More information [here](#).*

Holiday Cultural Conversations – Virtual Event

December 2, 12 – 1PM

Love the Durham's annual Holiday Cultural Festival? Join the museum for a virtual spin on this popular event featuring an introduction to Christmas at Union Station traditions and the museum's 40-foot, fully decorated tree. The museum will be joined by friends at the Tri-Faith Initiative for a closer look at holiday traditions across a variety of cultures. This event is free, but registration is required. Sign up [here](#).

Museum Insider Tour: Family Traditions

December 11, 9:30 – 11:30AM

The Museum Insider Tour Series offers a one-of-a-kind, behind-the-scenes opportunity for museum guests. During these select tours, guests will receive gloves and a VIP badge that allows them to enter special areas of the museum with our Curatorial team.

Time-honored family traditions are at the heart of the Christmas at Union Station season. May your tour be merry and bright as we explore the nostalgia of holidays gone by through antique toys, historic letters and postcards, photos and newly acquired objects into the museum's permanent collection. 'Tis the season! Advance registration and payment are required. *Museum admission included. Membership discount applies to those in the household. Space is limited! Register [here](#).

Noon Year's Eve

December 31, 10AM – 2PM

Children of all ages will enjoy this fun-packed bash with live music from Dino O'Dell and the T-Rex All-Stars, special crafts and activities. Ring in the noon year in your handmade party hat while enjoying the celebratory bubble wrap stomp and a spectacular balloon drop at noon. Masks will be required for this event. Advanced reservation required. Purchase tickets [here](#).

Film Streams Ruth Sokolof Theater

Science of Screen: Holiday Edition

December 14, 7PM

Follow the rules and you'll have a cute, furry pet. Break the rules and things get out of control... Join Kacie Baum, Senior Manager, Events and Community Engagement at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and guests, as they explore the science of everyone's favorite holiday ghouls...GREMLINS. Can water or sunlight really cause animals to mutate, spawn, or melt? How do time zones and daylight-saving time affect mogwai? This and so much more will be discussed at this fun holiday event at Film Streams. Regular admission applies.

Student Night

December 6

The first Monday of every month, all regular shows are FREE for full-time students. Just show your UNMC ID. More info [here](#).

Fontenelle Forest

Winter Wonderland

December 11 – January 3, 8AM – 5PM

Each year, during the month of December Fontenelle Forest transforms their Great Hall into a Winter Wonderland for all to enjoy! Experience the festive holiday display of decorated trees and wreaths. Then, bundle up and enjoy their Trail of Lights, as you stroll the first loop of their lighted Riverview Boardwalk. General admission fees apply. Free for members.

Lauritzen Gardens

Merry & Bright: Holiday Poinsettia Show

November 20 – January 3, 9 AM – 5 PM

Thousands of poinsettias bursting with rich, vibrant color fill the floral display hall in a glowing tribute to the holidays during the spectacular holiday poinsettia show. In the center of it all, a magnificent and majestic 20-foot-tall poinsettia tree stands tall. Surrounded by festive foliage, glittering ornaments and the whir and whistle of model garden trains, this show evokes the warmest greetings of goodwill and cheer. To help families make more holiday memories, they can visit the *Family Chill Zone* on the festival garden patio to participate in a variety of fun, family-friendly activities. **\$10 for adults, \$5 children, members free.** Must purchase or reserve a time ticket ahead of time, [here](#).

Bright Nights

November 20, 21, 24, 26 -28, December 3-5, 10-23, 26-30, January 2 and 3, 5 – 8PM

Set a merry mood with friends and family and explore the illuminated indoor gardens. From a 20' tall poinsettia tree to a tropical paradise, see festive installations that glow and shine, showcasing nature in a new light. These enchanted evenings are sure to become a holiday tradition. Standard garden admission rates apply. Must purchase or reserve a time ticket ahead of time, [here](#).

Holiday Harmony

November 20 – December 24, various days and times

During the holiday poinsettia show, local musicians share their talents and perform holiday classics that are sure to delight guests of all ages. Scheduled performances [here](#). Included with general admission.

National Poinsettia Day

Saturday, December 12, 9AM – 5PM

Celebrate the national holiday, commemorating this gorgeous holiday plant, while visiting the poinsettia show. The first 100 households receive a free poinsettia (*while supplies last*). Admission required.

Omaha Community Playhouse

A Christmas Carol

November 19 – December 23, varying times

It just isn't Christmas without *A Christmas Carol*. Experience Omaha's favorite holiday tradition as Ebenezer Scrooge takes us on a life-changing journey filled with lovely costumes, exquisite music, beautifully crafted sets and special effects second to none. Perfect for the whole family! Tickets start at \$40. To order, call (402) 553-0800 or purchase online [here](#).

Christmas in My Heart: A concert featuring Camille Metoyer Moten

November 26 – December 23, varying times

Omaha Community Playhouse legend Camille Metoyer Moten makes her highly-anticipated return to the stage for an intimate holiday affair. *Christmas in My Heart* is all the wonder and magic of the season in concert. Cozy up in our Howard Drew Theatre and let Camille's soaring voice warm your heart with beloved holiday classics, contemporary Christmas melodies and everything in between! Tickets are \$35. To order, call (402) 553-0800 or purchase online [here](#).

Omaha Symphony

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire in Concert

November 27, 7:30PM; November 28, 2:00PM

Experience the fourth film in the Harry Potter™ film series in high definition on the big screen while Patrick Doyle's unforgettable music is performed live-to-picture. Tickets start at \$45. Use the promotional code 'UNMC22' for a 20% discount. Purchase [here](#).

Physicians Mutual Omaha Symphony Christmas Celebration

December 16 -19, 10AM – 2PM

It's the merriest way to celebrate the season! Ernest Richardson, the Omaha Symphony, and a stellar cast of singers and dancers send your spirits soaring with festive favorites and Christmas classics. Tickets range from \$20 - \$45. Use the promotional code 'UNMC22' for a 20% discount. Purchase [here](#).

The Rose Theater

It's A Wonderful Life

December 3 – 19, varying times

Celebrate the holidays with the very first show ever presented at The Rose Theater in 1995! Meet George Bailey, whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair. Featuring live music from the era and a virtuosic cast playing multiple roles, this production is the perfect homage to the power of community. Tickets are \$25. Purchase online [here](#).