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**Festival of Trees & Traditions Returns to the Wadsworth Atheneum**

Hartford, Conn. (November 23, 2021)—The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art presents the 47th Annual Festival of Trees & Traditions as the popular event returns this December after a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19. The event will run Thursday, December 2–Sunday, December 12, 2021 (closed Monday–Wednesday). Festival of Trees & Traditions is presented by the Women's Committee of the Wadsworth Atheneum. Tickets are available now via [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

One of the museum's signature fundraisers, Festival of Trees & Traditions attracts enthusiastic visitors from throughout the state and beyond. During the eight-day event over 100 holiday trees and wreaths decorated by local artists, groups, and community organizations are displayed throughout the galleries. In addition to spreading seasonal cheer, all items are for sale with proceeds directly funding the museum's special exhibitions, programs, and operating expenses.

A \$5 fundraising surcharge is added to all regular museum admissions during Festival of Trees & Traditions. Daily entertainment including live music, performances, and demonstrations by a variety of local groups and organizations is included with admission. Family-friendly activities on Saturday December 4 and 11 include art making and a special appearance by Santa. Admission to Festival of Trees & Traditions is free to all, Saturday, December 11, noon–5pm.

## **2021 Festival of Trees & Traditions Entertainment Schedule**

### **Thursday, December 2**

2pm | Harp music performance by Debbie Vinick

### **Friday, December 3**

12:30pm | Bacon Academy Choir

2pm | Ballet Theatre Company

3:30pm | Trinity College Trinitones

### **Saturday, December 4**

noon–2pm | Visit Santa at the museum

12:30pm | Ariel Flutes

2pm | Creative Dance Center

3:30pm | The Troubadours; origami-making with Ben Parker

Take-and-make LEGO menorahs are available all day, while supplies last.

### **Sunday, December 5**

12:30pm | Elizabeth Lyra Ross

2pm | Capitol Trombone Choir

3:30pm | Silk City Chorus

### **Thursday, December 9**

12:30pm | First String from Sedgwick Middle School

### **Friday, December 10**

12:30pm | Harmonia Mundi

2pm | Stafford High School Madrigal Singers

### **Saturday, December 11, Second Saturdays for Families: Seasons Greetings**

*See Festival of Trees & Traditions for free! Free admission all day, noon–5pm.*

noon–2pm | Create your own wintery artworks

12:30pm | The Sweetest Key

12:30–1pm | New England Ballet Theatre

1–2pm | FriendZWorldMusic

2pm | Ballet Hartford

3:30pm | Concert Band – First Company, Governor’s Foot Guard Band

### **Sunday, December 12**

12:30pm | Mighty Chamber Groups

2pm | GMHS Chamber Singers

The latest schedule of entertainment during Festival of Trees & Traditions, and throughout December, is available via [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

### **About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art**

Founded in 1842 with a vision for infusing art into the American experience, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is home to a collection of nearly 50,000 works of art spanning 5,000 years and encompassing European art from antiquity through contemporary as well as American art from the 1600s to today. The Wadsworth Atheneum’s five connected buildings—representing architectural styles including Gothic Revival, modern International Style, and 1960s Brutalism—are located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Conn.

Current hours are noon–5pm Thursday–Sunday. Visitors are required to wear a face mask/covering while inside the museum. The library and Austin House are currently closed to the public. The Wadsworth is open Thursday–Sunday, noon –5pm. Admissions during Festival of Trees & Traditions are: \$20 adults; \$17 seniors; \$10 students; \$5 members, Hartford residents and youth under 18 years of age. Admission during the museum's daily "happy hour" from 4-5pm will cost \$5 for all visitors during the Festival of Trees & Traditions. Advance ticket registration via [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org) is encouraged, not required. Phone: (860) 278- 2670; website: [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

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