

HOLIDAY EVENTS GUIDE

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"Storm's Holiday Ordeal":
Storm Large kicks off the season with a show of music, comedy, sassiness and surprises. Special guests share the stage. Early show is for all ages, later show 21 and older. 7:30 and 10 p.m. Fri, Nov. 27. Aladdin Theater, 3017 S.E. Milwaukie Ave.; \$30; Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000; www.aladdin-theater.com or 503-233-1994

The Dickens Carolers:
Favorite carols sung in four-part harmony. 4:30 p.m. Sun, Nov. 29. Temple Baptist Church, 1319 N.E. Seventh Ave.; free; www.thedickenscarolers.com or 503-233-5954

The Christmas Revels:
This year's theme is an Irish Mummer's Village Celebration. A nod to the winter solstice that incorporates theater, dance and Irish music. Various times Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 10-13. Scottish Rite Ballroom, 1512 S.W. Morrison St.; \$7-\$36; www.portlandrevels.org or 503-200-1603

"The Christmas Chorale":
Concordia University presents a service of lessons and carols. 7 p.m. Fri-Sat, Dec. 4-5; 3:30 p.m. Sun, Dec. 6. St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 N.E. 29th Ave.; free; 503-280-8614

"1944 Christmas From Home": Tapestry Theatre's annual show features live sound effects, stories and plenty of 1940s tunes. 7:30 p.m. Fri-Sat, Dec. 4-5; 2 p.m. Sun, Dec. 6;



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DANCE

When it comes to holiday dance, **George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker"** is where it all begins — and in Oregon Ballet Theatre's talented feet and hands, a very good beginning it is. OBT's lovely dancers bring back the fantasy Dec. 12-27 at Keller Auditorium. No live orchestra this year, but these dancers are at the top of their game. Sugarplums, anyone?

The Portland Ballet has its own lively tradition with **"La Boutique Fantasque,"** choreographer John Clifford's sweet version of Leonide Massine's 1919 ballet about a toyshop that comes alive at night. Shorter than "The Nutcracker," it's a good choice for younger kids. The rousing Rossini score will be performed live by the Portland State University Orchestra. Two shows, Nov. 28-29 at the Newmark Theatre.

And Portland Festival Ballet's student version of **"The Nutcracker"** gets a fresh look this year with

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