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What to Do, Hear, See | Dec. 13-19

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Holiday music reaches its crescendo this weekend, so get out there and grab some. Plus, a certain little dance number from the Ballet returns to the new Music Hall... and so much more from which to choose...

Dance

[Cincinnati Ballet](#) | Music Hall, 1241 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. 513-621-5219

- **Dec. 14-24. Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker"**

This latest production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" (premiered in 2011) has been a huge success, thanks to its sumptuous beauty and playful choreography by artistic director Victoria Morgan. This remains an iconic tradition of the Queen City – a must-see if you haven't, and worthwhile even if you have, especially now that the show has returned to the grandeur of renovated Music Hall.



'The Nutcracker'

Fairs/Festivals

[City Flea](#) | Washington Park, Over-the-Rhine
45202

- **Dec. 16, 5-10 p.m. Holiday Market**

This curated eclectic fair features a wide range of top quality arts and crafts, items you'll never find at the mall. So bundle up and join other brave souls for some brisk browsing before dinner or after happy hour.

Price Hill Will | Warsaw Avenue Firehouse, 3120 Warsaw Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45205. 513-251-3800

- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Price Hillharmonic in concert**
- **Friday, Dec. 15, 6-9 p.m. Price Hill Las Posadas**

This emerging neighborhood continues to impress with an array of events celebrating the heritage of its residents. Las Posadas is based on the 400-year-old Mexican holiday festival that honors the inn where Christ was born. The neighborhood orchestra (Doesn't yours have one? 😊) was inspired by and includes students from MYCincinnati, the highly successful after-school music program, as well as adults. The party on Friday features traditional piñatas, food, music and dancing.

The Mini Microcinema | People's Liberty, 1805 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. The Best of Mini Microcinema**

The Mini returns to its birthplace for one night only, with a selection of previously programmed short films curated by director of The Mini, C. Jacqueline Wood. Only an hour long, the program includes work by Roger Beebe, Tony Buba, Kelly Gallagher, Marc Governanti, Terence Nance, Terri Sarris and Frank Pahl, Mónica Savirón and Charles Woodman.

Women's Art Club / ARTflix | 6980 Cambridge Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45227. 513-272-3700

- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. "Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict" (2015 documentary)**

This is a cinematic profile of one of the most fascinating and eccentric personalities of the 20th century, a dynamic presence in the world of contemporary art who amassed one of the great private collections, of both art and artists.



Making piñatas for Las Posadas



'Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict'

Literary

School for Creative & Performing Arts | 108 W. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

- **Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Alton Fitzgerald White: "My Pride: Mastering Life's Daily Performance"**

In collaboration with Joseph-Beth Booksellers, SCPA presents distinguished alum White discussing and signing his new book, which details his journey from the housing projects of Cincinnati to the heights of Broadway. He's the only African American actor to have played a lead role in five hit shows: "Miss Saigon," "Smokey Joe's Café," "Ragtime," "The Color Purple" and "The Lion King." (Maybe you can convince him to sing?) [Tickets](#)

Music

Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas | St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 100 Miami Ave., Terrace Park, OH 45174. 513-831-2052

- **Monday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. "Messiah Sing-Along," Handel's Messiah, Part 1 and other excerpts**

If you long to sing "Messiah," but haven't time or talent to join one of the area's top-notch choirs, here's your chance to "Hallelujah." Bring your own score, or they will provide you with one. Carlton Monroe leads members of the excellent Bach Ensemble, a cast of soloists and, possibly, you!

Christ Church Cathedral | 318 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. 513-621-1817

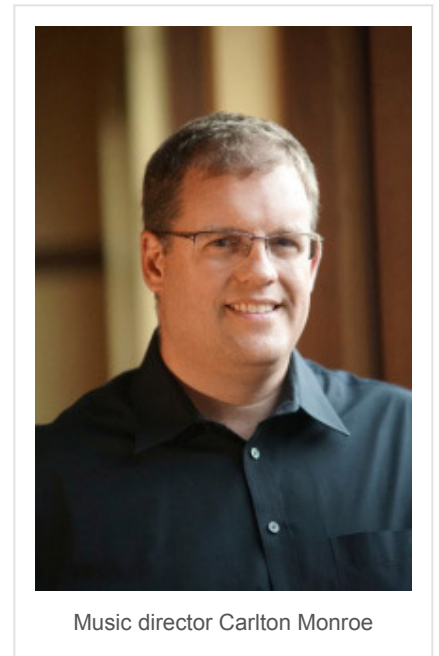
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19, 12:10 p.m. Britten: "A Ceremony of Carols"**

This 11-part song cycle, accompanied by harp, is Britten's holiday gift to the world, a wondrous blend of ancient and new. The treble voices of the well-schooled Christ Church choir have been performing this work for many years during the week before Christmas. How about making this one of your own traditions, followed by a festive lunch downtown?

Cincinnati Arts Association | Aronoff Center, 650 Walnut St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. 513-621-2787

- **Friday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. "98° at Christmas"**
- **Sunday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Mannheim Steamroller**

Pop icons take over the Aronoff this weekend. Cincinnati's own 98° brings music from its latest release, "Let it Snow." "Let it Snow." SCPA grads Nick Lachey, Drew Lachey, Justin Jeffre and Jeff Timmons perform a wide range of seasonal pop hits with their signature tight harmonies and R&B stylings. The 4 p.m. show was added to serve as a fundraiser for Lachey's employee Ellie Richardson, who is recovering from a gunshot wound suffered while leaving work.



Music director Carlton Monroe

Mannheim Steamroller, led by Chip Davis became a sensation four decades ago, and still tours to large crowds each December with its synthesized symphonic treatments of holiday tunes.

Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra | The Redmoor, 3187 Linwood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208 513-280-8181

- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. “Nutcracker Remix”**

Inspired by Duke Ellington’s classic arrangements of Tchaikovsky’s melodies, several members of the CCJO have taken their own turns at twisting “Nutcracker” tunes to fit the talents of their outstanding big band, joined by vocalist Aida Dobbins.



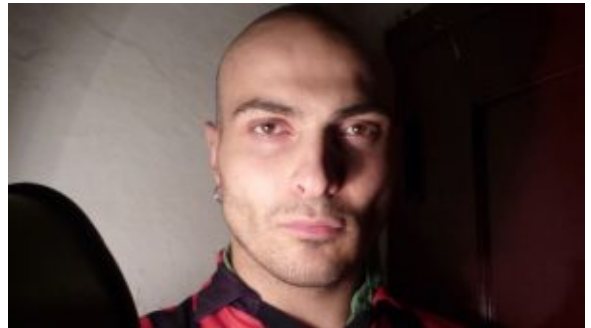
98°

Contemporary Arts Center | 44 E. Sixth St., Cincinnati, OH 513-345-2941

- **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Ivo Dimchev: Live In Concert**

Bulgarian choreographer and performer Dimchev makes his Cincinnati debut, performing his new album “Sculptures.” While his voice is legendary, Dimchev’s performances go beyond singing. Immersive and multisensory, they combine dance, theatre, performance art, music, drawings, and photography.

Salon21 | Weston Art Gallery, Aronoff Center, 650 Walnut St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. 513-977-4165



Ivo Dimchev

- **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. “Shifting Conversations”**: Rebecca Culnan, violin; Jill Jantzen, piano

Rebecca Culnan retired this past year from the Cincinnati Symphony so she could say “yes” to opportunities like this one, and play more chamber music – a real treat for us. BONUS: You get to peruse the current exhibits at the Weston Gallery.

St. Rose Church | 2501 Riverside Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202. 513-871-1162

- **Dec. 17, 4 p.m. “On Earth Peace,” Trevor Kroeger, conductor**

You know St. Rose; its steeple rises up from the north bank of the Ohio along Riverside Drive, about halfway between downtown and Lunken Airport. Organist/choirmaster Trevor Kroeger has assembled a fine 16-voice ensemble consisting primarily of CCM students and recent grads. The centerpiece is the seldom-heard “In Terra