

BRANDON

December 9

Sherye Simmons Green will sign her new book *Tending the Garden of My Heart* at Bay Window Books from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

BYRAM

December 15–16

Lakeshore Methodist Church at 6880 Siwell Road presents **The Way of the Nativity**, their annual live nativity drive-through from 6–9 p.m. Multiple scenes from Old Testament prophecy through Christ's ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection are artfully depicted.

CANTON

December 1–December 23

Come enjoy the **City of Lights Christmas**. Carousel rides, the Canton Animation Museums, and a city square of specialty shops and reminders of Christmas pasts. A great family outing! Don't miss the annual Sip N' Cider on December 8. cantontourism.com

December 14

Annual **Holiday Hustle 5K**. 6 p.m. See Canton as never before as hundreds of runners dressed in holiday spirit race through the City of Lights. Live music and prizes. Proceeds to further academic excellence at Canton Academy. cantonacademy.org



HATTIESBURG

December 7

William Carey University will conduct its annual **Christmas Vespers** at 6 p.m. on at Thomas Fine Arts Center. Performers and speakers will tell the Christmas story through scripture and hymns.

December 14–16

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic "The Emperor's New Clothes," Max Bush adapts the story using aspects of Andersen's life. Show times are 7 p.m. with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. \$5 general admission. **601.318.6221**

December 21

The Winters School of Music will present **Keyboards at Christmas**, a piano ensemble program of Christmas and holiday favorites at 7 p.m. in the recital hall of the Thomas Fine Arts Center.

JACKSON

November 30–December 2

The Jackson Trade Mart hosts the

annual **Chimneyville Crafts Festival**. The finest traditional and contemporary artisans from around the Southeast.

craftsmensguildofms.org

December 10

Galloway United Methodist Church at 305 North Congress Street presents a **Service of Lessons & Carols** at 11 a.m.

December 3–19

New Stage Theatre's traditional holiday gift to the community—**A Christmas Carol**. Call box office at **601.948.3531** for tickets. \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, \$10 for children 12 and under, and \$12 for groups of 20 or more.

December 5–21

New Stage Theatre presents **Beauty and the Beast**, the Broadway musical. A tale as old as time. Ticket info newstagetheatre.com. Appropriate for all ages.

December 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 10 a.m.

Join us at the **MS Children's Museum** for a memorable family holiday experience creating your own gingerbread house. The MCM staff has everything you'll need to design, create, and decorate a gingerbread house that you can take home. Workshops begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. **601.981.5469**

December 9

The **Civil Rights Museum** and the **Mississippi History Museum** celebrate their Grand Opening! At 200 North Street, this will be an epic event and a feather in our state's cap. visitjackson.com. A likely sellout—check the hours and come visit soon!

December 10

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a treasured Christmas show for the family, presented at by the Mississippi Opera at Duling Hall at 2:30 p.m. Opera in English tells the story of a young shepherd boy who is visited by the three wise men in search of the king. **601.960.2300** or msopera.org



December 16

The Mississippi Chorus presents the Christmas portion of **Handel's Messiah** at Woodland Hills Baptist Church at 3327 Old Canton Road. Performances at 3 and 7 p.m. MSChorus.org

December 14–17

Carols by Candlelight—a long tradition and the gift to the community from First Baptist Church. Free tickets do sell out early and

honored only for the first 20 minutes. After that, there is open seating. "**Love Came for Me**" is the title.

December 17

First Presbyterian Church at 1390 North State Street presents their annual "**Lessons and Carols**" at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. See "What's Going On" on page 48 to know more.

December 24

Galloway United Methodist Church presents a Christmas Eve Eucharist Service at 5:00 p.m. in their sanctuary at 305 North Congress Street.

MADISON

December 1–31

The Madison City Chamber presents the **Festival of Trees**. Drive down Main Street and enjoy a Christmas Scene that will take your breath away!

December 9

St. Anthony Catholic School presents their **Starry Night Gala**. 7 p.m.



Enjoy dancing to Doctor Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster, live and silent auctions, fabulous food. StAnthonyEagles.org

RIDGELAND

December 5

Annual **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** at Colonial Heights Baptist, 7 a.m. Breakfast buffet and program at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University is the keynote speaker. Theme is "Peace, I leave with you: My peace I give to you."

December 12

Sherye Simmons Green will sign her new book *Tending the Garden of My Heart* at Mississippi Crafts Center Gift Shop from 4–8 p.m.

TUPELO

December 7–10

Disney on Ice presents **Frozen** at the Bancorp Arena! Tickets range \$18–63. tupelo.net/events



December 7–9

Tupelo Community Theatre presents "**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**." Hilarious Christmas classic for the whole family. Adults \$20; Students \$10. **662.844.1935**