



CANTON

December 1-23

Canton, the "City of Lights," comes alive each holiday season during the **Canton Christmas Festival** with attractions and events for young and old alike. From the Christmas Festival to old-fashioned carousel rides, you'll find something to tickle your holiday fancy. Hours are 5-9 p.m. nightly. Light and character parades begin at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

cantontourism.com or **601.859.1307**

CLINTON

December 6

The **2018 Santa Claus Crawl** in Olde Towne Clinton.

Participants will be given a keepsake mug before the event for hot cider and light refreshments provided along the way. As you crawl, enjoy carriage rides and take a picture with your friends in the photo booth. The night ends with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Santa Claus will make an appearance and assist the business owners in giving away door prizes. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of the event.

December 13

All your favorite local retailers will be open late at the **Brick Street Jingle** with special offers for Christmas shoppers! If you've been dying to see what Olde Towne Clinton has to offer, but can't get here within normal business hours, this is your chance! Select stores will be open for business, and are offering specials and fun activities! 6-8 p.m.

JACKSON

Now through December 15

The pop-up **Trustmark Ice Skating Rink** will be surrounded by hot chocolate stands, treat carts, and much more under The Westin

Jackson's outdoor patio. Monday through Friday 5-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Tickets \$5 per person. Proceeds to benefit Batson Children's Hospital. **601.968.8200**

December 1-21

New Stage Theatre presents "**A Christmas Carol.**" Show times: 7:30 p.m. December 1, 6-8, 12-15, and 18-21; 2 p.m. December 2, 9, and 16. The Jane Reid-Petty Theatre Center 1100 Carlisle St.



newstagetheatre.com or **601.948.3533**

December 7

'Twas a Night at the **Museum** at the Mississippi Children's Museum. Wear your favorite holiday pajamas for an evening of holiday activities, stories read by favorite holiday characters, and the Snowflake Slide for children 36" or taller. \$10 per person or free with MCM membership.



mschildrensmuseum.org or **601.981.5469**.



December 7-9

Ballet Mississippi presents "**The Nutcracker.**" Kick off your holiday season with the classic story! Dazzling young and old alike with spectacular sets, costumes, music and dancing, this performance has become a Mississippi tradition. December 7 at 7:30 p.m.; December 8 & 9 at 3 p.m. Thalia Mara Hall at 255 E. Pascagoula St.

December 8-9

Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet presents "**The Nutcracker,**" a Christmas tradition for 26 years. Come and witness the magical scenery, costumes and beautiful dancing. December 8 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; December 9 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Jackson Academy Performing Arts Center at 4908 Ridgewood Road. msmetroballet.com or **601.853.4508**



December 15

The Mississippi Chorus presents "**Gloria**" at Woodland Hills Baptist Church at 3327 Old Canton Road. Performance at 3 p.m. with reception following. mschorus.org



December 15-16

Ballet Magnificat! presents "**The Return of Snow Queen,**" featuring Kathy Thibodeaux as the Snow Queen. This fast-moving production stands strong on the cast of 75 professional dancers, enhanced by powerful choreography, creative costuming and bigger-than-life sets and scenery. Doors open at 1 p.m. Show begins 2 p.m. Thalia Mara Hall at 255 E. Pascagoula St.

December 31

Get ready to lift off into 2019 at the **Noon Year's Eve** celebration 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Mississippi Children's Museum. \$10 per person or free with MCM membership. mschildrensmuseum.org or **601.981.5469**.

MADISON

December 10

The Holiday Networking Luncheon and Toy Drive has grown into an annual tradition for our community and providers. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Broadmoor Baptist Church (The Venue) at 1531 Highland Colony Parkway. The event is free. The only requirements are to register at bit.ly/HOLNET2018 and BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY! Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi AND The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi will be the recipients of the toy drive this year. **866.729.4479**.