

CANTON

With more than 200,000 lights, the **Canton Christmas Festival** lights up the Historic Courthouse Square in the “City of Lights” and offers an interactive Christmas Village, food and sales from local shops — plus the annual Sip ‘n Cider, horse and buggy rides, and story time with Mrs. Claus. Festival takes place 5-9 p.m., Friday through Sunday November 29-December 1, then nightly December 6-23. cantontourism.com



CLINTON

November 9

More than 120 vendors will line the brick streets of Olde Towne Clinton for the **12th Annual Olde Towne Holiday Market** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy performances by local dance groups, choirs and bands, and visit food trucks and local restaurants as you shop for the perfect Christmas gift. **601.924.5472**

JACKSON

November 6-9

The Junior League of Jackson’s annual **Mistletoe Marketplace** shopping extravaganza at the Mississippi Trade Mart has something for everyone, from entertainment to a live auction, preview gala, food and more. Tickets for general shopping (\$15) and special events, including a luncheon featuring guest speakers Giuliana and Bill Rancic, are on sale now. Proceeds benefit the JLJ, which serves greater Jackson through numerous community projects. mistletoemarketplace.com

November 8

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is partnering with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mississippi Veterans Affairs and the Mississippi War Veterans Memorial Commission to honor Mississippians who serve and have served in the United States Armed Forces. The **Veterans Day ceremony** will take place at Neilsen Auditorium at the Two Mississippi Museums from 10:30-11 a.m. Free admission. **601.576.6850** or twomississippimuseums.com

November 9

The **BankPlus International Gumbo Festival** at Smith Park will feature a gumbo

cookout and live music throughout the day. Tickets \$10 in advance at eventbrite.com, \$15 at the gate. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. jacksongumbo.com



November 14

This 4th annual **Best Dressed Jackson** will benefit the American Cancer Society, which is working to finish the fight against every cancer in every community. The event will be held at The Ice House Venue and includes food and drink, live music and an auction. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Best dressed honorees and top male and female fundraisers will be announced at 7. Event ends at 11. Tickets are \$75/person or \$125/couple. Purchase tickets or donate to your favorite honoree at bestdressedjackson.org.



November 14-15

Don’t miss **“The Color Purple”** at Thalia Mara Hall at 7:30 p.m. A 2016 Tony Award winner for Best Musical Revival, the show tells the epic story of a young African-American woman’s journey to love and triumph in the South. Tickets start at \$35. jacksonboadway.com

November 16

Mississippi Opera hosts **Shattering the Glass: Power Hits of Opera & Musicals**. This evening of opera and musical theater highlights will take you on a roller coaster ride of musical emotion. 7:30 p.m. at Belhaven University’s Center for the Performing Arts (835 Riverside Drive). Tickets \$30 at msopera.org.



November 21

The Hard Places Community, a nonprofit started by Jackson native Alli Mellon, ministers to children in Cambodia who have been trafficked for sex or are at risk. Their annual fundraiser **Dine Against Darkness** is a “limited light” dinner that illustrates the light of Christ that’s needed in these dark places. Come enjoy appetizers, live music, a

photo booth and more in full light, then be led to your table for this unique dining experience as you hear stories from Alli and others who work in Cambodia. Event is at Hal & Mal’s from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 at thehardplaces.org/dine-darkness-jackson. When purchasing your ticket, type “DAD Jackson” under “Missionary” and specify if you want a vegetarian plate and if you have any allergies.

November 22-23

The 38th annual **Handworks Holiday Market** gathers the region’s finest artisans for Mississippi’s favorite arts and crafts shopping party. Market opens each day at 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at Mississippi Trade Mart. With more than 140 vendors and an \$8 admission fee, the market has something for everyone. Stroller-friendly. Food concessions available. handworksmarket.com

November 23

The 10th annual **12k’s for the Holidays Charity Run** includes a 12K and 5K run, a 5K walk and a free one-mile fun run for kids. Costumes welcome! Online registration \$45 at christmas12k.com/registration. Packet pickup is at The Good Samaritan Center (114 Millsaps Ave.), the beneficiary of race proceeds. Race will be held at The Cedars (4145 Old Canton Road). Race-day registration at 6:30 a.m., \$50. 12K and 5K run start at 7:30 a.m.



December 3-22

“A Christmas Carol,” the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and the three ghosts of Christmas, returns to New Stage Theatre as a season extra! Tickets are \$35 at newstagetheatre.com, where you can view dates and times.

RIDGELAND

November 28

The Fleet Feet **Turkey Day 8K** includes an 8K race/walk at 7 a.m. and a quarter-mile Turkey Trot that starts as soon as the 8K finishes, all at the Fleet Feet store. 8K registration is \$30, Turkey Trot is free, and VIP registration is \$60, which includes entry to the store before and after the race for free massage, indoor bathrooms, additional food and beverages. Register at raceroster.com.

