

Holiday Happenings in S.A.

NOVEMBER

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San Antonio New World Food & Wine Festival: Enjoy this festival focusing on the wines and foods of the Americas. Admission. Venues throughout the city. Through Nov. 4. 518-1155.

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Vienna Choir Boys: Come hear these youthful voices. Sponsored by ¡Arts! San Antonio. \$15 and \$25. 8 p.m. Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive. 224-9600.

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A Tuna Christmas: In its 11th season, this hilarious show begins 24 hours before Christmas in the small town of Tuna. \$15-\$35. 8 p.m.; also 8 p.m. Nov. 14-17; 2 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18; 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18. Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, 226 N. St. Mary's St. 226-5700.

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Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza: Attend three days of mariachi music workshops, competitions and a concert by Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán. Various venues. Concert, \$20-\$100, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17. Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle. 225-3353.

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Feria de Santa Cecilia: Celebrate the lighting of historic Market Square. Free. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Through Nov. 25. 207-8600.

Holiday River Parade and Lighting Ceremony:

See this 21st annual spectacle with illuminated parade as the River Walk comes alive with thousands of twinkling Christmas lights. Sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association. Gates open 5 p.m. \$12-\$18. Lights, 7 p.m. Along the River Walk. 227-4262.

The Nutcracker: The Fort Worth Dallas Ballet comes to town to present this holiday classic. \$16-\$45; children younger than age 12, half-price.

2 and 7 p.m.; also 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 24 and 25. Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. 554-1010.

Tree Lighting Ceremony:

Get into the holiday spirit with a Christmas tree lighting event in front of the Alamo. Sponsored by the city of San Antonio and H-E-B. Free. 6 p.m. Alamo Plaza. 212-8423.

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Holiday Boat Caroling:

Enjoy various groups singing carols from decorated barges on the River Walk. Sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association. Free. 6:30 and 8:15 p.m. Through Dec. 23. 227-4262.

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Fiddler on the Roof: The musical celebrates a new production starring Theodore Bikel. \$41-\$61. 8 p.m.; also 8 p.m. Nov. 28-Dec. 1; 2 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2. Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. 226-5700.

DECEMBER

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Fiesta de Las Luminarias: Several thousand candles are lit along the River Walk symbolizing the "lighting of the way" for the Holy Family." Sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association. Free. Dec. 2; also Dec. 7-9 and 14-16. River Walk. 227-4262.

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Winter Holiday Festival: Enjoy decorated trees, light displays, music and entertainment. Adults, \$4, children ages 1-13, \$1; discounts available. 1-8 p.m.; also Dec. 9 and 14-16. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 207-3255.



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Las Posadas: The candlelit procession recalling Joseph and Mary's search for shelter winds along the River Walk to the Arneson River Theater. Sponsored by the San Antonio Conservation Society. Free. 6 p.m. 224-6163.

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A Very Merry Pops! The San Antonio Symphony, Mastersingers and Children's Chorus of San Antonio join for a holiday program. \$16-\$58. 8 p.m.; also 8 p.m. Dec. 15, with a 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 16. Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. 554-1010.

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La Gran Posada: This 270th annual re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter includes a procession from Milam Park to San Fernando Cathedral. Free. 6 p.m. San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza. 227-1297.

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Los Pastores: The San Antonio Conservation Society presents this Spanish story depicting the conflict of good and evil. Free. 7 p.m. Mission San José. 229-4770.

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A Night in Old Vienna: Join the San Antonio Symphony and special guests for a New Year's celebration. \$15-\$48. 8 p.m. Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. 554-1010.

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Celebrate San Antonio: The city's New Year's Eve event features live music on several stages, food and beverage booths and a fireworks display. Sponsored by the city of San Antonio and the San Antonio Parks Foundation. Free. 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Alamo Street between Market and Durango streets, La Villita and HemisFair Park. 207-3000.