

THE LANCASTER DOWNTOWN DIFFERENCE



Your **FREE** online guide to Lancaster's Urban Lifestyle

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Downtown Lancaster For The Holidays!



Experience the holidays in Downtown Lancaster with specials events, activities, dining, and shopping! Downtown will be packed with holiday excitement. Galleries and shops will have extended hours First Friday and throughout the season. Weekend long entertainment includes a giant holiday model train display at Citizens Bank 2nd Floor, and visits with Santa in Binns Park. Friday evenings entertain your friends with Holiday Karaoke in Penn Square. Enjoy the festive window displays of Downtown shops and seasonal holiday lights around the city. Take in the sites under blankets in a horse drawn carriage. On Saturdays and Sundays get into the holiday spirit with strolling musicians and entertainment throughout Downtown Lancaster.

First Friday, Dec 5th

- 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Visits with Santa in Binns Park
- 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Model Train Display at Citizen's Bank, 2nd floor, corner of King and Queen Streets.
- 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Holiday Karaoke. Located at the Heritage Quadrant, corner of King and Queen Streets.
- 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (\$5/person). Carriage can be picked up at Fulton Bank, corner of King and Queen Streets.

Saturday, Dec 6th–20th

- 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Visits with Santa in Binns Park.
- 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Strolling Musical Entertainment throughout Downtown.
- 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Model Train Display at Citizen's Bank, 2nd floor, corner of King and Queen Streets.

Sunday's, Dec 7th–Dec 21st

- Noon–3 p.m. Visits with Santa in Binns Park.
- 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Strolling Musical Entertainment throughout Downtown.
- 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Model Train Display at Citizen's Bank, 2nd floor, corner of King and Queen Streets.

Friday, Dec 12th

- 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Visits with Santa in Binns Park.
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Music Friday to benefit Music for Everyone, Dec 19th

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- 7 p.m. JP McCaskey Gospel Choir performs in Binn Park.

For a complete list of events and participants for the holidays in Downtown Lancaster, visit www.lancastercityevents.com/holidays.html, or pick up your "Downtown for the Holidays" Brochure at shops, galleries, and restaurants around Downtown.



This Month's Events

Through Dec 31st: The National Christmas Center Presents a Lancaster Christmas

With a vision of what Christmas in Downtown Lancaster was like in past eras, nationally-known Christmas historian and founder of the National Christmas Center, Jim Morrison, has prepared a major exhibition of old-fashioned Christmas at the Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum (37 N. Market St.). Visitors will see recreations of Christmas celebrations from the 1850's through the 1970's. Admission for adults is \$6 and free for children 17 and under. Discount rates are available for groups of 15 or more through advance registration. The exhibition is free on First Fridays, 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Call 717-299-6440 for more information, or go online to www.lancasterheritage.com.

Through Jan 9th: PCA&D Faculty Biennial

Come to the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.) to see all-new artworks created by faculty members that teach studio classes in the BFA program, and to adults and youth in continuing education classes. Various media include photography, painting, printmaking, mixed media, graphic design, illustration, and more. Artists include Christine Welch, Daniel Lobdell, David Snyder, Thomas Scullin, Jay Noble, Tim Campbell, Matt Novak, Scott McMahan, and Thomas Bejgrowicz. A gallery reception will be held on December 5th from 5 p.m.–8 p.m. during Lancaster's First Friday. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on First Fridays. Closed weekends and holidays. For more information, call 717-396-7833 or go online to www.pcad.edu.

Through Jan 4th: David Brumbach Unbound

The Demuth Museum (120 E. King St.) will present David Brumbach Unbound: Pages from his Book. This two-part exhibition will explore the work of Lancaster artist, David Brumbach (1948-1992). David Brumbach Unbound is presented in celebration of what would have been the artist's sixtieth birthday. An illustrated booklet is available for purchase with an essay by Demuth Museum Executive Director, Anne M. Lampe. For more information, call 717-299-9940 or go online to www.demuth.org.

Through Jan 18th: Raucous! Everything Raven

Explore the natural history of the Raven with Raucous! Everything Raven, roosting at the North Museum (400 College Ave.). Challenge a friend to Raven Games, have a seat in the Raven Nest, search for "bling" in the scavenger hunt, and find out what's a raven's favorite snack food. Raucous! Admission to the Museum is \$7.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for juniors (ages 3-17) and seniors (65 and over). Planetarium shows are an additional \$1.50 to the price of admission. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Dec 3rd–9th: Think Local First

The Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network (SSBN) is alerting holiday shoppers to participate in the Think Local First campaign. This exciting event will happen in Downtown Lancaster and aims to encourage residents of all ages to explore the colorful selection of locally-owned businesses and restaurants. Participating businesses will feature anything from prize baskets to customer discounts and in-store activities for kids. For more information, contact SSBN at 877-500-6552 or visit www.susquehannasbn.org.

Dec 4th–6th: Dog & Cat Charms Show at Ream Jewelers

Ream Jewelers (58 N. Queen St.) will be featuring cat and dog charms. These unique gifts, created to AKC standards, are custom colored to match the markings of your favorite pet. Hours for the show are Thursday 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information call 717-392-7305.

Dec 4th-Jan 4th: 42nd Street

The mother of all song-and-dance musicals hits the Fulton stage just in time for the holidays, jam-packed with much-loved musical numbers like Shuffle Off to Buffalo, We're in the Money, You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me, Lullaby of Broadway, and of course, 42nd Street. Filled with snappy dialogue, show-stopping tap numbers and a wise-cracking love story, this bigger than life show will brighten the holiday season for your entire family. For ticket information, visit the Fulton Theatre at www.fultontheatre.org.

Dec. 5th: First Friday

First Fridays are a great time to experience Downtown Lancaster and do some Holiday shopping! Join the thousands who enjoy the evening's artistic energy. Over 90 art venues and shops extend their hours to 9 p.m. — some even later! For a complete listing of monthly First Friday activities, visit www.LancasterARTS.com.

Dec 5th: artMARKET celebrates their grand-opening at BUILDING CHARACTER

Join Tony and Marty and a cast of local characters as they celebrate the opening of artMARKET at BUILDING CHARACTER (342 N. Queen St., Warehouse B). The grand-opening of Downtown Lancaster's only seven day market will feature artist demonstrations by local artists and a live jazz performance by The Faux Minx 6 p.m.–9 p.m. For more information go to www.buildingcharacter.biz.

Dec 5th: First Friday Kirtan

Come and join First Friday Kirtan at The Yoga Path (428 N. Duke St.) and experience the uplifting energy of Kirtan, a form of group chanting from ancient India, from 7:45-9 p.m. Afterwards enjoy a sampling of delicious Ayurvedic vegetarian foods flavored with exotic and healing Indian spices, presented by Spice of Life. The cost is \$10 at the door. For more information, call 717-392-3992, email yogapath@voicenet.com, or visit www.yogapathlancaster.com.

Dec 5th: Holiday events for everyone at the Quilt & Textile Museum

The Lancaster Quilt and Textile Museum (37 N. Market St.) hosts holiday events for the whole family. Enjoy a Lancaster Christmas the way it was celebrated in past eras. This exhibition is recreating the local history of Christmas from the 1850's to the 1970's, presented by The National Christmas Center. For a vision of Christmas around the world, visit with Saint Nicholas as he takes us on a journey through the history of this international holiday. In the museum shop, enjoy unique holiday gifts and create a fabric star ornament. This DIY event is fun for children and adults alike. All events are from 5 p.m.–9 p.m. call 717-299-6440 or visit www.quiltandtextilemuseum.com.

Dec 5th: Scherenschnitte Ornaments at the Lancaster Heritage Center

Learn to make Scherenschnitte Ornaments at the Lancaster Heritage Center (5 W. King St.). Scherenschnitte (meaning "cut paper" in German) ornaments are a holiday tradition and making them is fun for the whole family. Come to the Heritage Center and learn how to make these traditional ornaments and be sure to stop by the museum store where holiday decorations, ornaments and gifts take center stage in an extravagant display through the holiday season. Visit www.lancasterheritage.com or call 717-393-3364 for more information.

Dec 5th: Small Works Prelude

Lancaster Galleries (34 N. Water St.) features small works, representing new art by current gallery members and historical works by regional artists. Member artists include Joan Marie Sipe, Jeanine Schreiber, Brian Martin, and J.D. Wissler. The Artists reception is from 5 p.m.–9 p.m., and the exhibit will remain through January 9th. For more information call 800-688-5572, or go online to www.lancastergalleries.com.

This Month's Events

Dec 5th: First Friday at Shaub's

Shaub's (18 N. Queen St.) will be hosting, from 6 p.m.–9 p.m., 2008 Miss Pennsylvania, Kendria Perry and 2008 Miss Teen Pennsylvania, Julia Rae Schlucter demonstrating informal modeling and singing holiday songs. For more information, call 717-397-0336.

Dec 5th: Live Jazz at Ad Lib Cafe

Get in the groove at Ad Lib Cafe (51 N. Market St.) with their featured jazz artists from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. For more information, call 717.330.4204.

Dec 5th: Liz Hess Gallery

On display at Liz Hess Gallery (140 N. Prince St.), a potpourri of works produced by the artist through out this past year, including few fresh paintings created for the holidays by Hess, herself. Also on display is a collection of imported, hand-blown, holiday glass ornaments from Switzerland. Curated by Hess, these ornaments are available through the month of December, with a special reception on First Friday. For more information go online to www.lizhess.com or call 717-390-7222.

Dec 5th: Unguarded Moments: Backstage & Beyond

Metropolis Gallery (154 N. Prince St.) is hosting the traveling exhibition, Unguarded Moments: Backstage And Beyond. This monumental collection of photographs by artist Theresa Kereakes captures rare and classic images from the punk rock heyday of the late 70's. Her work embodies the fundamentals of an era. It rejects the mainstream rock photography, striving to set itself apart from the status quo by reveling in the bare, stripped-down essentials. Simply put, "unguarded moments" are the essence of punk rock. For more information call 717-572-9961 or visit www.metropolis-store.com.

Dec 5th: Veleska Jewelry

Meet Jewelry Artist Lisa Gallagher and Painter Don Whitesel at Veleska Jewelry (348 W. Orange St.). Lisa will be showing her newest collection of sterling silver filigree work and Don will be showing his popular watercolors of the New England coast. 10% of the evening's proceeds will be donated to Rotary International. For more information call 717-396-1123 or go to www.veleska.com.

Dec 5th: Winter Exposition

The Winter Exposition at Annex 24 Gallery (24 W. Walnut St.) will host more than 13 Home Grown Artists in fine art photography, 3D wood carvings, pottery, stencil graffiti, oil & acrylic paintings, handcrafted glass ornaments, sculptures and more! Artists will be present for First Friday reception 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Call 717-341-0028 or visit www.annex24gallery.com for more information.

Dec 5th & 6th: Holiday Open House at Flowers by Paulette

Flowers by Paulette (258 N. Queen St.) is hosting an open house to kick off the holiday season. Featuring watercolor on canvas work by artist Shirley Kneisey, door prizes, games, refreshments, demonstrations, and in-store specials, this open house is a can't miss on First Friday weekend. Flowers by Paulette will be expanding their hours for the open house, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call 717-295-5411 or visit www.flowersbypaulette.net.

Dec 5th & 20th: New Strings

The Parlor Gallery (320 Laurel St.) hosts a reception for the latest works by artist Christian Herr, titled "New Strings" on First Friday Dec 5th and a pre-holiday opening on Dec 20th from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call 717-392-1772 or go online to www.parlorgallery.org.

Dec 5th - Dec 27th: Cinderella's Christmas

The Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre (126 N. Water St.) will be presenting "Cinderella's Christmas" every Friday and Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Cinderella's Christmas is a re-imagining of the classic Cinderella story set during the Christmas holiday season. Tickets are \$9. For reservations call 717-394-8398.

Dec 5th–Mar 1st: The Ice Park at Clipper Magazine Stadium

The Ice Park at Clipper Magazine Stadium (650 N. Prince St.) will once again offer ice skating on the ballpark's 135' x 80' rink. Open skating sessions will be Thursdays and Fridays, 6 p.m.–10 p.m., Saturdays 12 p.m.–10 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m.–6 p.m. Visit www.lancasterbarnstormers.com for more information.

Dec 6th: Needlefelt Santa Ornaments

Create your own whimsical Santa ornaments just in time for the holidays at the Heritage Center (5 W. King St.). These Santas make wonderful gifts or a great addition to your own holiday tree. The Needlefelt Santa Ornament class is from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and will be taught by Kim Hondares. The cost is \$35 (\$30 for Heritage Center members), and it includes the ornament kit. Visit www.lancasterheritage.com or call 717-393-3364 for more information.

Dec 6th & 7th: Eastern Market

Come to Eastern Market (308 E. King St.) for the City Arts Market. You'll find over fifty local arts and crafts vendors for two full days from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Buy handmade for holidays! For more information, and how to become a vendor, call 717-358-9368 or go online to www.HistoricEastSide.org.

Dec 6th: Holiday Workshop at The Pottery Works

Make a Whimsical Snowman Platter or Reindeer Plate at The Pottery Works (16 W. Orange St.)! Paint a platter or plate for all those Christmas goodies and show off your creative side this holiday season. The workshop is from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. and costs \$25 including materials and instructions. For more information call 717-299-9963, or go online to www.thepotteryworks.com.

Dec 9th & Dec 14th: Beautiful Sounds of the Season, Old and New

The Lancaster Chamber Singers will perform free holiday concerts on Tuesday, Dec 9th at 5:45 p.m. at the Amtrak Station (53 McGovern Lane) and on Sunday, Dec 14th at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (517 N. Queen Street). Visit www.lancasterchambersingers.org for more information.

For a complete listing of all Downtown events please visit [Community Calendar](#)



This Month's Events

Dec 10th–28th: A Christmas Carol

Theater of the Seventh Sister (Stahr Armory, 438 N. Queen St.) will present A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, adapted by Gary Smith. Charles Dickens' incomparable tale is truly the Christmas gift that keeps on giving. This profound tale of spiritual redemption is perfectly captured in Gary Smith's imaginative and faithful adaptation. In the spirit of the holidays, A Christmas Carol at Theater of the Seventh Sister is "Pay-What-You-Wish" for the entire run, with a \$25 suggested donation. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 1 p.m. & 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling the box office at 717-396-7764 or e-mailing theseventhsister@mac.com. For more information, visit Theater of the Seventh Sister on the web at www.seventhsister.com.

Dec 12th: Art Club Meeting at Ad Lib Cafe

Second Friday come down to Ad Lib Cafe (51 N. Market St.) for an Art Club Meeting, Ad Lib Art Jam, and Fellowship with other artists. The meeting will feature talent from a variety of arts including cartoonists, animators, caricaturist and live acoustic music on stage. Fun for all ages. For more information call 717-394-3794.

Dec 18th–21st: Sounds of the Season

Sounds of the Season, 2008 is presented throughout the Month of December at Franklin & Marshall's Barshinger Center (929 Harrisburg Ave.). Thursday & Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday at 3 p.m. The whole family will get into the spirit with glorious sounds of the season from many traditions. An ensemble from the Lancaster Symphony Chorus will join the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra for carols and unforgettable music. Be dazzled by Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite No. 1. Deck the Halls with Henry Mancini's arrangements of Frosty, Rudolph and Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Jeff Tyzik's Chanukah Suite. Plus, sing-along with the Orchestra and Chorus. Call 717-358-4858 www.fandm.edu/boxoffice.xml for tickets.

Dec 19th: WXPN presents A Special Holiday Music Friday

The third Friday of every month, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Downtown Lancaster will host Music Friday. Performances will abound throughout Downtown Lancaster on sidewalks and inside stores. This month, Music Friday will be sponsored by WXPN and proceeds from many of the participating merchants will benefit Music for Everyone who's mission is to cultivate the power of music education and community building. They do this by providing musical instruments to Lancaster schools. Performances will include belly dancing, a jazz quintet, solo acoustic, rock and Americana groups. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.DowntownLancaster.com. For more information about Music For Everyone, please visit www.musicforeveryone.net.

Dec 19th: Robert Bobby performance

As part of Music Friday, j. a. sharp Custom Jeweler (322 N. Queen Street) will be hosting musician Robert Bobby, formerly of the Speed Boys, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to benefit Music for Everyone. Visit www.jasharp.com for more information.

Dec 19th: Gallery 141's Listening Room

Gallery 141 (113 N. Water St.) creates a "listening room" environment each Music Friday for at least two bands beginning at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. each month. Locals bands and some from the Philly area are featured. Check www.Gallery141.Blogspot.com for band listings, myspaces and videos of performances.

Dec 19th: Lancaster Galleries presents Festive Traditional music by vocal quartet: Lyrico

As part of Music Friday, Lancaster Galleries (34 N. Water St.) will host live music from 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Visit www.lancastergalleries.com for more information.

Dec 21st: St. Cecilia Concert Series

The Saint James Episcopal Church (119 N. Duke Street) presents a Victorian Carol Sing and "Silent Night," a short musical presented by the Saint James Players at 7 p.m. The performance will be held in the sanctuary and is free of charge.

Dec 26th: Have a Merry Christmas with Ad Lib Cafe

Ad Lib Cafe (51 N. Market St.) is featuring a vacation special on the 4th Friday of December with free gifts, door prizes, and a rockin' open mic & karaoke jam. This event is fun for all ages! For more information call 717-394-3794.

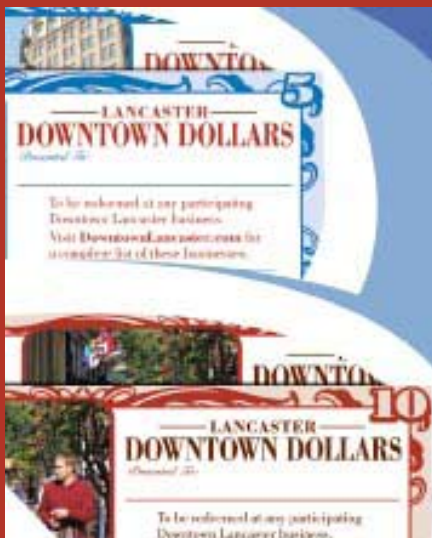
Dec 31st: New Year's Eve with the Gypsy Violin King at American Music Theatre.

Start your New Year's Eve with a night of musical fun and revelry. Joining the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra will be Roby Lakatos, the Hungarian Gypsy violin king, and his five-piece ensemble. The exuberance of the Gypsy band will be complemented by the Orchestra performing Fucik's Hungarian Atilla March, Stolz's Gruss aus Wien, Strauss' beloved Radetsky March and more, all the perfect complement to noisemakers and a champagne toast. The event begins at 7 p.m. Call 717-397-7700 or visit www.americanmusictheatre.com for tickets.

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Downtown Dollars Make a great gift

Lancaster Downtown Dollars make great Holiday gifts, while supporting Downtown Lancaster retailers. They come in five and ten dollar increments and can be redeemed at well over 100 Downtown Lancaster locations. To purchase Downtown Dollars and to help promote buying local, please visit the Lancaster Downtown Investment District office at 44 North Queen Street in the Central Market Mall, call (717) 399-7977 or visit www.DowntownLancaster.com for more information and a complete list of participating merchants. Cheryl Kleffer at 717-399-7977.



Welcome New Businesses

Heitmann-Attelier & Gallery

The latest Gallery to join Gallery Row.
104 W. Chestnut St., 2nd floor

Mamacita Pizzeria

402 East King Street, 717-509-6402

Lancaster Red Rose Credit Union

This is the credit union's third branch and is located in the Puerto Rican Committee of Lancaster headquarters. Opened Nov. 6th.
150 S. Prince Street, 717-735-9533

Wendy Jo's Homemade

This Central Market favorite will now be available 6 days. 114 W. James St.

aZura Clothing

Women's boutique with accessories and home furnishings. College Row

European Eyeware

Luxury eyewear comes to College Row.

Winding Way Books & Consignment

237 N. Prince St., Suite 100
717-405-0273

DID You Know?

Lancaster is the birthplace of the modern mattress. Invented in 1907 by John K. Herr, founder of Herr Manufacturing Company which was later renamed Serta.

Title photo provided by [Russell Frost](#)

New! **Family Walking Tour**

Purchase your copy today for \$1.00 at these museum stores:

<p>THE Heritage Center MUSEUM 7 West King Street Lancaster, PA</p>	<p>LANCASTER Quilt & Textile MUSEUM 37 North Market Street Lancaster, PA</p>
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Downtown Highlights

Art Attack



Lancaster Yarn Shop

Lancaster craftsters rejoice! Lancaster Yarn Shop (136 N. Prince St.) opened its doors just a few short months ago to an enthusiastic knitting community. The newly renovated Gallery Row storefront has everything you need to get started with this popular hobby. The shop hosts two very popular knitting groups each week where knitters of all skill levels come to knit and socialize on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday afternoons from noon to 2 p.m. And with a background in textiles, owner Wendy Ellis is able to assist novices and advanced knitters. If you're not the type to jump right in head first, the Lancaster Yarn Shop will be offering basic and advanced classes this winter. Lancaster Yarn Shop carries a variety of yarns, from very high end Filatura Di Crosa from Italy, to local hand spun and colored Knitty Dirty Girl and Whorled Peace. Most of the yarns are made with natural fibers and Ellis' Ripple Stitch is made with all natural dyes and wool from Denver, PA. The Lancaster Yarn Shop has all of the knitting needles and supplies you need, as well as hand-made gift bags, jewelry, beaded stitch markers, and a small selection of inspiring knit garments and accessories. Lancaster Yarn Shop, 136 N. Prince St., 717-393-4044 www.lancasteryarnshop.com.

Local Appetite



Gusto

The 300 Block of North Queen Street welcomes a new fine dining experience in Gusto (335 N. Queen St.). This Downtown location has been home to many restaurants over the years, most recently Christopher's, but owners Ralph Mazzocchi and Gus Photis created a new experience with Gusto. The interior was completely renovated to create a rich inspired atmosphere with beautiful lighting, wood accents and original artwork created just for Gusto. The inviting atmosphere creates a relaxed experience not often found in a fine restaurant like this. Mazzocchi and Photis are no strangers to the restaurant business or Downtown. Mazzocchi has been a well known and respected chef and restaurant owner in Lancaster for years and Photis has been affiliated with the long successful Lancaster nightclub The Village. When looking at Mazzocchi and Photis' past accomplishments, it is no surprise that Gusto offers such an excellent selection of food, all of which are made with the freshest ingredients and top quality meats and seafood, all with a Mediterranean twist. Gusto is open for dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, and reservations are recommended. Gusto, 335 N. Queen St., 717-945-6906, www.gusto335.com.



Advertise With Us!

For more information contact Cheryl Kieffer at 717-399-7977.

Photo Contest



Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue's Downtown Lancaster Photo Trivia Contest. Congratulations to **John Bennawit Sr.** of Landisville PA. for correctly guessing Fab Fashion as last

month's photo! Be the next person to correctly identify this Downtown shop and win! Clue: This neighborhood Irish pub was named after the original owners favorite pet.

Send your guess to ckieffer@teamlanc.org.

Have an Event?

Have an Event? Submit to us by the 10th day of each month prior to the publication month. January events are due by December 10th. Submit Events to: publications@goodproductions.us

Have A Photo?

Submit your favorite photo of Downtown Lancaster for a chance to see it featured in a future issue of The Lancaster Downtown Difference. Submit Photo to: publications@goodproductions.us



Downtown Highlights

Store Front



Bonbonnaire

"Small indulgence, Big Satisfaction," is how Mary Ellen Kauffman describes the gourmet treats in her Downtown shop, Bonbonnaire (50 N. Queen St.). With a selection of chocolates, caramels and other sweets, this confectionary store feels almost curated. Each candy line is hand-picked by Kauffman from her families favorites and from recommendations by customers and friends. Most of these sweets are from chocolatiers across the United States including the award-winning Seattle based Fran's Chocolates and Los Angeles based John Kelly Chocolates. She also boasts a few lines from as far away as France and Japan. Having a selection of some of the finest chocolates in Downtown Lancaster is just half of the experience of Bonbonnaire's. The other half is the experience of shopping there. Kauffman's sharing nature is what truly separates Bonbonnaire from other candy stores. The store is designed to help you create the perfect gift for anyone (including yourself). Kauffman is knowledgeable of everything in the store, and she can explain what separates each candy from the next, offering samples to help you find just what you are looking for. Everything is individually wrapped, and shoppers are encouraged to mix and match chocolates and caramels. The real treat is when you have finished assembling your selection, and it is individually wrapped in the gift box of your choice with any number of beautiful ribbons. Bonbonnaire, A Confectionary Store, 50 N. Queen St., 717-207-0117.

Now & Later



Ad Lib Cafe & Jon Jon's Sports Cafe

After a short Hiatus, Ad Lib and Jon Jon's Café (51 N. Market St.) celebrates with a Grand Reopening ! . Offering two floors of family fun in Downtown Lancaster, both venues are the brain child of Dave Kirchner, who wanted to create a place in Downtown that is exciting for young people and families with plenty of events and activities late into the night. Kirchner achieved this by dividing the fun between two neighboring locations. On the ground floor is Ad Lib Cafe, an alcohol free cafe with events almost every night of the week, including open mic nights, karaoke, musicians, improv and comedians. Ad Lib boasts a menu of grilled foods, hot & cold subs, wraps, breakfast and finger foods, they have also added a large selection of vegetarian and meatless items. As a cafe they offer coffees and teas, but Ad Lib takes it one step further with fruit smoothies, milk shakes, and virgin daiquiris. For the gamers and sports fans, Jon Jon's is right upstairs. Jon Jon's has a variety of games, including checkers, chess, and billiards. And in true sporting fashion, Jon Jon's will host family tournaments of these games and more including Texas Hold'em. Ad Lib & Jon Jon's Cafe have party rooms available for private functions. Check the Special Events section above for Ad Lib Cafe's happenings this month. For complete details and more information call 717-330-4204 or visit www.adlibcafe.com.

Countdown Lancaster

Celebrate the New Year in Downtown Lancaster. Countdown Lancaster is a family-oriented, non-alcoholic night of visual and performing entertainment. Over 25 warm, indoor sites host performers that entertain throughout the night. One admission button will let you attend all performances and join the Center Stage activities for a Countdown to the New Year, the ascension of the red rose and a fireworks display. Admission Buttons are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the event and all of the fun begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information and a complete list of entertainment and button sale locations, call 717-392-2115 or go online to www.lancasterrec.org

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Stay Overnight in Downtown Lancaster This New Years Holiday

Lancaster ARTS Hotel

Kick off the New Years holiday with special holiday package at Lancaster ARTS Hotel. Toast with a complimentary bottle of champagne in your room. Ring in the new year with a dinner at one of the following restaurants in walking distance from your hotel room; Checkers Bistro, John J Jeffries, or Rosa Rosa. And start 2009 with a fresh, local breakfast in the hotel and don't worry about rushing home, because the Lancaster ARTS Hotel is offering a late check out on January 1st. For more information call 717-299-2000 or visit www.lancasterartshotel.com.

Hotel Brunswick

Get close to all the action in Downtown Lancaster with the Hotel Brunswick's this New Years Eve. This package includes two free tickets to Countdown Lancaster where you'll find all the great music, magic, and art events right outside the hotel doors. Dine out with \$20 worth of Downtown Dollars redeemable at more than 100 restaurants, attractions, and shops - all within walking distance of the Hotel. If one nights stay in Downtown Lancaster isn't enough, stay an additional night for only \$89.99. For more information call 717-305-7654, or go online to www.hotelbrunswick.com/packages.html.

Upcoming Events

Jan 16th–Feb 20th: Join PCA&D for a host of arts events in January

Pennsylvanian College of Art & Design has a series of arts events this January. Beginning with an exhibition by Brooklyn artist Lori Nix "The City and Other Places" from Jan. 16th–Feb 20th. This exhibition showcases photographs of Nix's meticulously created mini-environments. On Jan 17th PCA&D hosts an open-house. Guests are invited to learn more about the colleges B.F.A programs, tour the schools newly expanded buildings, see what current students are doing, and prospective students can have their portfolio's reviewed. At the end of the month (Jan 30th), PCA&D hosts the Artists' Café in the main gallery. Enjoy the current exhibit and meet artists and arts enthusiasts while enjoying coffees, tantalizing desserts, friendly conversation, and live music. For details on all of these events and more, visit www.pcad.edu or call 717-396-7833.

Feb 26th–Mar 13th: The Tragedy of King Richard the Third

The villain everyone loves to hate, Richard III is coming to the Theater of the Seventh Sister (438 N. Queen St.) in this compelling Shakespeare Play. A self-proclaimed villain, Richard, Duke of Gloucester betrays, seduces and slaughters his way to the throne. Unstoppable in his ambition and mesmerizing in his machinations, Richard is the bloody personification of unchecked personal ambition. One of Shakespeare's most popular plays, The Tragedy of King Richard the Third explores the nature of power, jealousy, and fate in a way that has captivated audiences for centuries. Performances run on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. General admission \$25, Seniors (65+) \$23, Students (13-College) \$20, Juniors (12 and under) \$15. Reserve tickets by calling the box office at (717) 396-7764 or e-mailing theseventhsister@mac.com. For more information, visit Theater of the Seventh Sister online at www.seventhsister.com.

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