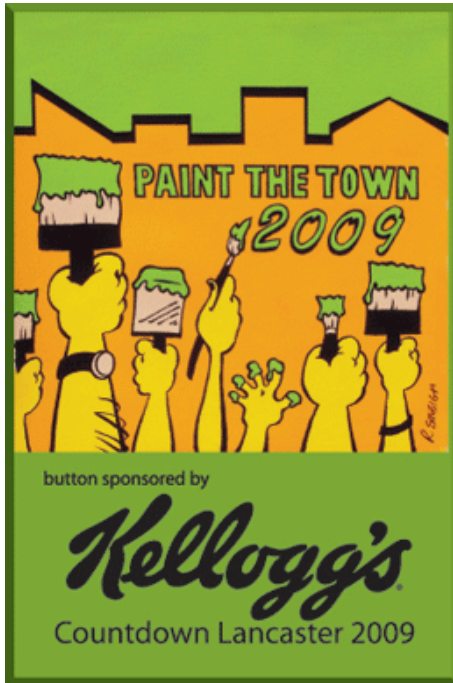


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Countdown Lancaster 2009-New Year's Eve Extravaganza



Lancaster County's Premier New Year's Eve party is Countdown Lancaster with 25 warm indoor performances to keep you out of the cold on New Year's Eve. This year's events include juggling, fishing comedy, improv, barbershop, stunt comedy, musical comedy, gospel, variety acts and folk music. If you're more interested in doing than watching, you can paint the town, create your own resolution mug, learn colonial dancing and games, go ice skating, explore the science museum, help create a large mosaic, learn African drumming or compete against others in our first Dance, Dance Revolution competition. Drop your teens off at Teen Idol or Battle of the Bands, then rendezvous at center stage for the outdoor entertainment of Chuck Cahoe and the Fun Junkies – music that is sure to keep you warm and having fun as the city rings in the new year with a spectacular fireworks display at midnight.

"Kid Time" starts at 5:15 p.m. with free admission to all those 5 and under. This year's Kid Time events include a magic show, interactive variety music and a puppet/ventriloquist act. In addition, ice skating begins at 6:30 p.m. (Clipper Magazine Stadium) and Make Your Own Mug opens at 10 a.m. (Pottery Works).

Buttons can be purchased at the following locations: City Hall, Isaac's Restaurant, Lancaster Public Library, Cross Keys Coffee & Teas, Lancaster Arts Hotel, Lancaster Science Center any Turkey Hill, Minit Market, Darrenkamp's Food Market or Wachovia Bank. Ticket prices are \$10 adult, \$5 for children 6-12 (ages 5 and under are free), \$15 for a cozy couple pack or \$20 for a family pack. You can't beat the price for great entertainment and a night full of memories. Gate prices: \$15 adult, \$5 kids.

There are free noisemakers, free bus rides and easy parking that is just \$3 for the night. You can also visit www.LancasterRec.org (or call Lancaster Rec at 392-2115 x129) to purchase buttons, review the entertainment or find locations selling admission buttons in your area. So come on out and experience the performing and visual arts in historic Downtown Lancaster as our many community-provided venues become a stage in a wonderful celebration of the arts!

This Month's Events

Through Jan 4th: 42nd Street

The mother of all song-and-dance musicals hits the Fulton stage (12 N. Prince St.) just in time for the holidays, jam-packed with much-loved musical numbers like "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," and of course, "42nd Street." Filled with snappy dialogue, show-stopping tap numbers and a wisecracking 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.

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 60th 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 9th: PCA&D Faculty Biennial

Visit 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 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 5 from 5 to 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 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 for adults, and \$6 for juniors (ages 3-17) and seniors (65 and over). Planetarium shows are an additional \$1.50. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

This Month's Events

Through Jan 31st: 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. For more information call 800-688-5572, or go online to www.lancastergalleries.com.

Through Jan 31st: Winter Exposition

Annex 24 Gallery (24 W. Walnut Street) hosts the Winter Exposition with more than 13 homegrown artists in fine art, photography, 3D wood carving, pottery, stencil graffiti, painting, and handcrafted glass ornaments. Artists will be present for the First Friday reception Jan 2nd. For more information visit www.annex24gallery.com or call (717) 341-0028.

Through Jan 31st: 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

Through March 1st: Skating at Clipper Magazine Stadium

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

Jan 2nd: First Friday Kirtan

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 p.m. to 9 p.m. Afterward 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.

Jan 4th: Family Science Day at the North Museum

Come to the North Museum (400 College Ave.) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Family Science Sunday – Science fun for everyone! Explore the Museum and participate in the hands-on activities, science demonstrations, interactives, and more. Sponsored by the Dart Foundation. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Jan 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th: Read Touch & Discover at the North Museum

The North Museum (400 College Ave.) hosts Read, Touch & Discover. Using a different book each week, this program encourages young children ages 3 to 5 and their parents to explore their world. The Museum is free for children under three, and the event is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Jan 8th -18th: The Exonerated Presented by Theater of the Seventh Sister

The Exonerated tells the true stories of five men and one woman who spent up to 22 years on death row before they were found innocent. Moving between first person monologues and scenes set in courtrooms and prisons, the six interwoven stories paint a picture of an American criminal justice system gone horribly wrong and of six brave souls who persevere. Powerful, and thought-provoking, The Exonerated is absolutely riveting theater. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Theater of the Seventh Sister (Stahr Performing Arts Center, 438 N. Queen St.) \$25 for general admission. For more information call (717) 396-7764 or visit www.seventhsister.org

Jan 10th: Grands are Grand!

Grands are Grand! provides grandparents and their grandchildren ages 3-5 the opportunity to work together and explore the world around them using stories, touchable specimens and craft activities at the North Museum (400 College Ave.) For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Jan 13th: The Appreciation of Art: What is Public Art?

Take a closer look at public art around the world and in your own backyard at the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design. Facilitated by Deirdre Foley Citro, this session explores definitions of public art, and how it creates attractive urban spaces that draw visitors and enrich the lives of residents. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$25 per person. Register by contacting the college at ce@pcad.edu or (717) 396-7833, ext. 1019 or 1022.

Jan 14th: The Business of Art: Selling Art on the Internet

From 6 .m. to 9 p.m. at the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, you can learn the basics of selling your artwork on the Internet. Led by Thomas Wren, topics include: writing a business plan with an e-commerce model, building a basic Web site to sell your work, an overview of e-commerce and how it has revolutionized selling, and shopping trends. \$30 per person. Register by contacting the College at ce@pcad.edu or (717) 396-7833, ext. 1019 or 1022.

Jan 16th - Feb 20th: The City and Other Places: Photos by Lori Nix

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design presents the work of Brooklyn-based artist Lori Nix. Nix's work explores a world overrun by natural disaster. Blurring the lines between truth and illusion, Nix constructs and photographs fascinating mini environments. The resulting images are tantalizingly real and stimulate imagination with a fantastic sense of scale, dramatically lit colors and enticing narratives. An artist's reception will be held in the PCA&D Main Gallery on First Friday, Feb. 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.pcad.edu.

Jan 16th: Gallery 141's Listening Room

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

Jan 16th, 17th & 18th: Stravinsky's Firebird

The Lancaster Symphony Orchestra presents Stravinsky's "Firebird"; an upbeat, soaring flight of fantasy that combines the romance of Tchaikovsky and the spice of Rimsky-Korsakov. Piano Concerto No. 2, Chopin's delicate, yearning work laden with lilting melodies is a playground for virtuosic fanfare for pianist Michael Sheppard. Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulton Opera House. Call (717) 397-7425 or visit www.thefulton.org for tickets.

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This Month's Events

Jan 17th: Pennsylvania College of Art & Design Open House

From 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.) hosts an open house, the perfect opportunity to visit PCA&D and learn about its B.F.A. programs in fine arts, illustration, graphic design, and photography. Have your portfolio reviewed, meet faculty and students, tour the newly expanded buildings and see what current PCA&D students are creating. You will also learn about financial aid, housing options, and the College's pre-college offerings for high school students. PCA&D Application fee waived if you apply during the Open House! Register online at www.pcad.edu or call the admission office at (717) 396-7833.

Jan 17th through May 16th: Rhythm for Your Soul, Drumming with Tammi Hessen

Come to Radiance (9 W. Grant St.) the 3rd Saturday of each month and explore the ancient rhythms within yourself! Instructor Tammi Hessen will lead you through the story of the djembe drum, the basics of how to play the djembe and dunun drums, and how to put the techniques together to learn ancient traditional rhythms and songs. Classes are for drummers of all ages and all skill levels. Classes are every 3rd Saturday through May, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Participants are welcome to rent a djembe for \$2 or bring frame drums to play during the rhythms. For more information call Radiance at (717) 290-1517.

Jan 18th & 25th: Saint Cecelia Concert Series

Saint James Episcopal Church (119 N. Duke St.) continues their Saint Cecelia Concert Series with two concerts in January. The first event, Simple Gifts, on Sunday Jan 18 is a performance by three women playing twelve different instruments between them. On Sunday Jan 25, "Beyond Ourselves" features Ryan Kaufman, Doris Hall-Gulati, Christy Heatwole, and Rosemary Seigrist. Both events begin at 4 p.m. For more information call (717) 397-4858 visit www.stjameslanpa.org.

Jan 29th - Feb 15th: Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest"

When a stranger crashes his car on a foggy night, he approaches the nearest house looking for help. What he finds is a man shot dead in his chair and the victim's wife holding the murder weapon. But if you think that spells an open-and-shut case, you don't know Agatha Christie. The undisputed Queen of Crime returns to the Fulton stage with another pulse-pounding tale filled with false leads, red herrings and a host of probable suspects. Get ready to have your mind twisted like a pretzel by this ultra-suspenseful whodunit at The Fulton (12 N. Prince St.). Call (717) 397-7425 or visit www.thefulton.org for tickets.

Jan 29th - May 15th: Arctic Adventure Exhibit at the North Museum

Bear facts and whale tales are just the tip of the iceberg at Arctic Adventure, the newest and coolest exhibition coming to the North Museum (400 College Ave.). The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Jan 30th: Artists' Café

In the Main Gallery at Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.), from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy the current exhibit, "The City and Other Places: Photos by Lori Nix," without the First Friday crowds. Meet artists and arts enthusiasts. Aromatic coffees, tantalizing desserts, friendly people, and live music. This event is free and open to the public. Complete information about events at PCA&D is online at www.pcad.edu or by calling (717) 396-7833.

Jan 31st: Portfolio Preparation Workshop.

Perfect for high school students and non-traditional students (adults) considering a college education in the arts, the workshop at Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.) is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn how to visually and verbally present your work and select the type of artworks that should be in a portfolio. Sample successful portfolios in a range of media will be explored. This event is \$100 per person, register by contacting the College at ce@pcad.edu or (717) 396-7833, ext. 1019 or 1022.

Jan 31st: Beginner Rug Hooking

Sponsored by the , at the Heritage Museum, this beginners class will feature an elegant pattern: "Leaf a la O'Keefe." The project will use hand dyed wools in rich autumn colors. Students will create a 12" x 12" piece suitable for framing or creating a tote bag, table mat or pillow. Beginner Rug Hooking is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jasper Yeates Educational Center(24 S. Queen St.). Register by Jan 10th. Cost \$70 (\$65 for members of the Heritage Center). For more information call (717) 299-6440.

Jan 31st & Feb 1st: Chocolate Moose Daze

This year, the North Museum (400 College Ave.) hosts local chocolate aficionados who will share their love of chocolate, plus convene an all-moose scavenger hunt, moose crafts, games, and yummy treats sure to make Chocolate Moose Daze the sweetest event of the year. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

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Downtown Dollars are still available

Downtown Dollars make great gifts and benefit Downtown Lancaster retailers. The dollars come in denominations of five and ten dollars and can be purchased at the Downtown Investment District office, 44 North Queen Street, in the Central Market Mall. For more information contact Cheryl Kieffer at 717-399-7977.



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342 North Queen Street, Building Character's artMARKET

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336 N. Prince Street

DID You Know?

Famed pamphleteer, and revolutionary author of the pro-independence "Common Sense" monograph, Thomas Paine, lived for a short time in Lancaster City.

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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 **Lindsay Hess** of Fox Chapel Publishing. for correctly guessing

Molly's Pub as last month's photo! Be the next person to correctly identify this Downtown shop and win! Clue: This Downtown Lancaster shop ads a little romance to every part of your house.

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. February events are due by January 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

Art Attack



Queue Studio

Queue Studio expands the Lancaster Art community east with their new Duke Street location. Founded by sisters April Owens and Amanda Ellinger, Queue Studio has quickly grown to exhibit the works of 19 local and regional artists. This month, Queue Studio evolves from simply exhibiting the artists work to inviting each artist to become a part of the community as the gallery evolves into an artists co-op. This shift gives member artists the opportunity to show their work frequently, host grassroots art events and offer classes in the coming months. In addition to the exhibition space in the gallery, co-owner Amanda, brings her hair styling experience from Los Angeles to the hair studio in the back of the storefront. Queue Studio, 218 N. Duke St., (717) 481-2916.

Local Appetite



Checkers Bistro

Since their grand opening in November 2006, Checkers continues to serve casual dining with superb service and food. Some locals refer to Checkers as "Tony's Place", referring to one of the co-owners' past lives as a Pressroom bartender. The great thing about this place is it speaks to any person and welcomes any occasion - you simply don't feel out-of-place. Checkers offers a wide spectrum of food as head chef, Danial Quisphe - who gained his vast experience from New York City, brings his skills to Lancaster, blending local influences with eclectic dishes. Using the Tappas concept of "small plates", Checkers has provided their guests with that perfect balance of local and eclectic tastes. Continuing with a variety of choice sandwiches, salads, oven-baked pizzas, pastas & entrées, their bistro-style menu is available all day long. On top of it all, a portion of their annual profits go back into community as donations to local causes. Checkers Bistro, 300 West James Street, (717) 509-1069, www.checkersbistro.com.

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Store Front



Zap Home Collective

Downtown Lancaster recently went a little more retro when Zap Home opened its doors on ArtWalk weekend in October. An extension of Zap & Co., Lancaster's most established vintage department store, Zap Home Collective focuses on everything for the home. Owned by husband and wife, Steve Murray and Elizabeth Hine, Zap Home Collective focuses on mid-century modern decor. The origins of Zap Home Collective humbly began when Murray and Hine rented the warehouse space simply to organize the vintage and rare items that stacked up in their warehouse. These retro home furnishings were regularly transported up to the Chelsea Market in New York. As Hine went through the items they had in this new space, she began seeing the potential of their new storage space. This warehouse shop boasts an open floor plan, exposed brick and hardwood floors, which complement the hip modern styles of Zap's collection. Zap Home Collective, 24 W. Walnut St. (717) 397-7405.

Now & Later



Sakura

Sakura restaurant reopened in mid-April with an elegant decor and expanded menu. The dark interior and subtle lighting offer an authentic urban environment for enjoying classic and original dishes from China, Thailand, and Japan. Manager Jan Tang says many of the items on their Thai Dynasty menu are very popular. This may have something to do with the spices used in Sakura's recipes, many imported directly from Thailand and difficult to find in the U.S. Though the Thai dishes are quite popular, many patrons come for the sushi. Sakura's atmosphere invites visitors to sample a variety of sushi from classics like the California roll and tuna roll to original creations by Sushi Chef Kevin Chen. Sushi is an excellent choice says Tang, who says that Sushi is very healthy, high in protein and may let you live longer. Sakura is open daily Monday through Saturday and offers a variety of Lunch specials daily. Sakura Asian Fusion, 22 N. Queen St., (717) 509-2838, www.sakurasian.com.

Upcoming Events

Feb 1st–28th: 7th Annual Art in a Box Exhibition at the Demuth Museum

The Demuth Museum will kick-off its 2009 exhibition season with the Seventh Annual Art in a Box Exhibition and an opening reception Sunday, Feb 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibition features the artwork of over 70 students from Lancaster city and county schools exploring five different themes: architecture, portraiture, art from poetry, art from life and illustration. School districts contributing to this years exhibition include Donegal School District, Hempfield School District, and the School District of Lancaster, along with Lancaster Country Day School.

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, 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 Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays at 8 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.

Mar 12th–29th: Parade at the Fulton

"Parade" begins on the night of the Confederate Memorial Day parade in 1913 Georgia, when a young girl's body is found in a factory basement. The hunt for the perpetrator quickly centers on Leo Frank, the factory's Jewish foreman. An overzealous prosecutor and an unscrupulous newsman quickly whip the people of the town into a frenzy. Based on a true story, this powerful, dramatic musical explores the ways in which adversity brings out the worst in some people and the best in others. "Parade" was the winner of the 2000 Tony for Best Score and Best Book. The Fulton, 12 N. Prince St. Call (717) 397-7425 or visit www.thefulton.org for tickets.

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