

2016 Holiday Light Tour

Wednesday,
December 14th



Join us for the annual Holiday Light Tour! You can join us at any time, and everyone and anyone is invited.

As always, all of the events are free.

Oh, and dress for the weather!

Schedule of Events

5:15pm Look for me at the east entrance to City Hall (Macy's is on that side) – at 5:15 we begin our commute to the Reading Terminal Market

5:30pm – Check out the Holiday Railway Exhibit (located in the center of the Reading Terminal Market, 12th & Filbert Streets) – maybe time for a snack?

5:45 pm Scoot over to the AIA building toy exhibit (1218 Arch Street)

Both close at 6pm

6:00pm Mosey over to Macy's for the Dickens Christmas Village up on the 3rd Flr

Both close at 7pm

6:30pm Prancer through the Christmas Village (City Hall) – impulse buys! - and then over to...

7:00pm Check out the Holiday Show on the big screen at the Comcast Center

Shows on the hour (not 5pm) ending at 8pm

7:30pm Scurry through Suburban Station to see their displays, pop up to check out Dilworth Park (and the ice skaters!) and then onto the night's highlight...

Shows on the even hour ending at 8pm

8:00pm the big Wanamaker's, er, Macy's Holiday Light Show – meet me by the Eagle!

8:30pm Settle in for some food, drink and merriment (location TBD)



Christmas Light Show Music Selections

1. Opening fanfare during John Facenda's/Julie Andrews' introduction: Provenance unknown.
2. Selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite-specifically "Overture," "Waltz of the Flowers," and "Closing Waltz," played during the Nutcracker storyline. Album unknown.
3. "In The Clock Store" by Charles Orth (1893), which is played during the Clock segment. The version used in the Light Show comes from an album titled "The Sound Of Musical Pictures" (1960). It was arranged by Ralph Hermann and played by the Medallion Concert Band. Walt Disney adapted the piece for one of his Silly Symphonies in 1931.
4. "Alpine Sleigh Ride" by Frank Chacksfield and his Orchestra, played during the Snowflake sequence.
5. "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer," by the Ray Conniff Singers.
6. "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms, later replaced by "The Rudi Bear Song" (part of a Teddy Bear promotion), played during the candy cane, toy soldier and toy drum segment.
7. "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" from the 1959 RCA Victor album "Christmas Surprises by the Ralph Hunter Choir."
8. "Frosty the Snowman," by the Ray Conniff Singers.
9. A snippet of "So Long, Farewell" from "The Sound of Music" movie soundtrack, played during the fading of the snowmen.
10. "O Tannenbaum" by the Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra, played during the final lighting of the entire board. This was replaced in 1988 by "Deck the Halls" from the Capitol LP "The Music of Christmas" featuring Carmen Dragon and the Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra. Dragon's arrangement has been adapted for the Wanamaker Organ (with grateful assistance from Mr. Dragon's daughter Kathy) by Peter Richard Conte.

