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The Christmas Carol Project,
Winter Harp,
White Christmas: The Musical,
The Nutcracker,
Festival of Lights,
The Magic of Santa!,
SantaLand Diaries

'Tis the Season

Ho ho ho! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, with a chill in the air and **seasonal festivities filling up the calendar**. Larger-than-life characters encourage singing along in *The Magic of Santa!* (Dec. 21 to 22). Irving Berlin classics such as "Blue Skies" and "Sisters" sparkle in *White Christmas: The Musical* (to Dec. 23), based on the beloved film. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet puts a uniquely Canadian spin on a Christmas classic in *The Nutcracker* (Dec. 14 to 16). David Sedaris reveals the **down-and-dirty truth**

about surviving a job as a Macy's elf in *SantaLand Diaries* (to Dec. 22). *The Christmas Carol Project* (Dec. 16 to 18) is a musical interpretation of Charles Dickens' timeless tale about Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim. The *Festival of Lights* (Dec. 7 to Jan. 1) fills VanDusen Botanical Garden with more than a million twinkling lights. *Winter Harp* celebrates the season with several concerts of harps and rare medieval instruments (Dec. 12, 13, 16, 22). *Listings for Christmas events start on page 54.*

