

2021 Holiday Light Tour

Wednesday,
December 15th



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

5:00pm – meander around Christmas Village at Love Park

5:20ish Look for me in front of the big I ♥ PHILLY sign, close to the corner of 16th and Arch – at 5:25 we begin our commute to City Hall



5:30pm – see the light show on the outside (west side) of City Hall

Shows on continuous loop

5:45pm - Go subterranean to see the North and South Pole displays in Suburban Station

Shows on the hour ending at 8pm

6:00pm - Pop up and check out the Holiday Show outside the Comcast Center

6:30pm - Reverse course to Macy's and then escalator up to the 3rd floor for the Dickens Christmas Village

Reservation only, closes at 7pm

6:50pm – Time for a quick pic at the Eagle (*Wanamaker's Holiday Show is only at 10:30 each day(!)*) + check out Macy's front window displays!

7:00pm Jingle eastward to see the Fashion District Holiday Light Show

Shows on the half-hour

7:45pm Time to settle in for some food, drink & merriment (location TBD)

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~~Wanamaker's Lord & Taylor's~~ Macy's Holiday 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.

