



Celebrate Christmas with Spirit of the Season in the Square

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC – Join us for some free, family fun and entertainment this Christmas at *Spirit of the Season in the Square*, an annual series of festive events in Spirit Square, across from Victoria City Hall. This year, the Square will sparkle with more than 25,000 colourful LED lights when Mayor Dean Fortin flips the switch on November 26, 2010.

Christmas Tree Light-up

Friday, November 26, 2010

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the lighting of the giant Sequoia tree and festive lights in Centennial Square. Stay for the dramatic Fire and Light show and the Magic of Christmas on Spirit Stage. Enjoy antique displays by the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society. Sponsored by the Downtown Victoria Business Association and the City of Victoria.

Island Farms Santa Light Parade Warm-up

Saturday, November 27, 2010

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Drop by Centennial Square before the Island Farms Santa Light Parade to enjoy musical performances on Spirit Stage, popular children's performer the *Mad Hatter*, and children's activities including crafts, face-painting, inflatables, a hockey shoot-out, and interactive *Wii* games. Stay warm with a cup of complimentary hot chocolate and treats. Santa and his elves will make a special visit.

IEOA Truck Light Parade Warm-up

Saturday, December 4, 2010

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bring the family to Centennial Square as a lead up to the IEOA Truck Light Parade. Enjoy carollers, magic by Paul Kilshaw, ice carving by local artist Harold Sawatzky, and children's activities including crafts, face-painting, inflatables, a hockey shoot-out, and interactive *Wii* games. Santa and his elves will make a special visit. Join us for complimentary hot chocolate and treats.

1st Annual Victoria Figgy Pudding Carolling Competition

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Caroller Check-in, Centennial Square: 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Carolling Competition: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Awards and Carolling on Spirit Stage: 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Participate in this fun, inaugural carolling competition downtown. Organize friends, family or coworkers to dress up and sing carols for 15 minutes at three designated outdoor locations for a chance to win cash prizes for singing and best costumes. Return to Spirit Stage for awards and a group sing-along. The deadline to register your group is this **Friday, November 19, 2010**.

Dress for the weather as events will happen rain or shine. Admission is free. Please help support your community and bring a non-perishable food item for the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

Spirit of the Season in the Square is sponsored by the City of Victoria in partnership with A-News, CFX 1070 and 107.3 KOOL FM.

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