

We put this early list together knowing that families are hard to wrangle during the holidays, and attending a show together can make for great memories and traditions! You could even make a plan with Cirque du Soleil in early November and check the wrangling off your list! When is the last time you saw A Christmas Carol at the Guthrie? You could even time it with a Backstage Tour. There are sure to be a Messiah, local Nutcracker performances, and more yet to be scheduled, but this gives you a great start on a Grand Plan.

Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Oct. 5-Feb. VocalEssence: Star of Wonder, Orchestra Hall, Dec. 8

All is Calm, Ritz Theater, Nov. 1-4

The Okee Dokee Brothers, O'Shaughnessy, Nov. 3

How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Children's Theatre, Nov. 6-Jan. 6

Cirque du Soleil Corteo, Target Center, Nov. 8-11

Minnesota Opera Silent Night, Ordway, Nov. 10-18

A Christmas Carol, Guthrie Theatre, Nov. 13-Dec. 29

Brian Setzer Orchestra: Christmas Rocks, State, Nov. 16

Disney and Cameron Macintosh's Mary Poppins Jr., Stages, Nov.

16-Dec. 27

Teen Idol: The Bobby Vee Story, History Theatre, Nov. 17-Dec. 16 Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol, Ordway, Nov. 17- Celtic Holiday Hooley, Chanhassen, Dec. 18&19

The Hip Hop Nutcracker, Ordway, Nov. 20-21

Marie and Rosetta, Park Square, Nov. 23-Dec. 30

Stevie Ray's Mistletoe Mischief, Chanhassen, Nov. 23-Dec. 29

Keri Noble-A Very Special Christmas, Chanhassen, Nov. 23&24

MN Orchestra Jurassic Park in Concert, Orchestra Hall, Nov. 24-25

Brian Wilson Christmas Album Live, Orpheum, Nov. 28

Black Nativity, Penumbra, Nov. 29-Dec. 23

Home for the Holidays Kat Perkins Christmas, Chanhassen, Nov. 29-Dec. 2

A Charlie Brown Christmas, Steppingstone, Nov. 30-Dec. 22

The Great Russian Nutcracker, Orpheum Theatre, Nov. 30-Dec. 1

The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley, Jungle Theater, Dec. 1-30

VocalEssence: Welcome Christmas, Orchestra Hall, Dec. 1, 7-9

The Chanukah Guest, MN Jewish Theatre, Dec. 2-18

Elf, Ordway, Dec. 5-30

Rock & Roll Christmas Show, Chanhassen, Dec. 5-9, 12-16

Disney on Ice, Xcel Center, Dec. 6-9

It's A Wonderful Life Live Radio Play, Saint Paul Hotel, Dec. 7-24

Nutcracker (not so) Suite: Ballet of the Dolls, Cowles Center, Dec.

A Christmas Oratorio, Orchestra Hall, Dec. 8&9

Lorie Line - Lord of Lords, Fitzgerald, Dec. 9

SPCO-Holiday Concert: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, Ordway &

locations, Dec. 13-16

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, Orpheum, Dec. 14

Loyce Holton's Nutcracker Fantasy, State Theatre, Dec. 14-23

The Classic Nutcracker, O'Shaughnessy, Dec. 14-16

The Blenders Holiday Soul Tour, Pantages, Dec. 14-16

Home for the Holidays, MN Orchestra & stories by Kevin Kling,

Orchestra Hall, Dec. 14-16, 20

Jingle Bell Jazz, Chanhassen, Dec. 17

Les Miserables, Orpheum, Dec. 18-30

SPCO: Handel's Messiah, Basilica of Mary, Dec. 20-21, Ordway,

Rose Ensemble: A Tudor Christmas, Nativity, Basilica, and other

locations, Dec. 20-23

A Three Tenors Christmas, Chanhassen, Dec. 20-22

Christmas with Cantus, Ordway, Dec. 21

An Evening with George Winston, Orchestra Hall, Dec. 21

Katie McMahon's Celtic Christmas, O'Shaughnessy, Dec. 21

Christmas on the Prairie, Chanhassen, Dec. 22&23

Disney Beauty and the Beast with live Orchestra, Orchestra Hall,

Dec. 22

An Andy & Bing Christmas (Mick Sterling & Ben Utecht), Chanhassen, Dec. 26-31

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve, Xcel Center, Dec. 29

Noon Year's Eve, Como Conservatory, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

New Year's Celebration Concert, Orchestra Hall, Dec. 31

Happy New Year 2019, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Dec. 31