

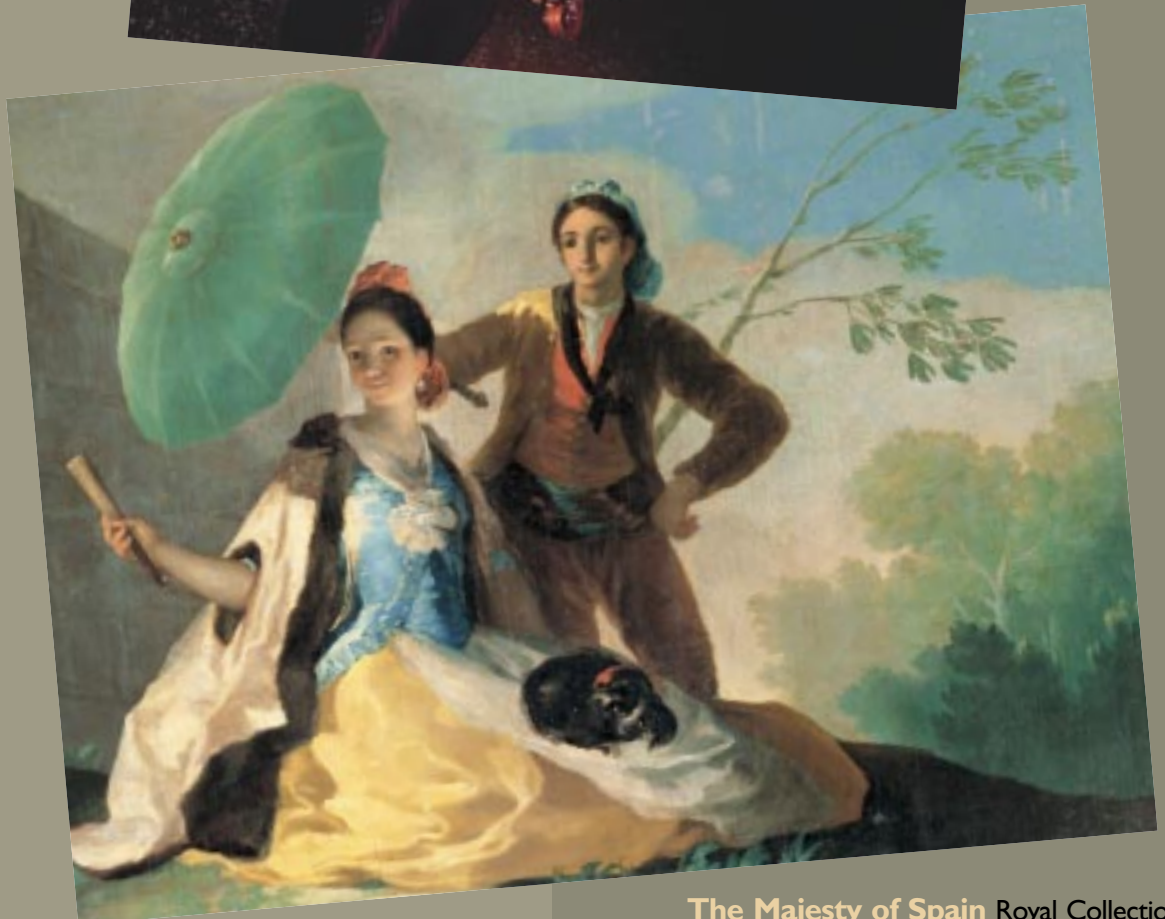
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**THE MAJESTY OF SPAIN:
 ROYAL COLLECTIONS FROM THE MUSEO DEL PRADO &
 PATRIMONIO NACIONAL**

Jackson, Mississippi

March 1-Sept. 3

More than 600 treasures of art and finery from Spain's royal palaces make a one-time North American visit with this dazzling exhibition. Rare tapestries, meticulously crafted religious objects, and unique portraits by master artists from the 16th and 17th centuries are displayed amid five elaborate recreations of banquet halls from the regal residences. One room solely features handcrafted porcelain from the masters of this unusual art, Spain's Buen Retiro Workshop.

The exhibition also highlights the decorative art found outside the royal palaces. The 55-foot carved and gilded royal gondola from the reign of Felipe V is a sparkling gem of baroque decorative art—and one of the few surviving in Europe. The royal carriage of Fernando VII—topped with a gilded crown—is designed and decorated with equal flair, and displayed with horses and coachmen dressed in their eye-catching period regalia.

This singular event also features the pride of the Prado Museum—masterpieces of the neoclassical period by such famed artists as Goya, Mengs, and Tiepolo.

Contact: Jack Kyle, P.O. Box 2447, Jackson, MS 39225-2447; (601) 960-9950.



**CELTIC COLOURS
 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Oct. 5-13

The sounds of fiddles, pipes, and voices waft over breathtaking autumn scenery as Cape Breton celebrates the island's living Celtic culture and unique brand of music. More than 250 musicians, dancers, singers, and storytellers from around the world—from returning hometown heroes to young faces just making their mark—demonstrate their traditional talents at venues across the island.

More than 30 separate events—including dances, concerts, art exhibitions, and even an authentic 18th-century banquet—serve to increase international awareness of Cape Breton's world-class Celtic talent and a traditional culture that has survived two centuries of change. Visitors will not only feel embraced by the close-knit island community, but can pick up some traditional skills themselves through workshops on dance, musical instruments, language, genealogy, and more. All this in a setting of beautiful highland foliage; warm, sunny days; and cool, peaceful nights.

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JANUARY

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES GASPARILLA PIRATE FEST

Tampa, Florida

Jan. 26-28

Ahoy matey! Tampa Bay is invaded by a fully-rigged pirate galleon—cannons booming and flags unfurled—during this celebration of famed seadog Jose Gaspar. Hundreds of pleasure craft join the colorful invasion, which spreads into the city with a boisterous pirate parade. Adding to the street festival excitement are live performances from national and local entertainers, an arts and crafts show, games and rides at the Gasparilla Midway, and a dazzling fireworks display.

Contact: Darrell Stefany, 3701 W. Azele St., Tampa, FL 33609; (813) 353-8070, Fax: (813) 353-8075. E-mail: events@eventmakers-fl.com. Web: www.gasparillapiratefest.com.

FEBRUARY

THE MILLENNIUM SERIES

Edmonton, Alberta

Feb. 10-May 13, Nov. 17-Jan. 13, 2002

Over the course of two years, Alberta is celebrating human achievement through a series of international exhibitions. Following The Mystical Arts of Tibet and Anno Domini: Jesus Through the Centuries in 2000, Celebrating the Millennium continues with two events in 2001. From Feb. 10 through May 13, marvel at 400 artifacts that trace more than 8,000 years of human history in one of the few North America stops of Syria: Land of Civilizations. From Nov. 17 through Jan. 13, 2002, revisit pop icons of the peace generation in Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portrait of an Era, an exhibition of striking photographs of the '60s rock music world.

Contact: Julie Calderbank, Communications Coordinator, The Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845-102 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5N 0M6; (780) 453-9111, Fax: (780) 454-6629. E-mail: julie.calderbank@gov.ab.ca. Web: www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca.

MARDI GRAS! GALVESTON 2001: SPACE & BEYOND

Galveston Island, Texas

Feb. 16-27



Join the largest Mardi Gras party in Texas as Galveston Island's historic district is transformed into an entertainment plaza with more than 75 events. Half-a-million visitors enjoy top-flight musical acts on three stages, plus nine parades, elaborate balls and parties, and exciting exhibits and sporting events.

Contact: Justin Turner, Group Tour Sales Manager, 2504 Church St., Galveston, TX 77550; (409) 763-6564, ext. 123 or (888) 425-4753, Fax: (409) 765-8611. E-mail: jturner@galvestoncvb.com. Web: www.mardigrasgalveston.com.

TUCSON RODEO "LA FIESTA DE LOS VAQUEROS"

Tucson, Arizona

Feb. 21-25

Watch world champions compete in bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, bareback riding, and more at Tucson's "Celebration of the Cowboys," one of North America's top professional rodeos. The five-day Wild West fiesta, which heralded its 75th anniversary in 2000, includes the world's largest non-motorized parade, with more than 250 organizations and 200,000 spectators joining in the fun. Prize money totals more than \$200,000.

Contact: Tucson Rodeo Committee, P.O. Box 11006, 4823 S. Sixth Ave., Tucson, AZ 85734; (520) 741-2233 or (800) 964-5662, Fax: (520) 741-7273. E-mail: tickets@tucsonrodeo.com. Web: www.tucsonrodeo.com.

MARCH

FOLLIES

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

March 2-4, 9-11

Cedar Rapids' historic Paramount Theatre is host to the fast-paced, high-energy musical extravaganza Follies 2001. Against a dazzling stage set and light show, the cast of 100 singers, dancers, and actors in shimmering costumes perform an exhilarating display of song, dance, and comedy accompanied by the melodies of the Cedar Rapids Symphony.

Contact: Bette Eells, Executive Producer, 205 Second Ave., S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; (319) 366-8206, Fax: (319) 366-5206. E-mail: beells@crsymphony.org.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW AND FLOWER SHOW WEEK

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 4-11

The first sign of spring in Philadelphia is the nation's oldest and the world's largest, most prestigious indoor flower show. During this week-long event visitors can marvel at 10 acres of fragrant exhibits, including magnificent landscaped gardens. The city's museums and attractions join in with floral-themed special events, while Philadelphian restaurateurs offer delicacies seasoned with savory herbs and edible flowers.

Contact: Rosanna Scicchitano, Tourism Sales Manager, Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1515 Market St., Suite 2020, Philadelphia, PA 19102; (215) 636-3300 or (800) 225-5745, Fax: (215) 636-3415. E-mail: rosannas@pcvb.org. Web: www.pcvb.org.

CANADA BLOOMS:

THE TORONTO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Toronto, Ontario

March 14-18

Canada's top landscape architects and designers display their green thumbs in more than 30 elaborate feature gardens at Toronto's one-of-a-kind floral event. Leading flower and garden experts are on hand for more than 300 hours of seminars, workshops, and demonstrations, while some 150 vendors display the latest in gardening wares. Judges view more than 600 entries for one of Canada's largest standard-judged flower shows. A second competition gives amateur floral designers a chance to display their own skills and imagination.

Contact: Alison Findley, 777 Lawrence Ave., Toronto, ON M3C 1P2; (416) 447-8655, Fax: (416) 447-1567. E-mail: canbloom@ican.net. Web: www.canadablooms.com.

INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN EVENTS

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE AND GAME

Pasadena, California
Jan. 1

MUMMER'S PARADE

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Jan. 1

ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL

St. Paul, Minnesota
Jan. 26-Feb. 4

QUEBEC WINTER CARNIVAL

Quebec City, Quebec
Jan. 26-Feb. 11

MARDI GRAS

New Orleans, Louisiana
Feb. 17-27

NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Washington, D.C.
March 25-April 7 * Parade-March 31

KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL

Louisville, Kentucky
April 21-May 5 * Race-May 5

INDIANAPOLIS 500 FESTIVAL

Indianapolis, Indiana
May 6, 27 * Race-May 27

HOLLAND TULIP TIME FESTIVAL

Holland, Michigan
May 10-19

PREAKNESS FESTIVAL

Baltimore, MD
May 13-19 * Race-May 19

CANADIAN TULIP FESTIVAL

Ottawa, Ontario, and Hull, Quebec
May 11-21

STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE

Stratford, Ontario
May 28-Nov. 4

INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario
June 21-July 2

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Washington, D.C.
July 4

CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE

Calgary, Alberta
July 6-15

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE JAZZ DE MONTREAL

Montreal, Quebec
June 28-July 8

CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS

Cheyenne, Wyoming
July 20-29

FOLKLORAMA

Winnipeg, Manitoba
Aug. 5-18

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Toronto, Ontario
Aug. 17-Sept. 3

A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Niagara Falls, New York
Nov. 17-Dec. 31

WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Niagara Falls, Ontario
Nov. 17-Jan. 16

MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

New York, New York
Nov. 22

MACON, GEORGIA'S INTERNATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Macon, Georgia
March 16-25

Nearly a quarter-million Yoshino cherry trees draw attention at the International Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon each spring. Beyond the sites and smells of the famous flowering trees, the fete includes 500 different events throughout the city. Concerts, tours, sporting events, dancing—the fete has something for every age and taste. What's more, the vast majority of the events are free of charge.

Contact: Carolyn Crayton, 794 Cherry St., Macon, GA 31201; (912) 751-7429, Fax: (912) 751-7408. E-mail: cbf@cherryblossom.com. Web: www.cherryblossom.com.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Mobile, Alabama
March 22-25

Spring in Mobile begins on the fourth weekend in March with the spectacular Festival of Flowers. In addition to the city's natural wealth of dogwoods, azaleas, and other greenery, the event features an extra 100,000 square-feet of life-size landscaped gardens and elaborate floral designs. Included in the festival are seminars by notable flower and garden experts, displays by vendors from throughout the nation, and much more.

Contact: Hallie Hollingsworth, 6701 Airport Blvd., Suite B-227, Mobile, AL 36608; (334) 639-2050, Fax: (334) 639-2052. E-mail: hholling@providencehospital.org. Web: www.festivalofflowers.com.

A P R I L

NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL

Wilmington, North Carolina
April 5-8



Get ready for four days of fun and flora this spring at Wilmington's North Carolina Azalea Festival. This coastal city goes into high gear to celebrate the thousands of azaleas that bloom along Cape Fear. From the waterfront opening ceremonies to a three-hour parade extravaganza, this event offers fireworks, a variety show with celebrity appearances, circus performers under the big top, a street fair, historic tours, and seaside amusements.

Contact: David A. Kauffman, President, 7500 Jenquil Court, Wilmington, NC 28409; (910) 520-2001 or (910) 791-3456, Fax: (910) 392-5124. E-mail: azfest@wilmington.org. Web: azalea.wilmington.org.

THE GREAT PASSION PLAY

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

April 27-Oct. 27

For more than 30 years, the power and drama of the story of Jesus has been reenacted in the nation's top outdoor theater event, The Great Passion Play. A cast of hundreds performs under the stars in Eureka Springs' impressive 41,000-seat amphitheater. Visitors can also take costumed guided tours of meticulously recreated Holy Land sites and view stunning exhibits at the Sacred Arts Center and the Bible Museum.

Contact: Mardell Bland, P.O. Box 471, Eureka Springs, AR 72632; (501) 253-9200 or (800) 882-7529, Fax: (501) 253-8261. E-mail: drama@ipa.net. Web: www.greatpassionplay.com.

M A Y

CONTRABAND DAYS FESTIVAL

Lake Charles, Louisiana

May 1-13

Swashbucklers sail into Lake Charles, throw the mayor into the lake, and establish pirate rule in this celebration of legendary gentleman pirate Jean Lafitte, who buried his treasure in the region. The buccaneers of Contraband Days oversee 13 days of fun and frolic with a list of events 20,000-leagues long: parades, a carnival, beauty pageants, boat and bathtub races, beach games, arts and crafts, plus outdoor concerts by top country, rock, gospel, blues, and Cajun musicians.

Contact: Marlene Hobbs, P.O. Box 679, Lake Charles, LA 70602; (337) 436-5508, Fax: (337) 436-1126. E-mail: contraband@usunwired.net. Web: www.contrabanddays.com.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

St. Paul, Minnesota

May 3-6

Folk dancers, authentic ethnic delicacies and exhibits, traditional arts and crafts, and an international shopping bazaar highlight the nation's ethnic diversity at the Festival of Nations in St. Paul. Since 1932, the event has brought together representatives of 100 different cultures in a celebration of Americans' diverse backgrounds. The three-day festival is walking distance from the new Science Museum of Minnesota and the city's new children's museum.

Contact: Mary Paetzel, Coordinator, International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108; (651) 647-0191, Fax: (651) 647-9268. E-mail: mpaetzel@iimn.org. Web: www.festivalofnations.org.

OKANAGAN WINE FESTIVALS

Kelowna, Penticton, Oliver, Sun Peaks Resort, British Columbia

May 3-6, Sept. 29-Oct. 9

Visitors to Canada's lush Western coast can test their taste for wine at an event so large it has its own passport. More than 30 wineries large and small host some 100 events—a massive wine tasting, vineyard picnics, a 19th-century costumed harvest gathering, and even a competitive grape stomp. Visitors' special passports receive a stamp at each event, giving them a chance to win a return trip to next year's festival and other grand prizes.

Contact: Lynda Trudeau, 1332 Water St., Kelowna, BC V1Y 9P4; (250) 860-5999, Fax: (250) 860-9993. E-mail: ltrudeau@thompsonokanagan.com. Web: www.owfs.com or www.toto.com.

GASPEE DAYS CELEBRATION

Warwick, Rhode Island

May 5-June 10

The first armed conflict of the American Revolution took place in 1772 when Pawtuxet Village colonists burned England's H.M.S. Gaspee. This historic colonial town—the oldest settlement in New England—pays tribute to "America's first blow for freedom" with the free Gaspee Days Celebration. Relive the excitement of the country's origins at an authentic colonial encampment and a colonial gala ball, the annual Gaspee parade, and an arts and crafts fair. The festival culminates in a mock colonial battle and symbolic burning of the famous ship.

Contact: Karleen Wrath, Box 1772, Pilgrim Station, Warwick, RI 02888; (401) 781-1772, Fax: (401) 463-5465. Web: www.gaspee.com.

LEWIS & CLARK HERITAGE DAYS

St. Charles, Missouri

May 19-20

St. Charles becomes a 19th-century military campground for Lewis & Clark Heritage Days, a vivid reenactment of the departure of these explorers on their famous expedition to map the western United States. Artisans and chefs demonstrate the crafts and culinary specialties of 1804 while the Fife & Drum Corps leads hundreds of costumed participants in the Grand Parade. Nearby gas-lit Main Street offers shops, restaurants, casinos, and historical sites.

Contact: Greg Maxon, 230 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301; (636) 946-7776 or (800) 366-2427, Fax: (636) 949-3217. E-mail: gmaxon@historicstcharles.com. Web: www.historicstcharles.com.

RIVERFEST

Little Rock, Arkansas

May 25-27

Music, art, food, and fun are on the agenda for Riverfest, Arkansas' largest Memorial Day weekend celebration. More than 100 acts on six outdoor stages, some 40 visual artists, and 35 food vendors offer all manner of entertainment. The festival culminates in a performance by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and the eye-popping Osborne Family fireworks display. Museums, historic buildings, the River Market shopping district, and the Little Rock Zoo are all nearby.

Contact: Van Tilbury, Executive Director, P.O. Box 3232, Little Rock, AR 72203; (501) 255-3378, Fax: (501) 255-3379. E-mail: info@riverfestarkansas.com. Web: riverfestarkansas.com.

SARATOGA FESTIVAL & DRESSAGE

Saratoga Springs, New York

May 26-28

An elegant black-tie gala launches the Saratoga Festival & Dressage, a Memorial Day weekend of amazing equine events, crafts and trade displays, and entertainment. In addition to five horse shows and daily competitions of complex horse-stepping, visitors see a masters dog agility championship, llama contests, carriage-driving competitions—even a "horse ballet." After the competitions, browse nearby downtown shops or visit the famed mineral springs and gardens at the Yaddo artists' retreat.

Contact: Beverly Kantrowitz, 2902 Route 9, Saratoga Springs, NY 12020; (518) 587-0723, Fax: (518) 583-9607. E-mail: saratogaarc@acmenet.net. Web: www.saratogafestival.org.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN FESTIVAL
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
May 30-Oct. 13



Canada's national cultural center, Charlottetown, is host to the country's longest-running musical stage show, Anne of Green Gables—The Musical. It's also the location of its longest-running event, the Charlottetown Festival. The six-month fest is a showcase of top Canadian talents in the visual arts, theater, music, and heritage fields. Visitors can take a free guided tour explaining the town's role as "the birthplace of Canada."

Contact: Kathy McMillan, 145 Richmond St., Charlottetown, PE C1A 1J1; (902) 628-6101 or (800) 565-0278, Fax: (902) 566-4648. E-mail: kmcmill@confederationcentre.com. Web: www.confederationcentre.com.

J U N E

SOUTH CAROLINA FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
Greenwood, South Carolina
June 1-30

Summer begins with the sound of country, jazz, bluegrass, and traditional beach music at the South Carolina Festival of Flowers. Tour the Park Seed Company's beautiful trails and gardens for a look at 1,000 varieties of annuals, perennials, and vegetables. View the work of top South Carolina artisans and craftsmen, then join the annual flotilla on Lake Greenwood. There's something for everyone during this free, month-long event.

Contact: Frank Cuda, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 980, Greenwood, SC 29648; (864) 223-8411, Fax: (864) 229-9785. E-mail: frankcc@greenwood.net. Web: www.scfestivalofflowers.org.

CODY NITE RODEO
Cody, Wyoming
June 1-Aug. 31

Cowboys from Brazil, Australia, Switzerland, England, and other nations come to "the rodeo capital of the world" every summer to compete in the Cody Nite Rodeo. Visitors to the nightly event witness the traditional skills of the Old West in action, from calf roping and steer wrestling to saddle bronc and bareback riding. More Wild West flavor can be found in nearby Old Trail Town and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

Contact: Donna Robbins, Cody Stampede, P.O. Box 1327, Cody, WY 82414; (307) 587-5155 or (800) 207-0744, Fax: (307) 527-7202. E-mail: stampede@wtp.net. Web: codystampederodeo.org.

"TEXAS" A MUSICAL DRAMA
Canyon, Texas
June 6-Aug. 19

Horsemen appear atop the 600-foot Palo Duro Canyon, looking down on the Pioneer Amphitheatre stage as it fills with colorfully dressed singers, dancers, and actors. It's the opening of another performance of "TEXAS," a musical drama that combines acting and special effects to tell the story of settling the Lone Star State's panhandle. Held in the nation's second-largest canyon, the performance amazes visitors with a simulated lightning storm and other high-tech pyrotechnics, while 150 performers bring 1800s Texas to life.

Contact: Blaine Bertrand, General Manager, 1514 Fifth Ave., Canyon, TX 79015; (806) 655-2181 or (877) 588-3927, Fax: (806) 655-4730. E-mail: tphf@texasmusicaldrama.com. Web: www.texasmusicaldrama.com.

CAVALRY DAYS
Sturgis/Fort Meade, South Dakota
June 8-10

The 1878 military outpost of Fort Meade is host to many of the events of Cavalry Days. Visit soldiers and fur traders in living-history encampments, witness a bank robbery by bandits on horseback, and hear the evidence at General Custer's court martial. Beyond activities recreating the late 1800s, visitors can enjoy a cowboy school, trail rides, a military ball, and nearby historical attractions and natural wonders.

Contact: Kelly Bell, P.O. Box 504, Sturgis, SD 57785; (605) 347-2556, Fax: (605) 347-6682. E-mail: sturgiscoc@dtgnet.com. Web: www.sturgis-sd.org.

MEDORA MUSICAL
Medora, North Dakota
June 8-Sept. 2

The neon lights are bright on Broadway, but they're nothing compared to the combination of natural beauty and high-tech wizardry of Bismarck's Medora Musical. The nightly Broadway-style musical review takes place in the spectacular setting of the Burning Hills Amphitheater, complete with a "Star Way" escalator that moves visitors throughout seven stories of stadium seating. More about North Dakota can be found at a host of nearby museums, historical sites, and parklands.

Contact: Marion Houn, P.O. Box 1696, Bismarck, ND 58501; (701) 223-4800 or (800) 633-6721, Fax: (701) 223-3347. E-mail: marionh@medora.com. Web: www.medora.com.

PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL GRAND FLORAL PARADE
Portland, Oregon
June 9

All-floral floats, marching bands, and equestrian units entertain hundreds of thousands of visitors during Oregon's single-largest spectator event, the Portland Rose Festival. The four-mile grand parade—the nation's second-largest floral parade—is the finale of a 25-day fete in the City of Roses. Festival events include a special performance by the Oregon Symphony, a showcase of floats, an airshow, Indy car races, a fine arts show, and more.

Contact: Carol Dungan, 220 N.W. Second Ave., Portland, OR 97209; (503) 227-2681 or (888) 591-7673, Fax: (503) 227-6603. E-mail: carold@rosefestival.org. Web: www.rosefestival.org.

THE GREAT AMERICAN BRASS BAND FESTIVAL

Danville, Kentucky

June 15-17



Recapture the gentility of turn-of-the-century America with performances from world-renowned, old-time brass bands during this weekend of musical nostalgia. Brass bands, including the nation's top Salvation Army combo, join in a New Orleans-style parade through historic downtown Danville. The festival opens with a hot-air balloon race and continues through the weekend with a Chautauqua Tea, antique show, great American decorator picnic, and many more activities.

Contact: Kay Berggren, Executive Director, Danville-Boyle Convention & Visitors Bureau, 304 S. Fourth St., Danville, KY 40422; (859) 236-7794 or (800) 755-0076, Fax: (859) 236-3197. E-mail: tourism@searnet.com. Web: www.danville-ky.com.

COUNTRY STAMPEDE

Manhattan, Kansas

June 21-24

Country music takes over Manhattan—Manhattan, Kansas, that is—for the foot-tapping fun of the annual Country Stampede. The event brings more than 20 of country music's big names and state-of-the-art sound and video equipment to the beautiful Flint Hills for four days of top-notch musical entertainment.

Contact: Paige Roesler, P.O. Box 357, Manhattan, KS 66505; (785) 539-2222 or (800) 795-8091, Fax: (785) 539-3787. E-mail: stampede@kansas.net. Web: www.countrystampede.com.

INTERNATIONAL POLKAFEST

Chisholm, Minnesota

June 21-24

Everybody polka! Twenty-five of the world's best polka bands convene at the Ironworld Discovery Center in Chisholm each June for "the biggest polka party of the year"—the International Polkafest. In a beautiful park setting, visitors can enjoy daily dance competitions, accordion exhibits and workshops, traditional ethnic foods, and the induction of musical greats into Ironwood's Polka Hall of Fame.

Contact: Julie Brownell, P.O. Box 392, West Highway 169, Chisholm, MN 55719; (218) 254-7959, Fax: (218) 254-7972. E-mail: julie@ironworld.com. Web: www.ironworld.com.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND REENACTMENT

Hardin, Montana

June 22-24

History springs to life in the Montana plains as 200 cavalry and Native American riders clash in an exciting historical reenactment of Custer's last stand. Performed twice a day in an outdoor arena near the site of the original Battle of the

Little Big Horn, this version of the famous fight coincides with the Little Big Horn Days Celebration, featuring nightly entertainment, cultural cuisine, parades, and other events.

Contact: Shirley Crum, Reenactment Committee, P.O. Box 300, Hardin, MT 59034; (406) 665-2789 or (888) 450-3577, Fax: (406) 665-2917. E-mail: custerfight@mcn.net. Web: www.mcn.net/~custerfight.

GREELEY INDEPENDENCE STAMPEDE

Greeley, Colorado

June 22-July 4

For more than a century, the Greeley Stampede has gotten Independence Day celebrations off to a rollicking start. Parades, flapjack feeds, fireworks, country dances, a carnival and midway, and daily concerts and entertainment lead up to the world's largest Fourth of July rodeo. If that's not enough excitement, the event includes the smash-'em-up action of a demolition derby and an enormous Fourth of July parade featuring patriotic themes.

Contact: Kyle Holman, 600 N. 14th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631; (970) 356-7787 or (800) 982-2855, Fax: (970) 356-7787. E-mail: kholman@greeleystampede.org. Web: www.greeleystampede.org.

THE COLLEGE OF PIPING CELTIC FESTIVAL

Summerside, Prince Edward Island

June 22-Sept. 22

The sounds and sights of step-dancing, bagpiping, fiddling, and Gaelic singing mean Summerside's annual Celtic Festival is in full swing. Hosted by the unique College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada, this celebration of Celtic music and dance features highland games, concerts, and traditional ceilidh dancing. Several mini-concerts are held each day, and guided tours of campus are available.

Contact: Sharon Smith, 619 Water St. E., Summerside, PE CIN 4H8; (902) 436-5377 or (877) 224-7473, Fax: (902) 436-4930. E-mail: college@piping.pe.ca. Web: collegeofpiping.com.

19TH ANNUAL GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DAYS

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

June 23-24, June 28-July 8

Gettysburg relives the famous Civil War battle with two weeks of living-history encampments, battle reenactments, lectures, concerts, and fireworks. In addition to a Civil War book fair and historic train raids, the festival includes one of the top memorabilia shows in the nation. Events culminate on Independence Day weekend with mock battles and Fourth of July festivities. The event coincides with the rides and games of the Gettysburg Fire Department Carnival.

Contact: Philip Magaldi or Jeff Palm, Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, 35 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325; (717) 334-6274, Fax: (717) 334-1166. E-mail: info@gettysburg.com. Web: www.gettysburg.com.

CARAMOOR INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Katonah, New York

June 23-Aug. 11

For more than 50 years, the lush gardens and Mediterranean architecture of Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts have resonated with the sound of jazz and classical performances during the summer months. The 100-acre estate, with six elaborate gardens and two open-air theaters, welcomes some of the world's finest musicians to one of the nation's top five outdoor festivals. While enjoying the music, visitors can also

tour the house and gardens, home to an exquisite collection of Eastern, Medieval, and Renaissance art and artifacts.

Contact: Mercedes Santos-Miller, P.O. Box 816, Katonah, NY 10536; (914) 232-8076, Fax: (914) 232-5521. E-mail: mercedes@caramoor.com. Web: www.caramoor.com.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN BIG BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

London, Ontario

June 25-July 4



The music and heritage of the 1930s and 1940s is in full swing at the Royal Canadian Big Band Festival when London, Ontario celebrates Canada Day Weekend. Held at venues including Wonderland Gardens—one of the few remaining dance pavilions of the Big Band Era—the festival features local bands and singers on stage with internationally renowned acts. Visitors also may enjoy the Guy Lombardo Museum, established for the famed bandleader to whom the festival is dedicated.

Contact: Tyrone Traher, P.O. Box 24070, London, ON N6H 5C4; (800) 461-2263, Fax: (519) 663-5319. E-mail: bigband@execulink.com. Web: www.pobox.com/~bigband.

BOSTON HARBORFEST

Boston, Massachusetts

June 28-July 4

Boston celebrates its role as a founding city in the United States—and its rich colonial and maritime history—with an enormous Fourth of July bash. More than 225 events center around the waterfront and downtown area: walking tours of historical sites, lectures, reenactments, outdoor concerts, fireworks—even a chowderfest. More than half of the events are free of charge.

Contact: Susan Park, 45 School St., Boston, MA 02108; (617) 227-1528, Fax: (617) 227-1886. E-mail: festival@bostonharborfest.com. Web: www.bostonharborfest.com.

WONDERS: EGYPTIAN ART FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Memphis, Tennessee

June 28-Oct. 21

Nearly 200 ancient artifacts—many never seen before in the United States—have been culled from the British Museum's comprehensive archive of Egyptian wonders to delight and amaze visitors to The Pyramid in downtown Memphis. Arranged chronologically to reveal the development of Egyptian art throughout 35 centuries, the antiquities include examples of jewelry and luxury items, papyrus, portraits, and statues—even personal possessions of the pharaohs.

Contact: Twyla Dixon, 119 S. Main St., Suite C-180,

Memphis, TN 38103; (901) 521-2642 or (800) 263-6744, Fax: (901) 521-2647. E-mail: tdixon@wonders.org. Web: www.wonders.org.

KUTZTOWN "PENNSYLVANIA-GERMAN" FESTIVAL

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

June 30-July 8

Two hundred of America's finest traditional craftsmen and folk artists come together in Kutztown for this annual celebration of Pennsylvania Dutch culture and folklife. A juried quilt show and an auction attract collectors of these meticulously handcrafted artworks from around the world. There's fun for all ages, with five stages of continuous entertainment, featuring folklore, historical reenactments, antique farming displays, traditional Pennsylvania Dutch foods, and more.

Contact: Linda Banis, 38 Dogwood Drive, Fleetwood, PA 19522-8718; (610) 921-1162 or (888) 674-6136, Fax: (610) 921-9693. E-mail: lindagb@compuserve.com. Web: www.kutztownfestival.com.

J U L Y

RCMP SUNSET RETREAT CEREMONIES

Regina, Saskatchewan

July 1, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14

The flair of 19th-century British military traditions can be seen during the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "Depot" Division's Sunset Retreat Ceremonies. This colorful event is based on a time in history when drummers played the military "tattoo" at sunset to call soldiers back to their post. Troops in traditional scarlet tunics fire the cannon, present a drill display, lower the flag to the playing of Retreat, and perform the March Past.

Contact: "Depot" Division Public Relations Office, P.O. Box 6500, Regina, SK S4P 3J7; (306) 780-5900, Fax: (306) 780-6337.

SUMMER IN THE BIGHT FESTIVAL & TRINITY PAGEANT

Trinity, Newfoundland & Labrador

July 1-Sept. 2

Every summer, local writers, performers, and designers create a season of theater as you've never seen it before—in the picturesque, historic setting of Trinity, Newfoundland. The festival includes eight to 10 theatrical productions—at both indoor and outdoor venues—plus dinner theaters and concerts. Hosted by Rising Tide Theatre, the festival also offers visitors a chance to visit a unique North American locale.

Contact: Donna Butt, Rising Tide Theatre, P.O. Box 78, Trinity, NF A0C 2S0; (709) 464-3847, Fax: (709) 464-3660.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TIMBER CARNIVAL

Albany, Oregon

July 1-4

Lumberjacks from around the world gather in Albany over July Fourth weekend to show their skills and compete for more than \$25,000 in cash and prizes at one of the area's signature events. Beyond championship bucking, birling, speed-climbing, and axe-throwing, this old-time carnival also offers parades, rides, and games of skill and chance. And don't forget the grand finale—an exciting contest in which lumberjacks race to fell 100-foot-tall spar poles.

Contact: Dave Weinberg, P.O. Box 1540, Albany, OR 97321; (541) 928-2391, Fax: (541) 928-2392. Web: www.timbercarnival.com.

GRAND TETON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Teton Village, Wyoming

July 4-Aug. 25

Come to the acoustically acclaimed Walk Festival Hall in rural Jackson Hole for the 40th anniversary of the Grand Teton Music Festival. World-renowned for its tradition of classical concerts, the festival featured a resident company of 200 musicians hand-picked from North America's leading orchestras. In addition to five featured concerts a week, this anniversary celebration includes young people's concerts, open rehearsals, pre-concert talks, and more.

Contact: Don Reinhold, Executive Director, P.O. Box 490, Teton Village, WY 83025; (307) 733-3050, Fax: (307) 739-9043. E-mail: gtmf@gtmf.org. Web: www.gtmf.org.

THE WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL

Birds Hill Provincial Park, Manitoba

July 5-8

Some of the planet's best folk performers gather at Birds Hill Provincial Park each summer for the Winnipeg Folk Festival, an amazing blend of blues, Celtic, swing, bluegrass, and many other musical styles. The three-day event features evening mini-concerts under the big prairie sky—with the promise of the aurora borealis adding to the light show. Festival-goers can also browse for handmade crafts and clothing, or dine on international dishes as varied as the music styles.

Contact: Linda Cubbidge, Communications Manager, 264 Tache Ave., Winnipeg, MB R2H 1Z9; (204) 231-0096 or (888) 655-5354, Fax: (204) 231-0076. E-mail: info@wpgfolkfest.mb.ca. Web: www.wpgfolkfest.mb.ca.

QUEBEC CITY SUMMER FESTIVAL

Quebec City, Quebec

July 5-15

Quebec City becomes one huge open-air stage during 11 spectacular musical days each summer. Crossing geographic and cultural lines, this memorable event explores world beat, French song, and a variety of music from around the globe in 500 performances. Musicians from more than 20 countries perform on 15 indoor and outdoor stages, all within walking distances of one another and accessible with a special festival passport.

Contact: Paule Bussieres, 580 Grande Allee Est., Suite 150, Quebec City, PQ G1R 2K2; (418) 523-4540, Fax: (418) 523-0194. E-mail: pbussieres@infofestival.com. Web: www.infofestival.com.

MONDIAL DES CULTURES DE DRUMMONDVILLE

Drummondville, Quebec

July 6-15



Cultures around the world are feted at this, the largest folk festival in North America. For nearly 20 years, hundreds of artisans and musicians have displayed their talents in tales and legends, hand crafts and traditional occupations, music, dance, culinary arts, and more. The 10-day festival takes place near other delightful

attractions in Drummondville, from the Old Mill of Ulverton to the Eponia Circus.

Contact: Magali Nadeau, 405 Saint-Jean St., Drummondville, PQ J2B 5L7; (819) 472-1184, Fax: (819) 474-6585. E-mail: info@mondialdescultures.dr.cq.ca. Web: www.mondialdescultures.qc.ca.

MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S ANNUAL SALUTE TO INDEPENDENCE

Sharpsburg, Maryland

July 7

Patriotic and light classical music is just right for the occasion at the Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Salute to Independence each July. This free concert, held at the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, is accompanied by live cannon fire from the Maryland Army National Guard and a dazzling fireworks finale by Zambelli Internationale.

Contact: Marc D. Levy, 13 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740; (301) 797-4000, Fax: (301) 797-2314. E-mail: info@mdsymphony.com. Web: www.mdsymphony.com.

THE NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW

Newport, Rhode Island

July 7-8

One of Newport's magnificent historic mansions is the locale for New England's premier outdoor flower show. Each year competitors arrange floral entries based on a unique show theme that ties into the town's history. Leading horticulture and garden design experts give lectures and workshops during the two-day event, while the Horticulture Tent displays topiaries, conservatory plants, roses, and perennials for judging by experienced and budding gardeners.

Contact: Barbara Shea, The Preservation Society of Newport County, 424 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI 02840; (401) 847-2251, Fax: (401) 847-9477. E-mail: groups@newportmansions.org. Web: www.newportmansions.org.

NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL

Traverse City, Michigan

July 7-14

The traditional cherry pie-eating contest is only one of the many ways the National Cherry Festival will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year. This top festival event, held each year in Traverse City, offers nearly a century's worth of ways to cook and eat cherries—plus air shows, musical concerts, sporting events, parades, and fireworks. The town's other delights include museums, tall ship displays, a dinner train, and the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Contact: Chuck O'Connor, CFE, 108 W. Grandview Parkway, Traverse City, MI 49684; (231) 947-4230, ext. 229, Fax: (231) 947-7435. E-mail: cjoncf@traverse.com. Web: www.cherryfestival.org.

JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL

Montreal, Quebec

July 12-22

The "capital of comedy" features 800 jokesters from around the world for Montreal's annual Just for Laughs Festival. More than 2,000 indoor and outdoor shows spotlight some of the world's best laugh-makers, famous and obscure, during this 11-day chucklefest. Most of the shows are free of charge. Between laughs, visitors can enjoy the splendor of Montreal's culture, history, and cuisine through tours and sightseeing.

Contact: Eric Naveteur, 2101 St. Laurent Blvd., Montreal, PQ H2X 2T5; (514) 845-3155 or (888) 244-3155, Fax: (514) 845-4140. E-mail: tourism@hahaha.com. Web: www.hahaha.com.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, FEATURING THE LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**Daytona Beach, Florida**

July 13-29

Daytona Beach is the official American summer home of the London Symphony Orchestra, so it's a natural spot to hold one of the region's top cultural events during their stay. Since the mid-1960s, the Florida International Festival has gathered world-class artists for a series of intimate dance, comedy, jazz, classical, and literary performances. Five stages offer classical and pop concerts, popular performers such as Garrison Keillor, a series of up-and-coming artist performances, chamber group concerts, and the free Informance series.

Contact: Dewey Anderson, P.O. Box 1310, Daytona Beach, FL 32115-1310; (904) 252-1511, Fax: (904) 238-1663. E-mail: fifcfe@fif-iso.org. Web: www.fif-iso.org.

THE GREAT CIRCUS PARADE**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

July 15

What's the largest history-based event staged in North America? The Circus World Museum's Great Circus Parade, of course. The three-mile-long parade brings to life the historical street pageants of yesteryear with 700 horses, 100 clowns, 1,000 musicians, 2,000 costumed performers, 55 historic circus wagons, and the elephants and other exotic animals circus-goers expect. The parade is the finale to five days of circus fun at Milwaukee's Veterans Park.

Contact: Dale Williams, General Manager, 550 Water St., Baraboo, WI 53913-2597; (608) 356-8341, Fax: (608) 356-1800. E-mail: dwilliams.cwm@baraboo.com. Web: www.circusparade.com.

LAKE TAHOE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**Incline Village, Lake Tahoe State Park, Nevada**

July 17-Sept. 2



The setting sun against the azure blue of Lake Tahoe provides the incredible natural backdrop for Nevada's summer Shakespeare festival. Professional actors put on an equally stunning show, performing the Bard's comedic plays on Incline Village's new multi-million-dollar stage. The audience, nestled

on the beach and entertained by musicians, jugglers, and jesters before the show, enjoys coffee at the intermission as the moon rises to light the second half.

Contact: Sam Folio, 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451-9500; (775) 832-1616 or (800) 747-4697, Fax: (775) 832-1605. E-mail: folio@tahoebard.com. Web: www.tahoebard.com.

FESTA ITALIANA**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

July 19-22

Celebrate Italian culture, from the Golden Age of Opera to a feast of amazing cuisine, at Milwaukee's Festa Italiana. This four-day festival on the city's lakefront has something for everyone: specialties, snacks, and desserts from well-known Italian chefs; nearly 50 national and international musical acts on nine stages; the annual bocce—or bowling-on-the-green tournament; and more.

Contact: Jack Costa, Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St., Milwaukee, WI 53202; (414) 223-2193, Fax: (414) 223-2804. E-mail: festaital@aol.com.

DETROIT 300 FESTIVAL**Detroit, Michigan**

July 20-26

Detroit will be 300 years old in 2001—a great excuse for a celebration. The city will put on a four-county, two-nation celebration that includes tours of classic tall ships, brigs, and schooners; music from nationally known and up-and-coming acts; and a blow-out homecoming concert featuring Detroit's greatest performers. Historic vessels of all sizes will join the tall ships for a finale to be remembered: the Parade of Ships down the Detroit River.

Contact: Mary Banks, Communications Director, 7430 Second Ave., Suite 310, Detroit, MI 48202; (313) 871-2475, Fax: (313) 871-1318. E-mail: mbanks@detroit300.org. Web: www.detroit300.org.

IDAHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL**Rexburg, Idaho**

July 28-Aug. 4

The small rural town of Rexburg will swell at the seams as hundreds of dancers from around the world gather to show their moves and share their culture at the Idaho International Folk Dance Festival. Colorful costumes and complex dance steps highlight the rich cultural heritage of Armenia, China, New Zealand, Peru, and many other countries during the week-long event. Visitors to the beautiful Snake River Valley can watch and wonder, or learn a few steps for themselves through lectures and workshops.

Contact: Donna Benfield, 420 W. Fourth St., Rexburg, ID 83440; (208) 356-5700 or (800) 463-6880, Fax: (208) 356-5799. E-mail: rexcc@cyberhighway.net. Web: www.rexccc.com.

VIRGINIA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL**Abingdon, Virginia**

July 28-Aug. 12

Cultural arts of all kinds have been highlighted at the Virginia Highland Festival in Abingdon for over a half century. The event, held in the oldest town west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, hosts some of the largest antiques and arts-and-crafts markets in the United States, plus competitive exhibitions in visual art, photography, and creative writing. Dance, theater, and film are celebrated at the festival, and musicians entertain with everything from classical to blues.

Contact: Steve Galyean, 335 Cummings St., Abingdon, VA 24210; (540) 676-2282 or (800) 435-3440, Fax: (540) 676-3076. E-mail: acvb@abingdon.com. Web: www.vahighlandsfestival.org.

AUGUST

54TH ANNUAL MAINE LOBSTER FESTIVAL
Rockland, Maine
 Aug. 1-5



The New England fishing village of Rockland celebrates the importance of lobstering to the region's cultural heritage with the Maine Lobster Festival. Visitors to the festival gorge on succulent lobster, browse arts and crafts exhibitions, and marvel at the annual parade and marine displays. The finale: The Great International Lobster Race, in which contestants test their agility by running—or attempting to run—over partially submerged lobster crates floating in the harbor.

Contact: Rockland/Thomaston Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 508, Rockland, ME 04841; (207) 596-0376 or (800) 562-2529, Fax: (207) 596-6549. E-mail: info@mainelobsterfestival.com. Web: www.mainelobsterfestival.com.

LA FOIRE BRAYONNE
Edmundston, New Brunswick
 Aug. 1-5

The heritage and joie de vivre of the Brayons and Brayonnes are feted each summer in the cultural birthplace of Edmundston, New Brunswick. Concerts by famous performers and local musicians, cultural activities, and sporting events are the highlights of the largest Francophone festival outside Quebec. Visitors to the festival will also delight in Edmundston's natural beauty, from the majestic Saint John River to the Petit Temis linear park.

Contact: Lise Bourgoin, C.P. 218, Edmundston, NB E3V 3K8; (506) 739-6608, Fax: (506) 739-9578. E-mail: foire@nb.sympatico.ca. Web: www.foire-brayonne.nb.ca.

BIG VALLEY JAMBOREE
Camrose, Alberta
 Aug. 2-5

Canada's premier country music festival is aptly named—the stage of the Big Valley Jamboree is spread over 300 acres. In addition to great music every night, the event features Bulls for Breakfast, a daily morning rodeo with top riders and even acrobatic rodeo clowns. The four-day festival includes a daily Wild West stunt show, lumberjack displays, a casino, marketplace, and a variety of family entertainment all day long.

Contact: Glen Vinet, P.O. Box 1418, Camrose, AB T4V 1X3; (780) 672-0224, Fax: (780) 672-9530. E-mail: bjv@incentre.net. Web: www.bigvalleyjamboree.com.

VINTAGE OHIO
Kirtland, Ohio
 Aug. 3-4

Here's a festival that has something for everyone. Wine connoisseurs can sample more than 150 vintages from some 20 Ohio wineries—and those more daring can try grape stomping. Music lovers can choose between three stages featuring styles from jazz, blues, and classical to oldies, reggae, and rock. Collectors can browse the arts and crafts creations of over 30 artists, while epicureans can tempt their palates with cuisine from more than two dozen area restaurants. There's even an outdoor science and cultural center complete with storytellers.

Contact: Donnie Winchell, 822 N. Tote Road, Austinburg, OH 44010; (440) 466-4417 or (800) 227-6972, Fax: (440) 466-4427. E-mail: winchell@knownet.net. Web: www.ohiowines.org.

LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL
San Diego, California
 Aug. 3-5

San Diego's Bazaar del Mundo courtyard is transformed into a bustling Latin American marketplace during August's Latin American Festival. Artists fly in from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Panama, and beyond to demonstrate their talents. The festival also includes one of the most extensive collections of Latin American folk art in the United States, featuring the cobalt blue of Talavera-style pottery, Peruvian bread dough figures, and everything in between.

Contact: Arres de Mexico, Bazaar del Mundo, 2754 Calhoun St., San Diego, CA 92110; (619) 296-3266, Fax: (619) 296-3113. E-mail: ken@matthewsmark.com. Web: www.bazaardel-mundo.com.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR FOLK FESTIVAL
St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador
 Aug. 3-5

For nearly a quarter-century, the cultural traditions of Newfoundland and Labrador have been celebrated for three days each summer at the province's annual folk festival. One of the region's largest events, the unique festival promotes and preserves the province's history and culture through recitations, traditional dancing, native performances, plus performances and workshops by some of the area's great musicians on fiddle, accordion, and other traditional instruments.

Contact: Deborah Cook, City of St. John's Tourism, P.O. Box 908, St. John's, NF A1C 5M2; (709) 576-8539, Fax: (709) 576-8246. E-mail: tourism@city.st-johns.nf.ca. Web: www.city-st-johns.nf.ca.

24TH ANNUAL RENAISSANCE FAIRE
Tuxedo, New York

Aug. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Sept. 1-3, 8-9, 15-16
 Walk through the woods and back in time at the New York Renaissance Faire. Armored knights joust on horseback while archers compete in tests of skill. Jesters juggle fire, walk tightropes, and perform magic tricks. Age-old crafting traditions come to life as glass blowers and blacksmiths demonstrate their skills. And of course, there's hearty food and mead aplenty.

Contact: Kevin Dunn, 600 Route 17A, Tuxedo, NY 10987; (845) 351-5174, Fax: (845) 351-5646. E-mail: nyfaire@frontiernet.net. Web: www.renfair.com.

HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL BUSKER FESTIVAL

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Aug. 9-19

Visit the streets of Halifax for 11 days of inspired mayhem. Talented street performers of all stripes—comic jugglers, musicians, dancers, magicians, mimes, even escape artists—come face-to-face with their audience each year at the Halifax International Busker Festival. The city’s historic waterfront becomes a parade of stages for 80 buskers from Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia, Japan, Israel, and South America.

Contact: Kim Kelly, 5212 Sackville St., Suite 100, Halifax, NS B3J 1K6; (902) 429-3910, Fax: (902) 429-7554. E-mail: buskers@ns.sympatico.ca. Web: buskers.ns.sympatico.ca.

ABBOTSFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

Abbotsford, British Columbia

Aug. 10-12

With majestic Mt. Baker as its backdrop, the Abbotsford Airshow is a festival like no other. For three days, major airshow performers and military demonstration teams gather to show their aerial skills and to check out the latest in aviation technology. It’s truly a global affair—skilled teams flock to the scenic Fraser Valley from Canada, the United States, Chile, Italy, France, and even Russia.

Contact: Season Roy, Manager Event Operations, 1276 Tower St., Unit No. 4, Abbotsford, BC V2T 6H5; (604) 852-8511, Fax: (604) 852-6093. E-mail: info@abbotsfordairshow.com. Web: www.abbotsfordairshow.com.

FESTIVAL BY THE SEA

Saint John, New Brunswick

Aug. 10-18

After 15 years, the Festival by the Sea has become one of Canada’s best-recognized performing arts festivals. For nine days in August, the streets of Saint John are filled with music, dance, theater, and comedy. Local performing artists and rising stars from across Canada take the stage with big-name performers before an audience of more than 50,000 people. Some 100 shows—most of them free of charge—highlight the best of the country’s talent at venues throughout the city.

Contact: Pat Pelley, General Manager, P.O. Box 6848, Station A, Saint John, NB E2L 4S3; (506) 632-0086, Fax: (506) 632-0994. E-mail: fbts@nbnet.nb.ca. Web: www.festivalbythesea.com.

S E P T E M B E R

ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND CATFISH FESTIVAL

Kingsland, Georgia

Sept. 1-3

An annual golf tournament kicks off three days of fun at the Annual Labor Day Weekend Catfish Festival in Kingsland. The annual parade runs through the historic downtown area. Visitors can also enjoy booths featuring arts and crafts, amusements, and—of course—delicious southern fried and Cajun catfish. Nationally known acts add free musical entertainment to the mix.

Contact: Earlene Crews, P.O. Box 1928, Kingsland, GA 31548; (912) 729-5999 or (800) 433-0225, Fax: (912) 729-7618. E-mail: visitus@gate.net. Web: www.visitkingsland.com.

KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Bonner Springs, Kansas

Sept. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Oct. 6-7, 13-14



Sixteen acres of Bonner’s shady lanes are transformed into a 16th-century village for the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. Step back in time to witness armored jousting, live performances on 12 stages, hand-made goods from 160 artisans, and food fit for a king. The delights to behold include a human chess

match, the Queen’s Tea Party, ripe tomato tossing for “Vegetable Justice,” and an enchanted forest of storytellers and musicians.

Contact: Amy Davis, P.O. Box 32667, Kansas City, MO 64171; (800) 373-0357, Fax: (816) 561-6493. E-mail: renfest@krenfest.com. Web: www.krenfest.com.

NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOCIATION OYSTER FESTIVAL

East Norwalk, Connecticut

Sept. 7-9

Nearly 100,000 visitors flock to Norwalk Seaport each September for the annual Oyster Festival. The attraction includes live music on five stages, more than 200 unique displays in a juried arts and crafts show, and a diverse selection of food. The latest and greatest high-tech innovations can be examined at the Big Boys Toys Tent, while oyster boats, tall ships, and schooners from many eras are on display at the waterfront.

Contact: William T. Kissam, Executive Director, 132 Water St., South Norwalk, CT 06854; (203) 838-9444, Fax: (203) 855-1017. E-mail: nseaport@snet.net. Web: www.seaport.org.

THE PUYALLUP FAIR

Puyallup, Washington

Sept. 7-23

Washington State’s largest fair has it all. By day, championship cowboys compete in the PRCA rodeo. By night, top-name comedians and singers entertain the crowds. The annual Puyallup Fair hosts state, regional, and national animal shows, plus daily contests for all kinds of human talents—in photography, sculpture, quilting, baking, gardening, weaving, and more. The 17-day festival also has no end of thrill rides, exhibits, and food.

Contact: Tracey Wittenfeld, Marketing Manager, P.O. Box 430, 110 Ninth Ave. S.W., Puyallup, WA 98371; (253) 841-5032, Fax: (253) 841-5390. E-mail: tracey@thefair.com. Web: www.thefair.com.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Hampton Beach, New Hampshire

Sept. 8-9

One of New Hampshire's largest annual events is the Seafood Festival and Sidewalk Sale Days. Visitors to Hampton Beach will be loosening their belts as more than 50 restaurants and 60 caterers compete for prizes such as best clam chowder, best team spirit, and most creative dish. The two-day event features continuous entertainment with music of all styles, plus strolling performances by jugglers and clowns, sidewalk arts and crafts sales, and more.

Contact: Sharyn Eaton, P.O. Box 790, Hampton, NH 03843; (603) 926-8718 or (800) 438-2826, Fax: (603) 964-7293. E-mail: hampton@thepipeline.net. Web: www.hamptonbeach.org.

KENTUCKY BOURBON FESTIVAL

Bardstown, Kentucky

Sept. 12-16

Bourbon has been the pride of Bardstown since its people began distilling the drink in 1776. Each fall, the "bourbon capital of the world" celebrates the history of bourbon-making with a colorful festival. From a black-tie bourbon-tasting gala to the championship barrel relay, the event offers entertainment galore. Country music concerts, historical tours, southern cooking, and more add up to five days of fun.

Contact: Pam Gover, P.O. Box 867, 107 E. Stephen Foster, Bardstown, KY 40004; (502) 348-4877 or (800) 638-4877, Fax: (502) 349-0804. E-mail: info@kybourbonfestival.com. Web: kybourbonfestival.com.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES AT LOON MOUNTAIN

Lincoln, New Hampshire

Sept. 14-16

Lincoln's annual celebration of the best of Celtic and Gaelic cultures is considered to be the premier highland games in the United States. Entertainers from Scotland and North America present music, highland dances, crafts, contests of strength, sheepdog trials, and, of course, pipe bands on parade. The event includes historical reenactments, the U.S. national fiddle championships, and seminars on everything from whisky tasting and Gaelic language to genealogy and a music and dance concert from by Breton's Slainte Mhath.

Contact: Donald Munro, 15 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301; (603) 229-1975 or (800) 358-7268, Fax: (603) 223-6678. E-mail: nhscot@aol.com. Web: www.nhscot.org.

ARTS IN THE HEART OF AUGUSTA

Augusta, Georgia

Sept. 15-17

Augusta's Hispanic community is highlighted at this year's festival of the arts, which brings together the culinary, artistic, and entertainment talents of ethnic groups from 35 different countries. This celebration of the visual and performing arts features juried arts and crafts exhibitions, literary readings, a wide variety of entertainment on seven stages, a parade of nations, and much more along the scenic downtown riverwalk.

Contact: Brenda Durant, P.O. Box 1776, Augusta, GA 30903; (706) 826-4702, Fax: (706) 826-4723. E-mail: arts@augustaarts.com. Web: www.augustaarts.com.

ADIRONDACK BALLOON FESTIVAL

Glens Falls, New York

Sept. 20-23



The brilliant colors of the fall foliage around Glens Falls suddenly have some competition as more than 100 brightly colored hot-air balloons gather for one of the oldest and largest balloon festivals in the country. The festival also includes musical entertainment, kite and sky-diving demonstra-

tions, and a military aircraft display. At "Moonglow," the six-story-tall balloons are lit up with their burners, all synchronized to music.

Contact: Walter Grishkot, Executive Director, P.O. Box 883, Glens Falls, NY 12801; (518) 792-2600, Fax: (518) 793-6098.

THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON FALL CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES & GARDENS

Charleston, South Carolina

Sept. 20-Oct. 27

Nearly 80 years ago, Susan Pringle Frost and other residents of Charleston banded together to preserve the city's grand old houses. Now visitors can marvel at rich decor and eye-catching architecture with a walking tour of the city's houses, gardens, and churches. Tour guides offer insight into the architecture and history of each site as well as its antiques, from the old French Quarter on Queen Street to the lavish residences of the Battery.

Contact: Kim W. Gay, P.O. Box 521, Charleston, SC 29402; (843) 722-4630 or (800) 968-8175, Fax: (843) 723-4381. E-mail: kgay@preservationsociety.org. Web: www.preservationsociety.org.

GIFTS TO THE TSARS: 1500-1700 TREASURES FROM THE KREMLIN

Indianapolis, Indiana

Sept. 23-Jan. 13, 2002

To win the favor of Russian tsars, leaders from Turkey, Persia, and Western Europe presented them with exquisite works of art, each more luxurious than the last. These meticulously crafted objects—bejeweled chalices, elaborate armor, precious textiles, and silver and gold objects—are on display outside of Russia for the first time in this stunning exhibit.

Contact: Heather Pierce, Tourism Coordinator, 1200 W. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46208; (317) 920-2679, Fax: (317) 931-1978. E-mail: hpierce@ima-art.org. Web: www.ima-art.org.

17TH ANNUAL HARLEY-DAVIDSON OPEN HOUSE**York, Pennsylvania**

Sept. 27-29

William Harley's urge to make his bicycle easier to use around town in 1903 started America's love affair with the motorcycle. Each fall, the now-famous Harley-Davidson Open House gives visitors a chance to see the actual creation of the bikes and learn about their history through plant and museum tours, demo rides, safety seminars, scenic rides, music, food, and more. Visitors can see Harleys in action during the bike parade through downtown York.

Contact: Lori Tyson, 1425 Eden Road, York, PA 17402; (717) 852-6590, Fax: (717) 852-6794. E-mail: lori.tyson@harley-davidson.com. Web: www.harley-davidson.com.

BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL**Baltimore, Maryland**

Sept. 28-30

Baltimore celebrates the literary arts with 175 themed exhibitions, walking tours, author signings, poetry readings, storytellers, puppeteers, antiquarian and bookseller displays, live music, and more. An array of the country's best authors attends this festival in Baltimore's historic Mount Vernon Place neighborhood. Local restaurants, retailers, and cultural institutions join in with their own book-related events, such as tours of the astounding Peabody Library.

Contact: Bill Gilmore, Executive Director, 200 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201; (410) 752-8632, Fax: (410) 385-0361. E-mail: bgilmore@bop.org. Web: www.bop.org.

TACA FALL CRAFTS FAIR**Nashville, Tennessee**

Sept. 28-30

The broad lawn in front of Nashville's historic replica of the Parthenon becomes a gallery for more than 170 select craftsmen from across the United States. Live music and a diverse selection of foods complement the displays of pottery, fine woodworking, leather goods, hand-blown glass, jewelry, photography, and printmaking. Visitors can also watch artists at work in the demonstration tent.

Contact: Alice Merritt, Tennessee Association of Craft Artists, P.O. Box 120066, Nashville, TN 37212-0066; (615) 665-0502.

U.S. GRAND PRIX**Indianapolis, Indiana**

Sept. 28-30

The world's most famous racetrack—the Indianapolis Motor Speedway—revs with the excitement of Formula One racing and the U.S. Grand Prix. The races take place on a newly constructed 2.61-mile circuit that includes part of the renowned track used for the Indy 500. Visitors can also see classic cars and other memorabilia at the speedway's Hall of Fame Museum. Nearby excursions include the covered bridges and other sights of Amish country.

Contact: Ellen Bireley, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, 4790 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, IN 46222; (317) 484-6748, Fax: (317) 484-6449. E-mail: ebireley@brickyard.com. Web: www.brickyard.com.

STOWE OKTOBERFEST**Stowe, Vermont**

Sept. 29-30

Stowe's Jackson Ice Arena is transformed into a Bavarian village for this annual celebration of harvests, fall foliage, and local delicacies. The event includes Oktoberfest traditions such as authentic German foods, fresh-brewed local beers,

and, of course, oompah bands. The festival opens with a huge Oktoberfest parade, and continues through the weekend with live music, dancing, a silent auction, and plenty of food and drink.

Contact: Sandy Devine, 331 W. Shaw Hill, Stowe, VT 05672; (802) 253-8506, Fax: (802) 253-8506. E-mail: storotary@aol.com.

OCTOBER**CRUISIN' THE COAST****Mississippi Gulf Coast, Mississippi**

Oct. 3-7



Coastal cities along 30 miles of the Mississippi Gulf Coast host a series of mini-festivals each Columbus Day weekend that comprise one of the nation's top automobile

shows. "America's largest block party" includes displays of unusual cars, drag racing, an automobile swap meet, classic car auction, professional stage entertainment, and special attractions in each city.

Contact: Gene Oswald, P.O. Box 424, Biloxi, MS 39533; (888) 808-1188, Fax: (228) 385-3842. Web: www.cruisinthecoast.com.

OKLAHOMA INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**Guthrie, Oklahoma**

Oct. 4-6

International performers from Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Italy, the United States, and elsewhere gather to celebrate traditional American music in a festival of bluegrass. Six stages of continuous performances are spread throughout the spectacular city of Guthrie, the largest designated historical area in the country. Some 300 blocks of Victorian architecture echo with music as visitors enjoy an arts and crafts market, food booths, and instrument workshops.

Contact: Marilyn Branch or Carrie Eskue, P.O. Box 1585, Guthrie, OK 73044; (405) 282-4446, Fax: (405) 282-0061. Web: www.oibf.com.

SALEM HAUNTED HAPPENINGS**Salem, Massachusetts**

Oct. 5-31

Most of the month of October is dedicated to the celebration of Halloween in the famous town of Salem. Costumed balls, haunted houses, psychic fairs, craft shows, and tours of the city's historic districts are just a few of the many events commemorating this spooky holiday. Highlights include the Fright Train from Boston, the annual Salem Haunted Happenings parade, and the Beate Juice concert.

Contact: Nancy Witham, Salem Halloween Committee, 83 Washington St., Salem, MA 01970; (978) 744-0013, Fax: (978) 740-0013. Web: salemhauntedhappenings.com.

NORSK HOSTFEST

Minot, North Dakota

Oct. 9-13

North America's largest ethnic festival features Scandinavian delicacies, demonstrations, and sales of arts and crafts, as well as performances by Scandinavian and American entertainers. Headline performers have included Wayne Newton, Jay Leno, Lori Morgan, LeAnn Rimes, Bill Cosby, and others. Three free stages with continuous entertainment throughout the day feature Scandinavian entertainers and dancers. Dignitaries attending represent Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland.

Contact: Pamela Alme-Davy, P.O. Box 1347, 1020 S. Broadway, Minot, ND 58701; (701) 852-2368, Fax: (701) 838-7873. E-mail: hostfest@minot.com. Web: www.hostfest.com.

LINCOLN COUNTY COWBOY SYMPOSIUM

Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico

Oct. 12-14

The rolling foothills of the Sacramento Mountains are an apt setting for this annual celebration of all things western. The country's finest cowboy poets, musicians, chuckwagon cooks, and western artists and craftsmen gather in Ruidoso for three days of events, competitions, and workshops. The symposium features an authentic chuckwagon camp, cavalry camp, and Indian camp, plus trail rides, demonstrations, and booths of western arts and crafts.

Contact: Sunny Hirschfeld, Hubbard Museum of the American West, P.O. Box 40, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346; (800) 263-5929, Fax: (505) 378-4166. E-mail: moth@zianet.com. Web: www.zianet.com/lccs.

N O V E M B E R

INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL

Houston, Texas

Nov. 1-4

More than 1,000 antique and contemporary quilts, original cloth dolls, and wearable art items are on display in 28 quilt exhibitions at Houston's International Quilt Festival. Works by finalists in the annual judged-quilt show are on view, as are quilts, fabrics, tools, supplies, and country crafts in more than 700 booths. Teachers offer free demonstrations of different quilting styles and techniques for those who want to learn to quilt or improve their skills.

Contact: Elizabeth Harrison, 7660 Woodway, Suite 550, Houston, TX 77063; (713) 781-6864, Fax: (713) 781-8182. E-mail: shows@quilts.com. Web: www.quilts.com.

OGLEBAY WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Wheeling, West Virginia

Nov. 1-Jan. 6, 2002

Oglebay Resort in Wheeling lights up the winter night with the nation's largest light show. The displays and landscape lighting cover more than 300 acres over a six-mile drive through the resort. Downtown Wheeling has gotten into the act as well, with dozens of homes, shops, and businesses ablaze in lights for this wintertime festival.

Contact: Bonnie Lash, Marketing Coordinator, Route 88 N., Wheeling, WV 26003; (304) 243-4132, Fax: (304) 243-4137. E-mail: blash@oglebay-resort.com. Web: www.oglebay-resort.com.

YULETIDE IN ODESSA

Odessa, Delaware

Nov. 13-Dec. 31

The historic homes of Odessa take on delightfully unique characteristics during the holiday season. Each year, the Yuletide in Odessa tour takes its theme from a beloved book of the Victorian era. This year's tour features Johanna Spyri's Heidi, the classic tale of a Swiss orphan and her grandfather. The enclave of restored 18th- and 19th-century houses—some of the oldest structures still standing in Delaware—are filled with charming displays depicting scenes from the book.

Contact: Linda A.K. Danko, Winterthur's Historic Houses of Odessa, P.O. Box 507, Odessa, DE 19730; (302) 378-4069, Fax: (302) 378-4050. E-mail: lindadanko@hotmail.com. Web: www.winterthur.org.

TANGLEWOOD FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Winston-Salem/Clemmons, North Carolina

Mid-November to mid-January 2002

The 1,300 acres of Tanglewood Park are transformed into a winter wonderland with nearly one million lights and more than 66 animated displays for this dazzling festival of lights. Open nightly from November to January, the event is the largest drive-through light show in the southeastern United States. Visitors can also stop by the Holiday Village for souvenirs, crafts, and a giant marshmallow roast.

Contact: Kevin Jay, Special Events Manager, 4061 Clemmons Road, Clemmons, NC 27102; (336) 778-6307, Fax: (336) 778-6304. Web: www.tanglewoodpark.org.

QUAD CITY ARTS FESTIVAL OF TREES

Davenport, Iowa

Nov. 16-25

Rock Island ushers in the holiday season with this spectacular 10-day festival featuring unique designs for trees, hearth and home displays, handmade ornaments and stockings, miniature Santas, and more. Amateur and professional bakers team up to build a gingerbread village populated by 12 international Santas. More than 15 giant helium-filled balloons, marching bands, and floats join the annual parade, while the Holiday Pops Concert by the Quad City Symphony is accompanied by a choir and ice dancers.

Contact: Lisa Lorenz, Quad City Arts, 1715 Second Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201; (309) 793-1238, Fax: (309) 793-1265. E-mail: festoftrees@qconline.com. Web: www.qconline.com/festoftrees.

WAY OF LIGHTS

Belleville, Illinois

Nov. 16-Jan. 6, 2002

On a quiet winter night, more than a million white lights guide visitors through a unique telling of the story of the first Christmas in Belleville's Way of Lights. The mile-and-a-half-long outdoor light display has been an annual tradition for 30 years at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The event includes performances by local church choirs, a Christmas village, and a display of a dozen themed Christmas trees.

Contact: Paul Lindauer, Pastoral Dept., 442 S. de Mazenod Drive, Belleville, IL 62223; (618) 397-6700 or (800) 682-2879, Fax: (618) 397-1210. E-mail: kcrimson@oblatesusa.org. Web: www.snows.org.

CABLEVISION PARADE SPECTACULAR

Stamford, Connecticut
Nov. 18



Come and be amazed at the nation's largest helium balloon parade. More than 30 giant helium balloons take part in a holiday celebration that parades through downtown Stamford. The festivities include marching bands, dancers, and more. The parade coincides with other holiday events in town, from the lighting of the colossal Christmas tree to a North Pole adventure land in Latham Park.

Contact: Lynne Colatrella, Stamford Downtown Special Service District, One Landmark Square, Suite 100, Stamford, CT 06901; (203) 348-5285, Fax: (203) 348-6857. E-mail: dssd@stamford.com. Web: www.stamford.com.

100 MILES OF LIGHTS

Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Virginia
Nov. 22-Jan. 1, 2002

Seven cities in southern Virginia join forces to present an incredible holiday festival. More than two million lights in drive-through and walk-through displays offer a dazzling backdrop to hundreds of events. Lighted boat parades, city illuminations, living-history reenactments, and other festivities celebrate the holiday spirit from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day in Richmond, Williamsburg, Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach.

Contact: Kate Scopetti, Mid-Atlantic Receptive Services, P.O. Box 4539, Arlington, VA 22204-0539; (800) 894-5806, Fax: (703) 271-4436. E-mail: mars@takeafuntrip.com. Web: www.takeafuntrip.com.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CEREMONY AT TEMPLE SQUARE

Salt Lake City, Utah
Nov. 24-Jan. 2, 2002

Salt Lake City welcomes the Christmas season on the day after Thanksgiving with the illumination of an elaborate display of lights in historic Temple Square. As many as 20,000 visitors watch as, to the strains of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the entire square bursts with light in a carefully choreographed display. The electric winter delight—lit by 400,000 tiny bulbs—remains on display each night of the holiday season, as it has for the past 35 years.

Contact: Gerald G. Smith Jr., Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Second Floor, 15 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150; (801) 240-5006, Fax: (801) 596-0107. E-mail: ashtongg@ldschurch.org. Web: www.lds.org.

NATCHITOCHE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Natchitoches, Louisiana
Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Since 1927, the historic town of Natchitoches has celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season with its Festival of Lights. Half a million visitors each year are treated to a gigantic parade, star-studded entertainment, carnival rides, river cruises, carriage and trolley tours, and a fireworks show. But that's not the finale. After the fireworks display, the city comes alive with 300,000 Christmas lights and 77 huge set pieces, such as the 21-foot Star of the East.

Contact: Nick Pollacia, Chamber of Commerce, 550 Second St., Natchitoches, LA 71457; (318) 352-6894 or (800) 259-1714, Fax: (318) 352-5385. E-mail: chamber@natchitoches.net. Web: www.christmasfestival.com.

D E C E M B E R

WINTER SPANISH MARKET

Santa Fe, New Mexico
Dec. 1-2

Northern New Mexico's rich Hispanic culture is showcased at the Winter Spanish Market in Santa Fe. This holiday tradition brings together works from the best Hispanic artists with demonstrations, music, and dance. Among the Spanish colonial art forms on display are bultos (depictions of devotional figures carved in the round), reatas (braided rawhide and leather lariats), paper garlands (ramilletes), plus handwoven textiles and embroidery employing the region's unique colcha stitching technique.

Contact: Bud Redding, P.O. Box 5378, Santa Fe, NM 87502; (505) 983-4083, Fax: (505) 982-4585. E-mail: bud@spanishcolonial.org. Web: www.spanishcolonial.org.

FIRST NIGHT 2001

Boston, Massachusetts
Dec. 31



Visit Boston for the 25th anniversary of the largest New Year's celebration on the continent. First Night will amaze visitors with performances, workshops, and exhibits in music, dance, theater, family entertainment, art and film, plus large-scale ice sculptures, laser light shows, and a finale fireworks display over Boston Harbor. Events take place at 60 venues throughout the city and feature the work of 1,200 visual and performing artists.

Contact: Rana Black, 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1000, Boston, MA 02116; (617) 542-1399, Fax: (617) 426-9531. E-mail: rblack@firstnight.org. Web: www.firstnight.org.

2001 TOP 100 EVENTS BY STATE / PROVINCE
UNITED STATES
ALABAMA

Festival of Flowers, Mobile, March 22-25

ARIZONA

Tucson Rodeo "La Fiesta de los Vaqueros," Tucson, Feb. 21-25

ARKANSAS

The Great Passion Play, Eureka Springs, April 27-Oct. 27

Riverfest, Little Rock, May 25-27

CALIFORNIA

Latin American Festival, San Diego, Aug. 3-5

COLORADO

Greeley Independence Stampede, Greeley, June 22-July 4

CONNECTICUT

Norwalk Seaport Association Oyster Festival, East Norwalk, Sept. 7-9

Cablevision Parade Spectacular, Stamford, Nov. 18

DELAWARE

Yuletide in Odessa, Odessa, Nov. 13-Dec. 31

FLORIDA

Florida International Festival, featuring the London Symphony Orchestra, Daytona Beach, July 13-29

Southwest Airlines Gasparilla Pirate Fest, Tampa, Jan. 26-28

GEORGIA

Arts in the Heart of Augusta, Augusta, Sept. 15-17

Annual Labor Day Weekend Catfish Festival, Kingsland, Sept. 1-3

Macon, Georgia's International Cherry Blossom Festival, Macon, March 16-25

IDAHO

Idaho International Folk Dance Festival, Rexburg, July 28-Aug. 4

ILLINOIS

Way of Lights, Belleville, Nov. 16-Jan. 6, 2002

INDIANA

Gifts to the Tsars: 1500-1700 Treasures from the Kremlin, Indianapolis, Sept. 23-Jan. 13, 2002

U.S. Grand Prix, Indianapolis, Sept. 28-30

IOWA

Quad City Arts Festival of Trees, Davenport, Nov. 16-25

Follies, Cedar Rapids, March 2-4, 9-11

KANSAS

Country Stampede, Manhattan, June 21-24

Kansas City Renaissance Festival, Bonner Springs, Sept. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Oct. 6-7, 13-14

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Bourbon Festival, Bardstown, Sept. 12-16

The Great American Brass Band Festival, Danville, June 15-17

LOUISIANA

Natchitoches Christmas Festival, Natchitoches, Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Contraband Days Festival, Lake Charles, May 1-13

MAINE

54th Annual Maine Lobster Festival, Rockland, Aug. 1-5

MARYLAND

Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Annual Salute to Independence, Sharpsburg, July 7

Baltimore Book Festival, Baltimore, Sept. 28-30

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Harborfest, Boston, June 28-July 4

First Night 2001, Boston, Dec. 31

Salem Haunted Happenings, Salem, Oct. 5-31

MICHIGAN

National Cherry Festival, Traverse City, July 7-14

Detroit 300 Festival, Detroit, July 20-26

MINNESOTA

Festival of Nations, St. Paul, May 3-6

International Polkafest, Chisholm, June 21-24

MISSISSIPPI

*** The Majesty of Spain: Royal Collections from the Museo del Prado & Patrimonio Nacional**, Jackson, March 1-Sept. 3

Cruisin' the Coast, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Oct. 3-7

MISSOURI

Lewis and Clark Heritage Days, St. Charles, May 19-20

MONTANA

Custer's Last Stand Reenactment, Hardin, June 22-24

NEVADA

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, Incline Village, Lake Tahoe State Park, July 17-Sept. 2

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Seafood Festival, Hampton Beach, Sept. 8-9

New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, Lincoln, Sept. 14-16

NEW MEXICO

Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, Ruidoso Downs, Oct. 12-14

Winter Spanish Market, Santa Fe, Dec. 1-2

NEW YORK

Saratoga Festival & Dressage, Saratoga Springs, May 26-28

Caramoor International Music Festival, Katonah, June 23-Aug. 11

Adirondack Balloon Festival, Glens Falls, Sept. 20-23

24th Annual Renaissance Faire, Tuxedo, Aug. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Sept. 1-3, 8-9, 15-16

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Azalea Festival, Wilmington, April 5-8

Tanglewood Festival of Lights, Winston-Salem/Clemmons, Mid-November to mid-January 2002

NORTH DAKOTA

Medora Musical, Medora, June 8-Sept. 2

Norsk Hostfest, Minot, Oct. 9-13

OHIO

Vintage Ohio, Kirtland, Aug. 3-4

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival, Guthrie, Oct. 4-6

OREGON

Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, Portland, June 9

World Championship Timber Carnival, Albany, July 1-4

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Flower Show and Flower Show Week, Philadelphia, March 4-11

Kutztown "Pennsylvania-German" Festival, Kutztown, June 30-July 8

17th Annual Harley-Davidson Open House, York, Sept. 27-29

19th Annual Gettysburg Civil War Heritage Days, Gettysburg, June 23-24, June 28-July 8

RHODE ISLAND

Gaspee Days Celebration, Warwick, May 5-June 10

The Newport Flower Show, Newport, July 7-8

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Festival of Flowers, Greenwood, June 1-30

The Preservation Society of Charleston Fall Candlelight Tour of Homes & Gardens, Charleston, Sept. 20-Oct. 27

SOUTH DAKOTA

Cavalry Days, Sturgis/Fort Meade, June 8-10

TENNESSEE

TACA Fall Crafts Fair, Nashville, Sept. 28-30

Wonders: Egyptian Art from the British Museum, Memphis, June 28-Oct. 21

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TEXAS

International Quilt Festival, Houston, Nov. 1-4
Mardi Gras! Galveston 2001: Space & Beyond, Galveston Island, Feb. 16-27
"Texas" a Musical Drama, Canyon, June 6-Aug. 19

UTAH

Christmas Lighting Ceremony at Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Nov. 24-Jan. 2, 2002

VERMONT

Stowe Oktoberfest, Stowe, Sept. 29-30

VIRGINIA

Virginia Highland Festival, Abingdon, July 28-Aug. 12
100 Miles of Lights, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Nov. 22-Jan. 1, 2002

WASHINGTON

The Puyallup Fair, Puyallup, Sept. 7-23

WEST VIRGINIA

Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights, Wheeling, Nov. 1-Jan. 6, 2002

WISCONSIN

The Great Circus Parade, Milwaukee, July 15
Festa Italiana, Milwaukee, July 19-22

WYOMING

Cody Nite Rodeo, Cody, June 1-Aug. 31
Grand Teton Music Festival, Teton Village, July 4-Aug. 25

CANADA

ALBERTA

Big Valley Jamboree, Camrose, Aug. 2-5
The Millennium Series, Edmonton, Feb. 10-May 13, Nov. 17-Jan. 13, 2002

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford International Airshow, Abbotsford, Aug. 10-12
Okanagan Wine Festivals, Kelowna, Penticton, Oliver, Sun Peaks Resort, May 3-6, Sept. 29-Oct. 9

MANITOBA

The Winnipeg Folk Festival, Birds Hill Provincial Park, July 5-8

NEW BRUNSWICK

La Foire Brayonne, Edmundston, Aug. 1-5
Festival by the Sea, Saint John, Aug. 10-18

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Summer in the Bight Festival & Trinity Pageant, Trinity, July 1-Sept. 2
Newfoundland & Labrador Folk Festival, St. John's, Aug. 3-5

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax International Busker Festival, Halifax, Aug. 9-19
*** Celtic Colours International Festival**, Cape Breton Island, Oct. 5-13

ONTARIO

Canada Blooms: The Toronto Flower and Garden Show, Toronto, March 14-18
The Royal Canadian Big Band Music Festival, London, June 25-July 4

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The College of Piping Celtic Festival, Summerside, June 22-Sept. 22
The Charlottetown Festival, Charlottetown, May 30-Oct. 13

QUEBEC

Quebec City Summer Festival, Quebec City, July 5-15
Just for Laughs Festival, Montreal, July 12-22
Mondial des Cultures de Drummondville, Drummondville, July 6-15

SASKATCHEWAN

RCMP Sunset Retreat Ceremonies, Regina, July 1, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14

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