


CHRISTMAS AT CRAIGDARROCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2011				1 Pre-booked School Tours	2 Pre-booked School Tours 7PM: PRIVATE PARTY	3 5PM: WEDDING
4 Self guided Tours All Day 7PM: PRIVATE PARTY	5 Pre-booked School Tours (SOLD OUT) Self guided Tours All Day	6 Pre-booked School Tours (SOLD OUT) Self guided Tours All Day	7 Pre-booked School Tours  6-8 PM: MEMBERS NIGHT RSVP Required	8 Pre-booked School Tours (SOLD OUT) Self guided Tours All Day	9 Pre-booked School Tours (SOLD OUT) Self guided Tours All Day	10  Victoria Conservatory of Music Presents: (TBD) (11:30 & 1:30) 7pm: A Christmas Carol
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18 11:30 AM: Sweet Ginger (Celtic/bluegrass duo) 1:30 PM: Monique Fink (Cello) 3PM: Holiday Crowns 6:15 & 7 Family Night (Reservations Req'd)	19 11:30 AM: Mere Minstrels (Folk/Baroque quartet) 1:30 PM: Paul O'Brien (singer/performer) 3 PM: Holiday Wrapping Paper Printing	20 11:30 AM: Celtic Reflections 1:30 PM: Natasha Enquist (Children's performer) 3 PM: Holiday Card Making	21 11:30 AM: Doug Hensley (Renaissance lute) 1:30 PM: Sarah Tradewell (Fiddle/singer) 3 PM: Origami Ornaments 7pm: A Christmas Carol	22 11:30 AM: Visit with Father Christmas 1:30 PM: Cam & Daisy (Children's performers) 3 PM: Holiday Crowns	23 11:30 AM: Banquo (Folk/Early Music) 1:30 PM: Cookeilidh (Celtic band) 3 PM: Visit with Father Christmas 7pm: A Christmas Carol	24  11:30 AM: Christmas Caroling with VCM 1:30 PM: Mere Minstrels (Folk/Baroque quartet) 3 PM: Paper Snowflakes
25 CLOSED 	26 CLOSED 	27 11:30 AM: Mistletoe Wish (Puppet Theatre) 1:30 PM: Les Amusements de la Chambre (Piano + Violin) 3 PM: Holiday Crackers	28 11:30 AM: Linden Singers (A Capella Caroling) 1:30 PM: Sweet Ginger (Celtic/bluegrass duo) 3 PM: Holiday Crowns 7pm: A Christmas Carol	29 11:30 AM: Paul O'Brien (singer/performer) 1:30 PM: Two Wide Men (Celtic Duo) 3 PM: Create a Castle	30 11:30 AM: Alison Vardy (Classical Harp) 1:30 PM: Dance Hall Players (English Country Dance) 3 PM: Mad Hatter Hats	31 Scottish Heritage Day 11:30 AM: Celtic Reflections 1:30 PM: Cookeilidh (Celtic band)

NEW THIS YEAR!

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, adapted as a one-man play by Jason Stevens. His performance has been described as "perfect" by the Oak Bay News. Barry Bowman, well-known Victoria radio personality enthuses *"To have this kind of talent, someone who can do this without lights, without props, is incredible."* Tickets \$20 adults or \$15 students. (Not designed for under ages 13.) Members - \$2.00 off.



Victoria Conservatory of Music has paired with us to present some of their best & brightest students...as well as lead us all in singing **carols around the piano.** As a former tenant of Craigdarroch Castle, they are the perfect musical partner. Look for the VCM logo!

Holiday Craft Activities for our artistically inspired visitors. Fun for adults and children alike, come make your own souvenir! Daily at 3PM (December 17-30)

Christmas Caroling around the piano. Join members of the Victoria Conservatory of Music for a special session of singing Christmas Carols together.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Family night includes a guided tour by Kate the Maid or Chris the Butler, a mummers play, and cookies & cider. *\$15/adult, \$14/senior, \$10/student (13-higher Ed w/ID) \$7/child (6-12), 5 or under free. Must be pre-booked.*

Member's Night is our annual celebration for members, sponsors of the Christmas Program. RSVP is required, so email Barb now at info@thecastle.ca or give her a call at 250-592-5323 if you plan to attend.

Visit with Father Christmas on December 22nd and 23rd. Like all our day-time entertainment and activities, regular admission rates apply and no reservations are required.



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DECORATORS, INTERPRETERS & OTHER CONTRIBUTORS:

Sherry Kerr, Jeanne Gaboury, Bruce Davies & a crew of Craigdarroch Volunteers, Carole Summerfeldt & Tom Stuart.

ALL DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT IS FREE WITH ADMISSION!

(APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR IN DURATION
SEE CALENDAR FOR DATES AND TIMES)

VICTORIA CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Join us on the weekend of December 10 & 11 for performances by Victoria's best and brightest students! 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Or come be part of the show on Sat. the 17th or Christmas Eve at 11:30 AM for **CHRISTMAS CAROLING AROUND THE PIANO.**

3 PM CRAFT ACTIVITIES

Craigdarroch Castle will offer free craft activities for kids and adults alike. Come get creative and take home a souvenir! Check the calendar for a full list of craft activities.

DOUGLAS HENSLEY

Doug is a returning performer and will provide a selection of seasonal music played on a renaissance lute. Sat. Dec. 17th at 1:30 PM & Wed. Dec. 21 at 11:30 AM

SWEET GINGER

Victoria fiddle-guitar duo (Miriam Sonstenes and Jeff Dill) play celtic, old time and bluegrass music, with classic duet style vocals. From lilting Irish airs and jigs to Texas swing style breakdowns and sweet old time fiddle dance tunes, these two musicians play a range of genres while taking turns singing country and bluegrass songs of love and heartbreak. Wednesday Dec 28th at 1:30 PM

MONIQUE FINK - CELLO

Welcome back to Monique Fink - She is a classically trained cellist and will be playing classical seasonal sounds during the holiday programming. Sunday, December 18th at 1:30 PM

MERE MINSTRELS

Craigdarroch Castle comes to life with sweet vocals and instruments in Folk and Baroque style. These accomplished musicians play flute, recorder, guitar, percussion & tin whistle. Monday, December 19th at 11:30 AM

O'BRIEN FAMILY BAND

We are pleased to welcome back dynamic and charismatic musician Paul O'Brien, who this year brings along his daughter and sons to round out the sound. Mon. Dec 19 at 1:30 PM & Thurs. Dec 29 at 11:30 AM

CELTIC REFLECTIONS

A "Hogmanay" event in honor of the Scottish celebration for New Year's Eve, featuring a variety of seasonal and historic Celtic music and throw in a good helping of Scottish music! December 20th at 11:30 AM & December 31st at 11:30 AM

SARAH AND CHERYL TRADEWELL

We welcome Sarah to the Castle after a successful summer of performances around the Island. Sarah and her fiddle, with support from her mother Cheryl on piano, will offer a selection of Celtic and seasonal music. Wed. Dec. 21 at 1:30 PM

BANQUO

Banquo is an early folk group, performing songs and tunes from the 12th century to the present. They perform on a wide variety of instruments, including violin, cittern, mandolin, harp, hammered dulcimer, Swedish and Northumbrian bagpipes (Not Highland Pipes) and hand drum percussion. Fri. Dec 23 at 11:30 AM

COOKEILIDH

Toe-tapping jigs, reels, polkas, strathspeys and aires, as well as a few old time waltzes and a handful of traditional vocal selections characterize the music of Cookeilidh. The name hails from the old Gaelic spelling of "Ceilidh" which means "kitchen party" or "musical gathering", and that is the atmosphere that this group strives to create. Fri. Dec. 23 at 1:30 & Dec. 31 at 1:30 PM

LES AMUSEMENTS DE LA CHAMBRE

This ensemble is comprised of Emily Redhead on violin and Katelyn Clark on piano. Their historically inspired ensemble focuses mainly on works of the eighteenth-century, but frequently perform in a variety of other styles. Tues. Dec. 27 at 1:30 PM

LINDEN SINGERS OF VICTORIA

The Linden Singers of Victoria is once again performing at Craigdarroch. This a cappella choir ensemble has become well recognized for its interpretative skills of a broad spectrum of secular and religious choral music from the 16th to the 21st century. Wed. December 28 at 11:30 AM

TWO WIDE MEN

A combination of original songs and fiddle tunes, as well as contemporary folk and Celtic music. Les McAdams is our singer/songwriter, and he also sings songs from other folk singers. He tries to choose songs that are not as commonly heard. Keith Malcolm has been playing fiddle for many years, and he composes fiddle tunes for the group. Thurs. Dec 29 at 1:30 PM

ALISON VARDY

Played on a classical harp, one of the most magical instruments, Alison will perform vibrant array of multi-cultural Celtic harp music arranged to delight and soothe the senses. Friday, December 30th at 11:30 AM.

DANCE HALL PLAYERS

With Keith Malcolm on fiddle and Ann Schau on piano, there will be lots of toe-tapping music drawing its roots from Celtic, folk, and English country dance. Fri. Dec. 30th at 1:30 PM

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

by Charles Dickens, adapted as a one-man play by Jason Stevens. His performance has been described as "perfect" by the Oak Bay News and Victoria radio personality Barry Bowman, enthuses "To have this kind of talent, someone who can do this without lights, without props, is incredible."

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Sat. Dec 10, Wednesdays: Dec 14, 21 & 28

Fridays: Dec 16 & 23 7PM showtime, doors open 6:30.

FAMILY NIGHTS!

Fun for the whole family when you join Kate the Maid or Christopher the Butler as they take you on a guided tour of the Castle. Find out about Victorian Christmas traditions, see a mummers play in the dance hall then enjoy cider and cookies served from the pantry after the tour.

\$15/adult, \$14/senior, \$10/student (13-higher Ed w/ID)
\$7/child (6-12), Children 5 and under Free

Reservations Required: 250.592.5323

Doors open 20 minutes prior.

Saturday Dec. 17th and Sunday Dec 18th at 6:15 and 7 pm.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Join Craigdarroch's own traditional turn-of-the-last-century Father Christmas for a unique Yuletide experience. He will tell the story of his origin and hear the Christmas wishes of good little boys and girls. Father Christmas arrives at 11:30 a.m. on: Thursday Dec 22 at 11:30 AM ~ Friday Dec. 23 at 3 PM

MISTLETOE WISH PUPPET THEATRE

Join us for a theatrical performance with music and puppets based on the musical "Christmas in Connecticut!" Tuesday, December 27 at 11:30

NATASHA ENQUIST

A lively combination of stories, music and sing-a-longs, Natasha will delight young and old audiences alike. Come sing, laugh and enjoy engaging stories. Tuesday, December 20 at 1:30

DAISY AND CAM

This popular children's entertainment group returns to the Castle in full effect this year! Join Cam and Daisy as they lead a fun filled hour of song play and joy. Thursday December 22 at 1:30

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