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On now until Dec. 16: **[Vertigo Theatre The 39 Steps](#)**: A beautiful spy is murdered and Richard Hannay must stay one step ahead of the killers, the police and a jealous husband in a quest to prove his innocence. Loaded with nonstop laughs, a talented cast of four playing over 150 zany characters, an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance!

On now until Dec. 23: **[Rosebud Theatre Cariboo Magi](#)**: The most sublime, divine and hilariously entertaining rendering of the Christmas story ever told.

On now Dec. 23: **[Heritage Park Once Upon A Christmas](#)**: Experience the magic of Christmas past during the 10 days of this event, Saturdays and Sundays. From wagon rides, singing carols to visiting jolly old Saint Nick. Don't miss seeing the NEW alpacas. Includes admission to Gasoline Alley.

On now Dec. 23: **[Heritage Park Once Upon A Christmas Breakfast Buffet](#)**: Savour a festive breakfast buffet at the Wainwright Hotel or Gunn's Dairy Bar before enjoying the park festivities.

On now until Dec. 23: **[Lunchbox Theatre The Santaland Diaries](#)**: David is a struggling actor based in New York. To make ends meet, he takes a job as an elf in Macy's Santaland Village. This play is based on the comedic book by David Sedaris that speaks to his own experience acting as an elf in Macy's.

On now until Dec. 23: **[Calgary Farmers' Market Christmas Market](#)**: Activities include Canadian Maple Shack, Santa photos, gift wrapping, cookie decorating and live music.

On now until Dec. 24: **[Aspen Crossing Polar Express Train Ride](#)** (weekends, daily from December 14-24): Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, families are sure to delight in their journey to the North Pole, complete with hot chocolate and cookies served on board the train.

On now Dec. 24: **[Stage West All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth](#)**: Join Stage West for the children's version of dinner theatre featuring an incredible "kids buffet" complete with favourites like hot dogs, pizza, Jell-O, ice cream, followed by a live child-oriented performance with plenty of humour for parents as well.

On now until Dec. 24: **[Theatre Calgary A Christmas Carol](#)**: Now a Calgary tradition, this stage production of Charles Dickens' classic novel tells the tale of Scrooge, the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future, and how an eye-opening journey transforms the grumpy protagonist.

On now until Dec. 31: **[Alberta Theatre Projects Charlotte's Web](#)**: For Alberta Theatre Project's family-friendly holiday show, E.B. White's well-known story is brought to the stage. See how a young girl named Fern forges an unlikely friendship with a pig, Wilbur, and a spider, Charlotte. This is a musical version of the story is a heartwarming story of friendship and love.

On now until Dec. 31: **[Downtown Association Northern Reflections Window Exhibition: Buds of Buds](#)** will debut a series of windows painted by local artists throughout Calgary's downtown core. With a mobile phone app called, Augle, viewers can engage with each art piece through augmented reality.

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On now until Jan. 6: **Calgary Zoo Zoolights**: Enjoy enchanting new themes and special guests, plus the classic activities you've come to love. Find games on migration, hibernation and adaptation to teach you about conservation and animal behaviours all while having a sparkling good time.

On now until Jan. 7: **Christmas at Lougheed House**: Six of Calgary's veteran interior designers - all of them new collaborators with us - will make our Victorian House "pop" with their new approach to holiday colour, mood and emotion.

On now until Jan. 7: **Spruce Meadows Festive Christmas Lights**, from 5-10 p.m. Hot chocolate, coffee and pastries available in the Founders Plaza each evening from 5-8 p.m. Admission \$10 per carload.

On now until Jan. 20: **Jubilations Beauty and the Grinch**: The town of Glooville is set for Christmas to ring, to light up the tree and to laugh, dance and sing. Runs every Saturday at 11 a.m.

On now until Feb. 4: **Jubilations Dinner Theatre Downton Abbey Road Songs of the Beatles**: With more drama than you can shake a 20th century riding stick at, this show is guaranteed to make your family look normal. And it's all set to the music of the most British rock band in history; The Beatles.

On now until Feb. 4: **Stage West Pure 90's**: From *Titanic* and *Jurassic Park* to the Spice Girls and the Macarena, Stage West Theatre's fall and winter show, *Pure '90s*, riffs on many of the touchstones of this decade. It doesn't feel like that long ago that the World Wide Web exploded in popularity, *The Simpsons* were created and a Canadian team won the Stanley Cup.

Dec. 14: **TELUS Spark Adults Only Night – Greatest Hits**: Yep, you guessed it. We're bringing back the best of Adults Only Night!

Dec. 14-15: **Fort Calgary Murder at Mistletoe Mall**: Join us in the Reindeer Restaurant for Mistletoe Mall's annual appreciation and award party. The recipient of Employee of the Year receives a trip for two to Paris and a 50,000 cash prize. Tonight there will be one winner and one loser. Who will it be? Come join us at the Christmas celebration that promises mistletoe, madness and murder.

Dec. 15-17: **Market Collective** Come and celebrate the Holiday Season with us and **celebrate our 9th anniversary**. Hosting three consecutive weekends in Inglewood at 1390 – 17 Ave. S.E.

Dec. 15-17: Granary Road **First Christmas Market** – gift shopping, hay rides, petting zoo, skating rink and North Pole Family Fun area.

Dec. 15-17; 21-24: **Alberta Ballet The Nutcracker**: Enter a Kingdom of Sweets, fall in love with a Sugar Plum Fairy, and bravely face an army of mischievous mice. This is an intimate retelling of a holiday classic in its beautifully authentic Russian setting.

Dec. 16: **Mount Royal University Bella Concert Hall Sounds of the Season**: Celebrating the festive season in song, the MRU Conservatory ensembles including the Calgary Youth Orchestra, Mount Royal Kantorei and Artio choirs and more take the stage at the Taylor Centre. This yuletide event also features an appearance by Calgary's own comic a cappella group, the Heebie-jeebees.

Dec. 16 -17; 23 – 24: **Santa Comes to Winsport**: Santa is coming to WinSport this winter on weekends, at the Frank King Day Lodge. The first 88 kids that visit Santa each day will receive a gift from him and

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the WinSport elves. Families can take their own photos and share them with friends and family this Holiday season.

Dec. 17: **Century Downs – Breakfast with Santa**. Bring the family and join us from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Santa arrives at noon. Reserve your table now.

Dec. 17: **Lougheed House** – meet Victorian Santa from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and take part in Victorian games (indoors & out), craft making for kids, live story reading, live organ music and tours of the house by costumer interpreters – all included with admission this Christmas.

Dec. 20: **Heritage Park Dinner and A Movie – A Christmas Story**: Dine on a movie themed, three-course dinner in the Selkirk Grille Restaurant before heading over to Gasoline Alley Museum to enjoy one of our classic movie selections. Each evening features a different movie with an accompanying themed meal. A cash bar and popcorn will be available to purchase during the film.

Dec. 20-22: **Fort Calgary Have Yourself a Merry Little Murder**: Up at the North Pole Enterprise, Santa & Mrs. Claws are preparing for visitors. The staff at this amusement park are gearing up for your arrival and it is going to be a once in a lifetime experience. While snow is falling, we'll be singing a 'slaying' song tonight!

Dec. 26 – Jan. 7: **TELUS Spark Unboxed**: Packages are great, but sometimes the packaging is better! Starting on Boxing Day, Unboxed will be back again at TELUS Spark. Enjoy special activities that will have you seeing your holiday recyclables in a whole new light.

Dec. 27 – Jan. 7: **Heritage Park Winter CARnival**: Travel to the Gasoline Alley Museum and experience winter around the world. Enjoy activities guaranteed to beat the cold, heat or whatever the weather in your part of the globe.

Dec. 28-31: **Heritage Park Christmas Teas**: Join us for a delightful holiday inspired afternoon tea in the Famous 5 Centre of Canadian Women. Tea and an assortment of freshly baked goodies will be served in the beautifully decorated dining room of this stunning home.

Dec. 29: **Grey Eagle Resort & Casino** musical guests **Honeymoon Suite & Headpins**: Doors open at 7 p.m. show at 8 p.m.

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Dec. 31: **Deerfoot Inn & Casino** celebrate New Year's with **The Trews** in the Chrome Showroom. Doors open at 9 p.m. show at 11 p.m.

Dec. 31: **Calgary Zoo Zoo Years Eve**: Visitors can enjoy ice skating, wonderland in the ENMAX Conservatory, activities and more. Brighten your New Year's Eve experience with family-friendly fun that gives back to animal conservation!

Dec. 31: **Cibo** Ring in the New Year with our four-course menu. Round off your evening with a glass of \$4 beer or treat yourself to a glass of prosecco.

Dec. 31: **Bavarian Inn New Year's Eve**, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Ages 18+. Limited tickets available. \$85 until Dec. 15, then \$105 each – includes happy hour prices, tapas & canapes, oyster bar, dancing and games, complimentary bubbles to toast at midnight, transportation home to Bragg Creek, Redwood Meadows and Priddis.

Dec. 31: **Rodney's Oyster House New Year's Eve**: Welcome 2018 in style! Enjoy a prix fixe four-course menu for only \$60 per person (plus tax and gratuity). Reservations available from 5 p.m.

Dec. 31: **Heritage Park New Year's Eve Dinner at Selkirk Grille**: It's out with the old, and in with a new dining experience like no other. This New Year's Eve, ring in 2018 with an exquisite six-course dinner at the Selkirk Grille, located at Heritage Park Historical Village.

Dec. 31: **Fort Calgary Murder at the Masquerade**: It's New Year's Eve in Deadwood Lake and a very select few have been invited to the Mayor's home for an exclusive Masquerade Party. Ringing in the New Year is the last thing you'll want on the menu, as murder is served up with a side of mayhem, and the main dish is something you'll definitely want to sink your knife into, or die trying...

Dec. 31: Without Papers Pizza Join us in Inglewood for our New Year's Eve Burlesque Ball. The local burlesque troupe The Garter Girls will perform a fun and risqué show that's sure to bring down the house. Show starts at 10 p.m.

Dec. 31: **City of Calgary New Year's Eve Celebrations 2018**: Celebrate the New Year with an amazing line-up of local artists and a fireworks display at Olympic Plaza, a family dance party at the municipal building or a splash party at Southland or Village Square Leisure Centre.

Dec. 31: **Carriage House Inn Mystique NYE**: Enjoy a six course gourmet dinner and dance the night away with a special guest DJ at Club Mystique.

Dec. 31: **Cowboys Dance Hall** presents **Fantasy NYE 2018**: Doors open at 8 p.m. Ring in the New Year and dance the night away. Tickets now available.

Dec. 31: **Hotel Blackfoot New Year's Eve – The Roaring 20's**: The 3rd annual New Year's Eve Gala on December 31st at Hotel Blackfoot. Put on the Ritz and Dress to Impress. Dinner, dance, DJ, photo booth and sparkling wine at midnight. Dinner is a buffet with a wide array of items. This event will sell out. Get your tickets today! This is an 18+ event.

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Dec. 31: [Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall](#) **All that Glitters with Aaron Goodvin & Jeremy Dallas:** Over the years, Aaron has built a local reputation as a dynamic performer with a rock solid portfolio of songs. After signing with publishing powerhouse Warner Chappell Music, Aaron scored his first major league contribution with "Out Like That" on Luke Bryan's multi-platinum album Crash My Party.

Dec. 31: [TELUS Spark](#) Ring in the New Year with the return of our family-friendly **Noon Year's Eve Bubble Wrap Dance Party.** Perfect for anyone with early bedtimes! Take part in a special countdown beginning at 11:45 a.m. to the tune of hydrogen balloon explosions. Join the bubble wrap dance party to stomp and pop.

NEW YEAR

Jan. 1: [Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra](#) **Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert:** This holiday season, the spirited romance of operetta, the glamour of ballroom dance, and the delicate beauty of ballet will waltz you into a triumphant New Year.

Jan. 5 – 13: [Theater Calgary](#) **ONEGIN:** This passionate retelling of a Russian classic will blow your mind. Innovative and in-your-face, this is musical theatre at its best. A runaway hit in Vancouver last season, *Onegin* is undeniably charming and unreservedly sexy. Don't let this lover get away.

Jan. 11 – 14: [Theater Junction GRAND](#) **Body so Fluorescent:** What happened last night on the dance floor? Two friends try to retrace their steps from the night before to figure out just how it all ended in an explosive fight.

Jan. 16 – 28: [Alberta Theater Projects](#) **Empire of the Son:** A funny and poignant autobiographical one-man show by former CBC broadcaster Tetsuro Shigematsu about his rocky relationship with his emotionally reserved father.

Jan. 18: [Heritage Park](#) **Big Rock Brewery Workshop:** This program is a must for the beer lover. It's a chance to learn and participate in the brewing process from start to finish. You'll be guided by no less than the best - a Big Rock Brewery representative.

Jan. 18 – Feb. 11: [Stage West Theater](#) **Like a Billion Likes:** Misty Riggs is a nobody. No, really, she is - that's an undisputed fact. But just as she's starting sophomore year, she gets the notion she should try to stand out somehow before it's too late - the terrible culmination of her burning desire to be recognized for something, anything, no matter how she achieves it.

Jan. 19 - 20: [Alberta Ballet](#) **Travis Wall's Shaping Sound: After the Curtain:** Under the Artistic Direction of Emmy Award Winner Travis Wall from 'So You Think You Can Dance', and co-created with Nick Lazzarini, Teddy Forance and Kyle Robinson, Shaping Sound is an electrifying mash-up of dance styles and musical genres brought to-life on stage by a dynamic company of dancers.

Jan. 19 - 21: [Spruce Meadows](#) **Alberta Kennel Club Winter Classic:** There are obedience trials, rally obedience trials, agility and scent hurdling and a beauty contest.

Jan. 21 - 22: [Arts Commons](#) **View from Above with Astronaut Terry Virts:** Sometimes, a little distance

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is all you need to see things in a brand new way. For astronaut Terry Virts, his newfound perspective was from the International Space Station (ISS), where he installed the Cupola module, granting an unprecedented 360-degree view from the station.

Jan. 24: **Arts Commons Classic Albums Live The Beatles – Abbey Road:** For the first time in popular music, the greatest albums from the 60s and 70s are recreated live on stage, note for note, cut for cut. Founded in 2003 by Toronto musician Craig Martin, Classic Albums Live has quickly earned a stellar reputation for perfectly recreating classic albums, without the cheesy costumes or shoddy impersonators.

Jan. 27: **Grey Eagle Resort and Casino Dekada Fight Night:** Dekada has garnered the attention of the boxing world and has become the biggest and fastest growing promotion in western Canada with match ups and fighters that bring excitement to every fight.