

# theStranger's GLADVENT CALENDAR

Countdown to 2025 with One Really Great Thing to Do Every Day in December!

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Wow, things got weird this year, huh? Chances are you want to tuck under a stack of weighted blankets and sleep until 2028. Us, too! We have to push

forward, but there will be plenty of time to fight in 2025. For now, we party! Seattle is one of the only cities in America that got shit right on November 5, so let's rejoice and

celebrate the fact that We! Are! Great! Chug festive cocktails! Get happy and weird with *Scott Shoemaker's War on Christmas!* Fall into a trance at a gaudy light

display! (If you stare long enough you might be able to fool your brain into thinking the sun didn't set at 4 pm.) Find many more good things to do at [everout.com/seattle](http://everout.com/seattle).

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MUSIC

## Cyndi Lauper at Climate Pledge Arena

"She bop, he bop, we bop / I bop, you bop, they bop / Be bop, be bop, a lu bop." (That song is about masturbation!)

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FOOD & DRINK

## The Stranger's Holiday Drink Week!

Read more about the festive \$12 drink specials available at participating bars all over the city at [thestranger.com](http://thestranger.com)!



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AUTHOR TALK

## Hsiao-Ching Chou and Meilee Chou Riddle at Book Larder

Local chef and author Hsiao-Ching Chou wrote a cookbook of family recipes with her daughter, Meilee! Dumplings for everyone!

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COMEDY

## A John Waters Christmas at Neptune Theatre

The Prince of Puke is back with his annual holiday show December 3-4 at the Neptune.



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VISUAL ART

## December First Thursday Art Walk in Pioneer Square

Don't be a grinch, support local artists!

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SHOPPING

## Urban Craft Uprising Winter Show at Seattle Center

UCU's preview night is kid-free and less crowded than the general event, so you can leisurely shop more than 150 vendors and food trucks.



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MUSIC

## Medieval Woman's Choir at St. James Cathedral

These women will make your brain burst in the best way. Read more about them in our winter calendar on page 63.

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FILM

## The Muppet Christmas Carol at SIFF Cinema Uptown

"Light the lamp, not the rat! LIGHT THE LAMP, NOT THE RAT!"



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AUTHOR TALK

## Robin Wall Kimmerer at Town Hall

Kimmerer, a member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is an award-winning nature writer and botanist.

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FOOD & DRINK

## Eat a Cookie

We're featuring a cookie on Slog every day in December! Check out [the-stranger.com/cookiecount-down](http://the-stranger.com/cookiecount-down) and treat yourself!

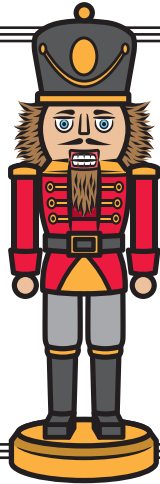


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DANCE

## The Nutcracker at Pacific Northwest Ballet

Did you know they use everclear to clean those intricate costumes? We went behind the scenes at the PNB—see photos and learn more fun facts on page 34.



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HOLIDAY LIGHTS

## Astra Lumina at the Seattle Chinese Garden

This illuminated "celestial pathway" is approximately one mile long and features 10 light displays.

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PERFORMANCE

## Betty Wetter's Blue Xmas at Clock-Out Lounge

It's Betty Wetter's Christmas party, and she can cry if she wants to!

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MUSIC

## Smooch at the Showbox

A benefit for Seattle Children's Hospital with Sebadoh! (Please wear a Santa costume, Lou Barlow.)

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VISUAL ART

## Fischersund: Faux Flora at National Nordic Museum

Read our interview with Jónsi and his Fischersund art collective on page 44!

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PERFORMANCE

## Scott Shoemaker's War on Christmas! at Theater Off Jackson

This might just be the weirdest and best holiday tradition in all of Seattle.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS

## Fiesta Navideña Night at Enchant Christmas at T-Mobile Park

Hard to be S.A.D. when surrounded by more than FOUR MILLION lights!



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FOOD & DRINK

## Miracle on 2nd at Rob Roy

This annual holiday pop-up runs through December 25.

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COMEDY

## Matt Rogers at Neptune Theatre

Celebrate the holidays with everyone's favorite *Las Culturistas* host! (Sorry, Bowen.)

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THEATER

## A Very Die Hard Christmas at Seattle Public Theater

"The quarterback is toast!"



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MUSIC

## Thunderpussy at the Crocodile

Rock out with your Thunderpussy out!

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SHOPPING

## United Indians Native Art Market at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center

Because no one wants something you purchased in a panic at Target. For more gift ideas, see page 51.

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COMEDY

## The Dina Martina Christmas Show at ACT Contemporary Theatre

It simply isn't Christmas until the brilliant Dina Martina delivers her unhinged rendition of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

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COMEDY

## The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show at Moore Theatre

Jinx Monsoon and BenDeLaCreme hold holiday court at the Moore December 21-24.

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CHRISTMAS & THE FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH

## Get Naked, Play Zelda

Learn how to find your own happiness for the holidays on page 15.

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BOXING DAY

## Go Hit Something

It's been a hell of a year.

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VISUAL ART

## Keith Haring: A Radiant Legacy at MoPOP

Read about how this almost made Charles Mudede cry on page 25!

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MUSIC

## Dancer and Prancer at Winterfest

They're the holiday-themed surf band you didn't know you needed!

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COMMUNITY

## Do Some Good Before Things Get Bad

Learn about volunteer opportunities for introverts on page 19!

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS

## WildLanterns at Woodland Park Zoo

Don't want to deal with other people's screaming, pee-covered children? The zoo's 21+ nights are December 5 and January 2.

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MUSIC

## Artist Home's New Year's Eve at Tractor Tavern

With members of Smokey Brights, Black Ends, Wild Powwers, and more! Find more NYE party suggestions at [thestranger.com](http://thestranger.com)!