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It's now the perfect time to catch a holiday-themed show or concert at one of Tucson's many performing arts centers. Here are just a few of the events that Tucson has in store this holiday season.



The Nutcracker

Ballet Tucson will grace the stage of the University of Arizona's Centennial Hall once again, performing *The Nutcracker* just in time for Christmas. Guests are invited to join Clara on her magical journey. Tickets range in price from \$31 to \$59 with discounts for students, children, seniors, and military. The show will play at various times December 21 through December 23. www.uapresents.org.

The Spirit of Christmas

The University of Arizona's Centennial Hall will host the fourth annual *Spirit of Christmas* put on by Tucson Dance Academy. The high-energy, Broadway-style dance and music production is a beloved tradition in Tucson. Shows will take place Saturday, December 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person with discounts for children, seniors, military, and groups. www.uapresents.org.



Holiday Card to Tucson

The University of Arizona Choir and Symphonic Choir, the University Community Chorus, the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, and the Tucson Girls Chorus will perform classical and popular holiday music from around the world. The event will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral at 3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but a voucher is required. 520.626.9227

The Magic of Christmas!

The Tucson Symphony Orchestra, TSO Chorus, and special guests will put on a show, *The Magic of Christmas*. The all-new event features classic carols and holiday favorites and a visit from Santa Claus. The show will take place December 22 at 8 p.m. and December 23 at 2 p.m. at Tucson Music Hall.

www.tucsonsymphony.org.



Blue Christmas: A Holiday Salute to the King

Fox Tucson Theatre will present Robert Shaw and the Lonely Street Band Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. The show pays tribute to the music of Elvis Presley as well as other classic holiday tunes. Kicking off the 25 days of Christmas, the show is sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

www.foxtucsontheatre.org.