

9 events to get you in the holiday spirit this week

Get in the holiday spirit, even if the weather isn't helping, at these 10 events this week.



Thanksgiving is over and Black Friday is done, which means we've hit peak holiday season. The weather may not be helping, but we've got 10 ideas to get you in the festive spirit.

Winter Village Skate-tacular

Bryant Park's Bank of America Winter Village is not just lighting a Christmas tree on Tuesday — they're putting on a holiday ice show featuring Olympians including Nancy Kerrigan, Brian Boitano, Johnny Weir, and 2014 gold medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White, telling the story of a modern family's night before Christmas. After the tree is lit, skating reopens to everyone. And because it's also Giving Tuesday and World AIDS Day, 30 cents of every purchase made with a Bank of America credit or debit card in the Winter Village will go to provide a full day of medication to HIV/AIDS patients through the (RED) foundation. *Dec. 1, Skate-tacular at 6 p.m., tree lighting 6:35 p.m.*

Holiday Beer Dinner

Bet you've never had a white-napkin meal with Brooklyn Brewery pairings, but that's what's going down at Naples 45 on Tuesday. Five courses like braised littleneck clams, risotto with Berkshire pork ragu and seared duck with crispy Brussels sprouts each get their own beer, with a nightcap of boozy affogato. *\$59, 200 Park Ave., reserve at 646-465-5151*

Above Average Talent Show

It's the time of year to be giving thanks, and to help others who have less to be thankful for. The week after Thanksgiving brings Giving Tuesday, and you can support the Ally Coalition's mission to help homeless LGBTQ youth by attending a variety show. Comedy website Above Average brings some big names to its second annual Talent Show, including Lena Dunham, the Bleachers, Sara Bareilles, Mike Birbiglia and more. VIP tickets include backstage access and an invitation to the after-party. *\$77-\$152, 8 p.m., New World Stages, 340 W. 50th St.*

Twelve Nights of Union Square Cafe

Though saved from the fate of so many restaurants that have shuttered after rent hikes, Union Square Cafe won't be quite the same when it moves uptown (though only three blocks). The final day of service is Thursday, Dec. 12, and leading up to it the restaurant is hosting ticketed dinners beginning Tuesday. The three-course prix fixe menu for \$85 will feature some of its greatest holiday hits from its beginning in 1985 to the present. *21 E. 16th St.; reserve by calling 212-243-4020*

Tree lighting at South Street Seaport

Yes, Rockefeller Center has the biggest tree and its own TV special, but trying to get a live glimpse of the tree lighting is next to impossible unless you're willing to wait outside all day. For a less frenzied holiday tradition, get down to the South Street Seaport on Tuesday for the opening of their outdoor holiday market, photos with Santa from 5-8 p.m. and performances by "American Idol" winner Nick Fradiani, a cappella group the Mistletones, gospel youth group Livre' and more. *Free, tree lighting at 6 p.m.*



Nutcracker Rouge

Company XIV, the sexiest theater troupe in the city, is bringing back its longest-running production beginning Tuesday. This baroque-style interpretation of the traditional "Nutcracker" story blends burlesque, theater, dance, song and circus acts in an erotic and intoxicating production. The no-holds-barred show is only for ages 16 and up. *Dec. 2-Jan. 17, \$50-\$175, Minetta Lane Theatre, 18 Minetta Lane*

Snowcoming

The holiday season would be a lot less merry without Christmas songs. Keep the music alive at Snowcoming, the first holiday gala for VH1's Save the Music. Hometown R&B duo ASTR will perform at this semiformal event hosted by the New York Public Library, where you can mingle with music industry up-and-comers. All proceeds go toward funding instruments and music programs in local schools. *Dec. 4, 8 p.m., \$100, 476 Fifth Ave.*

Tressle Pop-Up

Home goods e-tailer Tressle.com will come to life in a three-day pop-up with massive discounts on items "from haute to handmade." The best part: Bring a photo of your space for a free interior design consultation. Or get a professional holiday portrait taken, with proceeds going to a charity of your choice. Browse for ideas while sipping free coffee and hot cocoa, then continue shopping at home with a 20 percent off coupon. *Dec. 4-6, 149 Elizabeth St.*

Holiday Window Walking Tour

Even the most ambitious shoppers attempt to see the city's famous window displays on Fifth Avenue each year. Make sure to hit all of them on this Streetwise tour, courtesy of Triumph Hotels, starting off at the Iroquois New York, which winds from the iconic Lord and Taylor windows past Rockefeller Center to Barney's — with nine stores total, including a pit stop for hot chocolate at Central Park South. *Sundays through Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m., free, 49 W. 44th St.*