

CALENDAR ALERT

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Bellevue
MAGIC SEASON
**BELLEVUE MAGIC SEASON
ARRIVES NOVEMBER 27**

BELLEVUE, WA (Nov. 2, 2009) –The Bellevue Magic Season's glittering lights and spectacular downtown events return for the holidays, November 27 to January 10.

The Bellevue Magic Season is celebrating its 13th year as a presenting partnership between the Bellevue Downtown Association, the City of Bellevue, The Bellevue Collection, The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue Botanical Garden and The Shops at The Bravern, along with many other supporting community organizations and downtown businesses.

Magic Season event details, hours, and directions at magicseason.com.

Group Health Ice Arena: November 27 – January 10

Presented by STAR 101.5 and KOMO Newsradio

The Group Health Ice Arena presents the region's only open-air holiday ice skating experience. The festive ice arena offers shelter for all-weather skating and stunning views of the park's waterfall. For more information call (425) 453-1223 or visit magicseason.com.

- Bellevue Downtown Park – NE 1st Street and 102nd Avenue NE
- \$10 admission (includes \$3 skate rental fee)
- Advance Discount Admission Pass – Purchase 10 skating passes for \$75 (a \$25 savings).
- Free Skate Mondays – Compliments of Bank of America. For details, visit magicseason.com
- Free Holiday Lights – Compliments of Puget Sound Energy. Donate at least 10 pounds of food or \$10 for Hopelink on December 3rd and receive a free energy-saving LED light string and skating pass.
- Grandparents Day – December 13, Compliments of Aegis of Bellevue
- Produced by the Bellevue Downtown Association

Snowflake Lane: November 27 – December 24

Produced by The Bellevue Collection

Experience the grandeur and tradition of Snowflake Lane along the sidewalks of Bellevue Way at The Bellevue Collection. Snow falls nightly as live toy soldiers and winter characters, music and a dazzling light show brighten the night. For more information call (425) 454-8096 or visit bellevuecollection.com.

- Bellevue Way and NE 8th Street
- Shows nightly at 7 p.m.
- Free

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Celebration Lane: December 26 – December 31

Produced by The Bellevue Collection

Ring in the New Year with evening performances of Celebration Lane.

- Bellevue Way and NE 8th Street
- Shows nightly at 7 p.m.
- Free

Garden d’Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden: November 28 – January 2

Supported by 98.1 Classical KING FM

More than 500,000 lights illuminate the Bellevue Botanical Garden in a breathtaking, nationally-recognized holiday display. Visitors can stroll through the gardens and enjoy music by 98.1 Classical KING FM. For more information call (425) 451-3755, or visit bellevuebotanical.org.

- Bellevue Botanical Garden – 12001 Main Street
- Open nightly, 5 – 10:00 p.m.
- Free (donations are encouraged to support the light display)
- Parking is \$5 at the Botanical Garden and free at Wilburton Hill Park

The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center

Presented by 98.1 Classical KING FM

The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center hosts a magical holiday series of musical and dramatic productions by regional and local performance groups, including the Attic Theater, International Ballet Theatre, Bellevue Youth Theatre, Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra and Magical Strings. For complete information on holiday performances call (425) 450-3810 or visit theatreatmeydenbauer.com. The Theatre is located at NE 6th Street and 112th Avenue NE.

- November 27–29: Bellevue Youth Theatre presents *Once Upon a Mattress*
- December 3-6: Attic Theatre presents *It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*
- December 6: Bellevue Youth Symphony presents *Winter Wonderland*
- December 11-13 & 18-23: International Ballet Theatre’s classical production of *The Nutcracker*
- December 14: Magical Strings presents *A Celtic Yuletide*

Season of Wonder at The Bravern: November 27 – December 31

Presented by The Shops at The Bravern

Thousands of sparkling lights and fresh garland will transform this European-inspired village into an elegant winter wonderland. Enjoy more than 50 live performances and concerts, from choirs and jazz bands to orchestral music and dance. Discover Roving Runways featuring the season’s hottest fashions, and be on the lookout for The Bravern’s winter faeries. For special event dates and times, visit thebravern.com.

- The Shops at The Bravern – NE 8th Street and 112th Avenue NE
- Free

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