

Favorite Christmas songs featured in Lindsey Wilson's Holiday Cabaret

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A Christmas classic returns to Lindsey Wilson University this week.

A Holiday Cabaret will be performed at 7 p.m. CST this Thursday and Friday plus a matinee show at 2 p.m. CST Sunday at V.P. Henry Auditorium. The 90-minute musical will feature songs and music of the holiday season.

A Holiday Cabaret, which will feature performances by Lindsey Wilson students and staff, will be directed by graduate assistant Kassidy Phelps.

Admission to the production is a can or a box of non-perishable food. Cash donations also will be accepted.

Lindsey Wilson theatre professor Robert Brock, who is the show's production manager, said the department has produced about a half-dozen Christmas programs over the last 15 years. He considered it time for this

popular offering to return to the stage.

"I feel like a theatre should celebrate the Christmas season, so we decided to revive A Holiday Cabaret," Brock said. "It always received such a positive response from the audience."

Phelps said the musical review will include solo and group performances of classic Christmas songs and carols.

"It will feature all kinds of musical compositions — some will be very familiar to audience members and others might be new," Phelps said. "It will be a very festive evening."

Also on Sunday, the Lindsey Wilson University Band, under the direction of music professor Robert Palmer, will give a free concert at Columbia United Methodist Church, 202 Burkesville St., Columbia. The 40-minute concert will feature a mix of holiday and traditional concert pieces.

Cave Sing takes place Sunday

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Mammoth Cave National Park will offer the 46th annual Cave Sing celebration, a free holiday event this Sunday.

Holiday music will greet guests as they arrive at the visitor center starting at 1 p.m. CST Sunday. Pre-event music will be provided by vocalist Markita Connor and pianist John Baumgardner.

The main performances begin at 2 p.m. CST Sunday inside the cave. The Heart of Kentucky Chorus from Hardin County and Butler County Middle School auditioned choir will entertain.

"Each year we look forward to kicking off the holidays with the unique and beloved tradition of Cave Sing at Mammoth Cave," Superintendent Barclay Trimble said. "The music, the setting, and the spirit of the season come together to create a truly magical experience underground. We're proud to continue this

tradition that brings people together in celebration and joy."

Light refreshments will be served immediately after Cave Sing in the lobby of The Lodge at Mammoth Cave where a visit from Santa Claus is expected.

Attendees should be prepared for large crowds at the visitor center and inside the cave, according to information from the park.

No tickets or advanced reservations are required, but all participants must meet the event guide behind the park visitor center before departing for the Historic Entrance.

Event participants will walk approximately three-quarters of a mile round trip to reach the performance area, the park service announcement said. The cave access trail includes a steep outdoor hillside with a total of 130 stairs.

Inside the cave, participants will travel along

broad passageways and walkways. The trail is mostly level, but some hilly and uneven areas exist.

The performance area is a natural environment with low lighting and a temperature of around 54°F. Even though the cave air stays near a constant temperature, wind chills near the entrance may be much cooler.

There are no seating options at the performance area, the park announcement said. The estimated performance time is around one hour.

Cave Sing is made possible through the contributions of the Friends of Mammoth Cave National Park and park concessioner, ExplorUS, as well as the support of volunteers who assist in coordinating this annual event.

Visit the park website at nps.gov/macai/index.htm for more information about Cave Sing and other special events.

Theme parks to celebrate 80 years

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Holiday World & Splashin' Safari officials are hosting an art contest to inspire the designs of the 2026 souvenir cup in honor of the parks' upcoming 80th birthday.

When the business first opened its doors on Aug. 3, 1946, it was named Santa Claus Land and was America's first theme park. Three winners with submissions that celebrate the theme of 80 years of family fun will each win two 2026 Season Passes, a news release from the amusement park said.

"We were amazed by the creativity of the submissions last year," said Lauren Crosby, fourth-generation owner, in the release. "It was a fun way to celebrate 25 years of Free Unlimited Soft Drinks. This year, we're excited to

see what our fans design to help us celebrate 80 years of family fun in Santa Claus, Indiana."

Fans of any age who are legal residents of Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio or Missouri can submit one design online for consid-

eration by Dec. 15.

Full contest rules are listed at HolidayWorld.com/CupDesign.

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari are closed for the season and reopen in May. Season passes for 2026 are on sale.

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Notice is hereby given that the Comprehensive Agency Plan of the Campbellsville Housing Authority is on display for the next 45 days beginning Friday, October 17, 2025 and ending on Monday, December 1, 2025. The Plan can be reviewed, by appointment, at the Campbellsville Housing Authority located at 400 Ingram Ave, Campbellsville, KY 42718 during normal business hours. Any comments must be made in writing to:

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P. O. Box 597
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