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# Choir Happenings



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ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

## Choir Notes



Once again, the season of Christmas is over and it was great to be able to celebrate Christmas Eve in the sanctuary. A little different from the snow and storms of last year. It was also a delight to see the young people return to provide leadership and energy through their December 24th play. Thanks to the choir for their active music leadership throughout the Advent season, your efforts are appreciated! Enjoy the pictures of Christmas Eve as taken by Margot Crowder Davidson.

For many of us, our immediate attention turns the St. Paul's Centre production of *The Music Man*. A great deal of effort has gone into preparing for this event and it will be another stellar show. Make sure you get your tickets early and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

They are available online through the St. Paul's website or through our church box office which is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to noon.

Enjoy the quiz this month which looks at our holiday traditions. This is the time of the year when you should get your best score!

As we enter the new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we have had as a choir this year. Sunday services have changed and we have experimented with new styles of worship and music, as well as choir 'gowning'. Thanks to Dan and all choiristers for being open to the challenges of adapting to change.

As we look forward to the new year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead of us. Thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work. Your commitment to the choir has been truly inspiring, and we are grateful for the time and effort you have put in. Let's continue to work together and make this year even more memorable than the last.

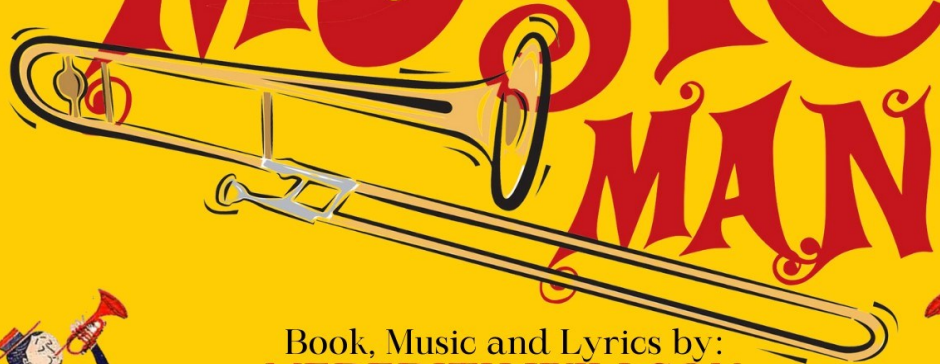
Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year!



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# THE MUSIC MAN



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The 'Pay what You Can' performance is general admission on a  
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Show Times

January 24 to the 27, 2024 7:30pm

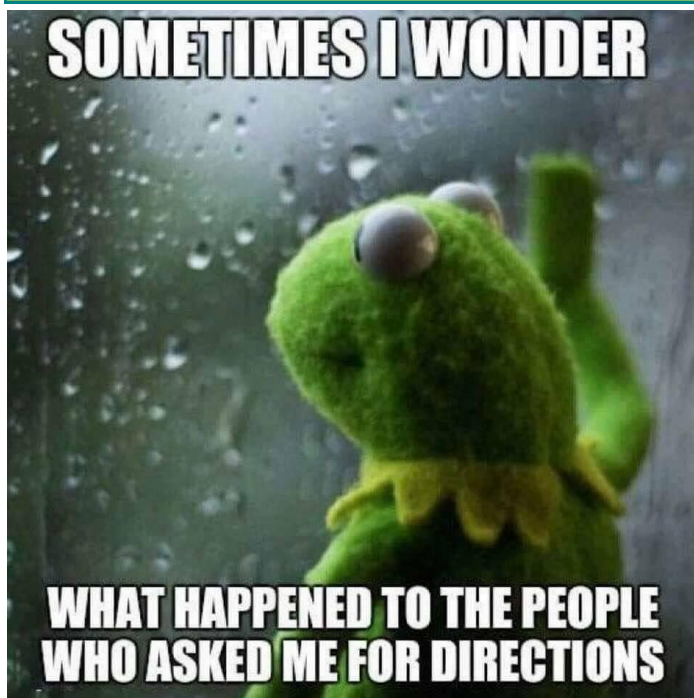
Matinees January 27, 28, 2024 1:30pm

Reserved tickets available online at [stpaulscentre.ca](http://stpaulscentre.ca)

Information: (705) 326-7351



## Kermit the Frog Reflects on the New Year



# MAT FILM NIGHTS

All titles will have two screenings on the date noted above - one at 4 pm and a second at 7 pm - inside the Orillia Galaxy Cinemas Theatre 2. As usual, tickets will only be sold at the door starting at 3 pm day of screening. Regular tickets will be \$15, and student tickets will be \$10 (cash only).

**Wednesday, January 24**

## Scrapper



Charlotte Regan's feature-length debut, "Scrapper," is as whip-smart as the 12-year-old girl at its center. Georgie (played wonderfully by the newcomer Lola Campbell) lives alone in her apartment in London following the death of her mother, and spends her days stealing bicycles for money and

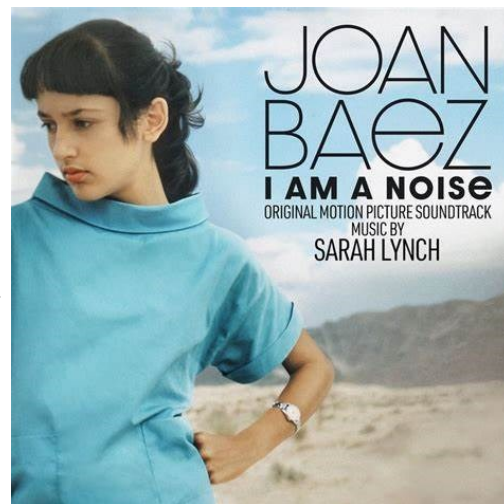
playing hooky with her friend Ali (Alin Uzun). Through some clever voice mail trickery, she has convinced the inattentive adults in her life that she is being taken care of by her nonexistent uncle. That all changes when her estranged father, Jason (Harris Dickinson), shows up to the house to assume the role as Georgie's primary caretaker — but not without some tension.

"Scrapper" is tender without falling into sappiness. Regan doesn't romanticize Georgie's struggles with poverty, grief and bullying, which are accompanied by the film's gritty sense of humor. At the same time, the film's vivid cinematography, by Molly Manning Walker, fills the screen with symmetry and pastel colors; there's a youthful energy to the way many of the scenes are shot, even as Georgie is trying to haggle her way into a better deal for a stolen bike.

*New York Times, by Claire Shaffer, August 23, 2023*

**Wednesday, January 31**

## Joan Baez: I am Noise



In a letter to her parents, the singer Joan Baez describes the work of recalling repressed memories of being abused by her father as "the bone-shattering task of remembering."

Her account of that experience, which she says her parents denied, is shown in the new documentary "Joan Baez I Am a Noise." In the wistfully immersive film — directed by Karen O'Connor, Miri Navasky and Maeve O'Boyle — Baez reveals these "bone-shattering" secrets while winding down her 60-year career as a musician and political activist.

At 82, Baez seems to have processed her struggles. She is plain-spoken about her early fame and her devotion to Bob Dylan, and does not let herself off the hook when her son admits to feeling her absence while she was "busy saving the world."

The documentary has a gold mine of material: drawings and journal entries, concert footage, family videos and vintage photographs. Included in the mix is audio from one of her therapy tapes, setting the stage for her unflinching confessional about abuse.

*New York Times, by Chris Azzopardi, October 5, 2023*



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# BLUES & GOSPEL XII

~ FEATURING ~  
**Kenny (Blues Boss) Wayne • Jordan and Prakash John**  
**Ronnie Douglas • Michael Shand**  
**and Musical Director Lance Anderson**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024**  
**AT THE**  
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**DOORS OPEN 7 P.M. SHOW STARTS 7:30 P.M.**  
**TICKETS \$35 PER PERSON**  
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Lance Anderson's hugely popular Blues and Gospel show is back - Saturday February 3rd at the Orillia Opera House ! Back for its 12th year, with another incredible lineup of all-star vocalists and musicians assembled, arranged and directed by Orillia's own JUNO award winning producer, Lance Anderson.

Winner and 2020 nominee for the Maple Blues Piano/Keyboard Player of the Year, Lance Anderson, is musical arranger and director of the show. Seven-time Maple Blues award winner Kenny (Blues Boss) Wayne is headlining along with the phenomenal talent of Jordan John and legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Famer bassist Prakash John. Local Blues favourite from Rama First Nations Ronnie Douglas will bring his guitar-based rockin' blues and soulful voice to the stage. As in past years Lance will introduce an artist that is new to the Mariposa audience, the incredibly gifted pianist Michael Shand, from Toronto.

Tickets are \$35 (all fees and taxes included) and are available at the Orillia Opera House Box Office or online at [orilliaoperahouse.com](http://orilliaoperahouse.com). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.



# Christmas Eve at St. Paul's

Photos taken by Margot Crowder Davidson





# How Much Do You Really Know About Canadian Winter Holiday Traditions? By: Ashley Linkletter



1. Christmas dinner wouldn't be complete without these loud party favours — what are they called?  
A. Airhorns                      B. Christmas crackers  
C. Vuvuzelas                  D. Sparklers
2. Canadian children love to send Santa Claus a letter in December; what is his address?  
A. Wellington Street, Ottawa   B. 25 Candy Cane Street  
C. 123 North Pole Lane          D. North Pole H0H 0H0
3. When you're in Ottawa celebrating the winter holidays, you can go skating on which canal?  
A. Rideau Canal                  B. Panama Canal  
C. Canada Canal                  D. Trudeau Canal
4. This Canadian crooner's Christmas album spent four weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard chart in 2011. Who is this chart-topping singer?  
A. Michael Bublé                  B. Justin Bieber  
C. Shawn Mendes                  D. Bryan Adams
5. This pie sounds like it would be full of meat, but it's actually a sweet Christmas treat. What is it called?  
A. Mincemeat pie                  B. Bacon pie  
C. Hamburger pie                  D. Turkey pie
6. Santa Claus goes by a different name in French-speaking households. What is his name "en français"?  
A. Père Noël                      B. Father Christmas  
C. Bonhomme                      D. Pierre Christmas Tree
7. Which famous claymation Christmas television special was voiced entirely by Canadian talent (with the exception of one character)?  
A. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"  
B. "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town"  
C. "The Nightmare Before Christmas"  
D. "Jack Frost"
8. You may know December 26th as the day after Christmas, but what is it called in Canada?  
A. Canadian Christmas                  B. Post-Christmas Day  
C. Black Friday                      D. Boxing Day
9. This Christmas movie about a Red Ryder BB Gun and a "FRA-GEE-LEH" leg lamp has a surprising number of ties to Canada. What is the name of this popular Christmas film?  
A. "A Christmas Story"  
B. "The Nightmare Before Christmas"  
C. "Mixed Nuts"                      D. "Miracle on 34th Street"
10. Which region of Canada experiences the winter solstice first?  
A. Atlantic Canada                  B. Central Canada  
C. Canadian Prairies                  D. Western Canada
11. What is the name of the suspension bridge in British Columbia that is covered with fairy lights every holiday season?  
A. Capilano Suspension Bridge   B. Two Lions Bridge  
C. Burrard Bridge                      D. Granville Bridge
12. Let's say you wanted to send the prime minister and their family a Christmas gift — what are you allowed to send them?  
A. A gift certificate to Tim Hortons   B. Nothing  
C. A gift basket                      D. A stocking
13. Canada Post has released two Hanukkah stamps. One featured a menorah; what did the other stamp have on it?  
A. Dreidel                              B. Potato latkes  
C. Vessel of olive oil                  D. Kugel
14. This Canadian singer-songwriter released the album "Christmas" in 1993. It features traditional songs in English and French as well as an original carol. Who is the artist?  
A. Justin Bieber                      B. Diana Krall  
C. Neil Young                      D. Bruce Cockburn
15. Which Celtic-inspired singer from Stratford, Ontario, arranged and performed the album "To Drive the Cold Winter Away"?  
A. Rita MacNeil                      B. Diana Krall  
C. Owen Pallett                      D. Loreena McKennit
16. Christmas trees are big business in Canada! Can you guess how many Christmas trees our country ex-

ports each year?

- A. 100 million      B. 300,000  
C. 1.95 million      D. 5,000

17. Toronto's Santa Claus parade is the oldest in the world — when did the very first parade occur?

- A. 1956      B. 1904      C. 1977      D. 1919

18. Any time is a good time for eating the big holiday dinner. When do many people in Quebec eat their main Christmas meal?

- A. Christmas afternoon      B. Boxing Day  
C. Christmas morning      D. Christmas Eve

19. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Where can you find the largest artificial Christmas tree in Canada?

- A. Toronto, ON      B. Edmonton, AB  
C. Montreal, QC      D. St. John's, NL

20. Approximately how many whole turkeys do Canadians purchase during the holiday season?

- A. 1 million      B. 10 million  
C. 3.3 million      D. 500,000

21. This yule log is for eating, not for chopping! What is it called?

- A. Christmas tree log      B. Bûche de Noël  
C. Cake roll      D. Jelly roll

22. Always willing to show their thanks, which province donates a tree to the city of Boston, Massachusetts, every Christmas?

- A. Alberta      B. Quebec  
C. Nova Scotia      D. British Columbia

23. In Vancouver, this secret society organizes a lantern festival to celebrate the winter solstice — what is the name of the secret society?

- A. The Illuminati      B. Secret Lantern Society  
C. Winter Solstice Wizards      D. Skull and Bones Society

24. Jewish people in Canada have been celebrating Hanukkah for a very long time. When did they first begin observing this important holiday?

- A. 1900      B. 1760      C. 1950      D. 1890

25. If you're heading to this winter-time hotel for the holidays, you'll need to bring plenty of warm clothing. What is the name of these icy accommodations?

- A. The Ice Palace      B. Snow Town  
C. Hôtel de Glace      D. Chilly Willy's

26. It's hardly surprising Canada has a large number of Christmas tree farms. How many of these farms does Canada have?

- A. 45      B. 5,067      C. 1,872      D. 589

27. The Great North has many Christmas-y sounding geographical locations. Which of the following places isn't found in Canada?

- A. Santa Claus      B. Snowflake  
C. Christmas Island      D. Reindeer Station

28. If you're eating a cake on January 6th, you'll need to keep an eye out for a hard object baked into the dessert. What object don't you have to worry about?

- A. Crown      B. Plastic baby  
C. Banana peel      D. Raw bean

29. It wouldn't be Christmas without a glass of eggnog (especially in a reindeer mug!) Can you guess how much eggnog Canadians drink every holiday season?

- A. 10,000 litres      B. 500,000 litres  
C. 5.2 million litres      D. 1 million litres

30. When did the National Ballet of Canada debut its annual performance of "The Nutcracker"?

- A. 1995      B. 2000      C. 1999      D. 1980

31. Canada has a long history of celebrating Christmas through song. What is its oldest Christmas carol?

- A. "Carol of the Bells"      B. "Baby, It's Cold Outside"  
C. "Jesus Hathamia"      D. "Adeste Fidelis"

32. Are you a spruce fan, or do you live for ever-green? Do you know which live tree is most popular across Canada?

- A. Evergreen      B. Scots pine  
C. Balsam fir      D. Douglas fir

33. Calgary is home to many beautiful displays of Christmas lights and decorations. Which display is the city best known for?

- A. Lions Festival of Lights  
B. Victoria Park Holiday Lights  
C. VanDusen Botanical Garden Celebration of Lights  
D. Canadian Display of Hope

34. On average, how much do individual Canadians typically donate over the holidays?

- A. \$50      B. \$300      C. \$75      D. \$200

35. Canadians love to buy gifts for their loved ones! Which region of Canada spends the most during the holiday season?

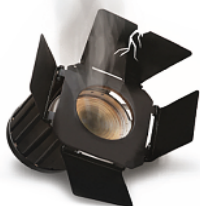
- A. Northern Canada  
B. Central Canada  
C. Atlantic Canada  
D. Western Canada







# THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG



by **HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER & HENRY SHIELDS**

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From Mischief, Broadway masters of comedy, comes the smash hit farce. Welcome to opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show - "an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences! Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this Olivier Award winning comedy is a global phenomenon that's guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter!

## Winter Traditions Quiz

1. Christmas crackers - An absolute must-have item for Canadian Christmas dinner, crackers are made of cardboard tube that has been twisted so that it looks like a candy (which explains why they're called Christmas bon-bons in some parts of the world.) Crackers make a loud "bang!" sound when pulled apart and typically contain a tissue paper crown, a joke and a toy.

2. North Pole HOH OHO - If you want to get a letter to Santa Claus, you'll need to address it to the North Pole, making sure to use the postal code HOH OHO (no postage required.) To receive a response from Santa, mail your letters no later than December 14. Canada Post's volunteer elves have responded to over 26 million letters in 25 years in over 30 languages.



3. Rideau Canal - As soon as the part of the Rideau Canal going through central Ottawa freezes, it becomes the world's largest skating rink (and the second longest; the longest skating rink is in Winnipeg, Manitoba.) The canal, or Skateway as it's called, measures 7.8 kilometres in length and of-

fers plenty of elbow room for beginner and experienced skaters alike.

4. Michael Bublé - Michael Bublé's "Christmas" album was the second best-selling album of 2011 in the United States, coming in behind Adele's "21." What makes this feat especially impressive is the fact that it was a holiday-themed album, which means that the vast majority of its sales occurred during a brief one-month period.

5. Mincemeat pie - Mincemeat pies originally came from England, where they were made from dried fruits and spices. Although they contained meat at one point, they have since become a dessert rather than a savoury pie. In Canada, mincemeat tends to come in tart form, and while some bakers swear by their own recipe, mincemeat can be purchased in jars for convenience.

6. Père Noël - When French-Canadian children aren't whispering excitedly about Père Noël (Father Christmas), they wish friends and family a "Joyeuses fêtes!" which translates to "Happy holidays!" The Christmas carol "Petit Papa Noël" is also sung by children across the country, partly in thanks to Raffi's famous rendition of the French song.

7. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" - Although everyone's favourite TV movie about Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, was produced by the American company Rankin-Bass, all of the voice talent, including voiceover actors and singers, were Canadian (except for Sam the Snowman, who was famously voiced by Burl Ives.)

8. Boxing Day - Many Canadians enjoy an extra day off on Boxing Day, along with the citizens of other Commonwealth countries around the world. Although some people prefer to spend their day off watching movies and eating leftovers, Boxing Day is also Canada's biggest shopping day of the year, and many individuals brave the crowds to take advantage of sales.

9. "A Christmas Story" - Despite "A Christmas Story" taking place in Cleveland, Ohio, the movie was shot almost entirely in Toronto and St. Catharines, Ontario. Fun fact — the school scenes were filmed at Victoria Public School in St. Catharines, with the students acting as extras (they were paid a dollar each for their troubles.)

10. Atlantic Canada - At 6:20 p.m. Atlantic Canada officially becomes the first region of Canada to experience the winter solstice (if you live in Newfoundland and Labrador the time is slightly later at 6:52.) What does this mean? At that specific time, the sun is right over the Tropic of Capricorn, meaning the angle of light is very shallow — producing very little warmth (compared to the rest of the year.)

11. Capilano Suspension Bridge - Located in North Vancouver, the Canyon Lights Winter Festival kicks off at the end of every November and features hundreds of thousands of beautiful Christmas lights. The Capilano Suspension Bridge, the Treetops Adventure and the surrounding rainforest are decorated from top to bottom, making them the tallest Christmas trees in the world.

12. Nothing - Unfortunately, the only way you'll be able to give the prime minister and their family a Christmas gift is if you know them personally. Thanks



to security protocol and The Federal Accountability Act of 2006, the prime minister can't accept gift cards, money, or homemade presents (anything else is usually dismantled or broken during security screening.)

13. Dreidel - In 2011, Canada Post released two stamps for Hanukkah, one with a picture of a menorah and the other a dreidel. Historically, dreidels were used by young Jewish children when they were forbidden to learn Torah by Syrian-Greek rulers. Hiding in caves to escape imprisonment, they would innocently play with their dreidels when the enemy passed nearby.

14. Bruce Cockburn - Bruce Cockburn's "Christmas" album is on heavy rotation in many Canadian homes during the holiday season thanks to Cockburn's take on classic songs such as "Adeste Fidelis" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." The song "Shepherd" was written specifically for the album, which was released on True North Records.

15. Loreena McKennit - With her signature soprano voice and gentle harp music, Loreena McKennit's sophomore album "To Drive the Cold Winter Away" is an ode to music best listened to with a cup of hot tea and a good book. "To Drive the Cold Winter Away" was recorded in three separate cathedrals in Canada and Ireland, any naturally-occurring sound in the churches was kept in for effect.

16. 1.95 million - According to a report from 2016, Canada exports about 1.95 million Christmas trees every year. Where do the trees end up? Everywhere, it turns out! The United States, Australia, the Caribbean, Thailand and France are all recipients of Canadian Christmas trees.



17. 1904 - Not only is the Toronto Santa Claus parade the oldest in Canada, but it's also one of the oldest annual parades in the entire world. The very first parade was on December 2, 1904, and consisted of Santa Claus walking the short distance from Union Station to the Eaton Centre downtown (the following

year saw the addition of an actual float!)

18. Christmas Eve - On Christmas Eve, many Québécois families attend a midnight Christmas mass. When they come home, it is still traditional to celebrate with a large feast called réveillon. Tourtiere, ham hock soup, seafood and desserts are the main feature of the meal, with each family adding their unique touch to the centuries-old feast.

19. Toronto, ON - Standing at 100 feet, the biggest artificial Christmas tree in Canada can be found in Toronto's Eaton Centre (the tree is surrounded by three levels of shops, to give you a better idea of its size.) The tree beats the famous Rockefeller Center tree by 6 feet, and its annual unveiling ceremony includes Christmas carolling and a visit with Santa and his elves.

20. 3.3 million - Approximately 3.3 million turkeys are sold during the holiday season, making up 47% of turkey sales from the entire year. Although turkeys are enjoyed as part of Christmas dinner, many Canadians prefer to serve ham, roast chicken or goose, roast beef or Beef Wellington.

21. Bûche de Noël - Beautiful to look at and even better to eat, a homemade Bûche de Noël is a project for experienced bakers only. Modern iterations usually include yellow sponge cake, which is iced with a buttercream frosting and then rolled up into a log shape. The outside of the log is iced again and covered with a chocolate ganache, meringue toadstools and icing sugar "snow."

22. Nova Scotia - After the infamous and devastating Halifax Explosion in 1917, the city of Boston provided aid for the residents of Halifax, Nova Scotia. A symbolic gesture of thanks, Nova Scotia has been donating a giant Christmas tree to Boston every year since 1971, where it is decorated and lit throughout December in the Boston Common.

23. Secret Lantern Society - For over 25 years, the Secret Lantern Society has been organizing winter solstice events in and around the Vancouver and Lower Mainland area. Participants bring their own lantern (or can make theirs at the celebration if they don't have one) and listen to singers and drummers while joining the procession as it moves towards the return of the sun.

24. 1760 - Hanukkah has been observed in this country since 1760 when the first Jewish people immigrat-

ed to what would eventually become Canada. Many Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah as a secular holiday in Canada, with a strong focus on traditional foods, gift-giving, and time with family and friends.



25. Hôtel de Glace - Made from 40,000 tons of snow and 500 tons of ice, the Hôtel de Glace is the only one of its kind in all of North America. The structure is re-made in a brand new architectural style each year, and each of its 40 rooms is uniquely designed. While there's no changing the -5°C ambient temperature of the hotel's interior, there are sleeping bags, insulated sheets, hot tubs and saunas to keep you warm during your stay.

26. 1,872 - As of 2016, Canada has 1,872 Christmas tree farms, with most of them being located in Quebec, British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. What did the cash receipts total at the end of the season? A whopping \$77.6 million in Christmas tree sales.

27. Santa Claus - Santa Claus is a Christmas-themed town in southwestern Indiana, but all of the other locations can be found in Canada. Snowflake is in Manitoba, Christmas Island in Nova Scotia and Reindeer Station is in the Northwest Territories. Missing from the list? Noel, Nova Scotia; Sled Lake, Saskatchewan; Noel, Nova Scotia and Turkey Point, Ontario.

28. Banana peel - In Quebec, January 6th is when the Epiphany or Fête des Rois (festival of kings) is celebrated. Participants share king's cakes, which have had an uncooked bean, small plastic baby or a crown baked directly into the batter. The person who gets the object in their cake is crowned the king or queen and receives royal privileges for the rest of the day.

29. 5.2 million litres - Thanks to a survey by Statistics Canada, we know that in 2016, over 5.2 millions litres

of eggnog were sold across the entire country. It seems that Canadians are slowly dropping the eggnog habit for healthier choices; in previous years, the number was as high as 8 million.

30. 1995 - A true spectacle to behold, the National Ballet of Canada has been performing "The Nutcracker" since 1995. Using a combination of prima ballerinas, character dancers, students of the National Ballet (not to mention all of the elaborate costumes and sets), this holiday tradition is for all ages.

31. "Jesous Ahatonhia" - The "Huron Carol" which is also known as "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" or, in its original Wyandot language, "Jesous Ahatonhia" translates to "Jesus, he is born." The hymn was written in 1642 by Saint Jean de Brébeuf, a Jesuit priest who lived among the Huron people in what used to be called New France.

32. Scots pine - Despite the overwhelming number of Christmas tree varieties native to Canadian soil, it's actually the Scots pine that is most popular every holiday season. Most of the trees are grown on Christmas tree farms. However, the Scots pine can now be found growing in the Canadian wilderness.



33. Lions Festival of Lights - The Lions Festival of Lights takes place every year in Calgary, inviting visitors to drive through a literal winter wonderland of lights and luminescent decorations. True to the overall nature of the city, the elaborate display is close to being 100% green thanks to the strict use of LED light bulbs.

34. \$300 - If you guessed a very generous \$300, you are correct! Women are slightly more likely to donate money to charity, as are people who identify as being religious or who actively volunteer throughout the rest of the year. 94% of Canadians donate food or cash at least once over the entire year.

35. Atlantic Canada - If you live in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick, there's a good chance you love to shop during the holidays! According to a 2018 survey, residents of Atlantic Canada planned to spend an average of \$813 on gifts, narrowly beating out Ontario (\$805) and British Columbia (\$688.)