



AUSTIN, MN HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATIONS

*NOVEMBER 15, 2025 –
JANUARY 15, 2025*



AUSTIN ACTIVITIES



For the most current and complete information sign up for our "What's Happening in Austin" newsletter or go to www.AustinMN.com/events



November 15

ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

IJ Holton Intermediate School

1800 4th Ave SE

www.facebook.com/share/1654cJHL2T

The annual "One Stop Christmas Shoppe!" There is literally something for everyone. Candles, jewelry, mittens, metal yard art, wooden crafts, signs, and soo much more!!!

November 19

CITY / COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center

1304 21st St NE

www.compplan2045.com

The City and County are developing their 2045 Comprehensive Plan. Attend the Open House at the Hormel Nature Center to learn more about the project, provide your ideas, and voice your concerns. This is a kid-friendly event. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Feel free to join anytime. There will be no formal presentation at the event.

November 20

WINTER ART WANDER

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Downtown Austin

www.austinareaarts.org

Kick off this holiday season with a celebration of art and community! Explore Austin's vibrant downtown, where local shops are hosting local artists. Grab a map at any participating store and embark on a journey through art and commerce.

November 26

UNICORN

9:00 PM – 11:45 PM

Torge's Live

1701 4th St NW

www.torgelive.com

Kickoff your Thanksgiving Celebration and Experience the Unicorn! Unicorn plays a huge variety of modern + classic hits & deep tracks. Pop, dance, rock, funk, modern + crossover country, etc. At a Unicorn show, expect the unexpected.

November 28

3RD ANNUAL TURKEY TOSS OFF CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Austin Conference Center

1701 4th St NW

www.facebook.com/share/19py2WjS9M

HWY218 Cornhole is bringing you the 3rd Annual Turkey Toss Off Cornhole Tournament. The event includes a family friendly tournament.



November 28

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Main Street, Downtown Austin

www.facebook.com/AustinHometownChristmas

Activities and entertainment include a visit with Santa, Horse-Drawn Wagon rides, Children's train rides, Magic, Crafts, Photo Ops, Treats, Carolers, and so much more! Everyone is welcome and events are free!

November 28

LOST IN AUSTIN

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Torge's Live

1701 4th St NW

www.torgelive.com

Kickstart your Thanksgiving Weekend with Lost in Austin. Lost in Austin is a unique mixture of Americana, Rock & Roll, and Country.



THE NATIVITY HOUSE

November 30 – January 11

Queen of Angels Catholic Church

1001 Oakland Ave E

www.queenofangels.church

The Nativity House collection (collected by Helen & Bill Holder) will now be housed at the Queen of Angels Catholic Church. It will be lovingly operated by the Knights of Columbus Council 1201. This collection is the largest know Nativity collection in Minnesota!

November 29

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Throughout the Austin, MN Community

Super specials/giveaways and special guest author. PLUS Don't forget to get your personalized AUSTIN-ONLY playing cards at Sweet Reads or Ankeny Gas Station – they make the perfect unique gift for the holidays.



November 30

PINBALL TOURNAMENT

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Main Street Pinball

221 Main St. N.

www.facebook.com/people/Main-Street-Pinball/61571078292926

A locally owned, family-friendly pinball arcade in the heart of Downtown Austin, featuring over 30 machines, plus retro and modern arcade games for all ages.



HORMEL HISTORIC HOME HOLIDAY EVENTS

208 4th Ave NW

www.hormelhistorichome.org

November 18: Holiday Card Playing Party and Luncheon

November 21: Holiday Open House & Happy Hour

November 22: Snacks & Santa

November 24: Candlelight Cocktails & Carolers

December 20: Classic Country Christmas Dinner Show featuring Riley James & 507 Country

January 5: HHH Member Happy Hour • 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

ICE-SKATING



ADULT CLASSES

RIVERSIDE FIGURE SKATING CLUB

REGISTRATION FEE: \$70*

NOVEMBER 9, 16, 23
DECEMBER 7, 14, 21

5:30-6:00PM | RIVERSIDE ARENA
(SOME CLASSES MAY BE HELD AT PACKER ARENA - NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED.)
BRING YOUR OWN SKATES

SCAN CODE



TO REGISTER



NOVEMBER 2025
PACKER ARENA

PUBLIC SKATE: \$5 TO SKATE AND \$1 SKATE RENTAL

SAT. NOV. 1:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
WED. NOV. 5:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
SAT. NOV. 8:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
WED. NOV. 12:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
FRI. NOV. 14:	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ROCK'N'SKATE NIGHT)
SAT. NOV. 15:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
WED. NOV. 19:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
WED. NOV. 26:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
FRI. NOV. 28:	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SAT. NOV. 29:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MORE INFO: 507-433-1881
<https://secure.rec1.com/mn/austin-mn/catalog>

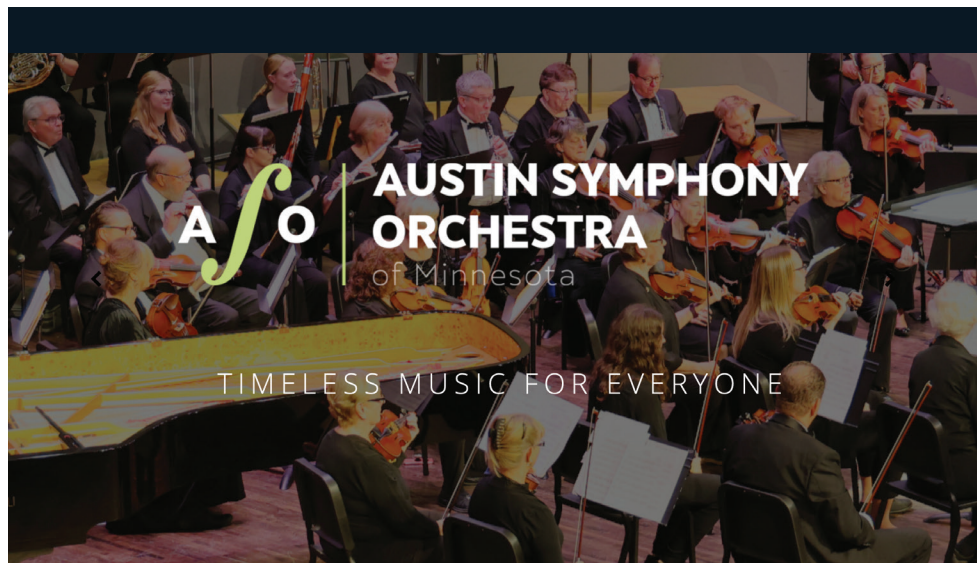



THE SPOTLIGHT

December 5 – 6, 2025



To learn more about the Riverland Theatre program and Ticket Information, visit www.riverland.edu/student-life/fine-arts/theatre



AUSTIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

of Minnesota

TIMELESS MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

SMALL TOWN. **BIG SOUND.**

CELEBRATING AUSTIN SYMPHONY'S 68TH YEAR AND THE YEAR OF THE PIANO!

A HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Two local guest artists join us to celebrate the season. Nashville fiddle artist Brian Christiansen and the ever-popular vocalist, Kaye Perry will perform Holiday favorites in a country style. Bluegrass at Christmas? Why not? The Symphony Chorus also joins the celebration with Holiday choral masterpieces.



ALL CONCERTS START AT 2:00 IN KNOWLTON AUDITORIUM AT AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL. INFORMATION AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.AUSTINMNSYMPHONY.ORG OR CALL 507-460-3678.

OUTDOOR ICE-SKATING RINKS

Kaufman Park • 8th St and 11th Ave SE

Hockey Rinks: 2 Large
Land Rinks: 1 Large
Warming House

Sherman Park • 14th St and 6th Ave NW

Land Rinks: 1 Large

Packer Arena West • 601 7th St NE

Hockey Rinks: 1
Warming House: Inside Arena

Galloway Park • 308 9th St SW

If no Packer Arena West

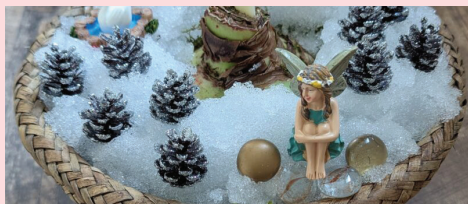
Skinners Hill • 902 4th St SW

Pond – Weather Permitting

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December 3

WINTER FAIRY GARDENS

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Austin Public Library
323 4th Ave NE
www.aplmm.org

Get creative! Make a winter fairy garden at the Library. Supplies will be provided. Registration required. Call 507-433-2391 to sign up.

December 6

MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS

11:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Paramount Theatre
125 4th Ave NE
www.facebook.com/share/15JHXBZrJua

Celebrate those who play and teach the tuba, sousaphone, baritone, and euphonium at this lighthearted FREE community brass concert.



HOMETOWN HOCKEY

Austin Bruins at Riverside Arena
501 2nd Ave NE
www.austinbruins.com

Austin has our very own Junior League Hockey Team, the Austin Bruins, which plays 28 home games at Riverside Arena. Thus far 5 players have gone on to the NHL. Support your Austin Bruins by purchasing tickets at tickets.austinbruins.com

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:

November 15 vs. Watertown Shamrocks

November 27 vs. North Iowa Bulls

December 5 & 6 vs. Bismarck Bobcats

December 12 & 13 vs. Watertown Shamrocks

December 31 vs. Minnesota Mallards

January 2 vs. St. Cloud Norsemen

January 23 & 24 vs. Minnesota Mallards



ARTROCKS OPEN JAMS

Thursday, November 20 @ 7 PM
Thursday, December 18 @ 7 PM

Austin Artworks Center
300 Main St N
www.austinareaarts.org/jams

Join us for a unique music event that builds a bridge for talented music lovers to step on stage and become performing musicians. The Austin ArtWorks Center gallery hosts a house band and wine/beer bar. Come enjoy the music or plan to sing your own song. Free and open to the public.

December 9

COTILLION DANCE CLUB DINNER AND DANCE

Email danceaustinnm@gmail.com for more information or visit www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092583105150

The Austin MN Cotillion Dance Club hosts six dances each year with a live band at the poshest place in town.



December 11 – 14

MATCHBOX CHILDREN'S THEATRE: CHRISTMAS IN THE LAND OF OZ

December 11-13 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
December 14 • 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
204 1st Ave NW
www.matchboxchildrenstheatre.org

The Wicked Witch of the West becomes the grinch of this delightful holiday play when she steals Christmas from Munchkinland. It takes all your Oz favorites — Dorothy and Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, the Lion, and the Munchkins to bring the yuletide holiday back. Come join us for some local youth theatre in this heartwarming tale!



December 13

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTY

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Mower County Historical Society
1303 6th Ave SW
www.mowercountyhistory.org

Join us for our Annual Christmas in the County Fundraiser Event at the Mower County Historical Society. Family fun for everyone including an appearance by Mrs. Claus!

December 16

FAMILY MOVIE – FROZEN

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Austin Public Library
323 4th Ave NE
www.aplmm.org

Come enjoy Disney's Frozen at the Library with the family. Rated PG. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.



AUSTIN ARTWORKS CENTER

NEW YEAR, NEW HOBBIES:
CHECK OUT THE ARTWORKS CENTER CLASSES AT AUSTINAREAARTS.ORG
300 Main St N

November 1 – December 31:
Elfie Selfies

Every Wednesday: Open Clay Studio
• 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

WINTER WONDERLAND

Enjoy 10 miles of well-groomed trails through the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center's woodland and prairies. **Cross Country Skies and Snowshoes** rental available – no MN ski pass required. www.HormelNatureCenter.org

Chase the thrill on the snow-covered trails. Mower County has approximately **200 miles of 12-foot-wide snowmobile trails** that are groomed regularly and connect with more than 800 miles of trails in Southern Minnesota.

MINNESOTA SNOWMOBILE TRAILS



The coolest club in Mower County is the **Mower County Curling Club**. There are many opportunities to experience curling whether you attend a learn-to-curl event or participate in a league. All ages are welcome, and no equipment is necessary. www.MowerCountyCurlingClub.com



THE SPAM® MUSEUM

101 3rd Ave NE
spam.com/museum

The SPAM® Museum tells the amazing story of the Hormel Foods Corporation, the only Minnesota Fortune 500 company outside of the metro area, featuring the famous, versatile, and historic SPAM®. Enjoy audio, video, traditional and interactive displays that are educational and fun for all ages. The on-site SPAM® gift shop offers all varieties of SPAM® and over 400 SPAM®-themed items. It is SPAMTASTIC™!



The Jay C. Hormel Nature Center features over 500 acres of prairie, forests, and wetlands. Keep eyes and ears open for many kinds of wildlife as you explore the 9 miles of trails!



DECEMBER 2025

- 2nd – 6:00-8:00 pm: Wreath Making Class
- 3rd – 1:30-3:30 pm: Wreath Making Class
- 4th – 6:00-8:00 pm: Wreath Making Class
- 6th – 9:00-11:00 am: Wreath Making Class
- 6th – 1:30-3:30 pm: Wreath Making Class
- 9th – 4:00-7:00 pm: Merry & Bright Night
- 13th – Cross Country Ski Rentals Begin – As Conditions Allow

JANUARY 2026

- 8th – 10:00 am: Senior Special: Nordic History
- 10th – 1:00-3:00 pm: Free Planetarium Programs



1304 21st ST NE
hormelnaturecenter.org

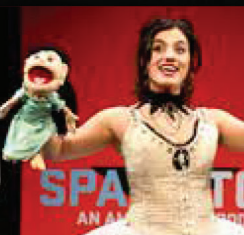
INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS:
Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(Closed City Holidays)

TRAIL HOURS: 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. daily





LIVE AT THE PARAMOUNT 2025-2026 GRAND RE-OPENING SERIES



NEW LIGHTS. NEW SEATS. NEW SOUND. NEW SHOWS. SAME HISTORIC LOCAL GEM.

STEWART LITTLE, PRESENTED BY LEXINGTON CHILDREN'S THEATRE

This play brings to life this fantasy classic where Stuart, a mouse, is brought into the Little family. Although he is quite different from other members of the family, Stuart is loved by all — except perhaps Snowbell, the family cat. Stuart's adventures include getting caught in a window shade, sailing a boat, making friends, and embarking on the journey of a lifetime.



SUN NOV 16

RIDERS IN THE SKY HOLIDAY SHOW

Winners of 2 Grammy Awards, Riders in the Sky have become modern-day icons with their wacky humor, western wit, and cowboy way of life. They pay tribute to and poke gentle fun at the classic cowboy songs of the 1930s and 1940s. Made up of lead singer Ranger Doug, Woody Paul (fiddle/vocals), Too Slim (string bass/guitar), and "Cowpolka King" Joey Miskulin (accordion). Opened by fiddler Brian Christianson and family.

Sponsored by Belita Schindler & Hoversten Johnson Beckmann & Hovey, LLP.



FRI DEC 19

PIANO FONDUE ROCKS: DUELING PIANOS SHOW

For a high-energy, interactive experience, look no further than this flagship Dueling Pianos Show. All night long, you, the audience, get to choose every song we play on our beautiful baby grand pianos. Sing, clap, dance, and laugh along with two of our talented and energetic entertainers. Two hours of unbridled, unfiltered fun for all ages!

Sponsored by Bremer Bank, an affiliate of Old National Bank.



SAT JAN 10

JOHN MUELLER'S WINTER DANCE PARTY

Produced and created by John Mueller, this is the official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour and the only show endorsed by the Holly, Valens and Richardson estates. Each live concert performance includes over two hours of unbridled, high voltage entertainment featuring all the hit songs of the 50's era: That'll Be the Day, Peggy Sue, Oh, Boy, Rave on, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, and many more!



SAT JAN 31

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR MOST EVENTS.

INQUIRE ABOUT DISCOUNTED SEASON PACKAGES OR GROUP TICKET PURCHASES! TICKET PRICES VARY, PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CALL FOR DETAILS.

Visit www.austinareaarts.org or visit/call our box office at 507.434.0934, during normal business hours Tuesday through Saturday. Located at the ArtWorks Center, 300 N. Main Street, Austin MN.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Hosted by Guest Promoters

NOV 23	MOVIE: PAN'S LABYRINTH
DEC 6	TUBA CHRISTMAS — PRESENTED BY DISCOVER AUSTIN
DEC 7	SOUNDS OF THE SEASON — AHS MUSIC ENSEMBLES
DEC 13	JANE TAYLOR'S NUTCRACKER
DEC 20	MOVIE: THE POLAR EXPRESS