

LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006

METROPOLITAN OPERA WITH EXCERPTS FROM MOZART'S *MAGIC FLUTE*



MEMBERS OF THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA



THE BIG APPLE CIRCUS FIRE JUGGLERS



NEW YORK CITY BALLET IN AN EXCERPT FROM  
*GEORGE BALANCHINE'S THE NUTCRACKER*



ALVIN SLAUGHTER AND THE SRC ALL-CITY GOSPEL CHORALE



MICKEY MOUSE & MINNIE MOUSE

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Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts presents its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on Monday, November 27, 2006 from 5:30-6:00 PM. The festivities take place on Josie Robertson Plaza, next to Lincoln Center's famous fountain, at Columbus Avenue and 64<sup>th</sup> Street, and kick off the neighborhood's Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square festival.

This exciting celebration of music and dance is one of New York City's favorite holiday traditions, highlighting the rich cultural and artistic diversity found on America's premier performing arts campus. For the seventh consecutive year, this community event will be broadcast live on WABC-TV, Channel 7, hosted by *Good Morning America's* Sam Champion and WABC-TV's Sade Baderinwa.

The dazzling program will feature excerpts from The Metropolitan Opera's new holiday family production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, including a performance by renowned baritone Nathan Gunn as Papageno, the bird catcher. The evening's other highlights include a festive set from members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, a selection from *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker* by the New York City Ballet and students from the School of American Ballet, a daring performance by the fire-juggling Gizmo Guys from the Big Apple Circus, and holiday favorites sung by the SRC All-City Gospel Chorale and special guest Alvin Slaughter.

At 5:59 PM the holiday tree will be lit with the help of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse and magic light wands provided for the live audience. This year's tree, a 50 foot Colorado Blue Spruce will be decorated by Wedgwood with specially designed ornaments highlighting the musical and theatrical arts presented at Lincoln Center.

Lincoln Center and O'Sullivan Tree Care will give away twelve-inch spruce seedlings to the first 500 children to visit the tree care station on the Plaza. Children can help return the gift that nature has given us by planting the seedlings on window sills at home and nursing newborn trees through their early growth. The seedlings will be distributed starting at 5 PM with experts on hand to give advice on planting and care.

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** For more information, call the Lincoln Center Information Hotline, 212-875-5456, or visit our website at [www.lincolncenter.org](http://www.lincolncenter.org).

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***Immediately following Lincoln Center's Holiday Tree Lighting,***

The Lincoln Square Business Improvement District will present

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square,"**

an exciting neighborhood celebration featuring free entertainment

- including the legendary Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, and Mary, and the renowned violinist Joshua Bell -

family fun, kids' activities, food tastings, in-store activities,

and shopping discounts throughout the vibrant, historic Upper West Side.

This year's Winter's Eve celebration will extend from Columbus Circle,

with activities at the Time Warner Center, all the way up to West 68<sup>th</sup> Street –

all adding up to a magical evening that launches the holiday season.

For more information on Winter's Eve please call (212) 581-7762 or visit [www.winterseve.org](http://www.winterseve.org).

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