



The most amazing thing is how time seems to fly by. We are already on the cusp of another holiday season. Downtown Morehead, Inc. invites you and your family to celebrate the holiday season in Morehead and Rowan County.

For the past 22 years, Morehead and Rowan County have kicked off the holiday season with the Annual City-County Christmas Dinner on the first Thursday of December. Our 23rd Annual Dinner will take place on Dec. 4, at the Carl D. Perkins Community Center from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This traditional holiday meal is a great atmosphere for getting in the spirit of the season. It's free to any and all community members who wish to attend. Santa and Mrs. Claus always make an appearance handing out candy and toys to the children.

The Rowan County Christmas Parade will be Friday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m., with the lineup assembling @ 4:30 p.m. We are requesting that all floats be lit if possible. We are expecting one of the most beautiful parades to march the streets of Morehead in recent memory. For more information or to sign up to be in the parade, email Jeff Fannin at rcchristmasparade@gmail.com.

Morehead State University will host Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste, a Renaissance-themed Christmas dinner theater performance on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 and 5. There will be a reception at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. The performances combine vocal and instrumental music, drama, and fine dining, which is presented by students from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, in authentic Re-

naissance garb. Tickets are required; visit www.moreheadstate.edu/madrigal or call 606-783-2033 for details.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Kentucky Folk Art Center will host its annual Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Laughlin Health Building on MSU's campus. The fair features more than 100 regional crafts vendors selling their work directly to the public. Visitors will find holiday decorations, furniture, jewelry, pottery, original artwork, and much more. Admission is \$5 for adults. The gate opens at 9 a.m. and goes through 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.kyfolkart.org or call 606-783-2204.

At 5 p.m. on Saturday, downtown Morehead comes alive with the annual **Hometown Holidays Celebration** throughout the shops and on the streets from the Rowan County Arts Center at Normal Avenue to the Citizens Bank at Hargis Avenue, through 8 p.m. Your favorite local musicians provide live music in various locations downtown. Local businesses will offer shopping specials and open houses throughout as Morehead's traditional commercial district glistens with the holiday spirit. The rumor is also going around that Santa Claus might stay over from the City/County Dinner and make an appearance as well, so bring the kids for a photo!

The Cave Run Symphony Orchestra provides the nightcap with their second Hometown Holiday performance, filling the Morehead Conference Center with symphonic holiday music at 8 p.m. The performance is free and open to the pub-

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Guest Conductor Scot Buzza.

Conductor Buzza has enjoyed an international performing career over the past two decades that includes solo appearances with orchestras in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and Venezuela. In his early 20s Buzza was appointed principal violist of the Tokyo Philharmonic, and five years later he became soloist-principal violist of the Chamber Orchestra of Barcelona, Spain. As a chamber musician Mr. Buzza has performed worldwide, and his recitals have been broadcast on Radio France, PBS, Radio Amsterdam, Tokyo NHK and Radio Catalunya (Spain). In the United States he has performed regularly with both the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Buzza is a graduate of Yale University, where he held simultaneous fellowships in both the School of Music and the Department of Slavic Languages and Linguistics. He currently teaches a full course load in Aural Skills and Music History in the Department of Music at Northern Kentucky University, and teaches in the Department of Music & Theatre at Xavier University. Buzza is the director of the KIIS Institute in Salzburg, Austria, where he has taught conducting and music history since 2009.

Don't miss Hometown Holidays the first weekend of December, so come on home to Morehead!



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