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A HOLIDAY FANTASEA RETURNS TO SHEDD AQUARIUM!

Beginning Nov. 25, Deck the Aquarium Halls at Shedd and Start a Sea-Sational Family Holiday Tradition

Come home for the holidays...to our home at [Shedd Aquarium](#) this season as the tradition of *A Holiday Fantasea* returns! Step into the warmth of holiday cheer with the cool waters of the aquarium to make your family's memories a true *Holiday Fantasea*, presented by Toyota, powered by ComEd, and generously supported by Macy's. Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25, through the start of the New Year, Monday, Jan. 2, Shedd is the holiday hub for family fun!

A HOLIDAY FANTASEA

Back by popular demand, Shedd's holiday, multi-species aquatic show, *A Holiday Fantasea*, returns featuring your favorite marine mammals. In a twinkling winter wonderland, Pacific white-sided dolphins leap, beluga whales breach and a sea lion saunters, showcasing their natural behaviors set to a festive soundtrack from around the world -- and Santa makes a special appearance! For the latest information about *A Holiday Fantasea*, including show times, visit Shedd's [website](#).

JINGLE BELL ROCKIN' EVENINGS

Jingle all the way down to Shedd Aquarium after the work day for an evening-only trip to the aquarium. See everything under the sea at Shedd for only \$20. Evening-only admission includes everything from the Abbott Oceanarium to *Jellies* to *A Holiday Fantasea*, which will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

SHEDD HOLIDAY BREAKFASTS

The tradition continues! Shedd Holiday Breakfasts are back, Saturdays starting Nov. 26. Treat the family to a special holiday experience where after a full breakfast, it's "All aboard!" for a private viewing of the 15-minute *The Polar Express* 4-D Experience, followed by a drawing for special prizes. The holiday fun continues during a visit with Santa. Snap a photo with him and receive a gift. Explore Shedd's *Polar Play Zone* and finish your special day with reserved seats to *A Holiday Fantasea*.

Events will be held on Nov. 26, Dec. 10, 17 and 24. Tickets are \$44.95 for adults and \$34.95 for children (ages 3-11), which includes a Total Experience Pass, breakfast, Polar Express bell, photo with Santa and reserved seating for *A Holiday Fantasea*. Shedd members receive a \$5 discount on tickets.

POLAR EXPRESS 4-D FEATURE

All aboard! The *Polar Express* feature rolls into the 4-D theater as a special holiday treat. The seasonal feature will engage all of the senses through effects, such as air bursts, spouts of water, leg ticklers, seat buzzers and much more.

GREEN GIFT GIVING

The holidays start the search for the perfect gift. Give loved ones an once-in-a-lifetime experience, as you give back to environment with Shedd's [Extraordinary Experiences](#). Ditch the wrapping paper and go behind the gallery walls to view the animals from a new angle during Shedd's Behind the Scenes Tours; waddle up to a penguin during the Penguin Encounters program; or get nose-to-nose with the gentle white giants of the Abbott Oceanarium during Shedd's Beluga Encounters.

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MORE HOURS FOR HOLIDAY FUN

During the holiday season, spend more time at the aquarium! On weekdays only between Dec. 19 and Dec. 30, Shedd will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

From now until Dec. 24, Shedd is open 9 a.m. – 5p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. – 6p.m. on weekends. Shedd will be closed on Dec. 25. For more information, please call 312-939-2438 or visit www.sheddaquarium.org. For group sales information, please call 312-692-3333. Advance tickets on sale through Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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