

James Center

Friday, December 3, 2004

Grand Illumination 2004

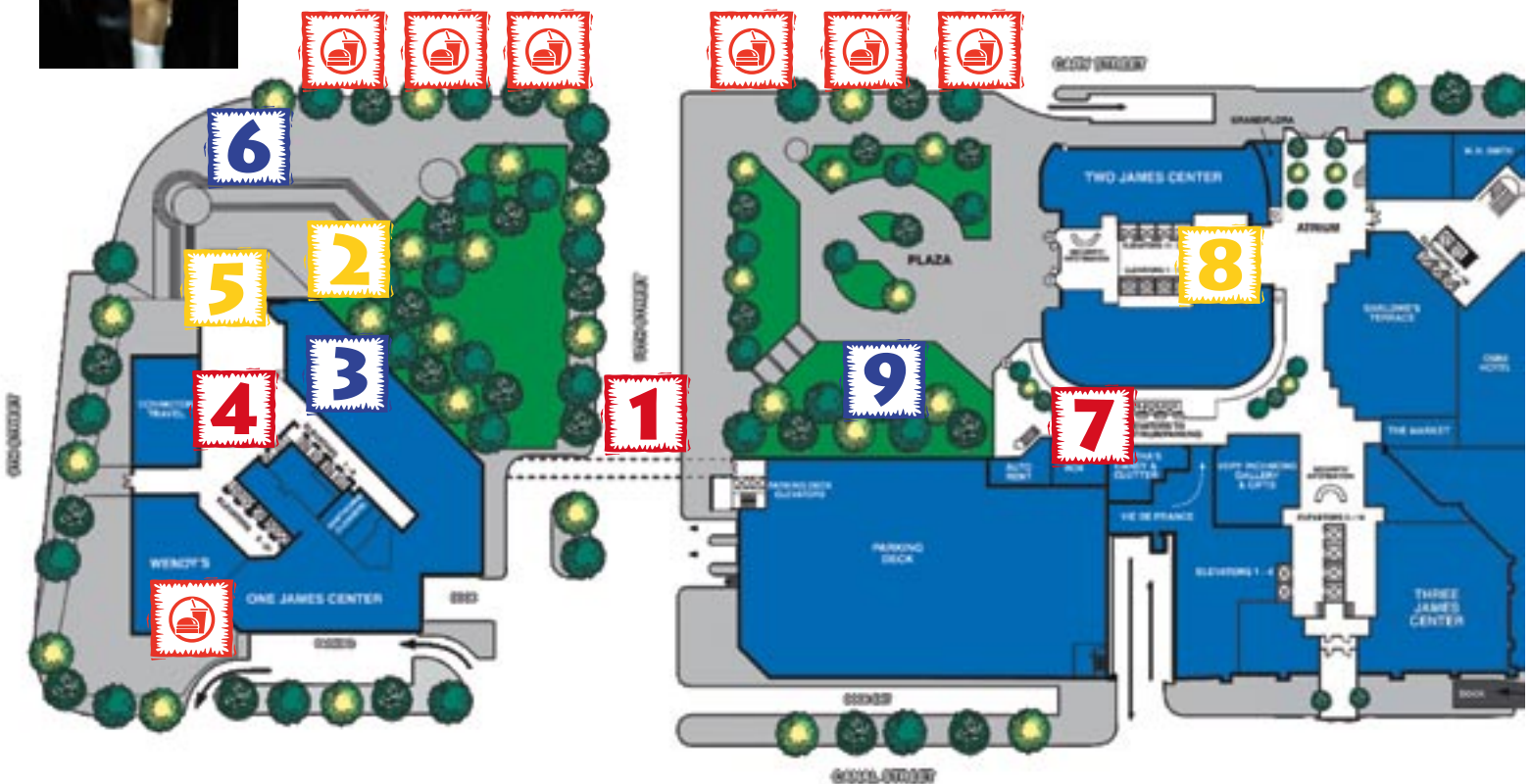
- 1** Plaza Main Stage
 6 pm - Snow Queen, Patsy Butler
 John Simpson
 VMI marching band
 Legendary Santa
 6:25 - Lighting the Reindeer
 Susan Greenbaum
 Kyle Davis
 7 pm - Fan_3
 Aaron Carter in Concert



- 2** One James Stage
 6 pm - CHORDuroys
 6:30 - Radio Disney Pop Stars
 7 pm - Concert Ballet of Virginia
 7:30 - CYT of Richmond
 presents selections from
 Disney's Beauty and the
 Beast

In between performances, the
 Radio Disney Fun Squad will fill
 the stage with music, games and
 prizes

- 3** Tuba Christmas
4 Virginia Piedmont &
 Central HO Model
 Railroaders
5 Jonathan Austin
6 Merry-Go-'Round
7 Harpist, Rickie Denton
8 Coventry Bell Ringers
9 VMI Marching Band





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Follow the magical lights from the James Center through the hand decorated streets of Shockoe Slip to the water ways of the Turning Basin and then to the 17th Street Farmers Market as these downtown neighborhoods join together to host the celebration of the season.

Museum Holiday Shop

What: This shop brings your favorite museum stores from the Richmod area to Shockoe Slip to provide downtown shoppers with the spirit of the season. On Grand Illumination night, Holiday classics will be read from 6:30 - 7 p.m. and Edgar Allen Poe's poems will be read from 7 - 7:30 p.m. Call 648-5015 for more information.

Where: 1301 East Cary Street

When: 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. (The rest of the month, the store will be open from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mondays - Saturdays)

17th Street Farmer's Market Holiday Market

What: Choose just the right fresh wreath or tree for your home and hearth. Shop for handmade crafts, hearty baked goods, and natural bath products. Delight in soul-warming delicacies served up by international food vendors. Schore a one of a kid gift for that special someone amidst the sparkling strands of light illumination the charming cobblestone byways of Shockoe Bottom. An array of banner name entertainers will fill the brisk evening air with the most celebrated winter melodies. At 7 p.m., Lite 98 will host a City Sing-A-Long. Lyrics and glow sticks will be distributed to market-goers so that the entire crowd can lift its voice and join in. Call 646-0310 for more information.

Where: 17th Street Farmers Market

When: 5 - 9 p.m.

Cost: Admission is free.

Turning Basin Plaza

What: Professional brass quintet will play favorite holiday music.

Where: Corner of 14th and Dock Streets. Call LaDiff at 648-6210 for more information.

When: 6 - 8 p.m.

Cost: Admission is free.

Horse & Carriage Rides

What: Take a ride around the River District in a 12-passenger horse drawn wagon decorated for the season. Call 648-1055 for more information.

Where: Stops for boarding are at the Omni Hotel at 12th & E. Cary Streets and the Farmers' Market at 17th & E. Main Street.

When: 6 - 10 p.m.

Cost: Admission is free.

La Difference (5 - 8 p.m.), 648-6210, and **Main Street Station** (5 - 9 p.m.), 646-7985, are holding free Open Houses. Warm up with hot chocolate, cider, cookies and fun! Next door to La Diff, the **White Canvas Gallery** is having a reception for their first Christmas show. Call 782-1776 for more information about the opening.
