

Holiday Performances and Annual Parades Return to Panama City this Winter

Panama City, FL – September 24, 2018 – A number of holiday performances and annual festivals are returning to <u>Panama City, Florida</u> this winter. From Christmas to Mardi Gras, Panama City revels in these celebrations with community and nationally acclaimed events.

"Panama City comes together during the holidays to celebrate the season as a community," says Jennifer Vigil, Destination Panama City president and CEO. "Our parades and performances are perfect for the whole family and even include some of the largest acts traveling across the country."

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker, November 25

Downtown's Marina Civic Center will feature the classic "Great Russian Nutcracker" performed by the Moscow Ballet. This beloved event is sure to draw crowds. For more information, visit www.marinaciviccenter.com.

Panama City Christmas Parade, December 1

Watch floats parade the streets of Downtown Panama City for the seventieth Jaycees Christmas Parade. Join hundreds of spectators lining Harrison Avenue to watch the wonders unfold. The parade also raises money for local children in need. For more information, visit <u>www.pcfljaycees.com</u>.

Boat Parade of Lights, December 8

Watch as boats decked out in Christmas lights parade through the St. Andrews Harbor for the 2018 Boat Parade of Lights. See the action from St. Andrews Yacht Club, Downtown Panama City Marina, St. Andrews Marina and Sun Harbor Marina. For more information visit <u>http://destinationpanamacity.com</u>.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis, December 14

Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. Grammy Award winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas classics along with a selection of compositions from Chip's groundbreaking Fresh Aire series. The program celebrates the group's recent anniversary of 30 years since the first Christmas album and 40 years since the first Fresh Aire album and includes dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting. For more information, visit www.marinaciviccenter.com.

Panama City POPS Holiday by the Bay, December 18

A concert for the entire family with classic holiday favorites, joyous Christmas carols and a visit from the North Pole! For more information visit www.marinaciviccenter.com.

St. Andrews Mardi Gras, February 22-23

Keep the celebration going at Panama City's St. Andrews Mardi Gras. Celebrating their 22nd Anniversary in 2019, St. Andrews Mardi Gras is the most popular and largest Mardi Gras celebration in Bay County. Come see over 14 Krewes and over 30 brightly colored floats. As festive music is played along the route, tens of thousands of beads and doubloons will be tossed to the crowd of over 50,000 people! The 2-day parade and festival in historic St. Andrews is filled with food, fun and music. For more information, visit www.standrewsmardigras.com.

For more information on holiday and seasonal events, visit <u>www.destinationpanamacity.com</u>.

ABOUT PANAMA CITY

Embraced by beautiful St. Andrews Bay, Northwest Florida's Panama City offers ideal conditions for world-class sailing, year-round in-shore and off-shore fishing and a myriad of water sports. Nearby Shell Island, an uninhabited barrier island with beautiful white sand beaches, features dolphin excursions. Off the water, visitors delight in the sunny destination's eclectic historic neighborhoods offering a thriving visual and performing arts scene, diverse shopping, a range of dining options and the Panama City Oyster Trail. To contact Destination Panama City directly call <u>850-215-1700</u>. Please visit <u>destinationpanamacity.com</u>, and follow on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Join the conversation at #PContheBay.

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