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## Christmas in Cambridge Launch Highlights New Festival Elements

Cambridge, Ontario. November 15, 2011... The 'Christmas in Cambridge' festival kicked off today and highlighted some new features which included an event with the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and an ice cave enhancement for the 'Unsilent Night' event. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual festival showcase at Cambridge City Hall brought together corporate sponsors, community partners and artists involved in the festival which officially begins on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> and runs through to Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>.



"We are excited to bring this holiday celebration to the community," says Mayor Doug Craig. "Each year, it gets better and better and our citizens appreciate having so many options for family fun." (Pictured above are members of Cambridge City Council with the newest addition to the festival team - a living Christmas tree.)

The biggest news for 2011 is the addition of 'Christmas on the Grand; New Year's on the Danube', the Christmas concert of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra (CSO) that brings a wonderful musical offering to the community.

“We wanted to partner with a growing Cambridge organization that would benefit from the exposure the Christmas in Cambridge Festival brings. The CSO will provide a high quality, unique event for our audience and our sponsors,” says Wanda Schaefer-Stilling Recreation Co-ordinator for the City. “We think the local symphony is a great fit.”

Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual Christmas in Cambridge festival. The events include:

**‘Music and Lights in the Village’**

Friday Nov 25, 7:00-8:30pm, Queen St. Hespeler Village

- A surprise finale at ‘Music & Lights in the Village’

**‘CPR Holiday Train’**

Wednesday Nov 30, 4:15pm, Malcolm St. Station

- Entertainers Willy Porter and Sydney Grigg on the CPR Holiday Train

**‘Candyland’**

Saturday Dec 3, 10:00am to 5:00pm, Central Park, 615 King St. E.

- Candyland boasts horse drawn trolley rides
- A new start time of 10:00am for 2 extra hours of fun

**‘Carousel and Lights’**

Sunday Dec 4 to Sun, Dec 11, Central Park, 615 King St. E.

**NEW FOR 2011 - ‘Christmas on the Grand, New Year’s on the Danube’**

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra

Friday Dec 16, 8:00pm, Forward Baptist Church, 455 Myers Rd.

**Phil Kline’s ‘Unsilent Night’**

Monday Dec 19, 7:00-8:30pm, City Hall, 50 Dickson St.

- Unsilent Night will transform the Queen’s Square library through light and decorative material, into a frozen ice cave environment, and three installations by Architecture Waterloo students that debuted at Nuit Blanche in Toronto and are now coming home to Cambridge

**‘Family New Year’s Eve Party’**

Saturday Dec 31, 6:00-8:00pm, Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Rd.

- A new photo booth opportunity will have families smiling. Take home a memory keepsake when you visit this event

“People love traditions like riding the carousel every year at ‘Candyland’ or seeing the ‘CPR Holiday Train’ cross the bridge over the Grand River, but new elements are essential to keep the events fresh and attract new audiences,” says Colleen Lichti, Recreation Co-ordinator for the City of Cambridge.

For more event details visit [www.christmasincambridge.ca](http://www.christmasincambridge.ca).

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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