



# HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

## JUST THE TICKET

Complete your shopping list with the hottest tickets in town. Whether the recipient of your present is a sports nut, a thrill-seeker, a concert-goer or fan of the theater, tickets are perfect for any age. Lottery tickets and movie tickets are great stocking stuffers. The Toledo area offers a variety of entertainment over the winter months at some outstanding venues. Here are a few suggestions.

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# STOMP

Take a bow for this gift. If you're looking for a ticket to a truly unique event, the stage show **Stomp** is coming back to the **Stranahan Theater** in Toledo next month. The dance, music, and theatrical performance blends brooms, garbage cans, and even Zippo lighters together in one rhythm. **Tickets** for the shows **Jan. 18-19** are from **\$33 to \$63**. Or if your recipients grew up in the 1980s, you could give them tickets to the show **Rock of Ages**. Set in L.A.'s Sunset Strip in 1987, the musical uses '80s music to tell the story of a city boy and small-town girl chasing their rock and roll dreams. Shows are in **early February** and tickets are from **\$28 to \$58**. Go to [stranahantheater.org](http://stranahantheater.org) or call 419-381-8851.



Warm up the thrill-seeker on your list with **passes to Cedar Point**, one of the world's top amusement parks. Single day tickets are available along with season tickets, including platinum passes. **Single day tickets** are **\$34.99** (juniors and seniors) to **\$48.99** (adults at the gate). The season tickets range from **\$102.99** (juniors and seniors) to **\$120** (adults) up to **\$126 to \$187** (platinum pass). For more information go to [cedarpoint.com](http://cedarpoint.com) or call 419-627-2350.



A night out to see the **Walleye**, Toledo's pro hockey team, play at the **Huntington Center** is not just for sports fans. While there is plenty of fast action on the ice, the family-friendly atmosphere makes for an enjoyable experience for parents and their kids. Adult couples also can enjoy the team's **Hockey & Hops Beer Tasting Party on Dec. 28**, which features a buffet and ticket to the game for **\$45**. Other upcoming promotions include coach Nick Vitucci bobble head night (Jan. 3), mascot mania night (Jan. 26), and Beatles tribute night (Feb. 1). **Regular-season tickets** are **\$15 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under and seniors**. Multigame plans also are available. Go to [toledowalleye.com](http://toledowalleye.com) or call 419-725-WALL.

The downtown **Huntington Center** offers tickets to a wide array of events next month. **Comedian Jeff Dunham**, who was the first performer at the arena when it opened in October of 2009, is back on **Dec. 26** (Price: **\$58.40**). The **Globetrotters** return to town on **Dec. 29** (Price: **\$30.90 to \$112**). **Professional wrestling** also is back with the **WWE Smackdown** on **Jan. 28** (Price: **\$23.75 to \$108.95**). The monster trucks will race in early March as part of **Monster Jam** (**\$13.60 to \$55.55**). For more information go to [huntingtoncenter.com](http://huntingtoncenter.com).



Beautiful pieces performed by the best local musicians are sure to warm the heart of the classical music lover on your list. **Toledo Symphony conductor Stefan Sanderling** will present two special programs. On **Jan. 17-18**, **Waltzing through Vienna** will feature Viennese and Parisian classics as the **TSO welcomes back Jennifer Frautschi** for two violin show pieces. On **Feb. 7-8**, **Amadeus: In Concert** is based on the Academy Award winning film with words by Peter Shaffer. **Tickets range from \$22 to \$52**. Call 419-246-8000 or go to [toledosymphony.com](http://toledosymphony.com).



The perfect stocking stuffer may just be an instant, **scratch-off lottery ticket**, where millions could be on the line. Being so close to the border, you can buy both Ohio and Michigan instant tickets to spice up Christmas morning. Or give them the hope and anticipation of hitting the ultimate jackpot with tickets to the **Ohio Lottery's Mega Millions and Power Ball** draw games. The Ohio Lottery is featuring a **Holiday Spectacular**, a **\$10 instant game** with the **top prize of \$500,000**. Tickets can be purchased at more than **9,000 sanctioned Ohio lottery retailers**, including **97 in Lucas County**.



Country music fans will love to get a ticket to see **Lady Antebellum** at the **Huntington Center** on **Jan. 11**. The seven-time Grammy award-winning trio is on the first leg of their **Take Me Downtown** tour. The group has played before more than 1 million fans across the globe in 11 countries. Tickets, which range from **\$45 to \$85**, are available at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or call 800-745-3000.

\* Prices and availability subject to change



The **Valentine Theatre** is a beautiful downtown venue that will feature a ballet, performances from the **Toledo Symphony Orchestra** and **Toledo Jazz Orchestra**, and a Broadway musical in January and February. **Cinderella** will be presented by **The Moscow Festival Ballet Company** on **Friday, Jan. 10**. It will feature storytelling with humor, along with unique scenery and costumes. **Godspell** will be featured on **Jan. 24**. The classic show from Stephen Schwartz is a one-of-a-kind production. For more information go to [valentinetheatre.com](http://valentinetheatre.com). Cost: **\$36 to \$66**.



With so much time being spent indoors during the winter months, **movie tickets** are perfect for any age. **Rave Cinemas** has locations at **Franklin Park, Levis Commons, and Fallen Timbers**. The movie chain offers gift cards for tickets that you can design yourself and even send **electronically with a personalized greeting card** from **\$25 to \$100**. Go to [movietickets.com](http://movietickets.com).