



Christmas in Richmond Town. Right: Christmas Eve Caroling at Washington Square Park. Below: Unsilent Night.



tunes to create a unified, traveling sound sculpture. The mile-long route begins at Washington Square Park and concludes at Tompkins Square Park, which is arguably the best place to catch the show if you don't plan on participating yourself. *Dec 19 at 7pm. Washington Square Park to Tompkins Square Park (unsilentnight.com). Free.*

Bring on the carolers

Local vocal groups showcase their yuletide repertoires.

By Sarah Bruning

THE MISTLETONES AT SOUTH STREET SEAPORT

This professional a cappella group roams around the Seaport nabe and Pier 17 crooning holiday classics. *Nov 25–Dec 25 1–3pm. South Street Seaport, Front St between Fulton St and Beekman Pl (212-732-7678, southstreetseaport.com). Free.*

CHRISTMAS IN RICHMOND TOWN

After listening to a performance by singers dressed in Victorian era garb, kids enjoy storytelling and tours of the old-timey village. Santa makes a visit too. *Dec 4 10am–5pm. Historic Richmond Town, 441 Clarke Ave at St. Patricks Pl, Staten Island (historicrichmondtown.org). Free.*

CAROLING AT THE MORGAN

Vocalists from the New School's Mannes College wander through the midtown cultural institution serenading families with holiday music from the 1800s through the present day.

Dec 9, 16 6:30–8:30pm. The Morgan Library & Museum, 225 Madison Ave between 36th and 37th Sts (212-685-0008, themorgan.org). \$15; seniors, students \$10; children under 12 free.

HOLIDAY CAROLING CONCERT

Enjoy an evening of Benjamin Britten's festive *Ceremony of Carols* performed by the Trinity Youth Chorus. Postshow, audience members join in the caroling. *Dec 16 at 5pm. St Paul's Chapel, 209 Broadway at Fulton St (212-602-0800, trinitywallstreet.org). Free.*

THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Take a spin around the Rockefeller Center ice rink, then give young performers another winter treat: singing Christmas songs to a packed crowd at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Best suited for tweens and teens,

this event invites parishioners and laypeople of all skill levels to sing along to favorites such as "Away in a Manger." Sheet music will be distributed beforehand. *Dec 17 6:30–8:30pm. St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish House, W 50th St at Fifth Ave (212-753-2261, archny.org). Free.*

UNSILENT NIGHT

In this city, there are flash mobs for every occasion—including yuletide anthems. If you and your brood would rather not raise your voices, Phil Kline's annual event offers an alternative take on run-of-the-mill caroling: Instead of singing, participants use boom boxes and recorded

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING AT WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

Locals gather on the night before Christmas to celebrate the season. The repertoire here is strictly old-school classics ("Jingle Bells" versus "Jingle Bell Rock"), but accompaniment from a brass quartet lends an extra-festive feeling. Bundle up and bring a thermos of hot cider to keep little ones warm as they stroll. *Dec 24 at 5pm. Meet at Washington Square North at Fifth Ave (washingtonsquarenewyork.org). Free.*

GREENWICH VILLAGE CAROLING WALK

Layer up and hit the streets for this 30-plus-year tradition. Artistic director Michael Conley leads tykes, parents and friends around the picturesque 'hood, crooning "Silent Night," "Silver Bells" and other traditional melodies. Songbooks are provided, so you won't have to fudge the lyrics as you wassail by the Washington Square Arch and other iconic spots. *Dec 16 at 7pm. Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Sq South at Thompson St (212-517-1776, westvillagechorale.org). Free.*



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