

The Renaissance

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Holiday Spectacular

The Mansfield Symphony and Chorus join forces with Neos Dance Theatre to bring you one of the largest, most opulent holiday shows in the entire state of Ohio!

December 19, 2009-3:00 & 8:00 PM

December 20, 2009 – 3:00 PM



The Holiday Spectacular 2008 at the Renaissance

**MANSFIELD
SYMPHONY**

Robert Franz
Music Director

**Holiday
Traditions –
Why We
Have Them**

Neos
DANCE THEATRE

Christmas traditions have a way of feeling timeless -- you may have seen the same ornaments, sung the same songs, and eaten the same

foods for your whole life. Some Christmas traditions date back to ancient times, others are modern, and some are even localized to our own families. Regardless of where our traditions come from, we have them. We tend to think of traditions in large, complex terms: we buy and give gifts, we wake up early Christmas morning, we hang stockings by the fireplace, and we leave cookies for Santa.

Real traditions, however, are found in the small spaces between these larger activities. The traditions you enjoy with your family are unique and probably overlooked. For some, it might be getting up extra early the day after Thanksgiving to find that perfect deal. For others, it's eating way too much on Christmas day and then watching football. It might be the yearly game of Monopoly the family plays or that one day a year the entire family at least pretends to get along. Real traditions can't be found online, they aren't listed in a book, and they can't just be made up. Real traditions withstand the test of time, they don't cost money, and they can't be replaced. At the end of the day, the traditions you share with those you love will be the ones that matter, and the ones that will be missed when they are gone.



**Dan Deever as Santa clause during
Holiday Spectacular 2008**

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Saint Nicholas is the common name for Nicholas of Myra, a saint and Bishop of Myra in Lycia, part of modern-day Turkey. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, and thus became the model for Santa Claus, whose English name comes from the German "Saukt Niclaus."

How to make your own Hot Spiced Apple Cider!

If you want to enjoy a warm treat on a cold, Ohio night, just pick up these ingredients and follow these easy directions.

Needs:

½ gallon of apple cider, 12 cloves, 3 cinnamon sticks,
1 cup orange juice, ½ cup lemon juice

Directions:

Heat the apple cider.

Add all ingredients. Mix around a little bit.

Allow this mixture to simmer for at least 30 minutes.

Service in mugs and enjoy!



Some Not-so-Ordinary Christmas Songs checkout <http://www.playlist.com> to hear these "almost classics"

12 Days of Christmas by Straight No Chaser

This is an Acapella Me's Choir: It's just a fun song to hear, amazing harmonies, and a very creative use of other songs.

You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch by Thuri Ravenscroft
A clip from one of the greatest Christmas stories of all time.

Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer by Irish Rovers
The titles say it all...

Zat You, Santa Claus by Buster Poindexter or Fats Weller
A great rendition of this Louis Armstrong classic.

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas by Gayla Peevey
You'll either think this list is hilarious or annoying...it all depends on how old your kids are.

