



The sparkle of Christmas lights. The twirl of skaters.
The sound of a choir singing Silent Night.
Fluffy white flakes swirl in the brisk winter air, as you walk past huts and vendors, potato pancakes and fresh apple fritters, their delicious aromas inviting you to linger.

Welcome to the Kitchener Christkindl Market.



History

Celebrating its 11th year in Kitchener, Christkindl Market is part of a tradition in Germany that dates back through the centuries. Its origins go all the way back to the Middle Ages. In 1310 Munich, it was called "Nikolausdult" and was very different from the markets of today. It was an opportunity for farmers to come to town, do some shopping and at the same time, offer their wares. The reformation of the church in the 16th century meant that Nikolaus was replaced by the Christkindl as the gift giver in certain regions of Germany.

As the custom of giving presents grew, Christkindl markets became a popular venue for the sale of toys and other gift items. Christkindl Market is now celebrated around the world.



Christkindl Market festivities take place at Kitchener City Hall outside on the square and indoors throughout the first and second floors.

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Colourful swirl of dancers and the melodious tolling of bells, there's music and dance to set the mood for holiday magic.

A festival of German Christmas

The sights, sounds and tastes of Christmas. Come to Canada's original Christkindl Market and live the festivities!



"This little town is built from wood and canvas. Its splendour's short, will soon be gone. But yet it is eternal. My market is forever young..."

From Nuremberg's Prologue of the Christ Child, an essential part of the Christkindl Market opening ceremonies.

Entertainment

Wednesday December 5 Open 4 pm - 8 pm

- 4:00 Early Bird Shopping
- 5:00 Arn - Horn Doppelgaenger
- 7:00 Gospel Band

Thursday December 6 Open 10 am - 8 pm

- 5:30 German Alliance Brass Band - at City Hall Square
- 5:30 Grand Philharmonic Choir carol singing - meet at Victoria Park
- 6:00 **Candlelight procession** - along Gaukel Street to Kitchener's City Hall Square
- 6:15 Fanfares Transylvania Hofbrau Band - at City Hall Square
- 6:30 **Official Opening** with Grand Philharmonic Choir, Hallelujah Chorus

Friday December 7 Open 10 am - 8 pm

- 4:00 Schneider Male Choir
- 5:00 Klaus Sonnenberg Tenor
- 5:30 Advent Singers
- 6:00 Trapp Family Bellingers
- 6:30 Alpine Dancers
- 7:30 Schmidt Sisters

Saturday December 8 Open 9 am - 8 pm

- 10:30 Waterloo County Carolers
- 11:00 Grand Philharmonic Choir
- 12:00 Willem Moolenbeek
- 1:00 German Evangelical Alliance Choir
- 2:00 Transylvania Hofbrau Band
- 2:00 Puppet Show (2nd floor)
- 3:00 KW Schuhplattler and Folk Dancers
- 3-5:00 Home Depot Kids Workshop
- 3:30 German Language School Concordia Choir
- 4:00 The Forget Me Nots
- 5:00 Schwaben Dancers
- 6:00 Concordia Club Choirs & Singalong Male, Children, Youth & Mixed Choirs
- 7:00 Arn-Horn Doppelgaenger

Sunday December 9 Open 10 am - 5 pm

- 12:00 The Kitchener Musical Society Band
- 1:00 St. Mary's Marienchor
- 2:00 The Swiss Farmers Brass Band
- 3:00 Transylvania Dancers
- 3:30 The Golden Keys
- 4:00 **Official Closing Ceremonies & DRAW**

Festivities

- Candlelight procession, Thursday evening
- Live Nativity
- Garden Railway Model displays
- Kinderecke - Children's Craft Centre
- Community Pot(tery)
- Post Office - bring your holiday mail for the Christkindl Market postmark
- Christkindl, Angels & Knecht Ruprecht
- Organ Grinder
- Blacksmith demonstrations
- Films in the comfort of the Council Chambers



Food

From potato pancakes, sausages and hot schnitzel to fresh apple fritters, stollen and sumptuous waffles, we have all kinds of delectable treats to tempt your tastebuds.

Shopping

Sample our unique assortment of wares, which includes everything from handcrafted toys, sheepskin accessories and beeswax candles to one-of-a-kind jewellery, hand-woven blankets and much, much more!



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