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HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT LANDMARK CENTER

Your holiday shopping just got a whole lot more festive! The 48th annual Holiday Bazaar returns December 4-6, bringing together more than 75 new and returning vendors under one roof. From one-of-a-kind finds to gifts for everyone on your list, including a little something for yourself!



And now for some truly wild news... Something so big, it might just blow your hand-knit socks right off! After 47 years of only accepting cash and checks for admission, Landmark Center is officially entering the modern age: **we're now accepting credit cards, including Tap to Pay!** We know, we know. What took us so long?

Your $5 admission helps support Landmark Center's community programs, and we want to make your visit as pleasant (and payment as painless) as possible. So go ahead — tap, pay, and feel good knowing you're supporting Landmark Center's programs, local artists, and one of St. Paul's favorite holiday traditions. Now *that's* something worth celebrating!

$5 admission | 12 & under free
Friday, December 4: 10am-7pm* | Saturday, December 5: 10am-5pm | Sunday, December 6: 10am-5pm
**Friday, December 4: Twilight Shopping Special – Enjoy a complimentary refreshment, 4 – 7 pm*

A Night Out, Landmark Live Style

Enjoy great music, a historic setting, and cocktail hour at *Landmark Live*, a chance to come together in downtown St. Paul. Before each concert, enjoy complimentary refreshments and a drink from the cash bar. Then, settle into the intimate F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium for an evening of live music featuring talented artists from a range of genres.



On **November 20**, **LAAMAR**, the Minneapolis-based project of singer, songwriter, saxophonist and composer Geoffrey Lamar Wilson, takes the stage with his band. Blending folk, soul, R&B and country, his music explores identity, joy, grief, and the shared human experience.

The season concludes **December 18** with musician, vocalist, composer and teaching artist **Thomasina Petrus**, joined by **Kashimana Ahua**. A celebrated presence in the Twin Cities music and arts community, Petrus brings decades of experience as a performer and collaborator to the stage. Ahua complements the evening with her distinctive blend of pop, soul and R&B, shaped by her experiences growing up in Nigeria and Kenya.

Both concerts begin at 7:30 pm, with cocktail hour starting at 6:45 pm. Tickets are $27.32 in advance or $30 at the door. For more information, please visit landmarkcenter.org/landmark-live or call 651.292.3063.

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Events Calendar

Nov 1	HORA: From Silent Films to the Romanian New Wave Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Nov 2	Global Conversations: Minnesota's Diplomats Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free (reg. req.)
Nov 3	General Election Musser Cortile; 7 am–8 pm
Nov 4	Schubert Club: Let's Make Music! Schubert Club Music Museum; 10 & 11 am; Free (reg. req.)
Nov 5	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
Nov 6	Once Upon a Time Gala Musser Cortile; 5:30-9:30 pm; $150
Nov 8	HORA: From Silent Films to the Romanian New Wave Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Nov 12	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
Nov 13	HORA: Twin Cities Romanian Film Festival F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; Times TBD; Free
Nov 14	HORA: Twin Cities Romanian Film Festival F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; Times TBD; Free
Nov 15	AAW Gallery of Wood Art: Woodturning Demonstration 2nd Floor Galleria; 1-4 pm; Free
	HORA: Twin Cities Romanian Film Festival F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; Times TBD; Free
Nov 17	Dr. Mark Seeley El Niño Presentation Courtroom 317; 11 am; Free
Nov 19	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
	Ordway: Tea Talk: Plants, Tea and Indigenous Traditions with Native Arts Collaborative Courtroom 326; 6-7 pm; Free (res. req.)
Nov 20	*Landmark Live*: LAAMAR F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; 7:30 pm; $27.32-30

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Nov 22	*Sundays at Landmark*: Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra Musser Cortile; 1-3 pm; Free
	HORA: From Silent Films to the Romanian New Wave Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Nov 24	*Ballet Tuesdays*: Nutcracker in Wonderland Musser Cortile; 12-1 pm; Free
Nov 26	Building Closed: Thanksgiving Day
Dec 4	*48th Annual Holiday Bazaar* Building Wide; 10 am-7 pm; $5
Dec 5	*48h Annual Holiday Bazaar* Building Wide; 10 am-5 pm; $5
Dec 6	*48th Annual Holiday Bazaar* Building Wide; 10 am-5 pm; $5
Dec 10	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
	Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus: Carols by Candlelight Musser Cortile; 7 pm; $29
Dec 13	*Sundays at Landmark*: Santa's Workshop Musser Cortile; 1-3 pm; Free
Dec 16	Star of the North Concert Band Holiday Concert Musser Cortile; 7:30 pm; Free
Dec 17	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert: Songs of the Season Musser Cortile; 12 pm & 6 pm; Free
Dec 18	*Landmark Live*: Thomasina Petrus & Kashimana Ahua F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; 7:30 pm; $27.32-30
Dec 20	AAW Gallery of Wood Art: Woodturning Demonstration 2nd Floor Galleria; 1-4 pm; Free
Dec 25	Building Closed: Christmas Day
January 3	*Sundays at Landmark*: Minnesota Boychoir Musser Cortile; 1 & 3:30 pm; Free
Ongoing	**Landmark Center Public Building Tours** Every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 pm starting at the Visitor Information Center. Tours are free and reservations are not required.

Holiday Cheer

Whether you're looking for a little holiday magic on a weekday or a festive outing on the weekend, there's something special waiting for you at Landmark Center. With twinkling decorations and seasonal cheer, it's the perfect place to gather, celebrate, and make memories that become part of your holiday traditions.



Sunday, November 22
Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra
1 pm | Free

Tuesday, November 24
Ballet Tuesdays: Nutcracker in Wonderland
12–1 pm | Free

Thursday, December 10
Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus: Carols by Candlelight
7 pm | $29

Sunday, December 13
Sundays at Landmark: Santa's Workshop
1-3 pm | Free

Wednesday, December 16
Star of the North Concert Band Holiday Concert
7:30 pm | Free

Thurday, December 17
Schubert Club Courtroom Concerts: Songs of the Season
2 pm and 6 pm | Free

Ready to make some holiday memories? Find all the festive details at landmarkcenter.org/events!

Have You Seen These?

Welcome back to *Have You Seen This?*, our newsletter series highlighting the hidden gems of Landmark Center! In this series, we draw attention to details, artwork, and surprises you may have walked past without noticing. Think of it as a scavenger hunt for curious visitors!

Take a closer look at the pink granite around the building, and you'll spot some interesting characters carved into the stone. These figures are called grotesques, decorative carvings that can range from whimsical to downright monstrous.

When Landmark Center was designed in the late 19th century in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, architects often looked to the past for inspiration. During this era of architectural revival, historical details helped new buildings convey a sense of dignity, permanence, and importance. Grotesques added a touch of personality to these grand structures, bringing a little whimsy and surprise to their stone facades.

Next time you visit, see how many you can spot!









Landmark Center Building, Galleries, Gift Shop, & Tours

Visitor Information Center (VIC)
For the most up-to-date building information, and information about downtown Saint Paul and surrounding Ramsey County, call 651.292.3225 or visit our website landmarkcenter.org.

Landmarket Gift Shop
Hours: Wed-Fri, 10 am-2 pm, and during most public programs. Shop unique local gifts, souvenirs, and Minnesota inspired books.

North Gallery, open during building hours
Crossing Threads, Romanian Motifs in Minnesota presented by HORA, October 4-December 31.

Landmark Gallery, open during building hours
A Landmark Reclaimed: From Federal Building to Community Icon
Basement level, chronicles the history of Landmark Center and the people who made it the community building it is today.

***Uncle Sam Worked Here* Exhibit, open during building hours**
An interactive interpretive exhibit gives visitors a glimpse into federal courts, wartime activities, prohibition, immigration, and more that occurred in Landmark Center.

Jenni's Café

Newly open on the first floor of Landmark Center, Jenni's Café offers breakfast, lunch, coffee, pastries, soups, sandwiches, and baked goods made with local ingredients. Open Mon-Fri, 8 am-2 pm.

American Asociation of Woodturners Gallery of Wood Art

Wednesday - Friday and Sunday from 12-4 pm, and by appointment. Call 651.484.9094 or visit galleryofwoodart.org for more details.

Schubert Club Music Museum

Wednesday-Friday and Sunday from 12-4 pm
Saturday from 10 am-2 pm.
Visit schubert.org or call 651.292.3268 for more information, virtual events, and updates.

Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans in Minnesota

Romanian American Cultural Center
Open every Sunday 1-3 pm or contact Raluca Octav at ralucaoctav@hotmail.com or call 651.600.8771 to schedule a private tour by appointment.

Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota

PACIM Library
Open every Sunday from 1-3 pm, or by appointment. Please email library@pacim.org to make an appointment.

Ramsey County Historical Society/ Research Center

Please contact the office staff or the Research Center with any questions at 651.222.0701 ext. 226 or info@rchs.com.

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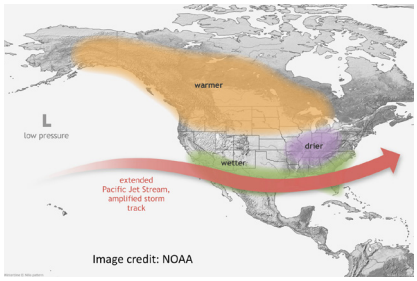
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Dr. Mark Seeley: El Niño Presentation





Join us for a special presentation by Dr. Mark Seeley, sponsored by Landmark Center's Volunteer Association (LCVA), on **Tuesday, November 17, at 11:00 am**. Known for his expertise and engaging speaking style, Dr. Seeley will break down El Niño, the weather phenomenon influencing our weather this year, and what it could mean for Minnesota's winter.

El Niño has been a familiar buzzword in weather forecasts for years, especially as winter approaches. But what does it actually mean for us? And how does global warming factor in, if at all?

El Niño influences global weather patterns and often brings warmer-than-normal winters to Minnesota. Historically, 70–80% of El Niño winters have been milder than average. Dr. Seeley will explain the science behind this phenomenon and what it could mean for our winter ahead. **RSVP required**, call Jenny at 651.292.3237 or email jreinhard@landmarkcenter.org to reserve your spot. Spots are limited!

Accessibility - If you plan to attend a Landmark Center activity and have a need for special assistance, please e-mail admin@landmarkcenter.org or call 651.292.4375 at least two business days prior to the event.

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Monday - Friday: 8 am-5 pm
Saturday: 10 am-5 pm
Sunday: 12-5 pm

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