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The Holiday Season Begins on Broadway November 26 - Thanksgiving Weekend - Sing A-Long-A Sound of Music and 71st Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

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Tacoma, Wash. – Begin the holiday season on Broadway, over Thanksgiving Weekend, with the family favorite [Sing A-Long-A Sound of Music](#) on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. A long Tacoma tradition will immediately follow the film with the [71st Annual Holiday Tree Lighting](#) at 5:00 p.m. with festivities in the Pantages Theater Lobby and the lighting at 9th and Broadway. [Film tickets are on sale now.](#) The Tree Lighting ceremony is a free community celebration, and open to the public.

Sing A-Long-A Sound of Music is a screening of the classic Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer musical film in full-screen technicolor, complete with subtitles for the audience to sing along. The show begins with a vocal warm-up led by the afternoon's hosts, who also take the audience through their 'magic moments pack', which contains fun props like a curtain swatch and Edelweiss to flaunt during different points of the film.

Costumes are encouraged! The famous fancy-dress competition bring audience members onto the stage before the movie to showcase their fantastic tailoring skills, nuns, lonely goatherds, and girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes. Creativity counts and prizes will be awarded to the best dressed.

After a festival debut in 1999, Sing A-Long-A Sound of Music began showing at the Prince Charles Cinema in London's West End (and has been there ever since). From there the program began its UK tour and now tours worldwide.

The [71st Annual Holiday Tree Lighting](#) will start at 5:00 p.m. with a gathering and holiday carols in the Pantages Theater Lobby, and the tree lighting will follow at 5:30 p.m. This annual occasion began as a celebration of the end of World War II, and has become a favorite holiday tradition for many. The free community event includes carols, a live brass band, hot cocoa, and a visit from Santa Claus.

[Tickets for Sing A-Long-A Sound of Music are on sale now and start at \\$12.](#) To purchase tickets, call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District, or online at BroadwayCenter.org.

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