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## For the Third Consecutive Year - Union Station's Massive Indoor, Walk-Thru "Holiday Reflections" Returns for 2022, Filling 27,000 sqf with Holiday Fun

Opening November 21<sup>st</sup>, "Holiday Reflections" – Presented by BOK Financial -- will return to the delight of hundreds of thousands of local and regional Holiday guests.

Online ticket reservations are encouraged and now available online at [unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org)

**Kansas City, MO** – Union Station officials announced today that once again, more magical memories and brilliant new traditions will fill Kansas City's Historic Home for the Holidays this year. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Union Station will kick off the Holiday season with the opening of "Holiday Reflections, presented by BOK Financial. The supersized, magical holiday walk-thru village will feature new holiday displays and decorations including a Magical Virtual Reality Sleigh Ride – exclusive to Union Station in Kansas City.

"Our team spends months planning and reimagining Kansas City's largest indoor holiday spectacle," George Guastello, president and CEO of Union Station, said. "For more than a century, Union Station has been Kansas City's home for the holidays and this year will be no different. Featuring sky-high light displays, giant forest friends, immersive selfie stations and new this year, a magical VR sleigh ride. BOK Financial has once again stepped up to be the presenting sponsor and their tremendous support allows us to continue delivering magical memories and traditions that make Kansas City's historic home a must-see experience each Holiday season."

Guests can expect new sights and sounds as well as family-favorite traditions such as the historic ride-on Jones Store Train and the beloved Holiday Model Train layout. With its massive scale, holidays at the Station require a community approach and, once again, community partners have responded.

"BOK Financial is proud to once again be the presenting sponsor of a holiday tradition, Union Station's "Holiday Reflections," Kevin Kramer, Kansas City Market CEO of BOK Financial, said. "Each year, hundreds of thousands of people visit the Station to experience the magic of the Holidays. Countless memories are made, and we're delighted to be part of them. One of our top priorities is giving back to the community and we couldn't be prouder to partner alongside a historical institution that does that and so much more so well, especially during the Holidays."

"Holiday Reflections" walk-thru village is a ticketed experience that includes direct access to the 8,000 sq. ft. award-winning Model Train Gallery, expanded, and decked out in holiday decor. For an additional \$5 ticket (FREE for Union Station Members), little ones (under 48") are invited to ride the Mini Holiday Express Ride-On Train thru Rudy's Wonderland. All guests must have a ticket to "Holiday Reflections" in order to ride on the mini train.

Included in this year's complete Union Station Holiday Season:

- Kansas City's largest and most photographed indoor holiday tree – measuring a full 40 feet tall and decorated in spectacular fashion.
- Expanded "Holiday Reflections" walk-thru village – filling Grand Plaza. (\$7 Admission per person Monday thru Friday. \$9 Admission Saturday & Sunday. \$7 for Members every day of the week.\*  
\*Excludes preservation fee.) Tickets to Magical Sleigh Ride VR (located inside Holiday Reflections) are \$6 and available to purchase once inside Holiday Reflections. Plus, special Santa appearances.

Visit [unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org) for dates, times and full details. All ticket revenue supports Union Stations mission and help with the preservation of the building.

- Included in “Holiday Reflections” is the widely popular Holiday Model Train display . . . a full 10,000 sqf of decorated landscape featuring dozens of moving trains in every scale.
- \$3.50 Holiday Classic Movie Series in Regnier Extreme Screen Theatre, presented by Canadian Pacific, including: National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, Elf, and Polar Express (Pajamas encouraged) – Running Nov. 18th thru Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> (Advance/online ticket purchases highly recommended). Check [unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org) for showtimes and tickets.
- All-time seasonal and holiday favorites in the Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium include “Stars of Faith” and Laser “Holiday Magic”.
- Back for the first time since 2018, Canadian Pacific Holiday Train returns for an outdoor concert on December 4<sup>th</sup>
- A full month of Merry Science in Science City, featuring “Merry Science Day” on December 17<sup>th</sup> and Noon Year’s Eve on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Live Theatre in City Stage. Theatre for Young America presents: “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Kansas City Southern’s Holiday Express Train returns to Union Station. Visits to enjoy the decorated exterior of the Holiday Express will be from Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 18th during normal business hours, with no reservations needed. Visits to experience the interior of several of the themed rail cars are limited to Saturday, December 17th, 10:00 am - 7:30 pm, by reservation only.
- Memorable Holiday dining at Pierpont's and Harvey's - sweet treats from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory - something to warm you up from Parisi, gifts from Rally House and the Science City Store.

For a complete list of Holiday events and schedules, please visit [unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org).

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ABOUT Union Station Kansas City -- a 501(c)3 non-profit organization -- is a 107-year-old historical landmark and celebrated civic asset renovated and reopened to the public in 1999. Recently awarded “Favorite Attraction”, “Favorite Family-Friendly Attraction” and “Favorite Historic Attraction”, the organization -- dedicated to science education, celebration of community and preservation of history -- is home to Kansas City’s internationally-awarded Science City; the new Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium; the Regnier Extreme Screen Theatre; the popular Model Railroad Experience; City Stage featuring live theater, and a selection of unique shops and restaurants. Union Station is also home to prominent area civic organizations and businesses, and regularly hosts world-class traveling exhibitions. Awarded “Top Banquet Facilities in KC” by KC Business Journal, the facility annually hosts hundreds of community events and private celebrations of all sizes. Visit [WWW.UNIONSTATION.ORG](http://WWW.UNIONSTATION.ORG) for details. Also, follow us on FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM, and YOUTUBE.