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New Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary Holiday Celebration

Holiday Trail of Lights

December 18 & 19, 6:30-9:30 PM

Experience the new Heard *Holiday Trail of Lights* on the evenings of December 18 & 19 from 6:30-9:30. From the moment guests enter the Heard native plant garden, they will enjoy thousands of holiday lights and displays including a beautifully decorated walk along the popular dinosaur trail that will commence with a hayride and caroling.

Guests will also enjoy a Christmas tree lighting, live entertainment on the amphitheater stage, pictures with Father Christmas & Mother Nature, complimentary hot chocolate and cider, and an Artisan's Market. Tickets are only \$5 for adults & seniors and \$3 for kids 3-12. Tickets available starting November 27.

The Heard Artisan's Market will be open during the *Holiday Trail of Lights* two-night event as well as during regular museum hours on Saturday, December 19. Merchants to-date will be selling handmade books, Christmas ornaments and cards, ceramics, photographs, wildfowl carvings, honey, Indian art and gourds. Many will also feature unique jewelry including hand-carved, inspirational, beaded, semi-precious and precious stones.

Need more holiday gift ideas? Tickets to the *Dinosaurs Alive!* exhibit are also a fun, affordable present for family, friends or that special someone. Purchase general admission tickets in-store or at heardmuseum.org. (\$8 adults; \$5 kids 3-12 & seniors)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Friday

6:45 - 7:30; Limelight and Center Stage Vocal Jazz Groups from Lovejoy's Sloan Creek Middle School

7:30 – 8; A Cappella and Spotlight Vocal Performance Groups from Lovejoy High School

8:15 - 8:45; Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church Adult Worship Choir

9 - 9:30; St. Peters Episcopal Church of McKinney Adult Hand Bell Choir

Saturday

6:45 – 8; Black Prairie Band
8:15 - 9:15; McKinney Community Band

Exhibit & Event Sponsors

Dinosaurs Alive! is sponsored by KLTU 94.9, NBC 5, The Tucker David Foundation, Billings Productions and powered by Cirro Energy

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Address, Contact & General Admission

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General Admission: \$8 adults; \$5 kids 3-12 & seniors; Members are free

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