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Holidays at The Hermitage: A Celebration of Tradition

Join The Hermitage for an evening full of s'mores, spooky tales and seasonal fun

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Nov. 21, 2018) – Andrew Jackson's Hermitage is celebrating traditions of holidays past in its first Holidays at The Hermitage celebration Saturday, Dec. 1.

The grounds will be open late for visitors to enjoy a series of traditional festivities, including 19th century Christmas musicians, seasonal gift shopping and colorful Christmas decor. Christmas ghost story performances will be performed by local historian and author Brian Allison. These holiday tales, part of a tradition dating back hundreds of years, will be shared by fireside and include hot cocoa.

Evening mansion tours, given by lamplight, will give visitors the chance to experience the President's home as it would have been decorated in the 1840s. Historians will also give a glimpse of what holiday traditions were kept by both enslaved and free residents of The Hermitage with guided tours of outbuildings. Tours will be followed by time-honored musical performances by the bonfire, and visitors can enjoy discounted pricing and refreshments at The Hermitage's Museum Store open house.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Admission is \$40 per person, and Christmas ghost story performances begin at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information about this event or others happening at The Hermitage, please visit <https://thehermitage.com/events/> or call 615-889-2941.

About Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened as a museum in 1889, it is one of the nation's oldest presidential sites, drawing more than 219,000 visitors each year. Located 12 miles northeast of downtown Nashville, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with 27 restored buildings, 12 dating to Jackson's ownership, including his 1836 mansion and tomb, slave cabins, garden, and the church he had constructed for his beloved wife, Rachel. In the Andrew Jackson Center, guests can experience Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm, an interactive exhibit about the life and profound impact of our seventh president on the history of

the United States. The new 18-minute introductory film, *Jackson*, explores Jackson's role as "The People's President" and prepares visitors for their tour of The Hermitage mansion, grounds and exhibits through movie-like re-enactments, interviews with historians and storytelling. Admission is free for active duty military and half-price for veterans. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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