

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christkindl Market**  
**December 1-5, 2004**  
**Kitchener City Hall**

On stage, a choir sings an exquisite rendition of Silent Night in German. You don't speak or understand German, but the moment seems so perfect, you are transfixed.

You sing along quietly, as do hundreds of others. The same song murmured in a dozen languages. Snow flakes settle on your hat. Your nose tingles with the smells of apple fritters and mulled wine. You sway as the voices rise and fall. You are entranced and transported. You are here, in 2004, and you are there, 700 years ago, when Christkindl Markets began in Germany.

Welcome to the magic of Christkindl Market, a festival of German Christmas.

Canada's original Christkindl Market is held annually in Kitchener, Ontario, a city founded by people of German origin, whose ancestors keep this European tradition very much alive.

This year's market will be held **Dec. 1-5** at Kitchener City Hall, 200 King. St. W. There is no admission fee.

Like its namesakes in Germany, the Kitchener Christkindl Market is a combination of commerce, entertainment and faith. Visitors to the market can walk in a solemn, candle-light procession led by Mary and Joseph or they can head directly to the 80 craft vendors located inside and outside Kitchener's City Hall. Between rounds of shopping for unique gifts and eating traditional German foods, Christkindl visitors can enjoy dozens of free musical presentations or simply sit and enjoy the huge Christmas tree and skaters twirling on the adjacent rink.

Join us Dec. 1-5 for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Christkindl Market in Kitchener, Ontario. Live the magic.

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