

PRESS RELEASE



## Christkindl Market

23rd Annual  
Festival of German Christmas  
Kitchener City Hall  
December 5-8, 2019

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### **Christkindl Market is here to entertain you ~ for 4 full days!**

And, move you to sway, sing-along, twirl or just close your eyes and feel the music. Come relive centuries-old traditions. Or, start new ones with your friends and family.

#### ***New entertainment this year:***

**Join us for free outdoor Christmas concerts by "The Beyer's." Marion and Klaus Beyer direct from Berlin, Germany. Throughout the festival, hear the "Trillium Alphorns."**

We'll have all your favorite Choirs, Bands and Dance Groups - over 35 performances in all.

Kids, this year, join us in the cozy indoor Kinderecke (Kid's Corner) for entertainment including **puppet and magic shows, kid's performances and workshops.**

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated by kids around the world on December 6th - join us Thursday and Friday for treats and a special **"St. Nicholas' Shoes - Scavenger Hunt."** And maybe even a serving of milk and cookies.

There's Fred & Jenny's train room. And, back by popular demand are the blacksmiths with their demonstrations, the live nativity and ice-skating on the rink.

In the Berlin Tower ARTSPACE see the **Photographic Exhibit titled 'The Season's Greetings'** it features a selection of Postcards from Thomas Reitz' collection. It's a rare glimpse at photos that date back to the early 1900s.

Be sure to visit with our folklore characters - **Hurdy- Gurdy Klaus the Organgrinder, Christkindl and her helper Knecht Ruprecht.**

#### ***Shopping in Christkindl's Outdoor Village & inside:***

There will be 100 vendors in huts throughout Christkindl's Outdoor Village all along King Street and inside on the 1st and 2nd floor of Kitchener City Hall. Discover booths with Christmas decorations, boughs, giftware, handmade scarves and hats, sheepskin clothing, art, beauty products and many, many unique finds.

Enjoy a hot Glühwein as the music gets you into the spirit of Christmas. Taste all your favorite sweet and savoury specialty foods - to eat now. To take home. And, for gift giving. There's: Apple Fritters, Funnel Cakes, Waffles, Marzipan Stollen, Lebkuchen, Strudel, chocolate,

Glühwein, apple cider and coffee. Hot soups, Schnitzel, Sausages, Smoked Turkey drumsticks, Goulash, Potato Pancakes, Potato Soup BBQ Pulled pork, German beer burger, Leberkaese on a bun, and more.

Enjoy horse drawn carriage rides through Victoria Park. Indoors, discover booths throughout the first and second floors.

Be sure to drop by **Christkindl's fundraising booth** where you will find our collectible **2019 wooden Christmas tree ornament**, a sample of hot **Glühwein (alcohol-free)**, also available by the cup to enjoy as you stroll, or by the bottle to take home. Christkindl custom aprons (while supplies last). And pick up our new **collectible Christkindl cloth shopping bags**.

Fill in a ballot to **WIN: a VIA Rail Pass, or "Eat/Stay/Play" prizes**.

Take ION and GRT, it's a wonderful way to get dropped off right at Kitchener City Hall!

### **All are Welcome ~ Admission is Free!**

**About Christkindl Market:** Christkindl Market at Kitchener City Hall is Canada's oldest 'Festival of German Christmas.' This festival is a truly unique opportunity to experience centuries-old traditions - the sights, sounds, smells and spirit of Christmas found across Germany and is now an international phenomenon.

Awarded: 'Top 100 Festivals in ON in 2019' and 'German Pioneers Award 2019'

Up-to-Date Details: [www.Christkindl.ca](http://www.Christkindl.ca)

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**Christkindls' Outdoor Village** of huts: Downtown Kitchener BIA

**Outdoor Stage & Ornament:** Desjardins Financial Security, Independent Network SW Ontario.

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**Treats:** Ritter Sport