



Press Release

# Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Lights Parade

December 5 starting at 4:30 p.m. in historic San Jacinto Plaza

On December 5<sup>th</sup> at San Jacinto Plaza the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Light Parade will take place starting at 4:30 p.m. with the 62<sup>nd</sup> Army Band, followed at 5:00 p.m. by the Franciscanos Choir of St. Anthony's Seminary taking center stage.

The actual ceremony leading up to the lighting of the 54 foot Christmas Tree will start at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor John Cook flipping the switch to light the tree along with eight year old, Jesus Pacheco of Candlelighters of El Paso. Estela Casas, news anchor at KVIA-TV (Channel 7) will be the master of ceremonies.

The Holiday Lights Parade will begin after the Christmas Tree is lighted. The Parade is in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of existence with over 67,000 people converging on downtown for these two great historic events.

The Sounds of the Holidays Concert Series featuring area singers, choirs and bands performing Holiday music will begin on Monday, December 7 at the San Jacinto Plaza, located downtown at 111 Mills. The concerts will be at 5:00 p.m. weekdays through December 18. The schedule is as follows:

Monday	December 7	Rick Milliron
Tuesday	December 8	Amanda Huante
Wednesday	December 9	Memento Mori and Friends
Thursday	December 10	Wildcat Praise Band
Friday	December 11	Kristen Moreno
Monday	December 14	St. Clements (Gel Band)
Tuesday	December 15	Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana
Wednesday	December 16	Bowie Dance Ensemble
Thursday	December 17	Central Business Association Posada Night
Friday	December 18	Jacqueline Mata

KVIA television will be hosts of this years Parade and will go live from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from the Plaza showing the telecast on the CW Channel, Cable Channel 13, while streaming the festivities live on their web site at [www.kvia.com](http://www.kvia.com).

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Sounds of the Holidays Information	Eliseo Duran	(915) 252-9031



Tuesday, November 24, 2009

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