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Jolly Old St. Nick Concert returns to Elmhurst on December 2

ELMHURST, IL – Before there was Santa Claus, there was St. Nicholas, known traditionally as the “bearer of gifts.” On December 6th, many Europeans still celebrate St. Nicholas Day, and many of our well-known Christmas traditions emerged from this holiday.

The **Elmhurst History Museum** invites families to celebrate the holidays, history and Elmhurst’s German roots with a concert of German carols and a performance by Jolly Old St. Nick. The third annual **Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert** will take place on **Friday, December 2** at **7 p.m.** at the **Yorkfield Presbyterian Church**, located at **1099 South York Street** in **Elmhurst**. Admission is free, and reservations are requested.

The festivities will be led by Jolly Old St. Nicholas, brought to life by first-person history presenter Terry Lynch, who will share the legendary story that made him renowned around the world. St. Nick will be accompanied by the jingling bells and beautiful voices of two long-standing Elmhurst choirs that have been singing traditional German carols and songs in the area for nearly 80 years, the *Damenchor* (Women’s Chorus) and the *Männerchor* (Men’s Choir).

Reservations can be made on the Elmhurst History Museum’s web site at www.elmhursthhistory.org (in the Special Events section). On-site parking is available in the church parking lot. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, and photo opportunities with St. Nick will be available after the performance. A small gift for the little

ones will also be shared, and hot cocoa and cookies be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a \$1 donation for the Yorkfield Food Pantry.

The Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert is a wonderful Elmhurst celebration that offers the perfect way to embrace the spirit of the season. For more information, go to www.elmhursthhistory.org or call **630-833-1457**.

The Elmhurst History Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free with nominal fees for some programs. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at www.elmhursthhistory.org

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Friday, December 2

Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert

Time: 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Cost: FREE

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Reservations: [elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) (Special Events section) or <http://bpt.me/2697795>

Location: Yorkfield Presbyterian Church, 1099 S. York St., Elmhurst

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