



NEW Magic at The Mill This Holiday Season! For Immediate Release

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WHAT: **11th Annual Magic at the Mill**
WHEN: December 19th through December 23rd 2010, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
WHERE: 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR 97301
COST: \$5.00 Age 13 thru Adults; \$3.00 for youth 4-12; ages 3 and under FREE.
All proceeds support Mission Mill Museum's education and preservation programs.

It's that magical time of year at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, as we celebrate our 11th annual Magic at the Mill with thousands of twinkling holiday lights and entertainment for all.

This year you can even visit the North Pole with NEW dancing lights! And Santa will be on site each evening to visit with all boys and girls in his own NEW brightly lit Santa's workshop, decorated by Danner & Soli.

NEW and favorite children's activities include writing letters and mailing them in Santa's magical mailbox, and making reindeer food for very hungry reindeer.

NEW brightly-lit animated ducks and a goose will be frolicking, fish will be swimming, and sheep will be jumping in sequence over the Mill Race! The Mill staff is as busy as Santa's elves during the next few weeks as they work hard to create these NEW, one-of-a-kind light shows in the Mill's workshop and on the Mill grounds.

The all-star musical line-up includes our favorite holiday entertainers and NEW performers this year! Fiddlers, singers, choirs, bands and choruses will offer all kinds of musical ear candy. NEW dancing performers include Mr. Fezziwig's Fete, who will delight us with English Country dancing!

Living history actors will tell their stories and make them NEW again, as they become real people who lived and worked at the Mission or at the Mill long ago.

So bring your families and friends and join us this magical holiday season for the NEW Magic at The Mill!

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.
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