



**Social Justice Pioneer to Spread Holiday Cheer  
Folk Music Icon Judy Collins to Emcee the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square  
New York's Largest Holiday Festival**

*Featuring FREE world-class music and dance performances, street festivities and more  
Monday, November 26, 2018, from 5:30PM – 9:00PM*



*Left: Judy Collins*

*Right: Winter's Eve 2017, Photo by Filip Wolak*

**New York, NY— November 1, 2018** - The [Lincoln Square Business Improvement District](#) (BID) announced today that [Judy Collins](#) will serve as the master of ceremonies for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual *Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square*, joining headliner and fellow folk legend [Arlo Guthrie](#) on the main stage. New York's largest holiday festival is produced by the Lincoln Square BID with presenting sponsor Related and will take place on Monday, November 26 from 5:30PM to 9:00PM. The festival features a diverse array of more than 20 free live, world-class musical performances, processional groups, dance performances, kids' entertainment and activities, and more!

With a career spanning five-decades, Judy Collins has released an astounding 50-album body of work and is best known for hits including "Both Sides Now," "Send in the Clowns" and her moving rendition of "Amazing Grace." At 79, Collins is as creatively vigorous as ever, writing, touring worldwide, and nurturing fresh talent. Her most recent single, "Dreamers," tells the story from the perspective of a DACA dreamer's mother. Collins continues to light up the music world with her unwavering talent, much like Winter's Eve revelry lights up Lincoln Square for this special night.

Arlo Guthrie and the Guthrie family will headline the Upper West Side's only holiday tree lighting ceremony and perform folk favorites and a variety of holiday classics, joined by the internationally and highly acclaimed [Young People's Chorus of New York City](#), at the Dante Park Main Stage (Broadway between 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Streets). In Winter's Eve tradition, the ceremony will kick off the event, during which Judy Collins will serve as Master of Ceremonies and join [WABC-TV](#) to light up the Upper West Side live on Channel 7. After, the lively [Frank London's Klezmer Allstars](#) and Latin boogaloo band [Spanglish Fly](#) will continue the celebration on the main stage.

The evening of merry-making will turn Lincoln Square into a small town for one night and is the perfect way for locals and visitors alike to immerse themselves in the holiday season. Attendees can stroll the sidewalks, public spaces and select shops

on and around Broadway from Time Warner Center at Columbus Circle to 70<sup>th</sup> Street and enjoy live music and dance as diverse and cultural as New York City itself.

Jazz aficionados can enjoy performances by trumpeter, composer, arranger, and producer [Maurice “Mobetta” Brown](#) at the American Folk Art Museum on Columbus Avenue between 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Streets. Or, head to the outdoor stage at Richard Tucker Park just across Columbus Avenue for more terrific music from trumpeter [Theo Croker](#) and his band—who is hailed as one of the great promises of Black American Music (BAM)—and NY based honky-tonk, cosmopolitan country band [The Nashville Attitude](#).

Attendees with happy feet can head to the TD Bank Dance Tent, on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street just west of Columbus Avenue, which will feature the exciting and versatile [Café Wha? Band](#) to inspire dancing all evening. Rock, reggae, funk, rhythm and blues, Latin, folk, and pop songs flow seamlessly together, embodying the rich and diverse spirit of New York. DJ Tom Macari will keep things energetic in between sets.

For more jazz music, the Lucy Yeghiazryan Trio from Jazz at Lincoln Center will perform on the second floor of The Shops at Columbus Circle. Head to the David Rubenstein Atrium to hear Colombia-rooted, NYC-based four-piece band Combo Chimbita blending funk, cumbia, and more into their music. Plus, up at the Apple Store, Upper West Side (Broadway and 67<sup>th</sup> Street) a Steinway and Sons self-playing [Spirio](#) piano will be demoing for the evening with Apple-led programming.

In addition, multicultural dance troupes from Dance Parade will delight audiences on Frey Plaza (Broadway between 60<sup>th</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> Streets). See choreography from: Steele Dance, a contemporary dance ensemble; Ajna Dance Company, an authentic Indian dance group; Red Silk Dancers, a Chinese classical and Folk dance group; and FFC Caporales Universitarios San Simon New York, a Bolivian dance fraternity.

As attendees wander the Lincoln Square neighborhood, there will be plenty of talent all around. Andrea Beeman, also known as the [Enchantress of Bioluminescence](#), will roam the streets and share her elegant and ethereal dance style; [Drawn Together](#) will provide digital caricatures; the [L Train Brass Band](#) will parade up and down Broadway providing the fun sounds of NOLA to keep the music flowing through the streets; and street theater will be a central part of the festivities thanks to Processional Arts Workshop’s Giant Frost Puppets and Alice Farley’s Dance Theater.

On top of the outstanding line-up of entertainment, there will also be kids’ activities and performances, ice sculpting, and low-cost food tastings—so whether you are a foodie, a student, a retiree, a klezmer enthusiast, or just a local New Yorker celebrating the season, there is something for everyone at Winter’s Eve.

Winter’s Eve will take place rain, snow, or shine. Admission to Winter’s Eve is free, but event attendees are encouraged to bring and donate gently used or new coats of all sizes, especially children’s, to Dante Park at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Broadway as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Cares Coat Drive. For more information about the Lincoln Square BID’s Winter’s Eve, please visit: [www.WintersEve.nyc](http://www.WintersEve.nyc) or call 212.581.3774.

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**About the Lincoln Square BID:**

*The Lincoln Square BID is a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization whose mission is to make Lincoln Square cleaner, safer, and more beautiful, and to undertake various improvement projects. Efforts are focused on supplemental sanitation and security services; the beautification of public spaces, malls, and parks; and the promotion and marketing of the area's diverse business and cultural offerings. The Lincoln Square BID acts as a catalyst working with business, community and City partners to promote positive change in Lincoln Square. The BID's programs and initiatives, including Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square – New York's largest holiday festival, are designed to foster tourism, and to showcase the rich and varied resources of this vibrant Upper West Side neighborhood. For more information, please call (212) 581-3774 or visit [www.lincolnsquarebid.org](http://www.lincolnsquarebid.org).*