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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL

Secretary of State Tom Schedler and the staff of Louisiana's Old State Capitol are inviting the public to a Christmas open house in conjunction with the Downtown Festival of Lights on Friday, Dec. 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Children can participate in Santa in the Senate where professional photographs with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus by Party Box Photo Booth are \$10 each.

Visitors can listen to the Youth Jazz Band from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the first floor Rotunda; enjoy punch and cookies from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Senate Chamber; sing Christmas carols with pianist Kenny Kleinpeter, vocalist Jennifer Ellis and bassist David Ellis from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the second floor Rotunda; create Victorian ornaments in the Senate Chamber from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; view a 5,000-piece Lego model of the Old State Capitol from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the first floor Rotunda; and listen to the Baton Rouge Area Youth Symphonic Band from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the House Chamber. The former statehouse will be adorned with fresh Christmas greens, berries and fruit, in addition to a 16-foot Christmas tree in the Senate Chamber.

The Downtown Festival of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the River Center Plaza. The event includes free ice skating and six tons of snow at the Snow Village, lighting of the 35-foot Christmas tree at 6:15 p.m. in Galvez Plaza, fireworks, music, shopping, movies and more.

Admission is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. Don't miss *The Ghost of the Castle* during your visit. Admission to the show is \$3 per person. For more information about Louisiana's Old State Capitol, visit our website at www.sos.louisiana.gov/osc or call 225.342.0500.

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