

VIP *Williamson County*

M A G A Z I N E

December 2008

Happy Holidays

SANTA TO COMES

Photography by Melissa McBryde

TOWN With the Rockettes

What: The Rockettes and Santa Claus at the Cool Springs Galleria

Where: The Cool Springs Galleria

When: Saturday, November 8th

Why: Annual arrival of the Big man with his fabulous entourage this year including the world famous Rockettes and the Grinch!

Kids of all ages enjoyed the show and then of course a chance to get on Santa's lap and tell their Christmas wish.

Enjoy Santa all holiday season at the Galleria.



Jenny, Eli & Kate Stiles, Jessica Clark



Rockette Danielle Bellinzoni & Kristin Alfater

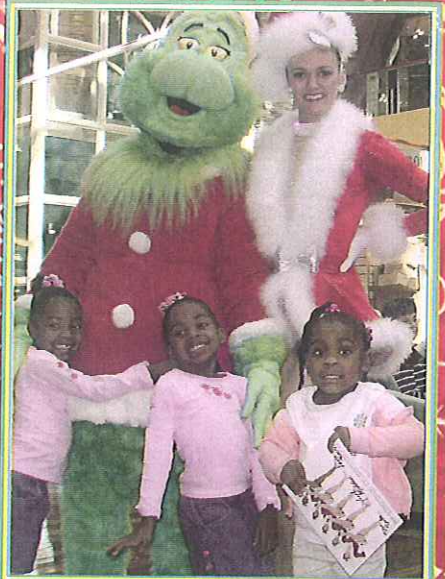


The World Famous Rockettes





Michael Malone Jr. & Santa



Caris, Kaiya & Lynia with the Rockettes and The Grinch



Christy & Sadia Sykes, Jennifer, Kelsy & Jamey Parker



Julie Adcox, Libby Hagwood, Marshall & Josie Wilt



VIP Getaway

Shining Brighter Than Ever

in its 25th Year

Gaylord Opryland

For 25 years, it has been hailed by many as a shining example of the best Christmas entertainment available. Even the Travel Channel called Gaylord Opryland Resort "the most Christmassy hotel in the nation." This year, the unrivaled event that has made memories for literally millions of people from around the world will celebrate in silver. This year marks the 25th anniversary of A Country Christmas, and close to 1 million visitors will enjoy new shows, stunning decorations and the return of everyone's favorite Gaylord Opryland Christmas traditions. If you are lucky enough to plan your winter getaway during December you will have not only a first class hotel to stay in but also plenty of fun holiday activities to enjoy. If the decorations were not enough there is A Country Christmas, presented by Nissan, which runs through Jan. 4, 2009. The event includes more than a dozen shows and attractions.

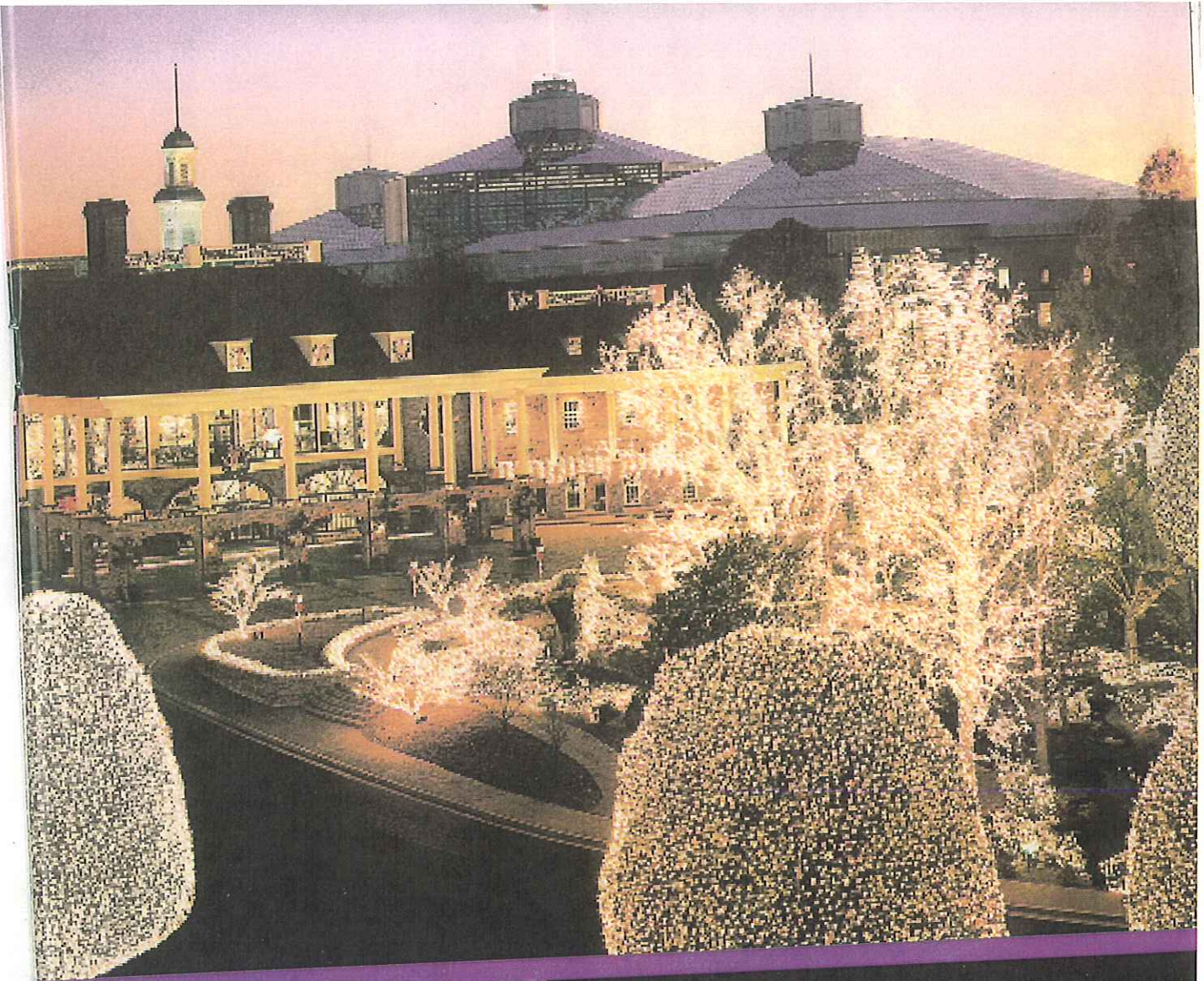
"This year, we are celebrating on an even larger scale because of our Silver Anniversary. For example, we are thrilled to have Louise Mandrell join our family this year, bringing her energy, talent and passion for the holidays to our new dinner show," stated Pete Weien, senior vice president and general manager, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Attractions. "This IS the most Christmassy resort in the nation, perhaps even the world. We will do everything in our power to create smiling faces and eyes filled with wonder from the time our guests arrive until they leave in order to make the memories truly remarkable." "I'm very excited about joining Gaylord Opryland in their 25th anniversary. I worked the Grand Ole Opry both at the Ryman and new Opry House when I was growing up. My first production show was at the Acuff Theater at Opryland," explained country music artist Louise Mandrell. "I feel at home at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. But, I think they make everyone feel that way."

Also New this year, Louise Mandrell's 'Joy to the World' Christmas Dinner & Show, Winter Wonderland, Breakfast with the Grinch, Rockabilly Christmas, Tim Watson's Tennessee Christmas.

The Louise Mandrell's 'Joy to the World' Christmas Dinner & Show runs Nov. 15 through Dec. 25, 2008. Straight from her popular theater in Tennessee's Smoky Mountains, Mandrell is giving Christmas at the resort a whole new feel during the dinner show. She and her band will perform traditional Christmas music, dancing and comedy all while guests dine on a delicious holiday meal with all the trimmings. Winter Wonderland will be one of the holiday "hot spots" for families and friends alike this year. Held in the resort's Ryman Exhibit Halls, this beautiful wonderland features many activities for "kids" of all ages, like Photos with Santa, Treasures for the Holidays Crafts Show, Hall of Trees display and a charity fund-raiser, a Christmas train and the return of Gingerbread Corner with gingerbread decorating classes taught by elves. Breakfast with the Grinch will help families get the day started with one of Christmas' most beloved characters. The furry green guy himself will greet children and adults alike for photo and autograph opportunities during breakfast in the resort's signature Ristorante Volare, located in the Garden Conservatory Atrium. Breakfast with the Grinch is held during A Country Christmas from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reservations are strongly suggested.

Gaylord Opryland is the only place in the world where the beloved Christmas story, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! by Dr. Seuss, is being retold in frozen form. ICE! featuring How the Grinch Stole Christmas! will run in its final year until Jan. 4, 2009. Starting at the Grinch's frozen mountaintop lair, to the 20-foot high slides for kids and built-in photo opportunity stops, down to the picturesque Who-ville, complete with feasting Whos. ICE! featuring the How The Grinch Stole Christmas! will make even the coldest of hearts grow three sizes. Back by popular demand this year, the timeless tradition of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular® returns to Nashville, where the Rockettes will call the Grand Ole Opry House home this holiday season, through Dec. 28, 2008. The "eye-high" kickers' production will feature a variety of magical scenes including the legendary "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," the awe-inspiring "Living Nativity" and Nashville's favorite tap-infused "12 Days of Christmas Jump, jive and wail to the swinging sounds of



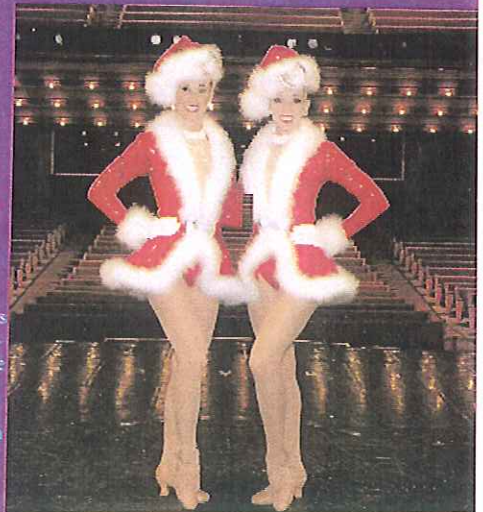
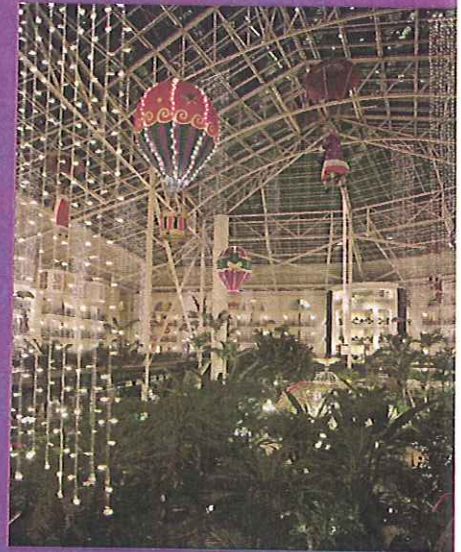




Special Holiday Packages

A Country Christmas Basic Vacation Package, starting at \$335 (per person), includes: Room accommodations, ticket to Radio City Christmas Spectacular™ starring the Rockettes®, ticket to ICE!™ featuring How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss, presented by Coca-Cola, ticket to Louise Mandrell's "Joy to the World" Christmas Dinner & Show™**, ticket to Treasures of the Holidays—our craft, antique and art show, ticket to Hall of Trees, A Gaylord Opryland VIP Coupon Book, valued at more than \$250.

A Country Christmas Best Value package, which starts at \$382 (per person), which includes: Room accommodations, ticket to Radio City Christmas Spectacular™ starring the Rockettes®, ticket to ICE!™ featuring How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss, presented by Coca-Cola, ticket to Louise Mandrell's "Joy to the World" Christmas Dinner & Show™**, ticket to Grand Ole Opry (3-night package only), ticket for breakfast or luncheon cruise on the General Jackson® Showboat, ticket to Treasures of the Holidays—our craft, antique and art show, ticket to Hall of Trees, A Gaylord Opryland VIP Coupon Book, valued at more than \$250.



Also, enjoy the holiday festivities while cruising the Cumberland River aboard the General Jackson Showboat, as two different shows celebrate the holidays in rockin' ways with NashVegas on the River and Tim Watson's Tennessee Christmas. Both General Jackson Christmas shows run through December 25, 2008. The romantic horse-drawn carriage rides that explore the grounds and the larger-than-life Outdoor Nativity will be back, along with the lavish decorations and more than 2 million lights that put a visit to the resort on the top of many Christmas lists.

"Nissan is delighted to announce its renewed sponsorship of this year's A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland," says Ben Poore, vice president of Nissan marketing. "We continue to support the Nashville community and are proud to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of the most spectacular displays of holiday lights in the country. The sponsorship is a unique way for Nissan to connect with consumers on a very personal level throughout the holiday season."

Don't miss the chance to be a part of the 25th anniversary of A Country Christmas. Vacation packages are available with two- to three-night options. To make reservations or for more information on A Country Christmas events, please visit www.gaylordopryland.com or call 1-888-999-OPRY (6779).