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**Step back in time at Dunsmuir's *A Holiday Tradition***

*Decked out 37-room mansion hosts festive holiday celebration on Saturdays & Sundays from December 5 to December 20*

*Oakland, CA* – For the last 45 years of its 116-year history, the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate has been transformed into an Edwardian holiday masterpiece for *A Holiday Tradition*. On Saturdays and Sundays from December 5 to December 20, the estate will again transport visitors to a turn-of-the-20<sup>th</sup>-century holiday wonderland in the 16,224-square-foot mansion and sprawling 50-acre estate.

When visitors step through the mansion's front door, they will be greeted by an elegant holiday tree that soars nearly 30 feet, peaking just below the Tiffany-like skylight. In the nearby dining room, crystal glasses and fine china set for a holiday feast reflect the glimmering decorations and lights. Antique furnishings, festive decorations and more than a dozen holiday trees are on display as visitors tour two floors of the majestic home.

Holiday fun stretches beyond the historic home to the estate's lush grounds. Visitors can stroll the 50-acre estate, indulge in Holiday High Teas for adults and children, take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage and sip something warm while being entertained by holiday performers. The Oakland Ballet returns as the main attraction to perform excerpts from the beloved holiday classic *The Nutcracker*. Families and children can partake in yuletide celebrations at the Kids' Zone with face-painting, crafts and *Breakfast with Santa*. Event goers can also grab a light lunch or snack from the Meadow Café.

Beyond the fun festivities, visitors can find holiday gifts for those on their list at the Mansion's gift shop. Share your experience with friends and families by purchasing various trinkets, tree ornaments and souvenirs.

"OPR is happy to be a part of the team that creates memories and laughter in the hearts and minds of our residents," said Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Oakland Parks & Recreation Director. "Come and experience 45-years of holiday tradition among fellow community members at one of Oakland's hidden jewels, the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate."

*A Holiday Tradition* runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from December 5 until December 20 at the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. For additional information or purchase tickets for general admission, the *Holiday High Tea* or *Breakfast with Santa*, please visit [www.dunsmuir-hellman.com](http://www.dunsmuir-hellman.com) or call (510) 615-5555.

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