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## HOLIDAY EVENT GUIDE



**INCLUDING:**

**Boston Ballet's  
*The Nutcracker***

***Dr. Seuss' How  
the Grinch Stole  
Christmas!  
The Musical***

**Holiday Pops**

***Black Nativity***

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## Forget Fruitcake, Choose Cupcakes

**SWEET**  
49 Massachusetts Ave.  
617-247-CAKE

Cupcakes are always delicious, but this Christmas the frosting fanatics at cupcake conquistadores Sweet have produced some brand-new delights to ho-ho-ho over. Executive Pastry Chef Jennifer Warshaw puts an innovative twist on classic holiday treats with new creations like the candy cane cupcake (peppermint buttercream drizzled with chocolate and sprinkled with candy peppermint crumble) and the gingerbread cupcake—a homemade gingerbread of cinnamon, ground ginger, nutmeg and molasses topped with whipped cream and a Sweet gingerbread man. Sweet's holiday selections also include delicious flavors like crème de menthe and black forest cakes stuffed with homemade cherry preserves. Leave these for Santa instead of cookies and you'll be on the "nice" list for life.

—Nicole McGovern

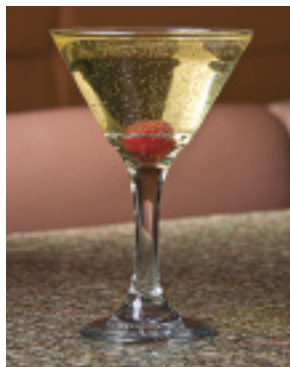


## COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

**THE SPARKLING BELLE**  
Artu • 6 Prince St.  
617-742-4336

Most of us won't get a partridge in a pear tree this Christmas (where would we put it?), but that doesn't mean you can't celebrate the season with a delicious pear-flavored cocktail. The folks over at North End Italian eatery Artu make the holidays glitter and shine with the Sparkling Belle, a tasty concoction that combines Grey Goose La Poire (pear vodka), Aneri Prosecco (sparkling wine) and Belle de Brillet (pear cognac). This crisp, midnight-clear cocktail is sure to make you feel like the belle of the ball.

—Josh B. Wardrop



## Great Grinch Grub



**THE GRINCH FAMILY BRUNCH**  
Fleming's Prime  
Steakhouse & Wine Bar  
217 Stuart St.  
617-292-0808  
December 21 at noon

If you've got a hankering for good old-fashioned Roast Beast, then short of a trip to Whoville there's only one place to satisfy your craving. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse in the Theatre District offers some festive family fun with its Grinch Family Brunch on **December 21**. The buffet-style meal offers delicious holiday food and drink from Chef Jason Carron, followed by a holiday treat for all your little Whos—a matinee showing of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* at the Citi Performing Arts Center's Wang Theatre. The cost for dinner and a show is \$100 per child (under 12) and \$135 per adult—a deal even the green and grouchy Grinch would find hard to turn down.

—Nicole McGovern



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# This holiday season, celebrate on a bright note.

Complete the year with colleagues, clients, and family on a warm note with a traditional Italian lunch or dinner at the North End's oldest restaurant. It's a perfect way to say 'GRAZIE MILLE' and everyone will feel like family. Salute!

  
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