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## **Fifth Annual Cathedral Community & Family Day** *Celebrates art, history & music*

### **A community open house**

(St. Paul, MN) Volunteers for the Fifth annual Cathedral Community & Family Day will host activities on all levels of this expansive landmark on the hill. Festivities will be Sunday, March 4 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Cathedral of Saint Paul is located at 239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul, at the corners of Summit Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard ([www.cathedralsaintpaul.org](http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org)). Ample free parking is available on the street and in the parking lot on Selby Ave.

Here's a sampling of what's happening this year:

- Learn what Archbishop John Ireland was like as a young man in Saint Paul when renowned actor and author Tom Hegg, ("A Cup of Christmas Tea,") reads an original biopic tale.
- Feel the vibrations of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ up close as the public is invited into the sanctuary to watch organ demonstrations on the recently restored instrument (\*\*featured in the NBC national coverage of Red Bull Crashed Ice event). Groups will be limited.
- History Hunts: How many cherubic angel faces can you find? Where did JFK sit when he attended Mass at the Cathedral. Discover little-known Cathedral facts and win prizes.
- Hear stories of the famous works of art and sculptures related by costumed tour guides.
- Take in new art works depicting the Cathedral sketched by students from the College of Visual Arts.

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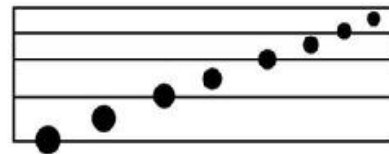
- Activities on the lower level include:
  - Create your own art with the Minnesota Children’s Museum:
  - Learn to tie knots and navigate like a pirate (and St. Patrick) with the Science Museum of Minnesota.
  - Enjoy piano and violin music performed by students from St. Joseph’s School of Music.
  - Visit the renovated Cathedral Museum with new artifacts on displays from the Archdiocese’s Archives including John Ireland’s death mask and his personal scrapbooks.
  - Get dressed up as **musicians** performing in this grand space for a souvenir photo!
  - Browse the Cathedral’s Gift Shop.
  - Purchase refreshments from the Cathedral Young Adults.

A few of the Cathedral’s special features in grand proportions include 25 foot high gold mosaics, white marble statues standing 12 feet high, three stained glass windows reaching 26 feet in diameter and 10 unique chapels, including those in the Shrine of Nations dedicated to the patron saints of the different immigrant groups who helped build the Cathedral.

For photos of past years festivities, go to [www.cathedralheritagefoundation.org](http://www.cathedralheritagefoundation.org).

*The Cathedral Heritage Foundation inspires commitment to the Cathedral as a world-class treasure.*

We want to say *Thank You* to our community partners for Cathedral Community & Family Day!



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