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## CPKC HOLIDAY TRAIN WILL VISIT MUSCATINE IN 2023

Great start to the holiday season with the Holiday Train November 26

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The Canadian Pacific-Kansas City (CPKC) Holiday Train will be coming to Muscatine for the 2023 holiday season, making a stop in Riverside Park on Sunday, November 26. The train is scheduled to arrive in Muscatine at 7:30 p.m. with performances by Canadian singer-songwriter Kiesza and Australian country music duo Seaforth from 7:45-8:15 p.m.



This is the 25th year the CPKC Holiday Train has supported food banks and food shelves across the CPKC network by raising money, food donations, and awareness for local food insecurity issues in communities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The tour will begin on November 20 and continue through December 19.



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The arrival of the Holiday Train draws thousands to Downtown Muscatine to watch as 14 railroad cars all decked out in a festive glow travel downriver and stop inside Riverside Park. Many food pantries in the Muscatine area have benefited from the donations of money and food items dropped off as the train arrives. And then there is the festive music that accompanies an all too brief stage show. The Holiday Train also visited Muscatine in 2022.

"The Holiday Train program is close to the hearts of our CPKC family. Our railroaders take great joy in joining communities across our network as they come together in the giving spirit of the holidays," Keith Creel, CP's President and Chief Executive Officer, said. "We are proud to support local food banks as we fight food insecurity by collecting food and raising money and awareness. I am grateful to all the railroaders and community members who have supported the Holiday Train over the past quarter century and made it such a success."

The arrival of the Holiday Train is a much-anticipated event for communities along the CPKC network, and live music is essential to the Holiday Train experience. Canadian singer-songwriter Kiesza and Seaforth, a country music duo from Australia consisting of Tom Jordan and Mitch Thompson, will be the featured entertainment during the Muscatine stop.

Holiday Train shows are free to attend. CPKC asks attendees to bring a cash or non-perishable food donation if they are able. Collection stations will be set up during the Muscatine stop, with all donations staying in the community to help people in need. Because local food banks buy food at a discount, cash donations can go further than food donations to help those in need.

The Salvation Army is the designated organization to receive the donations during the Muscatine stop.

The CPKC Holiday Train will have stops in Pingree Grove, Ill. (8:45 a.m.), Byron, Ill. (11:45 a.m.), Clinton Iowa (3:05 p.m.), and Davenport, Iowa (5:45 p.m.) before pulling into Muscatine on November 26. The tour continues with a 10 a.m. stop in Ottumwa, Iowa on Nov. 27 and



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completes this segment with a 7:30 p.m. stop in Shreveport, La. The Holiday Train will retrace its route back north and train watchers may catch a glimpse as the train passes through Muscatine again December 2 enroute to the start of the next segment, in Gurnee, Ill., on Dec. 3. Visit [cpkcr.com](http://cpkcr.com) for more information on the train.

Since its inception in 1999, the CPKC Holiday Train has raised \$22.5 million and collected five million pounds of food for community food banks along CPKC's network. CPKC will again donate to all food banks that would ordinarily benefit from a Holiday Train stop, including those that typically receive the train in alternating years.

## Kiesza

Kiesza is a Canadian singer-songwriter known for her dynamic music career. She rose to fame with her breakthrough single "Hideaway" in 2014, which has accrued over a billion streams. Her debut album, "Sound of a Woman," received critical acclaim, highlighting her eclectic musical style. The Canadian multi-hyphenate also has a foot in the fashion world, serving as the face of campaigns for top brands like Fendi and Maison Birks. After a life-changing car crash put her on a two-year hiatus, Kiesza has returned as an independent artist, releasing her sophomore album 'CRAVE' through her label Zebra Spirit Tribe in 2020.

## Seaforth

Seaforth is a country music duo from Australia consisting of Tom Jordan and Mitch Thompson. Known for dropping infectious melodies, breezy lyrics and bangers with slick vocal harmonies, they are childhood friends who take their name from the Sydney suburb where they grew up. A challenge circulating Instagram prompted artists to play an unreleased song, which led to the duo releasing a snippet of the heart-wrenching 'Breakups,' included on their new EP 'What I Get For Loving You,' a song that's gotten 40 million on-demand streams to date, making it their most successful track thus far.

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