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Festival of Lights! British Invasion!

Holiday season kick-off concerts and festivities promise fun for the entire family

Savannah, Ga. – Thanksgiving weekend marks the advent of the holiday season, with several events for family-friendly fun.

Friday, Nov. 25th, the Savannah Harbor Foundation and the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa welcome the Nashville-based Beatles tribute band the WannaBeatles. Playing holiday classics, all your Beatles favorites, and some rare tracks, the WannaBeatles will have you transfixed from first note to last, while also raising money for the Savannah Harbor Foundation.

The WannaBeatles, featuring Grammy Award winning musicians, will take the stage at the Westin in a **holiday season kick-off concert**, complete with a 1960s costume contest, throw-back photo booth, BeatleMania CocktailMania, a multi-media show, and...the hunt for the FIFTH BEATLE is on...*could it be you??* The WannaBeatles are searching for the lost member, the mythical “Fifth Beatle,” and are welcoming all of Savannah to enter their contest. Upload a video for your chance to sing lead vocals on a song at one, or both, of the upcoming concerts, and automatically win tickets just for entering the contest! Please visit www.facebook.com/westinsavannah to enter or vote.

Come early Friday evening if you would like to dine before the show, and enjoy Aqua Star’s special “British Invasion” 3 course prix-fixe menu, featuring a 1960s-English inspired menu for just \$30 per person; please reserve in advance at 912.201.2085.

If you miss the show Friday, come on out to River Street Saturday for a **free community encore concert**, as part of the **Festival of Lights**. The Eleventh Annual Boat Parade of Lights has blossomed into a full Festival of Lights, offering live entertainment, concessions, the Boat Parade of Lights, and fireworks, on **both sides of the river**.

Saturday’s **Festival of Lights** activities are FREE and open to the public (on River Street as well as Westin’s Riverwalk.) The boats will parade closely past both sides of the Riverfront; please see detailed schedule below.

RIVER STREET WATERFRONT:

4–6 Holiday Kickoff Concert, featuring the WannaBeatles Beatles tribute band out of Nashville featuring Grammy Award winning performers -entertains the young and old alike with Beatles songs you know and love, including a special selection of holiday tunes

6 Holiday Season Welcome

6:15 Boat Parade of Lights

Welcoming the crowds to Savannah's Historic River Street, the Boat Parade of Lights will begin on the River Street side, cruising slowly by for prime viewing opportunities. VOTE for your favorite!

7:45 Fireworks Extravaganza

WESTIN WATERFRONT:

5:30 Pipe & Drum Band

5:45 Lighting Ceremony

A proclamation by Georgia's founder, General Oglethorpe, is the highlight of this annual tree lighting ceremony. THIS YEAR also enjoy the official lighting of the resort

6-6:45 Savannah Theatre

Excerpts from their holiday show, "A Christmas Tradition"

7 Boat Parade of Lights

Encore Parade

These elaborately decorated vessels make their second pass on the Hutchinson Island side of the river for official judging

7:45 Fireworks Extravaganza

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About the Savannah Harbor Foundation

The Savannah Harbor Foundation is a 501(3)c organization founded in 2001 to support local children's charities as well as to present family-oriented events, highlighted by the Savannah Harbor Foundation Annual Holiday Series.