

December 2011



# Where will you spend your New Year's Eve?



Can you stay up till midnight?

HOLLA!

Do you have someone to kiss?

YES!

Which of the following will you be popping?

**BUBBLY!**

Starting at \$149 per person, cruise around the scenic San Diego Bay aboard a **Hornblower yacht**. All dinner-and-unlimited-drinks options include a midnight champagne toast, music, and a deck full of dancing.

**THE QUESTION!**

Grab an early seating at **The Marine Room** for a surfside meal and a perfect sunset-timed proposal. Or, opt for the last seating to usher in the New Year (and life together) right at the stroke of midnight.

**JUST A CAP, DUDE.**

If you're more the ceviche type, **El Camino** is serving dinner till 11 p.m.—order the ceviche—with drinks specials, loads of festive décor, and a music lineup headlined by DJ Ikaah Love.



**WE HAVE KIDS (AND NO BABYSITTER).** 'Midnight' strikes at 6 p.m. at **Legoland**, followed by fireworks. And after a long day at the park, the kids are bound to fall asleep well before 2012. You're welcome.

Will you have a designated driver?

NO

Several area hotels play host to rockin' New Year's Eve revelry. An all-inclusive ticket to either the **Big Night San Diego New Year's Eve Gala** or the **New Year's Eve Beach Party 2012**, gets you discounted accommodations at either downtown's Hilton San Diego Bayfront or at Mission Bay's Catamaran Resort Hotel, respectively.

YES

How old are you?

- ➔ **25:** The **Andaz Hotel** hosts NYE Live in the Gaslamp with six hours of live art, body painting, and music.
- ➔ **35:** There's no cover charge at **Flavor Del Mar**, where a DJ spins in the lounge. A prix-fixe menu (\$89) runs until 10 p.m.
- ➔ **45:** The bar at **Burlap** will be bumping with a DJ and \$40 admission. Five-course meals run from \$75 to \$125.
- ➔ **55:** Reserve a table at **Mille Fleurs** for an à la carte menu 5-6:45 p.m., or a five-course prix fixe, 7-10:15 p.m., for \$115 per person.



## What in the Dickens!

In Charles Dickens' holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. But when Impassio Theatre takes the stage at North Coast Rep to perform its *Unscripted Carol*, the misely misanthrope may get a visit from the Avon Lady, Dr. Piv, Tooth Fairy, or maybe a stumpy neighbor bearing fruitcake.

**UNSCRIPTED CAROL**  
 Tickets: \$15-\$20  
 December 19-20,  
 7:30 p.m.  
[northcoastrep.org](http://northcoastrep.org)

Impassio's *Unscripted Carol* might not even include the Scrooge character. No one knows what the show will be about until the curtain goes up—but even the actors. The Dickens-style plays are created on the spot, based on audience suggestions.

About a dozen times a year, Los Angeles-based Impassio Theatre uses North Coast Rep to perform its impromptu plays in classic styles. Their eclectic repertoire includes interpretations of William Shakespeare, Tennessee Williams, Jane Austen, Elton John, Spaghetti Western, Stephen Sondheim, and Arsenio Dankow.

This month, the cast will perform a four full-length shows that would have Dickens rolling in his grave: laughing. Or else sending his ghost to haunt us. **JIM COBURN**



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