

V&T Depot near Moundhouse or at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City.

The V&T Polar Express continues to delight children who grew up hearing the adventure story of the young boy who took a magical train to the North Pole. Each year, the journey and the North Pole adventure – along with the ringing of the silver bell – is recreated by the V&T Railway aboard the very popular Polar Express. Tickets are so in demand that it is better to book earlier rather than later. Some schedules are

some of the rides include a special car for these special kids. Introduced in 2017, families were so appreciative of this opportunity to provide their children with the same opportunity as a well child, the museum has decided to make this an annual tradition. The special cars are completely sanitized before and after each journey.

Make your reservations now so you won't be disappointed. Once again, come believe in the magic as you watch the joy in the innocent faces of each child. It is indeed a magical train ride!



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Santa invites families to join him on any of three magical train adventures this holiday season

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

By Ronni Hannaman

On Friday, area residents will once again have the opportunity to see and hear the future as they listen to beloved holidays tunes from the past being sung by today's fifth graders – our future.

Within the audience, there will be those who once performed the very same songs their children or grandchildren are now performing, evoking memories of days long gone, but not forgotten, for who could forget the thrill of singing on the capitol steps!

As they have for the past 30 years, area fifth graders have been practicing, practicing in their music classes to prepare for a Christmas concert that can only take place in Carson City. Sure, we know children everywhere sing these tunes during this season, but not on the steps of the Nevada State Capitol. That's reserved for the over 400 fifth graders of the Carson City School District, Carson City Montessori, Saint Teresa's, and for the first time this year, Bethlehem Lutheran.

A professional sound system is brought in, so the clear young



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It takes lots and lots of practice to learn holiday songs before going 'on stage' at the Nevada State Capitol on Nov. 30. Shown is Mark Twain music teacher Christina Bourne practicing with some of her fifth graders.

student voices can be heard throughout the capitol complex. Singing along is encouraged.

Music teachers from throughout the district work together to

ready the students for their big night. We thank and appreciate: Christina Bourne, Mark Twain Elementary; Dominick Van Orman, Seeliger Elementary;

Cheryl Gorton, Fremont Elementary; Kelly Ehrenfeuchter, Empire Elementary; Alan Catron, Bordewich-Bray Elementary; Nichole Witkowski, Fritsch

Elementary; Kristina Meister, Carson City Montessori; Kathy Roide, Saint Teresa Elementary and Natalee Medel of Bethlehem Lutheran Elementary.