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# **THE 25th ANNUAL CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS PARADE & FIREWORKS**

**Friday November 30 at 6:30pm**

*After the parade and fireworks...*

***Home Alone (1990) on the Bardavon big screen at 8pm***

(*Poughkeepsie, NY*) On **Friday, November 30 at 6:30pm** the Bardavon and City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie River District Business Association and Cocoon Theatre, with support from Vassar Brothers Medical Center/Health Quest, Rhinebeck Bank and TD Bank Foundation present the 25th annual **Celebration of Lights Parade and Fireworks!** This event kicks off the holiday season in Poughkeepsie as thousands attend.

**The parade will commence at 6:30pm on Main Street and Garden Street and proceed to the evening's first Christmas tree lighting on Main, near Market Street.** The Celebration of Lights Parade is led by Mayor Rob Rolison and members of the Common Council and will be joined by the Amerscott Highland Pipers, Red Wing Black Bird Theater, Poughkeepsie High School Jazz Ensemble, Spackenkill High School Marching Band, Brasskill marching band, McClearns Majoretts Dutchess Jeep & Dodge with Mrs. Dutchess County Dr. Jackie Berry, Mid-Hudson Rowing Association, Vassar Warner Home float, Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Roaring Thunder Car Club, Arlington Auto and Tire. Also joining in the parade will be performances by Arm of the Sea Theatre, Vanaver Caravan and the Nego Gato African Drumming & Dance with 200 children from Warring, Morse, Clinton and Kreiger elementary schools. Finally Santa Claus will arrive on a City of Poughkeepsie Fire Engine.

**BRAND NEW in the PARADE:** (see attached picture) Last year Cocoon Theatre artistic director Andres San Millan created a float replica of Vassar Brothers Institute on 12 Vassar St., measuring 29 feet long, 13 feet high and 12 feet wide. This year Andres will add a float replica of the Steamboat Mary Powell!

The parade will proceed down Main Street to Clover Street where the parade will conclude at Dongan Square Park for the second Christmas tree lighting. **Then at 7:15, Poughkeepsie River District Business Association and Legion Fireworks will present the area's only winter fireworks display.**

Following the parade and fireworks, the Bardavon will present a screening of the family film classic ***Home Alone (1990) at 8pm.*** Written by John Hughes, directed by Chris Columbus and starring the young Macaulay Culkin, this film was destined for the classic shelf. Kevin is left home alone over the holidays and even though he's enjoying his alone time, it gets interrupted by a couple of would be burglars played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. The film is preceded at 7:30pm with a concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. seats \$6. This holiday film event is sponsored by Marshall & Sterling.

Sponsors include: Vassar Brothers Medical Center/Health Quest Central Hudson, TD Bank Foundation, Rhinebeck Bank, Dutchess Dodge/Kia, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Adams Fairacre Farms, Dorsey Gage, Bonura Hospitality Group. WPDH/WRRV/, WDST, WKZE, Pamal, Clear Channel, The City of Poughkeepsie PBA &CSCA, Dutchess Beer Distributors, McCabe & Mack, Hodgkins Agency, Prime Retirement Asset Management, Riverside Bank and Torstone's Funeral Home and Marshall & Sterling Insurance.

And underwriting the Vassar Brothers Institute and Steamboat Mary Powell floats: Jason Page, Williams Lumber, Prime Print, Dutchess Metal, River District Business Association, TERN Construction, Mike Haggerty, Alan Page, CF Shoe Repair, Mark Pastreich, Indotronix Investors Corporation, Hudson Valley Office Furniture, Shatzi's, El Azteca Restaurant, Mark Debal, Get Real Surfaces and MHVFCU.

Parking is readily available in City of Poughkeepsie Municipal lots. For further info check out the Bardavon web site at [www.bardavon.org](http://www.bardavon.org) or call the Bardavon at (845) 473-2072 or check out Poughkeepsie River District website at [www.pokriversdistrict.org](http://www.pokriversdistrict.org).

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