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Franklin Frost: Virtual Seasonal Programming

“The Polar Express” Live Reading by Derrick Pitts • Our Explosive Farewell to 2020!
Live Ice Carving with Local Sculptor Peter Slavin
Plus! Original DIY Science and Seasonal Science Videos Debut Weekly

Philadelphia, PA December 17, 2020—’Tis the season for science and the debut of *Franklin Frost*, an all-new suite of winter programming designed to bring The Franklin Institute home through exclusive live events, engaging science experiences, fun DIY holiday science, and original video series—all online, all season long.

The iconic Baldwin 60,000 transforms into a scene straight from *The Polar Express* as Derrick Pitts brings the classic holiday tale to life with a magical reading on Wednesday, December 23. The final countdown of 2020 is on, and we are ringing in the New Year with an explosive bang on Thursday, December 31. Plus, world-renowned ice sculptor Peter Slavin of *Ice Sculpture Philly*, master at manipulating ice and carving “cool” sculptures, mesmerizes Facebook fans of all ages with a live carving and Q&A on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Franklin Frost Winter Programming Highlights

Franklin Institute Featured Events Streaming Live on Facebook:

“The Polar Express” Live Reading by Derrick Pitts

Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00pm

Derrick Pitts brings the classic holiday tale to life with a magical reading by the Baldwin 60,000.

The Final 2020 Countdown

Thursday, December 31 at 12:00pm

Ball Explosions. Fire. Smoke...Our goodbye to 2020.

LIVE Ice Sculpting & Artist Q&A

Wednesday, January 6 at 2:00pm

World-renowned ice sculptor Peter Slavin of Ice Sculpture Philly is a master at manipulating ice and carving pretty “cool” sculptures—mesmerizing fans of all ages. Peter visits The Franklin Institute to sculpt a frosty creation and answer your questions on Facebook about the science of the sculpt.

Franklin Institute Seasonal Science Videos on Facebook and YouTube:

Ollie Bot: On a Museum Roll

Friday, December 18 & Wednesday, December 23

While the guests are away, this robot is at play. Meet Ollie Bot—built for speed, tricks, and fun. With the run of the museum, where will it go? What will it do?

See it on The Franklin Institute's Facebook page.

Fire-Snake “Yule Log”

Thursday, December 24

Classic science experiment meets classic holiday tradition. Set to holiday music and using a few simple ingredients to produce a chemical reaction, we create a “fire snake” that burns like the crackling Yule Log.

See it on The Franklin Institute's Facebook page.

Tinker Tuesday: DIY Holiday Science

Tuesday, December 22 Fizzy Ornament

Tuesday, December 29 Buzzy Bee

Tuesday, January 5 Snowball Catapult

Winter Salt Painting: Now on [YouTube](#)

Jingle Bell Slime: Now on [YouTube](#)

From glittery jingle bell slime to fizzy ornaments, each Tuesday our science educators present a winter activity, and you’re invited! Watch as they demonstrate how to add a sparkle of science to your holiday-themed projects this season.

See it on The Franklin Institute's Facebook page.

Snow Globe Science 360° Videos

Now on [YouTube](#)

Let it Snow! The best seat in the house is *yours* for this immersive, 360-degree video of our most iconic and beloved live science shows from the Ben Franklin National Memorial. Pan, scroll, and rotate as the video plays and see science from all angles—it’s like looking out from the inside of a snow globe!

Glacier Goo

Now on [YouTube](#)

Perfect for a cold wintery day—Glacier Goo! Franklin Institute Environmental Scientist Dr. Rachel Valletta explores glaciers and demonstrates a fun science experiment—from home!

The Franklin Institute is a holiday shopping destination! Share the wonder of science all year with a gift membership to The Franklin Institute. Holiday offer! Save 15% on new memberships purchased through December 31, 2020, with the code MBOU1520 at [checkout](#).

The Franklin Institute

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