

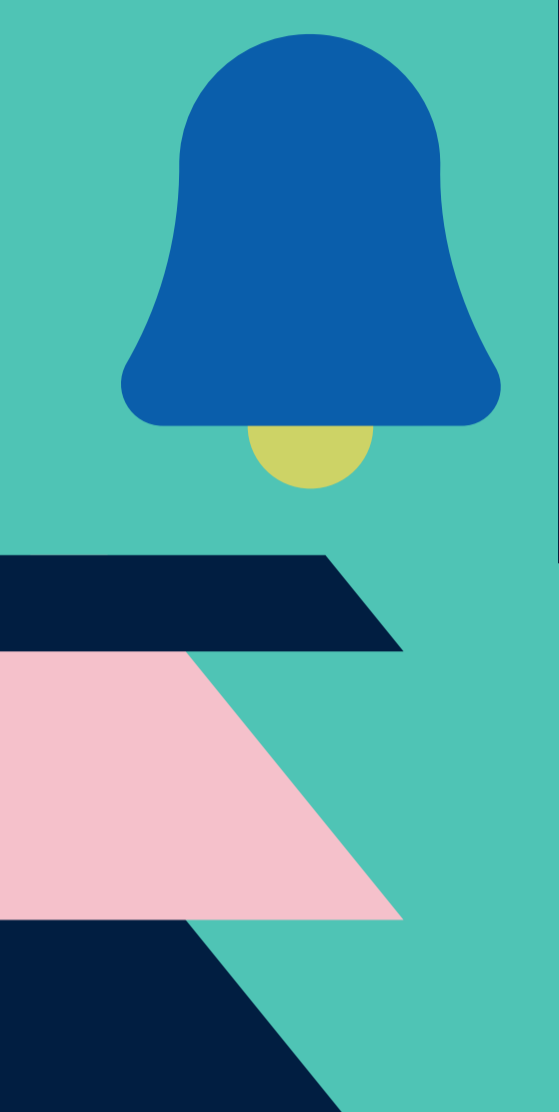


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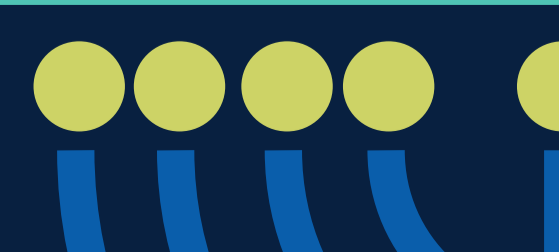
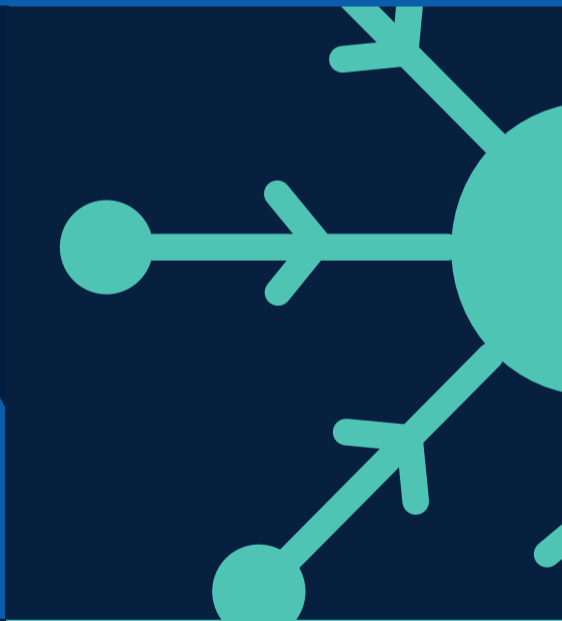
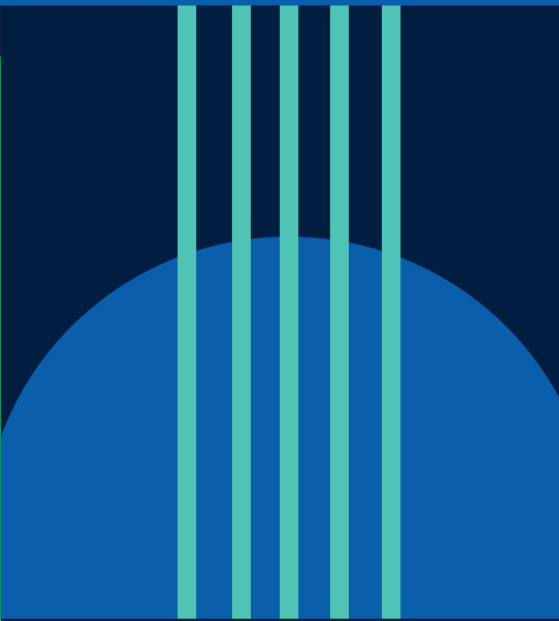


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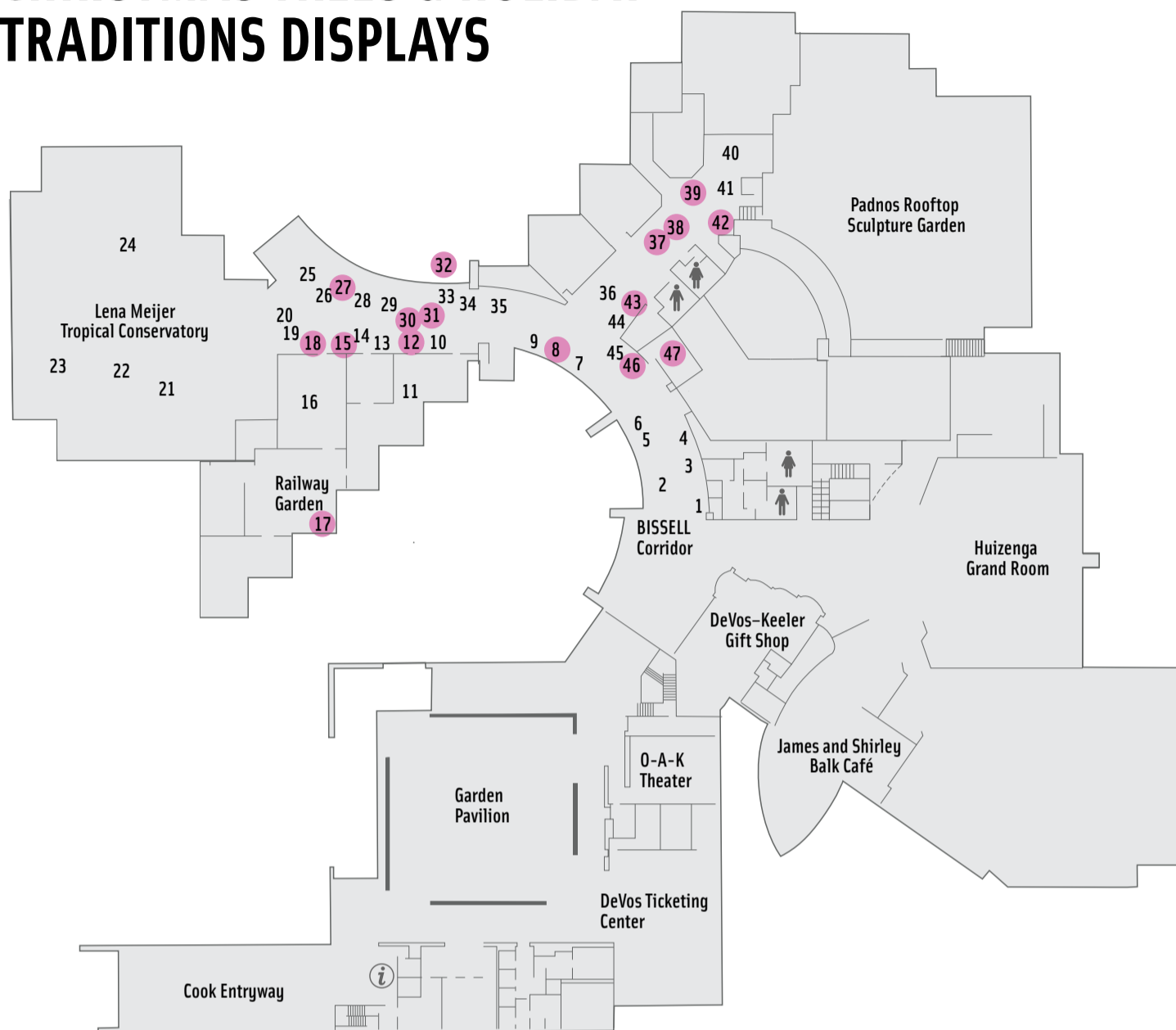


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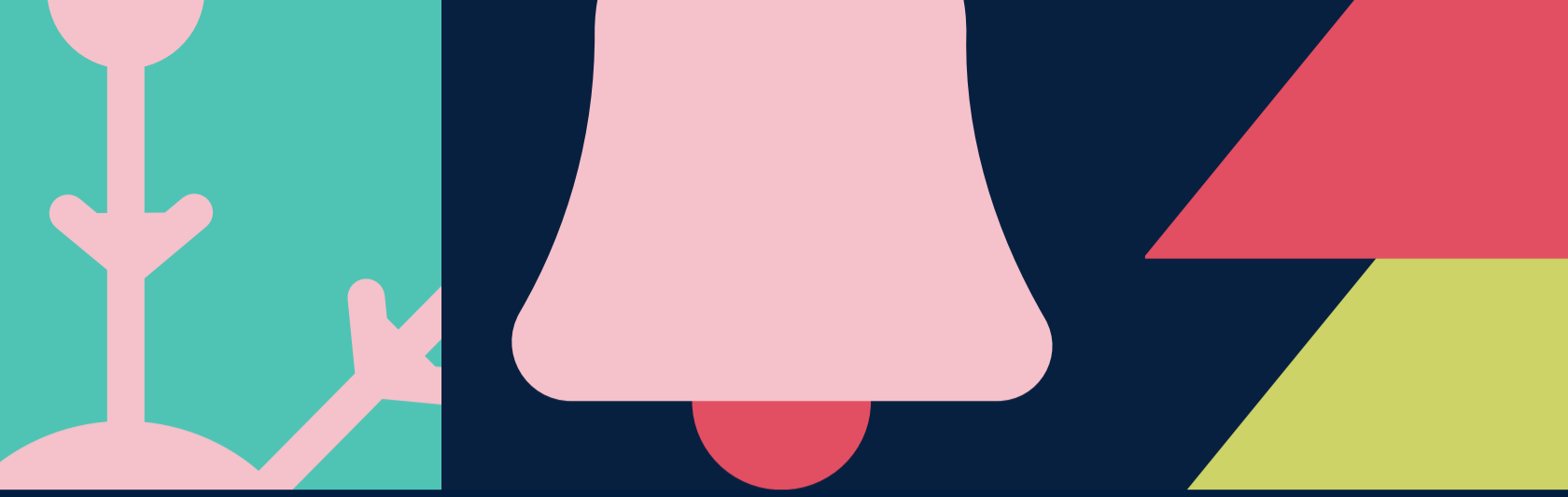


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CHRISTMAS TREES & HOLIDAY TRADITIONS DISPLAYS



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- Sounds of the Season Features



Sounds of the Season

Welcome to the *University of Michigan Health–West Christmas & Holiday Traditions* exhibition.

Celebrate the *Sounds of the Season!* Experience how music and sounds are cross-cultural and interconnected, throughout a wide variety of holidays and cultural celebrations. Explore the displays featured below and many more that honor global music and sounds. View the film *joy* in the Hoffman Family Auditorium, to learn about traditions celebrated here in West Michigan. Delight in the miniature Grand Rapids landmarks in our Railway Garden, made from natural materials.




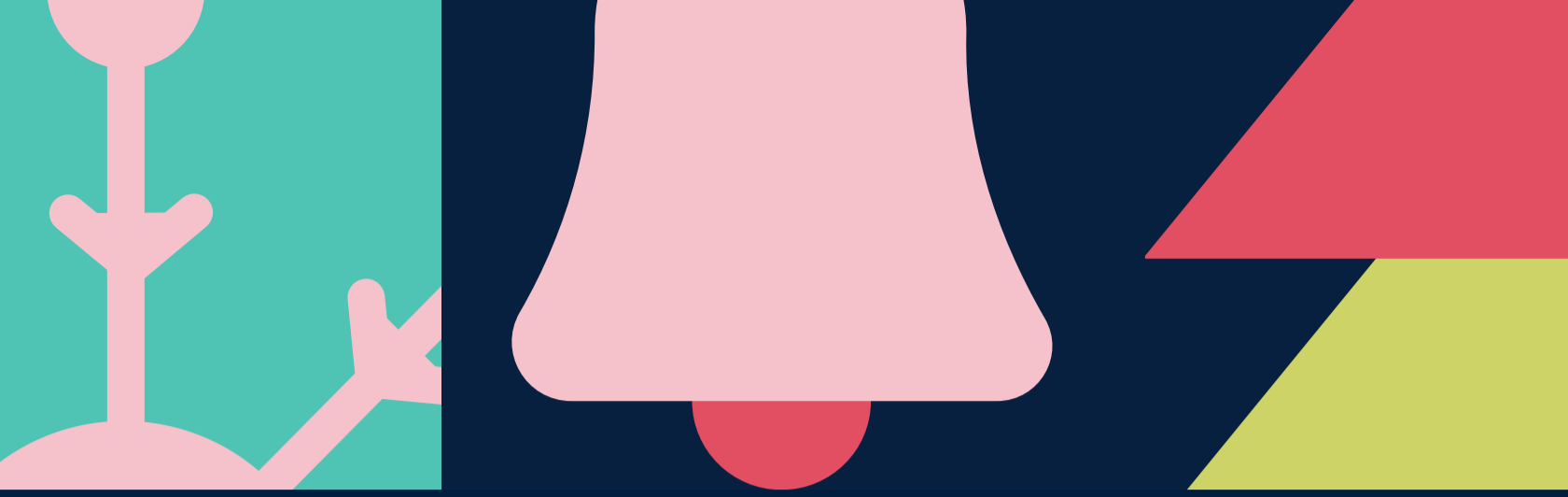


Austria

Vienna, Austria, is celebrated for its classical music. Home to the Habsburgs, the royal family of Austria and patrons of the arts and music, composers were drawn here in the 18th and 19th centuries. Austria is the birthplace of many famous composers, including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Schubert and Johann Strauss II.

The well-known Christmas carol “Silent Night” was first performed on Christmas Eve in 1818 in Oberndorf, Austria. The Silent Night Memorial Chapel now stands in its place. A reproduction of this little white chapel can be found on this tree.

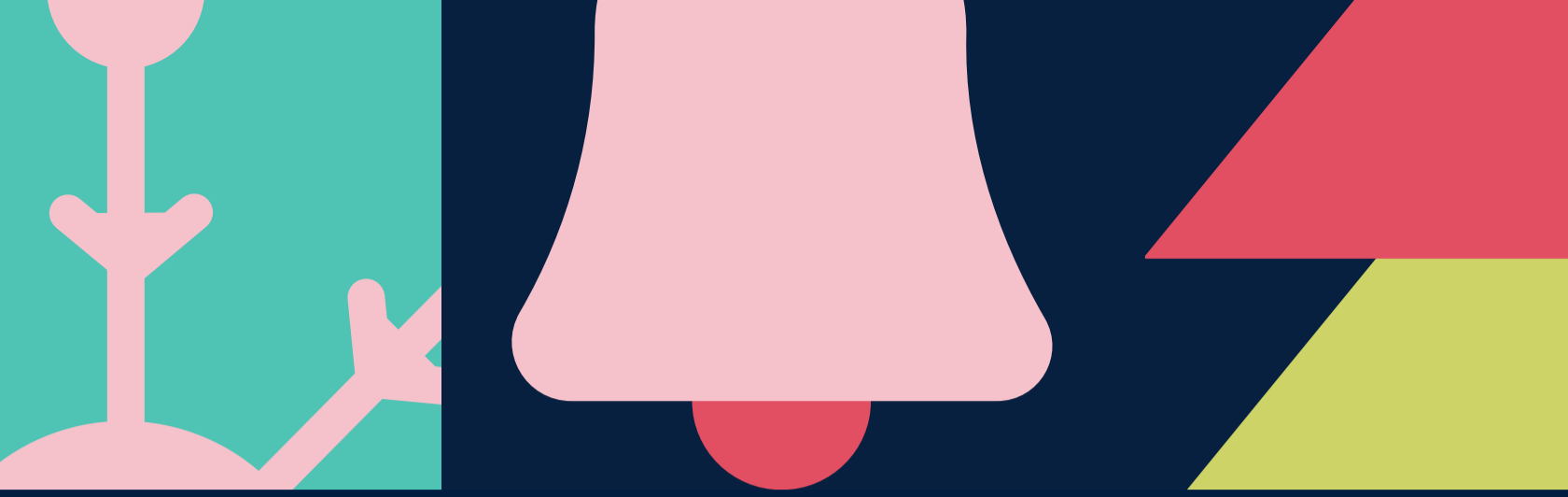




Birds

Look outside to view the birds at the feeders. Their chirping and singing lends bright musical energy to a spare winter scene. Throughout the world, birds are symbolic animals often representing peace or travel—themes common at Christmastime. In some cultures, birds feature prominently in holiday celebrations and traditions.





China

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China. The celebration centers on families traveling home and spending time together. Chinese New Year festivities take place over several weeks. The celebration begins with the dragon dance and concludes with the lantern festival parade.

For thousands of years, the commanding sound of the gong has been heard at celebrations in China. Gongs are used in religious ceremonies, festivals, marriages, and other holidays and special occasions.




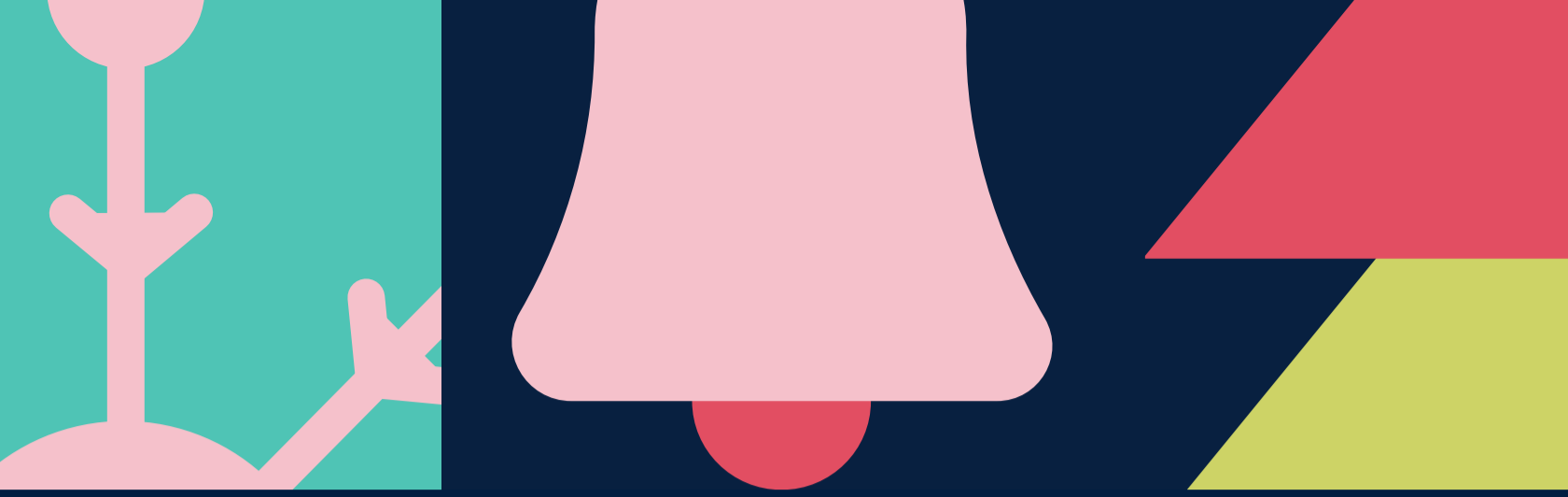


Eid al-Fitr

The Koran is the book of divine guidance and direction for Muslims. “Al-Koran” means “the recitation.” Both the book and the recitation must be handled with great respect.

A compass is used to face east for each of the five daily prayers, known as *salah*. East is the direction of Mecca, the holy meeting site of the Islamic religion. Prayer beads, known in Arabic as *subha*, are used to count the repetitions of prayers or chants. One chant that might be recited is “Subhan Allah,” which means “Glory to God.”

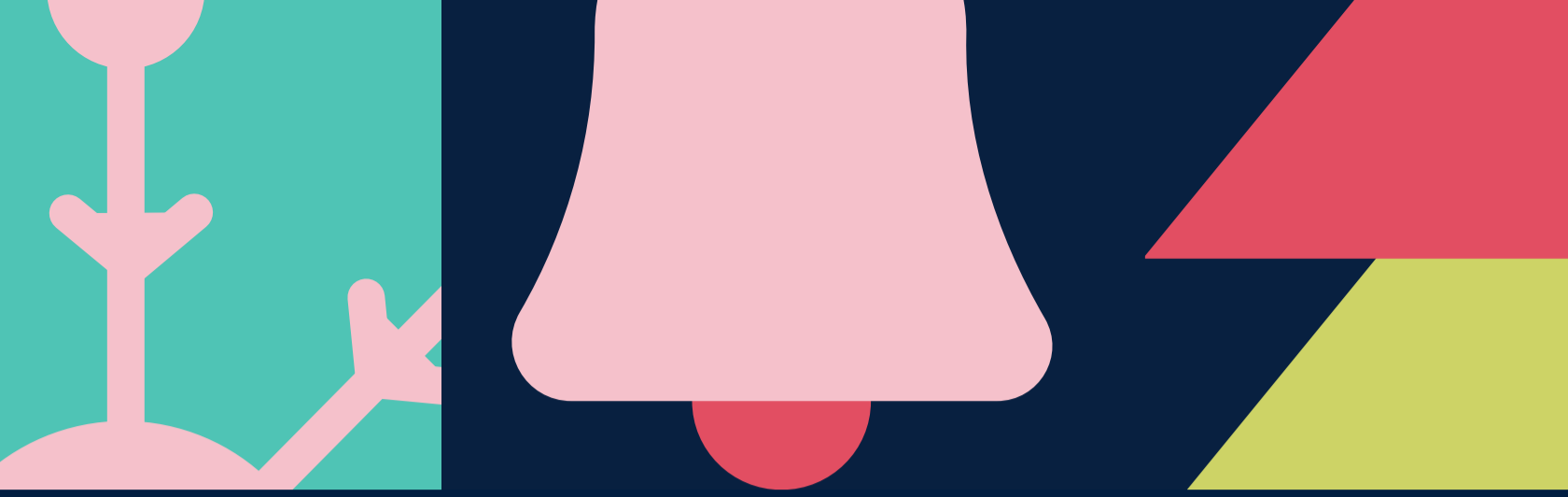




Kwanzaa

As in many other holiday traditions, Kwanzaa celebrations often include music. Several songs written for the holiday are educational, teaching lessons about the meaning of Kwanzaa as they are sung. Traditional African music is also popular, often including instruments like drums and the thumb piano displayed here, played by holding the wooden soundboard in the hands and plucking the tuned metal tines with the thumbs.

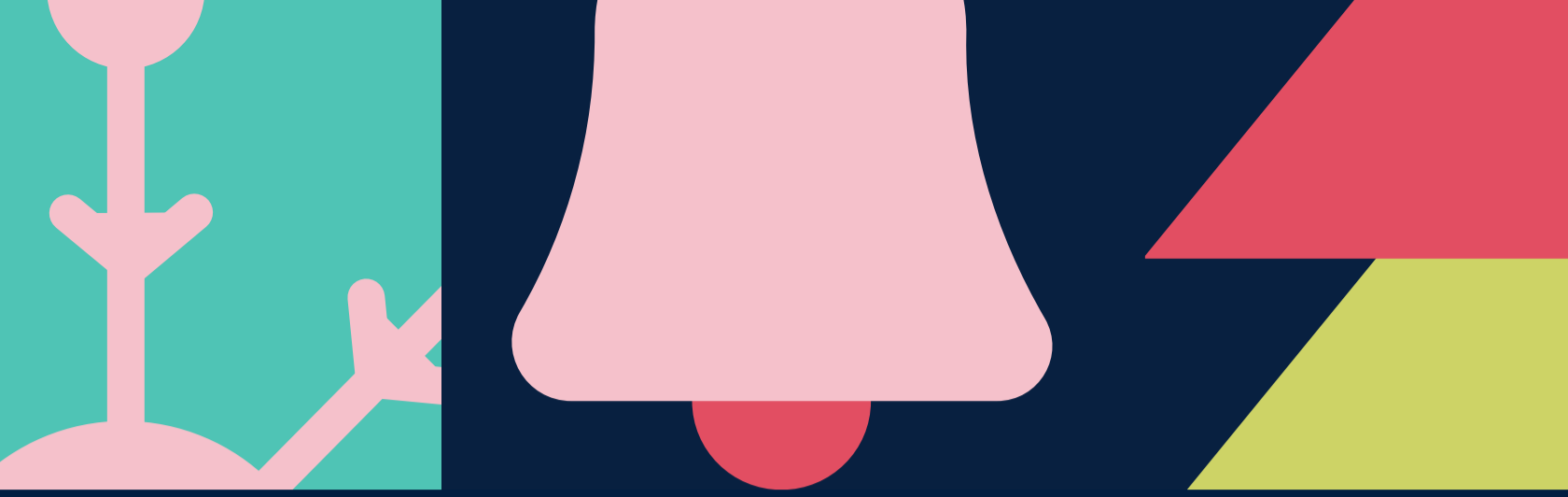




joy *Film*

In many cultures, the holidays bring people together in distinct and memorable ways that are difficult to capture in a display. This award-winning film highlights several locally celebrated traditions from centuries ago, still vital today. This film is playing continuously in the Hoffman Family Auditorium.





Railway Garden

Chugga-chugga choo-choo! It's a sound of the season at Meijer Gardens! The Railway Garden creates a winter wonderland as trains weave their way around holiday-themed horticulture and miniature landmarks, made by hand from natural materials. Trains can be symbols of travel, connection and even the passage of time. A train can be a way to visit loved ones or to experience faraway places and cultures. In this garden, our train travels over models of landmarks from Grand Rapids and its Sister Cities around the world.





EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES

SANTA VISITS

Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory | 5-8 pm
Tuesdays | NOV 23, 30 & DEC 7, 14, 21

THE ORIGINAL DICKENS CAROLERS

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LIVE MUSIC BY SAMUEL NALANGIRA

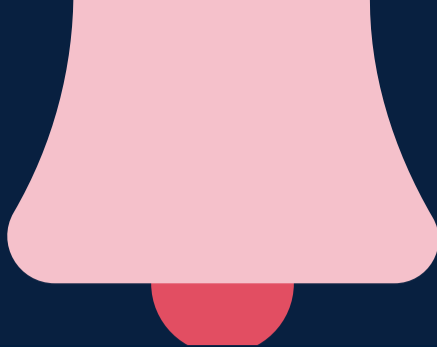
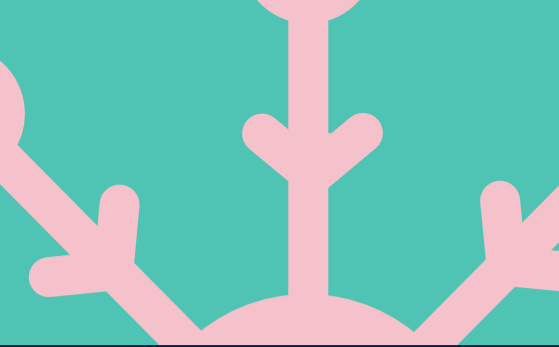
Welcome Center | 5-7 pm
Tuesdays | NOV 23, 30 & DEC 7, 14, 21

ROOFTOP REINDEER

Michigan's Farm Garden | 1-4 pm
Saturdays | NOV 27 & DEC 4, 11, 18

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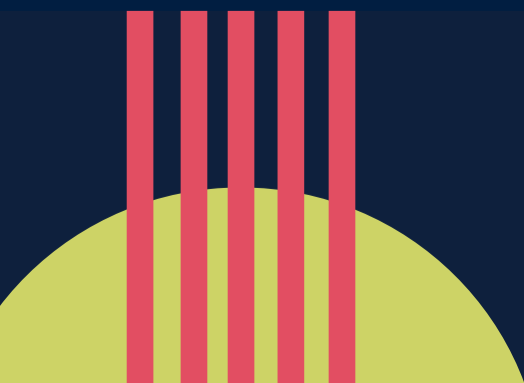
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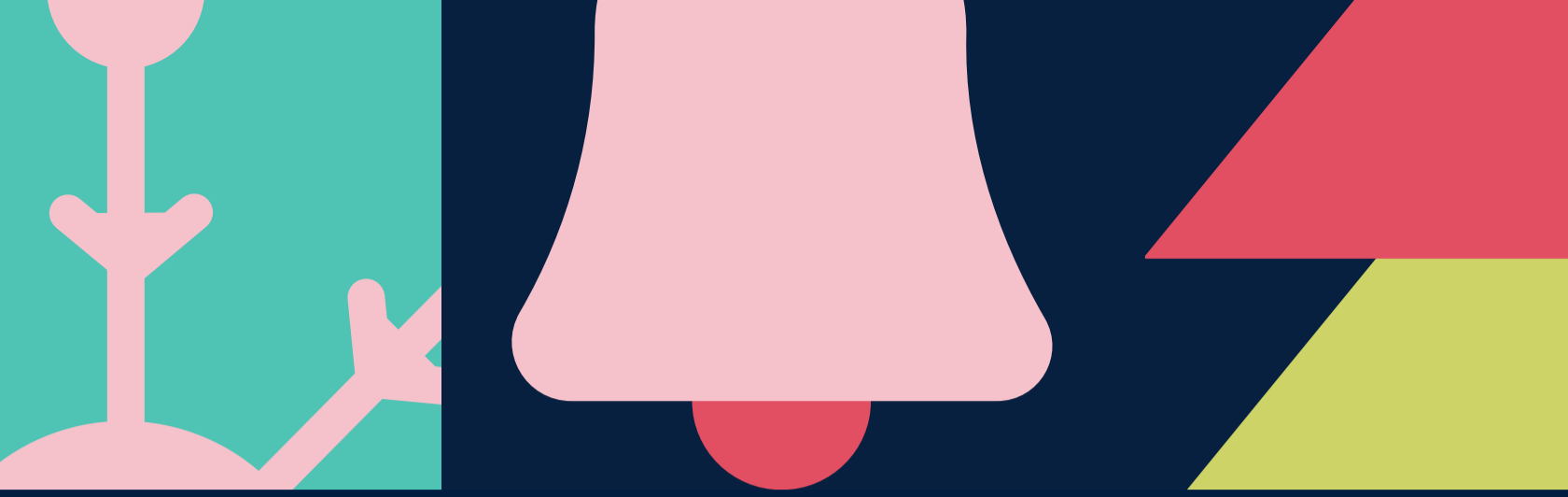
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