

## 5 Things You Must Do This Weekend, Dec. 7–9

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...if the weather holds up, at least.

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### *LOOP*

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Thru Jan. 6 | Avenida Houston

Seven interactive art pods have landed downtown for your holiday enjoyment. Basically, each *LOOP* pod takes shape as a six-foot, light-up cylinder where you pump a hand lever to trigger spiraling "fairy-tale loops" of black-and-white images. The result, as organizers put it, is a cross "between a music box, a zoetrope and a railway handcar." We're sold.

*Free. The Plaza in Avenida Houston (between Rusk and Polk Streets). More info at [avenidahouston.com](http://avenidahouston.com).*

### Holiday on 19th Street

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Dec. 7 | W. 19th Street

The holiday markets have truly reached a fever pitch, but the cutesy strip of small businesses hugging W. 19th is going all out with special deals, live music, drinks, and, per the event description, "REAL SNOW!!" Torrential rain might be in the forecast for Friday, but this shindig will go on rain or shine.

*Free. W. 19th Street. More info via [Facebook](#).*

### Stop, Look and Listen! with Da Camera

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Dec. 8 | The Menil Collection

Frank Bowling's arresting *Middle Passage* sits dead center in the entryway of the newly revamped Menil Collection, where it is on display for the first time ever. On Saturday, the Da Camera Young Artists present of program of chamber music in conversation with

the work's subject matter that grapples with slavery, family, and contemporary art history.

*Free. 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-524-5050. More info at [dacamera.com](http://dacamera.com).*

## Elton John Farewell Tour

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Dec. 8–9 | Toyota Center

We're not always proponents of blowing your cash on an arena concert in the Toyota Center's questionable acoustic environment, but this is your *last chance* to see Rocket Man before he lifts off out *forever*. Seems pretty worth it to us.

*Tickets from \$59.50. Toyota Center, 1510 Polk St. 866-446-8849. More info and tickets at [houstontoyotacenter.com](http://houstontoyotacenter.com).*

## Beauty and the Beast

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Dec. 8–23 | Theatre Under the Stars

A quarter century after Disney piloted its first Broadway production right here in Houston, the blockbuster hit returns to TUTS. Read [our story on the history of the production](#) that includes an interview with Susan Egan—the original Belle, as well as the voice of Megara in *Hercules*.

*Tickets from \$43.50. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-2600. More info and tickets at [tuts.com](http://tuts.com).*

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