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2015
Jan. 1 New Year’s Day • Jan. 5 Mahayana New Year • Jan. 6 Epiphany • Jan. 14 Makar Sankranti • Feb. 17 Mardi Gras • Feb. 19 Chinese New Year • Feb. 19 Persian New Year • Apr. 5 Easter • Apr. 3-11 Passover • Apr. 13 Thai New Year • Apr. 13 Cambodian New Year
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The Nutcracker
Maine State Ballet
Nov. 29 & 30; Dec. 5, 6, 7
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Bright Moment
Friday, Nov. 28, 5:30 pm. Let the joyous season begin! The annual Lighting of the Tree in Monument Square. portlandmaine.com

A Christmas Carol
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Lighting Up
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