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The B&O Railroad Museum Offers Safe, Fun & Festive Season with Holiday Festival of Trains

Baltimore, MD – November 17, 2020 – The B&O Railroad Museum debuts the Holiday Festival of Trains featuring the Reindeer Railway, presented by BGE!

This season of joy, see the B&O transform into a wonderland of holiday fun and festive traditions, both new and old, including a tree lighting ceremony, wintry evening train rides on our reindeer locomotive, an assortment of model railroad layouts, breakfast with Santa and much more. With joyful offerings for kids from 1 to 92, the B&O's Holiday Festival of Trains is sure to become your family's favorite way to greet the season!

"This year, the magic of the holidays is more important than ever, and that's why we're taking every measure to ensure that everyone will enjoy safe and healthy visits to the B&O" said Kris Hoellen, Executive Director. "Occupancy has been reduced to meet state and city guidelines; additionally, face masks and safe social distancing practices are required for all visitors, staff, and volunteers, even those visiting Santa." The Museum's full safety measures can be found at www.BORail.events/Visit.



On Friday, November 20th at 6 PM, the B&O kicks off the holidays with an evening packed with family-friendly festivities! Watch as we light the 35-foot Christmas tree, welcome families to tour through Santa's winter village shops, see model train layouts, and enjoy a visit from Santa in the Museum's 53,000 square-foot iconic Roundhouse. Visitors will enjoy cookies with spiced cider or spiked cider for the grown-ups. The

evening train ride includes light-up reindeer antlers for children to wear on the Reindeer Railway to help light the way for Santa.

All activities and events are designed for a safe and fun visit so families can focus on the joy of the season. Special events are offered through January 3rd, including Bmore Local Holiday Bazaar, evening train rides on the Reindeer Railway with Holiday Lights, Tea with Mrs. Claus and Toddler Time with Santa. Visit www.BORail.org for a complete schedule, event tickets and information.

The B&O Holiday Festival of Trains featuring the Reindeer Railway will be open Monday-Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, 11 AM – 4 PM. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

About the B&O Railroad Museum

The B&O Railroad Museum, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. In 2019, the Museum welcomed guests from all 50 states and 40 countries. For further information on the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.BORail.org.

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