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101st Annual *Yuletide Ball* Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Yuletide Ball?

- Yuletide Ball is BKS' largest fundraiser, it provides critical resources that enable BKS to provide the highest quality educational experience to our borough's youngest learners.
- Since 1920, generations of Brooklynites have looked forward to this annual gathering and celebration of the holidays. Last year, for the first time in its 100-year history, the Yuletide Ball went virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic. As the City reopens and we begin to recover, the Yuletide Ball is going forward taking the lessons from the last year and reigniting old traditions.
- We are planning a very special evening, which will continue to evolve and change as we navigate reopening.
- We are planning to kick off our dinner parties with a virtual YouTube livestream hosted by BKS.
- We are planning on a closing the evening with a return to The Heights Casino for drinks, dancing, and music that will be provided from the Brooklyn Nets official DJ, DJay Jung.

When and where is the Yuletide Ball?

- The Yuletide Ball will take place on **Saturday, December 11, 2021**. We will gather together in our homes to kick off Yuletide with a special live-streamed broadcast at 7:30 p.m. The evening will culminate at The Heights Casino for the Ball at 10 p.m.

What can I do for the Yuletide Ball?

- **Make a gift to support the Yuletide Ball.** Please make a gift here: <https://give.classy.org/Sponsor-Yuletide-101>.
- **Host a dinner party.** We would love for you to host a dinner in your home that is appropriate, comfortable and safe for you, your family, and your guests. There may be smaller parties, potluck dinners, receptions, traditional sit-down affairs, and even private virtual parties after the livestream. Your dinner party can be what you want to make it. Do what you feel most comfortable doing.
- As a first step, though, we ask our dinner hosts to make a donation here: <https://give.classy.org/Sponsor-Yuletide-101>.
- Please also register your dinner party with BKS, email Joann Griffin at jgriffin@bksny.org.
- **Attend a dinner party.** If you are comfortable attending a dinner party, please do so. Take the precautions you need to feel safe and to keep those in your family safe as well. Because we are not entirely sure what to expect with this year's dinner parties, we are not selling tickets, we ask our friends to make a contribution of at least \$750/person for attending a dinner party. *You can contribute here:* <https://give.classy.org/Give-to-Yuletide-101>.

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What can I do for the Yuletide Ball? (continued)

- **Sponsor Yuletide.** Sponsorship starts at \$2,500, and sponsors get special recognition during the event, in the invitations, on our website, and in our regular newsletters. For a list of sponsorships options, visit: <https://give.classy.org/Sponsor-Yuletide-101>.
- **Make a contribution to support BKS.** I can't attend a dinner; I'm uncomfortable hosting guests in my home, I don't live in Brooklyn any longer. You can still give to BKS through Yuletide. Every contributor will have the option to partake in the virtual celebration. You can be in your pajamas at home in Duluth and still join in on the virtual festivities. We hope that you will contribute here. We hope that you will contribute here: <https://give.classy.org/Give-to-Yuletide-101>.
- **Volunteer at Yuletide.** There are many ways that you can help; including volunteering for the Yuletide Committee to help raise funds, stuffing and mailing invitations in October, or even helping to decorate The Heights Casino on December 10th and 11th. For more information on how to volunteer, email Joann Griffin at jgriffin@bksny.org.

What do the funds raised by the virtual Yuletide Ball support?

- The purpose of the annual Yuletide Ball is to raise funds for the Brooklyn Kindergarten Society. Private support enables BKS to support our students' exploration and inquiry into a curriculum based in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics). Yuletide funds our Music & Movement program which supports our students' cognitive, emotional, social, and behavioral development as well as the physical development of their fine and gross motor skills. Movement & Music brings tennis and violin lessons into our centers, as well as supports our revolutionary Sensory Gym, which provides occupational therapy to our 400 students living in Central Brooklyn. In short, proceeds from Yuletide Ball go to support BKS' work to ensure that our students have an equal first step in their education.
- For further information about BKS and our work, please visit us at www.bksny.org.

What guidelines should I use to host my dinner safely?

- Covid-19 has changed how we approach events, and as such, BKS recommends that you follow existing City, State, and National guidance for hosting your dinner party. While we can not require you to ask for vaccination status, we encourage you to do so. For more information about guidelines and resources visit the City's website at <https://business.nycgo.com/coronavirus-information-and-resources/>.

What Covid protocols can I expect at the Yuletide Ball at The Heights Casino?

- BKS and The Heights Casino follow City and State guidelines. You will have to show proof of vaccination in order to enter The Heights Casino for the Yuletide Ball. For more information about NYC's Covid-19 guidelines, visit: <https://business.nycgo.com/coronavirus-information-and-resources/>.

Are there tickets to Yuletide this year?

- This year, like last year, we are not selling tickets; instead, we ask all guests, dinner hosts, and supporters to contribute to BKS through the Yuletide Ball's donation page. Giving at least \$750/person gives you access to the Ball portion of the evening at The Heights Casino. You can contribute here: <https://give.classy.org/Give-to-Yuletide-101>.

If you are interested in being part of this year's Yuletide Ball, or to support BKS, please contact John Linder at jlinder@bksny.org.



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