

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN TIMES SQUARE 2016 - 2017 FACT SHEET & SCHEDULE

For 112 years, Times Square has been the center of worldwide attention on New Year's Eve, ever since the owners of One Times Square began in 1904 to conduct rooftop celebrations to greet the New Year. The first Ball Lowering celebration occurred in 1907, and this tradition is now a universal symbol of welcoming the New Year.

THE EVENT

3:00 p.m.

The Revelers

Revelers start arriving late in the afternoon on New Year's Eve. By approximately 3:00 p.m., the Bow Tie of Times Square (42nd to 47th Sts. between Broadway & 7th Ave.) is fully closed to traffic. Revelers are directed by the NYPD to gather in separate viewing sections. As one section fills up, the revelers are directed by police to the next viewing section. As the evening progresses, revelers continue to fill the Times Square neighborhood along Broadway and Seventh Avenue moving uptown from 43rd Street to as far as Central Park.

6:00 p.m. to 6:03 p.m.

Lighting and Raising the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball

The celebration begins with the lighting and raising of the New Year's Eve Ball atop One Times Square. The Event Organizers will be joined by representatives of the Philips Lighting Company to flip the giant switch which lights the New Year's Eve Ball and begins its ascent accompanied by special pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square.

6:04 p.m. to 6:07 p.m.

Intro of Webcast Host & Kiss Stage

Allison Hagendorf introduces Jonathan Bennett at the Kiss Stage between 44th and 45th Streets.

6:07 p.m. to 6:21 p.m.

SAFA Chinese Cultural Performance

The Sino-American Friendship Association ("SAFA") presents a spectacular Chinese cultural performance to begin the Times Square New Year's Eve celebration. The performance is on the Countdown Stage at Duffy Island between 46th and 47th Streets. The Chinese cultural performance will conclude with red and gold pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square.

6:25 p.m.

Times Square 2017 Hats, Balloons, and Scarves

The Times Square Alliance sanitation crew clad in bright red uniforms begins to distribute tens of thousands of fun handouts to the Times Square revelers for cheering in the New Year. Planet Fitness is providing festive purple and yellow New Year's Eve hats along with purple balloons tied with gold mylar ribbons. The Sino-American Friendship Association is providing beautiful red scarves.

6:53 p.m. to 6:56 p.m.

Good Riddance Day Highlights

Allison Hagendorf will share highlights from Good Riddance Day with the Times Square revelers from the Countdown Stage.

6:58 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hourly Countdown with Anderson Cooper

As we approach the New Year, Anderson Cooper will appear at the Countdown Stage to wish the Times Square revelers "Happy New Year"; and lead the ten second countdown to the 7 o'clock hour accompanied by colorful pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square. Anderson will also read several of the Confetti Wishes to be mixed into the confetti release at midnight and share his wish for the New Year.

7:02 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Univision's “¡Feliz 2017!: Performance by Luis Coronel

Luis Coronel performs medley of his hit songs *Tu Boca Me Hipnotiza*, *Cuando La Miro*, *Quiero Ser Tu Dueño* and *Me Voy de Rumba* on the Planet Fitness Stage.

7:13 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

Musical Performance by Jojo Abot

Jojo Abot was selected to perform as part of the inaugural *New Year, New Voices* platform for emerging New York City musical artists. Jojo is a Ghanaian singer-songwriter who divides her time between Accra, Copenhagen and New York City. Her music features a worldwide sound with an experimental blend of electronica, afrobeat, jazz, neo-soul, house and reggae. She will perform *To Li* on the Kiss Stage.

7:23 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.

Planet Fitness “Judgement Free” with Jenny McCarthy

Jenny McCarthy will lead the revelers in a fun “Judgement Free” moment.

7:57 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hourly Countdown with Silentó

As we approach the New Year, Silentó will appear at the Countdown Stage to wish the Times Square revelers “Happy New Year”; and lead the ten second countdown to the 8 o'clock hour accompanied by colorful pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square. He will also read several of the Confetti Wishes to be mixed into the confetti release at midnight and share his wish for the New Year.

8:01 p.m. to 8:04 p.m.

Getting Ready For The Midnight Kiss!

Jonathan Bennett preps revelers for midnight kiss at the Kiss Stage and encourages revelers to send their photos to #BallDrop to be displayed on the Toshiba sign below the Times Square Ball.

8:11 p.m. to 8:23 p.m.

Musical Performance by Rachel Platten

Rachel Platten performs *Beating Me Up*, *Stand By You*, and *Fight Song* on the Planet Fitness Stage.

8:29 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

ABC's “Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve”: Performance by Gloria Estefan

Gloria Estefan performs a medley of her greatest hits with the Broadway cast from “On Your Feet” on the Countdown Stage.

8:41 p.m. to 8:48 p.m.

The FYI Network Presents, “Kiss Bang Love”

The FYI network presents, “Kiss Bang Love,” a new TV series where singles choose a potential match based on blindfold kissing. The Times Square revelers get a preview on the Kiss Stage.

8:53 p.m. to 8:58 p.m.

The USO Show Troupe Performance

The USO Show Troupe performs a *Military Salute* to honor our Armed Forces on the Countdown Stage.

8:58 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hourly Countdown with FNC's “All-American New Year”

As we approach the New Year, FNC hosts Kimberly Guilfoyle and Eric Bolling will appear at the Countdown Stage to wish the Times Square revelers “Happy New Year”; and lead the ten second countdown to the 9 o'clock hour accompanied by colorful pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square. They will also read several of the Confetti Wishes to be mixed into the confetti release at midnight and share their wishes for the New Year.

9:01 p.m. to 9:04 p.m.

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9:05 p.m. to 9:08 p.m.

Waterford Crystal Toast

9:12 p.m. to 9:24 p.m.

Musical Performance by Gavin Degraw

Gavin DeGraw performs his hit songs *I Don't Want To Be*, *Not Over You* and *She Sets the City on Fire* on the Planet Fitness Stage.

9:27 p.m. to 9:29 p.m.

Global Citizen Video Message

9:37 p.m. to 9:43 p.m.

ABC's “Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve”: Performance by DNCE

DNCE performs medley of *Cake By The Ocean* and *Body Moves* on the Countdown Stage.

9:52 p.m. to 9:55 p.m.

Toshiba and Bill Nye's Happy New Year Message

9:57 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Hourly Countdown with Planet Fitness

As we approach the New Year, representatives from Planet Fitness will appear at the Countdown Stage to wish the Times Square revelers “Happy New Year”; and lead the ten second countdown to the 10 o'clock hour accompanied by colorful pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square. They will also read several of the Confetti Wishes to be mixed into the confetti release at midnight and share their wishes for the New Year.

10:02 p.m. to 10:12 p.m.

Univision's “¡Feliz 2017!": Performance by Lupillo Rivera

Lupillo Rivera performs medley of his hit songs on the Planet Fitness Stage.

10:13 p.m. to 10:16 p.m.

Barefoot Bubbly Toast

10:18 p.m. to 10:21 p.m.

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Planet Fitness Presents the “Judgement Free” Marching Band Halftime Show

The Marching Cobras perform *Uptown Funk* on the Planet Fitness Center Stage.

10:34 p.m. to 10:41 p.m.

ABC's “Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve”: Performance by Thomas Rhett

Thomas Rhett performs medley of his hit songs *Vacation*, *T-Shirt* and *Die A Happy Man* on the Countdown Stage.

10:46 p.m. to 10:51 p.m.

Musical Performance by Silentó

Silentó performs *Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)* on the Planet Fitness Stage

10:57 p.m. to 11:01 p.m.

Hourly Countdown with Raúl de Molina

As we approach the New Year, Raul de Molina will appear at the Countdown Stage to wish the Times Square revelers “Happy New Year”; and lead the ten second countdown to the 11 o’clock hour accompanied by colorful pyrotechnic effects atop One Times Square. Raul will also read several of the Confetti Wishes to be mixed into the confetti release at midnight and share his wish for the New Year.

11:02 p.m. to 11:09 p.m.

Univision’s ¡Feliz 2017!: Performance by Don Omar

Don Omar performs medley of *Danza Kuduro*, *Zumba*, *Hasta Que Salga El Sol* and *Te Quiero Pa’ Mi* on the Planet Fitness Stage.

11:11 p.m. to 11:13 p.m.

First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama Video Message

11:16 p.m. to 11:19 p.m.

The Associated Press Presents 2016 Year-End Video Highlights

The Associated Press, the world’s oldest and largest news gathering organization, presents a news reel highlighting some of the most memorable events of 2016.

11:38 p.m. to 11:44 p.m.

ABC’s “Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve”: Performance by Mariah Carey

Mariah Carey performs medley of *Auld Lang Syne*, *Emotions* and *We Belong Together* on the Countdown Stage.

11:51 p.m. to 11:58 p.m.

Special Musical Performance by Rachel Platten

Rachel Platten performs *Lonely Planet* and John Lennon’s *Imagine* on the Planet Fitness Stage.

11:59 p.m.

The Sixty-Second Countdown

The Mayor of New York City joined by Times Square 2017 Special Guest United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon push the Waterford crystal button that signals the descent of the New Year’s Eve Ball, and lead the final sixty-second countdown to the New Year on the Countdown Stage.

The Times Square New Year’s Eve Ball

The lighted Ball descends 70 feet in sixty seconds. The Ball is a geodesic sphere, twelve feet in diameter, weighing 11,875 pounds. The Ball is covered with 2,688 Waterford crystal triangles and lit by 32,256 Philips Luxeon Rebel LEDs.

12:00 a.m. -- New Year's Day

2017 Sign

At the stroke of Midnight, the lights on the New Year’s Eve Ball are turned off as the numerals of the New Year “2017” burst to life shining high above Times Square.

Times Square Confetti Release and Pyrotechnic Effects

The world-famous New Year's Eve confetti is released from the rooftops of buildings throughout Times Square creating a celebratory blizzard of colorful confetti as revelers welcome the New Year accompanied by colorful pyrotechnic effects. The three thousand pounds of confetti includes tens of thousands of wishes from revelers around the world hoping for peace, love, good health and a better future in the new year.

12:15 a.m. - End of Show