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Five things to do this week: December 12-18

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By Jason Rehel, National Post

1. Andrew Craig's The Gospel Christmas Project is a convergence of talent that includes Jackie Richardson, Kellylee Evans and Chris Lowe, imbuing Gospel passion to Christmas carolling faves. Dec. 13, 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 55 Mill Street, Bldg 49. \$45. For tickets, call 416-866-8666 or visit youngcentre.ca.

2. Toronto artist Jesse Louttit's first solo exhibit, Employees Only, is a collection of photos of "people within the workplace that studies how profession shapes character," and an exploration of subjectively writ large. Dec. 9 to Jan. 13. Pitko Gallery, 55 Mill St., Bldg. 59. Free. For details, visit pikto.com.

3. Conceptual artist Michael Snow turned 81 on Thursday, and Projected Works is peppered with his recent output, including Piano Sculpture (2009) and Serve, Deserve (2009). Through Mar. 7. The Power Plant Gallery, 231 Queens Quay W. \$6. For details, visit thepowerplant.org.

4. Prefer your holiday cheer with a belly full of laughs? Bad Dog Theatre's It's a Wonderful Improv Life riffs on the Frank Capra classic while their **A Twisted Christmas Carol** show us a sillier, softer Scrooge. Through Dec. 23. 138 Danforth Ave. \$12. Visit baddogtheatre.com for details and tickets.

5. The Toronto Symphony's Messiah, bolstered by the Mendelssohn Choir, is perhaps the one that comes closest to Handel's original vision; soprano Shannon Mercer and tenor Colin Balzer help it soar. Dec. 16 to 21. Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St. \$35-\$99. For tickets, visit roythomson.com or call 416-872-4255.

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