

Keys of Christmas

Holiday Music on Restored Pianos

Where History and the Holidays Meet



Generational Generosity

Come to the Tavern as We Make History

In a once-in-a-lifetime gesture of unprecedented generosity, a member of the Lexington Chapter, NSDAR, made a gift to the Kentucky Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, to fully restore two antique pianos housed at Duncan Tavern Historic Center.

These two stunning instruments have been undergoing extensive repairs under the direction of Dennis Mayhew, one of only four individuals authorized to repair Steinway pianos not employed by Steinway.

On December 21, 2025, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., these beautiful pianos will be played as fully restored instruments at the Tavern for the first time. Our generous donor and a friend will play your holiday favorites in an informal, fun afternoon reminiscent of holiday celebrations in early 19th-century parlors. You'll learn the history of these parlor pianos from Duncan Tavern's experts. Come any time between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. at Duncan Tavern Historic Center, 323 High Street, Paris, Kentucky. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

How your Chapter can participate:

- Come to the Tavern to decorate. Seven rooms are available on the first floor, four upstairs. Duncan Tavern Chairman Judy Owens will assign each chapter a room, although you may request a certain room.
- Please make a reservation to decorate by contacting Site Coordinator Nate Baker at info@duncantavern.com. The Tavern will be open for decorations from October 28 to November 8. Hours are 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Tavern will be closed on November 4 for Election Day.

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