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# A More Very-er Wooden Christmas/ St. Luke's Toy Drive



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Saturday, December 16 @ 8PM  
Hostel Buffalo Niagara  
667 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14203 (Near W. Tupper)

Admission: Cash donations (\$10-20) AND/OR a new,  
unwrapped toy

**Wooden Cities** heads to the Buffalo-Niagara Hostel Saturday, December 16th at 8PM, to perform live scores to silent Christmas films. The seven shorts, all filmed between 1901-1925, map the full spectrum of the silent film era. The films range from simple, non-narrative moving portraits to works with complex plots and elaborate imagery, and feature many of the most charming aspects of silent film: the transparent special effects, melodramatic gestural acting, comically inexplicable edits, and, underneath it all, a warm, nostalgic poignancy.

Wooden Cities will perform live music to accompany these films, providing soundtracks that augment, mimic, comment on, or undercut the action onscreen. The scores—each written by members of the ensemble—range from explicitly notated, leitmotif-dense compositions, to quasi-improvisatory free jazz outbursts. In every case, the ensemble provides a dynamic energy, adding new dimensions and contemporary perspectives to these century-old films.

Adding to the most important reason for the season, Wooden Cities is asking for your help in donating to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. St. Luke's serves the needs of Buffalo residents by providing warm meals, clothing, shelter, spiritual services, and, with your help, toys for kids this Christmas.