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## GUIDE

# Holiday spirits in the city

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Whether you've been naughty or nice, 'tis the season to sip concoctions inspired by candy canes, Christmas cheer and a new year. From now through New Year's Day, enjoy these decorative cocktails across the city while meeting under the mistletoe or watching the ball drop. Shaken or stirred, the drinks are strong, celebratory and some are served especially for amNewYork readers.



The Nopal  
Quick Fix at Ofrenda

and also ordering the real thing (\$5), is what the holidays are all about! \$12. *Donatella*, 212 493-5150, 184 Eighth Ave., donatellanyc.com

the infusion include moonshine, but the wintry spices and caramel flavor of bourbon make the mix an original one. \$10. *The Strand Smokehouse*, 718-440-3231, 25-27 Broadway, Astoria, thestrandsmokehouse.com

St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas") this drink is a winter blend of spiced cider, lemon and cinnamon, finished with a splash of whiskey and a sugar-rimmed glass. \$8. *The High Line Hotel*, 212-929-3888, 180 10th Ave., thehighlinehotel.com

### Gatlinburg

Sommelier Joe Camper's ski trips to Gatlinburg, Tenn., earned the town its own cocktail. Make with Dickel whiskey (in an ode to the Southern state), vermouth, barrel-aged green Chartreuse, cinnamon-clove syrup and lemon, there are herbaceous and spice notes in addition to citrus ones that all come through equally. \$16. db *Bistro Moderne*, 212-391-2400, 55 W. 44th St., dbbistro.com/nyc

### Christmas Thyme in the City

This decorative daiquiri includes Cuca Fresca, lime juice, Boiron Bergamot, egg whites and simple syrup. \$15. *Koi Trump SoHo New York*, 212-842-4550, 246 Spring St., koirestaurant.com

### Nolet's Noel

Refreshing and festive, the drink combines Nolet's Silver Dry Gin, Averell Damson Gin Liqueur and Clear Creek Douglas Fir eau de vie. Fresh lime juice, fresh grapefruit juice and cane syrup add fruit and sugar to the mix, but the garnish with a sprig of Douglas fir is what really inspires thoughts of Christmas trees. \$15. PDT, 212-614-0386, 113 St. Marks Place, pdtnyc.com

### Candy Cane

### Allspice All Nice

ing like an old-fashioned me spice, this drink, with and strained Belvedere St. Elizabeth Allspice oleo saccharum syrup dashes of orange bit- for those who've been 15. *Trattoria Il Mulino*, 6448, 36 E. 20th St., ilmulino.com

### nd Egg Nog

ditional as cookies for Christmas would not be te without (spiked) egg- ther ingredients within

### The Merry Maple

Crisp but creamy and dry, the cocktail created by Jason Lit- trell involves Jim Beam Maple, Amaro Montenegro, sherry, espresso, cream and Demerara sugar. \$12. *Jbird*, 212-288-8033, 339 E. 75th St., jbirdny.com

### The Clement Clarke Moore

Named for the author who penned "A Visit From

### Bubbles on Pier 15

The new year means celebrat- ing with champagne. A mix of Aperol and elderflower liqueur, topped with Piper-Heidsieck Champagne, creates a combina- tion of smoothness with effer- vescence. There isn't a better way to start 2014 than with bub- bles. \$14. *Watermark Bar*, 212-742-8200, 78 South St., water marknyc.com



The Nolet's  
Noel cocktail  
at PDT

The Gatlinburg  
at db Bistro  
Moderne



Quince blossom, nopal juice, tall gin- ine skin, green Chartreuse rinse, pressed lime and agave offers hope for a better 2014. \$12. *Of- renda*, 212-924-2305, 113 Sev- enth Ave. S., ofrendanyc.com

### Boudoir

For a new year, toast with Far- reti Biscotti liqueur, champagne and a sugar lump imbibed with chocolate bitters. \$19. *Beaumarchais*, 212-675-2400, 409 W. 13th St., beaumarchaisny.com

### Martini Cannoli

Have dessert and drink it, too. With Martini Asti, vodka, apple and a hint of spice from cinnamon, the dessert menu could be optional, but treating oneself to a cannoli cocktail,