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1 - A Kwanzaa Fest: The nation's largest Kwanzaa celebration takes place in Chicago at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Van Buren, from Sunday through Jan. 1. The **10th Anniversary Celebration** will include lots of traditional entertainment and cultural activities for the whole family. The halls will be transformed into an African market, featuring merchants and wares from Nigeria, Senegal, the Caribbean and the United States. Free. Call (312) 850-7492.

2 - Ring it in: Eve of the Eve, a black-tie optional bash, celebrates New Year's Eve a day in advance at Union Station's Great Hall, 210 S. Canal. The gig benefits Highsight, which helps underprivileged kids attend private high schools in Chicago. The festivities begin at 8 p.m.; cost is \$110. Call (312) 787-9824; www.highsight.org.

3 - Happy Christmaskah! Josh Levine's sparkling comedy, **A Merry Jewish Christmas**, won audience's hearts when it premiered last season, and Bailiwick Repertory, 1229 W. Belmont, has brought it back. The show, running through Dec. 31, revolves around the Bernstein family, which struggles with menorahs, dreidels, pine needles and hidden manger scenes. Tickets are \$22. 50-\$30. Call (773) 883-1090.

4 - Big, bad X-Mas: Celebrate Christmas on Saturday night at **Jingle Bash 2004** at House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn. The event features confetti cannons, a laser light and sound show, and music by Mighty, Mike 2 Smooth, Rampage, Scream and more. Tickets are \$18. Doors open at 10:30 p.m. Call (312) 923-2000.

5 - Speak easy: Join Tommy Gun's Garage Audience Interactive Dinner Theatre as the speakeasy celebrates its 17th holiday season. The **Musical Comedy**



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