

PRESS RELEASE



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Piccadilly Gardens' Family Fair returns

Piccadilly Gardens will be hosting a traditional family fun fair and Piccadilly Christmas bar this festive season.

The Piccadilly Gardens' Family Fair will run from Thursday 01 December 2011 until Monday 02 January 2012 inclusive, excluding Christmas Day.

The traditional Helter Skelter, Carousel and Wave Swinger, all of which proved very popular last year, will be back as well as a number of children's rides.

Kro Piccadilly will also be running a log cabin style Piccadilly Christmas bar offering hot cider, mulled wines, warming hot chocolates and festive treats between 25th November and 24th December.

Alexandra King, Piccadilly Partnership Director for Cityco, the city centre management company said: "Last year's event was a delight for young and old, whether taking a turn on the rides or just watching the beautiful light show, so we are really pleased to be able to bring this charming event back to the heart of the city centre."

Visitors can also enjoy the site of majestic illuminated festive Reindeer in the heart of the gardens as well as the spectacular MCRLOVESXMAS advent calendar, which will reveal daily offers for passing shoppers.

The fair will be open daily 11am – 9.30pm and the Piccadilly Christmas bar will be open daily 11am – 10pm until December 24th.

(NOTE; Fair Closed Christmas Day. Early closing Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, New Years Day 6pm)

Mark Ruby, managing director of Kro commented: "Christmas is great fun in Piccadilly Gardens and we are delighted to be running the Piccadilly Christmas bar again this year. The fair is a magical experience for families and we look forward to being filled with festive spirit"

For more information visit www.cityco.com or www.piccadillymanchester.com.

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Notes to editors

- The Piccadilly Partnership is a strategic and pioneering alliance of public and private sectors, bringing together key landowners, Manchester City Council, Cityco - Manchester's city centre management company, other public sector services and local occupiers.
- The Partnership provides an important forum for consultation, discussion and debate on all issues influencing the Piccadilly area. One of the key objectives of the Partnership is the positive promotion of the area to both business and the general public.
- Cityco works in partnership to manage and market city centre Manchester. It is an independent, not-for-profit, company funded by both public and private sector.