



Mayor Annise D. Parker



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**2013 VOICE WINNER DANIELLE BRADBERRY TO HEADLINE MAYOR'S HOLIDAY  
CELEBRATION AND TREE LIGHTING PRESENTED BY RELIANT**

*Event set for Friday, December 6th*

Ring in the season with the 94<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting Presented by Reliant on Friday, December 6 at Hermann Square outside of City Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This spectacular, FREE event is a holiday tradition of music, fireworks and family fun. A towering holiday tree, glowing with energy efficient LED (light-emitting diode) lights, shimmering ornaments and a stunning star topper will light up the streets of downtown Houston this holiday season.

**Danielle Bradbery, winner of *The Voice* 2013**, will enchant crowds at Houston's premier tree lighting as the featured artist. The holiday variety show will also include performances by the Winter Wonderettes, The Ensemble Theatre, the KIPP SHARP Singers, and a command performance by International Touring Artist, Marcie Chapa and the MacArthur Jammin' Generals Drum Line.

"I'm excited once again to kick-off the holidays at City Hall with my fellow Houstonians," said Mayor Annise Parker. "This is such an animated event filled with lights, fireworks, music, family and friends. It truly signifies Houston's energy."

Immediately following the performance, **Mayor Annise D. Parker** and **Reliant President, Elizabeth Killinger**, will light the Official Holiday Tree and ignite a spectacular fireworks finale perfectly timed to the Hallelujah Chorus from "Handel's Messiah" featuring Music Director, Ernest Walker and his award winning band and a 100 voice choir from Westbury High School.

"I am thrilled to join Mayor Parker in this annual celebration of hope and joy, coming together as a city to usher in the holiday season with the tree lighting," said Elizabeth Killinger, president of Reliant. "This is Reliant's eighth year to sponsor the event, and we are excited to join in the holiday fun while being ever conscious of energy efficient alternatives to light up our holidays."

The Presenting Sponsor is Reliant, an NRG Company. Other sponsors include: Southwest Airlines®; Houston Downtown Management District; Momentum; Houston Parks and Recreation Department; and the Houston Public Library Foundation. The celebration is produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

Public parking is available in the Theater District. For more information, please visit [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) or [www.houstonsspecialevents.org](http://www.houstonsspecialevents.org).

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