?Tune-in to music for Charlestown Square Synchronization

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? Among Josh Campbell's favorite things, besides his family, are computer programming and decorating for Christmas. When Josh combines these activities, the City of Charlestown benefits and this year his amazing display is on the town square.

The static portion of the lighted display includes 14 reindeer, six giant angels, gingerbread kids behind Santa's house, a six-horse carousel and the Nativity scene at Chase Bank, There are almost 50,000 synchronized lights (30,000 on the gazebo alone) and the motion is set to about 15 minutes of music using 128 channels of Light Animation Controllers. There are also 50 strobe lights mounted in the trees. To get all the electrical magnificence connected together took 7,5000 feet of extension cords.

Josh has invested over 80 hours programming and in the past three weeks, 100 hours to set up; all after hours on his personal time. Josh says, "Christmas is my holiday, so it's just something I really love to do. I have also had lots of help from countless volunteers and city employees."

The visual and audio performance can be enjoyed from the warmth of your car, as you can circle the square, by tuning in to 87.9 FM throughout the season and if you want to walk around the square you can hear the music on the outside as well. The program runs on a repeating cycle and will be on in the evenings from 6-10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 6-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

As the program ends, there is an opportunity to take pictures as the different colors of the lights remain on for about 30 seconds at a time.

"The work Josh has done on the square takes us in a fresh new direction and I hope everyone will enjoy. He has worked hard and volunteered his time to create an imaginative light shoe set in traditional Christmas music. It will be an attention getter and I want to say thanks to home." said Mayor Bob Hall.