





# FESTIVAL OF TREES

This Christmas classic is inspired by The Festival of Trees in Salt Lake City—a charity to raise money for Primary Children's Hospital. This is one of Eric's most detailed and varied paintings because of its size—over five feet across. This massive piece was painted on wood, and took over 6-months to complete. Each tree tells its own special story and the themes range from the traditional to modern.

1. Spirit of Christmas Tree
2. The Nativity—the reason for the season
3. Santa Claus visiting with children
4. Toy Tree
5. Noah's Ark Tree
6. Angel Tree
7. Gingerbread Cookie Tree
8. Cheetos from Heaven Tree
9. Pioneer Tree
10. Coca-Cola Tree
11. M&M's Tree
12. Utah Utes Tree
13. Olden Days Christmas Tree
14. Live, Give, Love Tree
15. Willpower Tree (*In memory of Steve Williams*)
16. Little Drummer Boy Tree
17. Endure to the End Tree (*In memory of Terri Dowdle*)
18. Nutcracker Tree
19. Candy Cane Tree
20. BYU Cougars Tree
21. Teddy Bear Tree
22. Disney Tree
23. Snowman Tree
24. Bridal Tree
25. Music Tree
26. Japanese Tree
27. Santa Tree
28. Edyth Penguin (*without Edyth, this painting would never have happened.*)
29. Pizza Tree—Eric's favorite food group
30. Boy with crutches entering Old Primary Children's Hospital
31. The Sweet Shoppe—exquisitely yummy
32. Quilting is also featured at the festival.
33. Star Tree
34. Gingerbread Foundation House
35. Scouting Tree
36. Lion House Bakery—tribute to Neil Wilkinson
37. The Puzzle Tree (*doesn't someone in Utah make puzzles?*)
38. Traditional Christmas Tree
39. Utah State Aggies Tree
40. Art Tree
41. Heart Box (*symbol for Festival Volunteers*)
42. Four Angels
43. There is a Gingerbread competition at the Festival.
44. Christmas Train (*tribute to Gordon B. Hinckley who passed away during the painting of the train.*)
45. A Tongan Queen at the Festival
46. Penguin eating a snow cone (*penguins are an inside joke for Festival Volunteers*)
47. Traditional Bagpipers of the Festival
48. Primary Children's Hospital
49. Golf Tree
50. A famous proposal that happened at the festival.
51. Poinsettia Tree
52. Families can be Together Forever Tree
53. Gold Crimson Ribbon Tree
54. Those darn penguins
55. "The Child First and Always" the official Festival of Trees Motto
56. Face painting—one of the children's favorite activities
57. For artists son, Joey—he loves kangaroos
58. For artists son, Shawn—he loves monkeys
59. For artists daughter, Autumn—she is a cheerleader
60. Missionary and Pope ornaments
61. Wreath competition at the Festival
62. For artist's son Ryan—he wants to be a doctor
63. Hidden in the gold ornament is Eric's tribute to his wife Deb.