

Music In The Air

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promote integration through the arts*

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Click on the Calendar on the Home page, then click on the 1st day of the month.

- Tues. **Swing Dance** (860) 347-697x3777 \$ 5-7
thru Come out and dance to the tight swing combo, the Hot Cat Jazz Band, at one of CT's hottest swing
12/20 venues, Vinnie's Jump & Jive. Don't know how to dance? We'll teach you! This is an all ages event.
8-11p Dances are every other week. Call to latch into the schedule. vinnies@chc1.com
[Vinnie's Jump & Jive](#), 424 Main Street
Middletown
- 11/15- **The Seven Little Foys: A Vaudeville Fable.** 203-757-4676 \$
12/16 World Premiere! Written, arranged, and directed by **Chip Deffaa**, creator of **George M. Cohan
Tonight!** Eddie Foy was a beloved star in his day, the quintessential song-and-dance comedian. He was
also a dreamer and a gambler who could never hold onto a dime. When his wife died, he almost lost
their seven children, but he took them into Vaudeville, creating an act that became an American
institution, and in the process learned the real meaning of family. Inspired by actual events, this musical
includes such irresistible Vaudeville-era songs as "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland", and "Some of
These Days."
Seven Angels Theatre, Hamilton Park Pavilion, <http://www.sevenangelstheatre.com>
Waterbury
- 11/16- **Lucky Stiff** 203.431.9850 \$
12/15 One dead body, a nerdy English shoe salesman, six million bucks in diamonds, and a lot of dogs!!
Winner of the 1990 Helen Hayes Award for Best Musical.
Ridgefield Theater Barn, 37 Halpin Lane
Ridgefield
- 12/01 **Roger Sprung, Hal Wylie & Friends**
First Saturday of every month except July and August - Folk, Irish, Bluegrass and Traditional Music
(instrumentalists welcome to jam), The "Pasta Project". Dinner 5:00-7:30 p.m., music 8:00-10:30 p.m.
United Methodist Coffee House (Exit 10 off I-84, 1/5 mile north.)
Newtown

12/01 **Greater Waterbury Youth Symphony**

? Festival of Traditions
[Mattatuck Museum](#),
Waterbury

12/01 **John McCutcheon**, 203-272-8404 \$18-20

[John McCutcheon](#) considered one of the world's undisputed masters of the hammered dulcimer, will be making his annual appearance this evening. Of course he has also mastered the fiddle, banjo, guitar, autoharp, piano, jaw harp and more instruments. John has produced over twenty-five albums. He has garnered several Grammy nominations. His songwriting, rich in detail and broad in scope, has created hundreds of songs covered by performers throughout the world. **Advance tickets are now available.** Space is limited, so order yours now. Make your check payable to The Sounding Board and mail with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Brent Hall, 460 Wallingford Road, Cheshire, CT 06410. First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford

12/01 **Lynn Miles** 860-379-7235 \$20-25

7:00p *Canadian songbird Lynn Miles sings lusciously on her fifth country-tinged, folk-pop album. Smart lyrics abound as she expounds on love lost and gained, sketched with dark hues and rising tempos. Billboard With her crystal-clear voice and an insightful songwriting style, Ottawa, Canada's Lynn Miles is one of the most acclaimed singer/songwriters to cross the border since Joni Mitchell in the late 1960's. Dallas Morning News. 7:00p reception; 7:30p show.* <http://www.lynnmilesmusic.com>
Beeckley Library, 10 Central Avenue
New Hartford

12/01 **Bill Morrissey** 860-693-0263 \$16-18

Come Running, the 2007 CD release by [Bill Morrissey](#) offers you 13 songs that fit well with the high quality tracks and pages of his 11 albums and 2 novels. A versatile writer, his songs treat love hoped for, love lost and love remembered. Bill sketches the father son bond of a WWII Navy veteran sharing his memories with his son while watching "Victory At Sea" on black and white TV. He recounts perils of "Thirty Years" on the road and a jazz horn player-"He's not from Kansas City he just blows that way." Enjoy his roots based guitar picking, his wise and weary vocals and his marvelous stage wit. Though he's "Sung from the stage at Carnegie Hall," he's gracious with requests for "Birches," "Robert Johnson" and "Handsome Molly."
Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton

12/01 **Waterbury Chorale "Christmas at the Palace 2007"** 203-755-4700 \$15-40

8:00p The Waterbury Chorale returns to the Palace stage for another holiday extravaganza in "Christmas at the Palace 2007," a tribute to the Palace Theater and its place in Waterbury history. The main choral/orchestral works within a varied program will include familiar pieces such as the Christmas portions of Handel's "Messiah," John Rutter's "Gloria," and other seasonal favorites.
Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
Waterbury

12/01 **Kwanzaa Awareness Celebration** 203-964-1000 Free

11-3 African storytelling, family crafts, African drumming workshop and candle lighting.
Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza <http://www.fergusonlibrary.org>
Stamford

- 12/01 ***John Marshall's Drum Fest*** (860)567-3163 \$110
 9:00a- John Marshall, accompanied by Joseph Fire Crow and Aoin Fleurita will enable drum enthusiasts to
 4:30p learn, create and enjoy the rhythms of Middle Eastern, Native American, and African drumming or
 African dance. [Email](#). [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center - 229 E. Litchfield Rd.,
 Litchfield
- 12/01 ***Duke Ellington Jazz Nutcracker*** 860-246-2588 \$18-27
 2&8; The American jazz version of the classical Nutcracker, created by Duke Ellington featuring the student
 12/02 of the Hartford Conservatory dance department and the New England Jazz Septet.
 2p St. Joseph College, 1678 Asylum Ave. <http://www.hartfordconservatory.org>
 West Hartford
- 12/01- ***The Nutcracker*** 860.489.7180 \$17-37
 1&5p; Enjoy yourself this yuletide season as the Nutmeg Ballet brings to life Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker,
 12/02 delighting audiences young and old! The Warner Theatre will be alive this holiday season with toy
 1p soldiers and dueling mice, a princess and sugarplums – a delicious treat for the child in all of us.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 12/01- ***A Christmas Carol*** 860-283-6250 \$16-19
 12/15 If you fancy getting into the Christmas spirit with seasonal performances of A Christmas
 F/Sa Carol, come to the Thomaston Opera House it's unique stage adaptation of Charles
 8p; Dickens' classic Christmas tale. A Christmas Carol tells the classic story of cold-hearted
 Sun miser Ebenezer Scrooge, forced to confront his past, present and possible future by a
 2p deceased colleague and three other ghosts.
 Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street
 Thomaston
- 12/02 ***Kent Singers 38th Annual Christmas Concert*** (860) 354-2156 \$15-20
 3:00p The group of 20 auditioned singers, under the direction of artistic director Marguerite Mullee, will
 present "A New England Christmas" featuring A Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham.
 Kent School [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 Kent
- 12/02 ***Danbury Community Orchestra Concert*** 203-748-1716 Free
 3:00p Performing under the direction of Stephen Michael Smith, music director and conductor a program of
 music including "Night on Bare Mountain by Mussorgsky. The concert will include the Egmont
 Overture by Beethoven, and a symphony for strings by Boyce. The performance will conclude with a
 surprise holiday encore. Because of the wide variety of music and the short length of the program, this
 concert is suitable for families and young children.
 Ives Concert Hall, WCSU, 181 White St.,
 Danbury
- 12/02 ***"Glad Tidings"*** 203-261-3216 \$12-15
 4:00p A concert of seasonal music presented by the Connecticut Chamber Choir. Featuring John Rutter's
 exciting "Gloria" with brass, organ, and percussion, the choir joyfully opens the holiday season.
 St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church, 5301 Main St. <http://www.connecticutchamberchoir.com>
 Trumbull

- 12/02 ***Pat Wictor*** Call (203) 431-6501 \$15-20
 7:00p In a remarkably short period of time, Pat Wictor has become the name that is being chatted about on the acoustic, blues, folk and Americana circuits. Steeped in American "roots" music, Pat is a contemporary songwriter and interpreter drawing on the rural country, gospel, and blues traditions of our nation
 Acoustic Celebration – Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable Street
 Ridgefield
- 12/02 ***Sha Na Na Rockin' Christmas Show*** 203-438-5795 \$55
 7:00p You better watch out. You better not cry. The Sha Na Na Christmas Show is comin' to town. The live Christmas show will bring you to the high school hop, the a cappella street corner, the Sha Na Na Greaser Olympics and of course the Sha Na Na Christmas Celebration. So Run Run Rudolph, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to rock around the Christmas tree at the Sha Na Na Holiday Hop.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/02 ***Family Concert with Starr and Shello*** 860-693-0263 \$5-7
 The Nature Center is please to present a family concert featuring Collinsville-based performers Starr & Shello. Vocalizing in harmony, sometimes a cappella, sometimes accompanied by guitar, djembe and percussion, this dynamic duo delivers great music certain to brighten your family's day. Back by popular demand after performing to a full auditorium last winter, Starr and Shello are certain to brighten your family's afternoon. Tickets are available in advance at \$5.00 per person
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 12/02 ***Holiday Concert: Brookfield Small Chorus*** (860)354-7558 Free
 3:00p Brookfield Small Chorus performs seasonal music a cappella in the chapel at Canterbury School
 Canterbury Chapel, Aspetuck Avenue [Click to Visit](#)
 New Milford
- 12/03 ***Holiday Tree Lighting*** (860) 824-7778 Free
 6:00p Featuring the North Canaan Elementary School Band. Santa will be here as well as refreshments.
 Pavilion, Route 44 canaanpets@yahoo.com
 North Canaan
- 12/05 ***Alamanda Women's Choir of Connecticut*** 203-232-7857
 The Concert consists of compilation of carols, winter themed songs and pieces about Chanukah and peace. There will be songs based on Ukrainian Folk Music and a rendition of Mozart's Alleluia featuring soloist and group member Sandra Yanielli. [Email](#)
 South Britain Congregational Church
 Southbury
- 12/05 ***Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*** 203-755-4700 \$14-35
 7:30p Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL has enchanted audiences the world over with its simple message of selfless giving. Ebenezer Scrooge, a most unrepentant, miserly fellow, is made to see the light as he survives a merciless battery of revelations by the ghosts of his own Christmases: Past, Present and Future. Filled with many of the most beloved traditional carols of the season, this enchanting new production transports the audience back to the cobblestone streets of Victorian London.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury

- 12/06 ***Wynonna Judd "A Classic Christmas"*** 203-755-4700 \$38-68
 7:30p Wynonna is taking her critically acclaimed holiday album, A Classic Christmas, on the road in her first-ever Christmas tour. Spreading holiday cheer across the country, Wynonna will combine her smooth vocals and tremendous live presence in an unforgettable performance that will warm the heart and inspire the spirit. Her soulful renditions of such traditional holiday classics like "White Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland" and her awe-inspiring version of "Ave Maria," make this a special performance for the entire family.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street http://www.palacetheaterct.org
 Waterbury
- 12/06 ***Big Shot*** 203-438-5795 \$25
 7:30p The Ultimate Billy Joel Experience. When the New York Times asked Billy Joel about BIG SHOT, he said "They had a hard time convincing me it wasn't me. It's uncanny." Some of the hottest musicians from Long Island and New York City who are associated with or have worked for Billy Joel and his band, or Billy Joel's musical on Broadway, Movin' Out.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/06 ***New Music Ensemble Concert*** (203) 837-8350 donations
 8:00p Featuring WCSU's best students combined with the university's faculty artists. Bassoonist Gina Cuffari will be featured performing Michael Daugherty's "Dead Elvis," followed by Stravinsky's "Histoire Du Soldat," performed by Eric Lewis on violin.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall, Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/06 ***First Thursday at Mattatuck Museum*** 203-753-0381 x10
 5:30 The Elm City Banjo Society. 15 footstompin, singing banjo-players entertain you with their interpretations of vaudeville, Broadway and big band sounds. [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
 Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street,
 Waterbury
- 12/06 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Donations
 8:00p The Coffeehouse will begin with open mic performers, followed by the featured act, Underscore.
 Alumni Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/07 ***Vanguard Jazz Orchestra*** (203) 837-8499 Free
 1-4:30 Performance clinic with members of the VJO and a jazz composition master class offered by VJO composer-in-residence Jim McNeely.
 White Hall, Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/07 ***Vanguard Jazz Orchestra*** (203) 837-8499 \$10-15
 8:00p The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, a legendary New York City ensemble has promoted the performance and appreciation of jazz for more than four decades. ww.wcsu.edu/tickets
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall, Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury

- 12/07 **Tim Reynolds** 203-438-5795 \$30
 8:00p Tim Reynolds is simply one of the worlds' most innovative guitar players. He has brought a whole new sensibility to his instrument with his wide- ranging musical ability throughout his musical career. He has worked with the likes of Trey Anastasio, Carlos Santana, Eddie Vedder and of course, Dave Matthews. His acoustic duo tours with Dave Matthews are unfailingly sold-out and their 1999 live release "Live at Luther College" is RIAA certified Platinum. In August 2007 RCA released "Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds: Live at Radio City Music Hall" which debuted at # 3 on The Billboard 200. The duo is one of the headlining acts at Farm Aid in September 2007. Don't miss this special opportunity to see Tim take the spotlight in such an intimate theater.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/07 **Lonestar: My Christmas List** 860.489.7180 \$40-65
 8:00p After years of touring and releasing platinum selling records, Lonestar has built a strong and loyal following of music fans across the country. The band hits the road again, this time with a new lead singer, performing their classic hits and songs from their new holiday music album.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 12/07 **Patrick Ball presents "The Christmas Rose"** 860-693-0263 \$
Patrick Ball plays the music of Turlogh O'Carolan, the most beloved and celebrated musician in the history of Ireland, on the legendary and rarely heard Celtic Harp. He weaves the most entertaining stories and tales ever told in the Irish oral tradition with masterful playing of this lovely, haunting music. This evening, he performs The Christmas Rose, awarded the **National Association of Independent Record Distributors Indie Award for Best Seasonal Recording of 1991**. Beloved pieces of seasonal music are mingled with stories drawn from magical world of English and Irish literature, Celtic legend, traditional folk beliefs and tales such as **A Child's Christmas in Wales**, chapters from **The Wind in the Willows**, and passages from **Shakespeare, William Butler Yeats, and Thomas Hardy**. All of the stories and all of the music touch on what is the central message of the Christmas/Winter season: hope. Hope for something wondrous. Hope for a light in the darkness.
 Patrick has recorded 9 instrumental and 3 spoken word albums that have sold one half million copies collectively, while earning national awards in both categories. Alternating the eloquent music of words & wit with the crystalline voice of his harp, Ball never fails to create an evening of magic.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 12/07- **27th Annual Bethlehem Christmas Town Festival** 203-266-6326
 12/08 The Festival will be held Fri. from 5p.m. - 10 p.m. and Sat. Dec.8th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Over 70 art and craft exhibitors in seven buildings on the Village Green. Hayrides, strolling carolers, Hand Bell Choir, entertainment and food concessions. Santa will arrive to light the 75ft. tree in the center of the green and will be available for picture taking in the little school house throughout the Festival. Mail your Christmas Cards from the Bethlehem Post Office. Christmas Cards - Town of Bethlehem Post Office Cachet Mailing Christmas Cards on Friday Day of Festival 12/7: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. On Sat. 12/8 and 12/15: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., On Sun. 12/9 and 12/16: 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. On Sat. 12/22: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. For additional post office hours call: (203)-266-7910. Collectors can collect The Annual Pewter Christmas Town ornament only during the Festival. Shuttle bus from the Bethlehem Fairgrounds, Rte. 61. Sponsored by The Town of Bethlehem's Christmas Town Festival Committee. (1st Fri./Sat.) Bethlehem Town Green, Junction Rte. 61 and Rte.132, [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 Bethlehem

- 12/07- ***Goshen Song And Feast Event*** 860-491-2793 \$25
 12/15 Church of Christ Congregational located at the Rotary in Goshen will present "Goshen Song and Feast"
 6:30p Starting at 6:30PM a four course sitdown dinner will be served. Festival singers will provide
 entertainment. Reservations required.
 Church of Christ Congregational-Goshen - Jct. Rte. 4 and Rte. 63,
 Goshen
- 12/08 ***The Blind Boys of Alabama Holiday Show*** 203-438-5795 \$68
 8:00p Having spread the spirit of gospel music for over 60 years, The Blind Boys of Alabama return to
 The Playhouse for a night of soul and energy.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/08 ***My Dad's Truck - FreeRange Acoustic***
 Presenting their special Winter Solstice show with guest vocalist Bonnie. This is the band's traditional
 Winter Party and we look forward to a few surprises. <http://www.rootsmusiccoffeehouse.com>
 Roots Coffeehouse, 345 Main Street
 Danbury
- 12/08 ***Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra: Russian Rejoicing***
 8:00p Maestro Steichen's concert emphasizes Russian Rejoicing by offering extremely popular works by three
 of Russia's greatest composers. The Glinka overture is a thrilling showpiece for the string sections,
 requiring dazzling scales at full speed in violins and lyrical playing by cellos and violas. The brilliant
 orchestration captures the excitement of Pushkin's famous fairy tale. Rachmaninoff's work is the most
 popular piano concerto written in the twentieth century, with tenderness and flashiness throughout. The
 slow movement of Tchaikovsky's symphony is one of the most familiar in the entire literature. A single
 theme dominates the symphony, appears in all the movements, and is the source of several emotions,
 from brooding to triumph. The work is one of his most popular compositions.
 Anne Richardson Auditorium at the Ridgefield High School
 Ridgefield
- 12/08 **[Rani Arbo And Daisy Mayhem](#)** 203-272-8404 \$16-18
 All of roots music is a stage for daisy mayhem, and this four-piece string band loves nothing more than
 choreographing a jubilant mix of traditional, original, and contemporary sounds. With Arbo's bewitching
 alto at the helm, stunning vocal harmonies, a 100% recycled drum set, fiddle, guitar, and bass, daisy
 mayhem "has a grand knack for pumping new blood into old music" (The Boston Globe). Imagine, for
 example, a pre-civil war song from the Georgia Sea Islands sung over a New Orleans-style groove. Or,
 an old Irish fiddle tune with new lyrics, capped with a solo on a South American box drum. A Sondheim
 tune done jug band style? An original Unitarian funk gospel song? You begin to get the idea. With
 influences from Doc Watson to Django Reinhardt, from Ghanaian drumming to the funky Meters, and
 from Fiddlin' John Carson to Bob Dylan, Daisy Mayhem celebrates America's rich musical past and
 brings it into the present with good humor, impeccable musicianship, powerful songwriting, and a clear
 love of playing together. Here are four musicians who pick up what's lying around - from tin cans to old
 songs and wry observations of modern life - and create something new. \$18, \$16 members
 First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street,
 West Hartford

- 12/08 ***Candlelight Choral Concert*** 203-206-7186 \$20
 8:00p Trinity Church, Main St & Church Hill Rd info@ctchoralsociety.org
 Newtown
- 12/08 ***Christmas Angelicus*** (860) 496-8841 \$15-40
 7:00p Christmas Angelicus, a concert of carols and readings performed by Chorus Angelicus, the internationally acclaimed children's choir, and Gaudeamus, an adult chamber chorus of professional and semi-professional freelance singers. The concert will be conducted by Music Director Nicholas White, narrated by actor John McDonough, and accompanied by brass, percussion, and organ. A highlight of the holiday season. [Click to Visit](#)
 Simsbury United Methodist Church, 799 Hopmeadow Street
 Simsbury
- 12/08- ***Annual Holiday Concert***
 4:00p Performed by the combined choirs of Sherman and New Milford - About 50 voices for an hour long concert with organ, piano, and flute.
 Sherman Church, 6 Church Rd.
 Sherman
- 12/08- ***Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*** 203-755-4700 \$48-58
 8p & If you don't want to see this show because it's "one of the liveliest, funniest, best-
 12/09 performed musicals in years!" (New York Post), then see it because the money helps
 1p & pay for our grandmother's cosmetic surgery. Set on the glorious, glamorous Riviera,
 6:30p Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is a delicious comedy that follows two con artists as they take on the lifestyles of the rich and shameless - and end up with a lot more than they bargain for.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/09- ***Annual Holiday Concert***
 4:30p Performed by the combined choirs of Sherman and New Milford - About 50 voices for an hour long concert with organ, piano, and flute
 The New Milford Cong.Church on the Green
 New Milford
- 12/09 ***A Kindred Christmas Choral Concert*** (860) 379-4766 \$8-10
 3:00p A Kindred Christmas will feature CT Yankee Chorale with Director Amelia Nagoski, and Laurel City Singers with Director Adam Atkins. The concert title denotes the shared spirit...not only between the choirs...but also in all of the musical selections...from world and more traditional stylings Each choir will perform World Christmas selections individually, and combine for several choruses from Handel's Messiah, with featured organist, Joy Zublena. church.christ@snet.net
 Church of Christ, 800 Main Street
 Winchester/Winsted
- 12/09 ***Candlelight Choral Concert*** 203-206-7186 \$20
 3:00p Featuring Buxtehude's Magnificat as well as beautiful carols of the season
 North Congregational Church, 11 Main St. N. info@ctchoralsociety.org
 Woodbury

- 12/09 *Christmas Angelicus* (860) 868-0569 \$15-40
 4:00p Christmas Angelicus, a concert of carols and readings performed by Chorus Angelicus, the internationally acclaimed children's choir, and Gaudeamus, an adult chamber chorus of professional and semi-professional freelance singers. The concert will be conducted by Music Director Nicholas White, narrated by actor John McDonough, and accompanied by brass, percussion, and organ. A highlight of the holiday season. [Click to Visit](#)
 Washington Congregational Church, 6 Kirby Road
 WASHINGTON
- 12/09 *Vienna Boys' Choir* 860.489.7180 \$25-50
 2:00p The Vienna Boys' Choir, in existence for nearly 500 years, is one of the oldest boy's choirs existing in the world. They have given concerts under nearly all the great conductors of this century: Claudio Abbado, Leonard Bernstein, Nikolaus Harnoncourt, Herbert von Karajan, Carlos Kleiber, Lorin Maazel, Riccardo Muti and Sir George Solti. And, as ever, every Sunday the Vienna Boys' Choir sings solemn mass in Vienna's Hofburg chapel, continuing a tradition unbroken since 1498. Now, this famous choir celebrates the season with you and your family only at the Warner!
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 12/09 *Lyrics Cabaret - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels edition* 203-755-4700 \$10
 11p (After the Dirty Rotten Scoundrels performance)
 The stars are shining at **Lyric's** - Downtown's newest Hot Spot for after the show! Join us Saturday evening in the Palace's Poli Club to meet and mingle with the cast members from Dirty Rotten Scoundrels after their performance! Lite fare and bar service will be available. Lyric's is Waterbury's community cabaret where YOU can be a STAR! Attendees are encouraged to bring their sheet music (some selections will be available on site) and we'll provide the "stage" and piano accompaniment for your performance. Seasoned performers and newcomers are all welcome! This is not Karaoke, it's better - so don't miss out on the fun!
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/09 *Violin Recital with David Gale* 203 438-2282 Free
 2:00p Classical violinist David Gale will perform. David has one many competitions and has performed throughout the world. He is currently a student at the Manhattan School of Music.
 Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street
 Ridgefield
- 12/09 *The Ridgefield Chorale presents A Holiday Sing-Along*
 5:00p The Ridgefield Symphony Youth Orchestra will accompany the Chorale for a festive evening of song. Join The Ridgefield Chorale in singing favorite holiday songs including popular choruses of Handel's Messiah. Or, just listen and enjoy! If you would like to sing along with the Chorale and would like to attend rehearsals, please call Tammy Strom for details at 203-438-8498. No auditions necessary, just your voice and holiday spirit!
 Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church, 207 Main St.,
 Ridgefield
- 12/09 *Connecticut Opera "Deck The Halls"* 860-567-8302 \$ 5
 3:00p Litchfield Community Center. 421 Bantam Road
 Litchfield

- 12/10 ***Percussion Ensemble Concert*** (203) 837-8350 donations
 8:00p The WCSU Ensemble program will feature "Music for Pieces of Wood" by Steve Reich, "Tusk" by David Jarvis, "Common Ground" by Doug Stephens, "La Fiesta de la Posada" by Dave Brubeck, "Contrasts" by Philip Parker, "Uneven Souls" by Nebojsa Zivkovic featuring soloist Dan Lewis, "'O' Zone" by Jack Stamp and "Past Midnight" by Tom Gauger. "Tusk" will feature unusual instruments to imitate the sounds of Africa, including sound tubes, bamboo chimes, gankogui and Mbira.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall, Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/11 ***Advent Vespers*** (860)567-3163
 5:00 Enter into the liturgical season of Advent by celebrating the time-honored prayer of Vespers. Psalm tones, hymns, and chants will be an integral part of each ecumenical service. Vespers will be held in the converted barn at Wisdom House. To be led by Jo-Ann Iannotti, Art and Spirituality Coordinator at Wisdom House, and Marguerite Mullee, Professor of Music at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, Cheshire. Also Tuesday, December 18th. [Email](#). [Click here to visit their Web site](#).
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center, 229 E. Litchfield Rd.,
 Litchfield
- 12/11 ***Dance Performance*** \$ 5-10
 7:00p The WCSU Dance Team. wcsudanceteam@yahoo.com.
 Student Center Theater on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/11 ***Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker*** 203-755-4700 \$28-69
 7:30p Don't miss this spectacular holiday event of the season! A classic for the whole family. Hand painted sets, larger-than-life puppets and breath-taking scenic design by Valentin Fedorov, bring this magical holiday tale to life. In it's 15th consecutive year of touring, this Moscow Ballet production has become a traditional way for families to celebrate the holidays!
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/13 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Donations
 8:00p The Coffeehouse will begin with open mic performers, followed by the featured act, the WCSU Jazz Band.
 Alumni Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/14 ***Too Blue***
 7:00p Listening room, coffees & lite fare. BYOB. www.liquidlunchrestaurant.com
 Liquid Lunch Restaurant 434 Howe Ave.
 Shelton
- 12/14 ***Messiah***
 7:30p an Oratorio by Georg Frederic Händel featuring Danbury Concert Chorus & Danbury Chamber Orchestra.
 St. Peter Church, 104 Main St.
 Danbury

- 12/14- ***"Amahl and the Night Visitors"*** 203-837-8499 \$ 8-12
 8:00p; The WCSU Opera will perform GianCarlo Menotti's opera.
 12/15 Music Professor Dr. Margaret Astrup will direct the 13th annual production of this holiday classic.
 3:00p White Hall, 181 White St. www.wcsu.edu/tickets
 Danbury.
- 12/15 ***Ellington's Nutcracker with Wynton Marsalis*** 203-755-4700 \$33-63
 8:00p ***& the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra***
 Performing selections from Duke Ellington's "The Nutcracker," a special repertoire for the holiday season. Filtering Tchaikovsky's original ballet through swinging jazz, Duke Ellington and collaborator Billy Strayhorn created their own renditions of the "Nutcracker," featuring the brass and unique rhythm of jazz. Audiences young and old will delight as these world-renowned musicians perform these tunes, which include "Toot Toot Tootie Toot," and "Sugar Rum Cherry" - Ellington and Strayhorn's take on the "Dance of the Nutcracker" original.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/15 ***A Holiday Rock & Roll Celebration Vol II*** \$35-40
 7:30p LAR Enterprises successful Holiday Rock & Roll Celebration returns with a fresh line up sure to please the entire family. Hosted by Talk of CT 's Mary Jones, this year's show features The Duprees, Kenny Vance & The Planotones, Herb Cox's Clefstones, Earl Lewis & The Channels and John Kuse & The Excellents all singing their greatest hits as well as your favorite holiday classics!
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 12/15 ***Christmas with the Women of CONCORA*** 860-224-7500 \$10-45
 8:00p Featuring Britten's A Ceremony of Carols for harp and treble voices and Gwyneth Walker's "Hebrides Lullaby."
<http://www.concora.org>
 Chapel of St. Joseph College, 1678 Asylum Ave.
 West Hartford
- 12/15 ***Now Hear This! Open Mic Night*** 860-482-5122 \$ 7
 8:00p Calling all musicians, poets, comics and entertainers. Come share your talents where the wild and the wonderful explore on stage as anything goes for the night. <http://artwellgallery.org>
 Artwell Gallery & Community Arts Center, 19 Water St.
 Torrington
- 12/15 ***Christmas Angelicus*** (860) 482-6027 \$15-40
 7:00p Christmas Angelicus, a concert of carols and readings performed by Chorus Angelicus, the internationally acclaimed children's choir, and Gaudeamus, an adult chamber chorus of professional and semi-professional freelance singers. The concert will be conducted by Music Director Nicholas White, narrated by actor John McDonough, and accompanied by brass, percussion, and organ.
 St. Michael's Church, 25 South Street [Click to Visit](#)
 Litchfield
- 12/15 ***A Victorian Christmas*** 860-435-0566 \$15
 8:00p Works will include selections from the Renaissance, works by Telemann, Bach and music of the season.
 Academy Building, 24 Main Street oboe@simons-rock.edu
 Salisbury

- 12/15 ***Madrigal Singers of Bristol Eastern High School*** (860) 485-9113 Free
 1:00p Concert & Sing-a-Long. Enjoy holiday music and carols by the Madrigal Singers of Bristol Eastern High School, under the direction of Michael Coderre. Suitable for all who have the holiday spirit, ages 3 to 103! Light refreshments will be served. [Click to Visit](#)
 Harwinton Public Library, 80 Bentley Drive
 Harwinton
- 12/15 ***The Nutcracker*** 203-438-5795 \$20-25
 2&8p; Presented by the Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance. Come celebrate the holidays with a magical
 12/16 journey told through the beauty of dance; the Ridgefield Conservatory of Dances' annual production of
 2p America's favorite holiday ballet for the entire family.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/15- ***Nutcracker Ballet*** 203 263 0313 \$15-20
 12/16 The Woodbury Academy of Dance, Official School of The Woodbury Ballet, is proud to present The
 2:00p Nutcracker. Featuring exquisite dancing by talented performers, innovative and exciting choreography, and beautiful costuming, this will be a magical holiday performance! This holiday classic features Clara's enchanting journey to the Land of the Sweets. woodburyballetco@go.com
 Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road
 Woodbury
- 12/16 ***Holiday Theatre Organ Pops Concert*** 860-283-6250 \$15.50-18.50
 2:00p Featuring Clark Wilson
 With Special Guests "The Litchfield County Children's Choir"
 A native of Ohio, Clark Wilson began his musical training at age nine. His professional playing career began with his appointment to the featured organist post at Pipe Organ Pizza in Milwaukee, WI. He has since been on the playing staffs at the Paramount Music Palace in Indianapolis, IN; Pipes and Pizza in Lansing, IL; and is currently associated with Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa, AZ, where he is on the organ staff as well as having assisted with the planning and installation of the world's largest Wurlitzer organ. Along with a busy concert schedule, Wilson runs his own pipe organ business and is heavily in demand as a tonal consultant and finisher of both theatre and classical pipe organs. He has received both the Technician of the Year and Organist of the Year awards from the American Theatre Organ Society, the only person to have done so. [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
 Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street
 Thomaston
- 12/16 ***The WCSU Holiday Jazz concert*** 203-837-8350 donations
 3:00p Performing will be award-winning Frankensax, conducted by Andrew Beals; the WCSU Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Dave Scott; and the WCSU Jazz Orchestra, conducted by Jamie Begian. The program will feature traditional big band jazz standards and holiday classics such as "Sleigh Ride," "White Christmas" and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland."
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/17 ***Carol Singing on the Green***
 New Milford

- 12/17 ***Annual Christmas Carol Sing*** 860-354-7558 Free
 7:30p New Milford Commission on the Arts Annual Carol Sing. Great family/friends sing-a-long. Lead by New Milford High School students and band. Dress appropriately for weather. (Suggest bringing candle or flashlight). [Click to Visit](#)
 New Milford Town Green
 New Milford
- 12/18 ***Advent Vespers*** (860)567-3163
 5:00 Enter into the liturgical season of Advent by celebrating the time-honored prayer of Vespers. Psalm tones, hymns, and chants will be an integral part of each ecumenical service. Vespers will be held in the converted barn at Wisdom House. To be led by Jo-Ann Iannotti, Art and Spirituality Coordinator at Wisdom House, and Marguerite Mullee, Professor of Music at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, Cheshire. [Email](#). [Click here to visit their Web site](#).
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center, 229 E. Litchfield Rd.,
 Litchfield
- 12/19 ***WAMS presents "Holiday Happenin's 2007"*** 203-755-4700 \$10
 7:00p Waterbury Arts Magnet School presents "Holiday Happenin's 2007." Come join the students from the Waterbury Arts Magnet School Music and Dance departments for a night of seasonal and festive performances. Live music and dance performances you don't want to miss!
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/20 ***Jewmongous*** 203-438-5795 \$35
 8:00p JEW MONGOUS, a solo comedy song concert with occasional guests, is the colicky, uncircumcised brain child of Sean Altman: the golden-voiced song-writing wiz behind the pioneering comedy act "What I Like About Jew" and the founder and former leader of Rockapella.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/21 ***The Alternate Routes*** \$30
 8:00p The Alternate Routes are an electrifying young band out of Fairfield led by the remarkable lead vocals of Tim Warren whose voice seems as infinite as the band's potential. Their debut album Good and Reckless and True has gained national recognition and critical acclaim as its lead off track "Ordinary" won Best Song in the Pop/Rock Category at the 2006 Independent Music Awards. Earlier this year they performed on Conan O'Brien and many of their songs have been played frequently throughout MTV shows such as Laguna Beach and The Hills.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 12/23 ***Christmas Angelicus*** (860) 482-6027 \$15-40
 4&7p Christmas Angelicus, a concert of carols and readings performed by Chorus Angelicus, the internationally acclaimed children's choir, and Gaudeamus, an adult chamber chorus of professional and semi-professional freelance singers. The concert will be conducted by Music Director Nicholas White, narrated by actor John McDonough, and accompanied by brass, percussion, and organ. A highlight of the holiday season. [Click to Visit](#)
 Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street
 Torrington

- 12/29 ***Bootstrap Holiday Bash*** 860-567-3980 \$ 4
10p The debut of Bootstrap featuring Andy, Mark and Eric from "Stanley Maxwell"! Bohemian Pizza (Tavern Off The Green), 342 Bantam Road Route 202 Litchfield andy@stanleymaxwell.com
- 12/31 ***First Night Danbury*** 203-792-1711 \$5
4-11p New Year's Eve Festival - Music, dancing, children's entertainment and more. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Fireworks at 8 p.m. Family Fun, Music and activities. Hat Parade 7:30. A 5K Run into the New Year 6 p.m [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
Downtown Danbury
Danbury
- 12/31 ***Torrington Last Night*** 860-489-2274.
4-8p Fun for the whole family. Come out and celebrate. The night will include a variety of select entertainment activities and music. Activities include hat making, face painting, stilt walking, ice sculpting, magician, singing. Inflatable objects, and more. There will be a small entry fee. Join us for a fun-filled New Year's Eve Celebration. [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
Torrington Armory, South Main Street
Torrington