

Music In The Air

*A compilation of music events to
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
- 01/05 **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
- 01/09 **Open Mike featuring Ron Anthony** 860-693-0263 ?
Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton
- 01/11 **Too Blue**
7:00p Listening room, coffees & lite fare. BYOB. www.liquidlunchrestaurant.com
Liquid Lunch Restaurant 434 Howe Ave.
Shelton

- 01/11 ***Improvisational Workshop Playhouse*** 413-623-0216 \$20
 7p Join the magic & spell as audience, singer, dancer and actor become one at the Improvisational Theatre social; Amateur, Actor & Musician Workshop. Dream Dramatic Productions. All ages welcome. Come when you can. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 8p rehearse Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Rd., (Rt. 7 North)
 North Canaan
- 01/11 ***Kent School piano recital*** 860-927-6219 ?
 8:00p A piano recital presented by students of Kent School. **Email:** emerichc@kent-school.edu
 Mattison Auditorium, Kent School
 Kent
- 01/11- ***Nunsense II: The Second Coming*** (203) 757- 4676 \$
 01/27 Nunsense II: The Second Coming takes place six weeks after the sisters have staged their first benefit. F/Sa The sisters are back presenting a "thank-you" show for all the people who supported them in the past. 8p; But now, they're a bit slicker, having been "bitten by the theater bug." Things get to off to a rousing Su start as the sisters sing *Nunsense, the Magic Word*, but before long chaos erupts. Two Franciscans come 2p to claim Sister Mary Amnesia (who has won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes) as one of their own. At the same time the nuns hear that a talent scout is in the audience to see them strut their stuff. From the riotous bingo game run by Sister Amnesia to the hilarious duet, *What Would Elvis Do?*, to the rousing finale, *There's Only One Way to End Your Prayers and That's to Say Amen!*, this show will have you rolling in the aisles!
 Seven Angels Theatre, Plank Road,
 Waterbury
- 01/12 ***Finding Your Voice through Sacred Chant*** (860) 567-3163 \$35 donation
 9:30a- In most world religions the timeless sounds of Sacred Chant have served as a means of prayer and 3:30p contemplation. In this workshop, we will use chants of various traditions to discover our voices and help free our self-expression. All levels—including people who consider themselves "non-singers"—are welcome. Presenter is Marguerite Mullee, Ed.D., Professor of Music, Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#) Scholarships available.
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center, 229 E. Litchfield Road
 Litchfield
- 01/12 ***The Arrogant Worms*** 203-272-8404 \$16-18
 The Arrogant Worms are a three-man comedy troupe. Using only guitar, bass, great stage presence, super-tight harmonies and the sharpest of wit, The Worms are on a mission to make you laugh. They are Canada's self-proclaimed Clowning Princes of Humor, Purveyors of the Absurd, and Ambassadors of Fun. The Worms find their roots in folk and acoustic rock, though they borrow from Celtic, country, reggae, bluegrass, surf music, and even gospel. They have made numerous appearances at festivals from coast-to-coast, piling on the air miles in their reckless pursuit of fun and profit. Their live performances have a reputation for high energy, a playful atmosphere, and unusual audience participation. This is clever, clean comedy for all ages.
 First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street,
 West Hartford

- 01/12 ***Eric Bibb*** 860-379-7235
 7:00p A performance by Eric Bibb is an enriching experience – both musically and spiritually. Purveying a beautifully realized and deftly accomplished, soulful and gospel infused, folk- blues, Eric has no problem melding a traditional rootsy American style with a subtle contemporary sensibility. As one critic wrote “Eric’s singing and versatile guitar playing fuses a variety of genres to become a New World Blues”. <http://www.ericbibb.com> 7:00 pm Reception; 7:30 pm Show
 Beekley Library, 10 Central Avenue
 New Hartford
- 01/12 ***Cece Borjeson and Ruth George*** 860-693-0263 \$12-15
 7:30p Cece Borjeson & Ruth George get our New Year going with satisfying vocal and instrumental harmonies, their fun–and-friendly stage presence and great song selection. Their repertoire reached around the globe as they accompany their singing with guitars, bhodran and tin whistle. Expect works by major contemporary writers plus classic Celtic, American, Columbian and Mexican folk songs plus Yiddish and Nigerian *lullabies*. Standout numbers include “Red Molly,” “Guantanamera,” & “Pharaoh”
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 01/12 ***Doug Mahard and Ragged Jeans*** (860) 868-6633 Free
 9p Singer/Songwriter Doug Mahard with his band Ragged Jeans, Dave Duda on drums and Peter Witkin on bass, offer a wide variety of original tunes mixed in with diverse covers and instrumentals. Throw in their three part harmonies and you have the makings of a very pleasant musical evening.
 G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Rd. (Rt. 47)
 Washington
- 01/12 ***Guitar Concert: John Lehmann-Haupt*** 860-542-5075 ?reservations
 4:00p With a firm foundation in musical structure and his instrument's resources, John has built a distinctive repertoire of classical works and fluently voiced original song arrangements. From 1981 until 1993, he performed nightly at Windows on the World atop New York City's World Trade Center, an engagement cited for musical excellence by The New York Times. He has also performed in concerts and clubs throughout the Northeast and in the homes of such prominent New Yorkers as Tom Brokaw, Madeleine Albright, and Donald Trump. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East
 Norfolk
- 01/12 ***Opera at the Palace*** 203-755-4700 \$37-77
 8:00p Join Maestro Willie Anthony Waters of Connecticut Opera as he conducts the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra in an evening of operatic aria and ensemble favorites sung by the stars of Connecticut Opera. Scheduled to perform as soloists are artists who have thrilled and delighted Connecticut audiences.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 01/12 ***The Snow Queen*** 203-438-5795 \$15
 11a & Hudson Vagabond Puppet’s signature “puppet ballet” features an 11-foot tall Snow Queen, a talking
 2p reindeer, a fierce Snow Monster, and a witch with a green thumb. This highly theatrical adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson’s tale is set to the music of Corelli and danced by larger-than-life-puppets
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield

- 1/12 ***Arlon Bennett*** \$10-12 suggested
 8:00p Arlon connects with the troubadour who has something to say without preaching, and he admires the artists who realize great storytelling is great storytelling, whether it's Dylan, Springsteen or Cash. Arlon's visibility in the folk Americana scene has been growing steady and strong while accumulating songwriting awards throughout North America. Open Mic at 8p, show at 9p
 Roots Music Coffeehouse
 345 Main Street, Danbury
- 01/12 ***MOMIX – Lunar Sea*** 860.489.7180 \$30-50
 8:00p The MOMIX company of dancers and illusionists is internationally known for presenting works of & exceptional inventiveness and physical beauty. Staged to reflect life on the moon, Lunar Sea defies
 01/13 concepts of weight and gravity as dancers glow in the dark and swim in the air. The New York Times
 2:00p calls it, "A joyous, fantastic, magical multimedia creation! Lunar Sea celebrates the joy of spectacle—an eye-popping, mind-boggling production!" and the Boston Globe calls it, "This mad and marvelous troupe has all the mesmeric power of a magic show!"
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 01/13 ***Mountain*** 203-438-5795 \$50
 8:00p Named by VH1 as one of the 100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock, Mountain has been one of the most explosive live acts since 1970. After their last sold-out Playhouse appearance, Mountain returns in support of their 2007 release *Masters of War*, a tribute album to Bob Dylan. *Masters of War* boasts 12 carefully chosen Dylan songs interpreted through the rock n' roll eyes of Leslie West and Corky Laing and features artists such as Ozzy Osbourne and Warren Haynes. Don't miss this opportunity to see rock legends tear through their own catalog of raucous tunes as well their exceptional interpretations of Dylan's genius.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 01/13 ***Samba Brasil*** 860-673-9712 Free
 3:00p an exciting mix of Brazilian music and jazz. Reception following show.
 Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road
 Avon
- 01/19 ***Goshen Players Open Mic Night*** 860-491-9988 \$ 7
 7:00p Take part in a new Goshen Players' tradition. Any and all musical, comedic and spoken word talents are welcome. A CD player, sound system, piano & light refreshments provided.
 Old Town Hall at the rotary of Rts 4 & 63 **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Goshen
- 01/19 ***Bill Staines*** 860-693-0263 \$15-17
 7:30p America's great songwriter and troubadour, Bill Staines, returns with songs from his remarkable new Red House Records CD—*Old Dogs*. In addition to great new originals, he offers moving performances of songs by Guy Clark, Norman Blake, John Stewart and Elizabeth Cotten. Bill brings out the performer in all of us by inviting us to join in on his marvelous choruses. *Sing Out!* calls him "one of contemporary folk music's top tunesmiths," while Nanci Griffith says "he carries on where Woody Guthrie left off." Enjoy his crowd pleasing songs "Crossing the Water," "Roseville Fair," and "A Place in the Choir".
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton

- 01/19 ***Piano Students' Recital*** (860) 567-8302 Free
 2:00p A recital presenting piano students of Christine Brodzik Piano Studio.
 Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road
 Litchfield
- 01/19 ***The Whispers with Stephanie Mills*** 203-755-4700 \$55-75
 8:00p The Whispers & Stephanie Mills come to the Palace stage for an unforgettable evening, as two legendary acts bring the very best of their Classic Soul hits. Adding to this night of magic is the group After 7, with their popular R&B favorites.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 1/19 ***Richie Havens*** 203-438-5795 \$50-55
 8:00p From Woodstock to presidential inaugurations, Richie Havens is a true architect of folk music. Born out of the Greenwich Village music scene of the '60's Havens soulful voice, distinctive open string playing and stellar ability to reinvent classic artist's music such as The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Marvin Gaye and others have made him a timeless performer with over 20 albums to his credit.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 01/19 ***Claudia Schmidt*** 203-272-8404 \$14-16
 A musician who has always hated categories, Claudia Schmidt describes herself as a "creative noisemaker," which has irritated some critics but delighted many audiences, who learn to expect anything at a Schmidt concert, hymn, poem, bawdy verse, torch song, satire, and the gamut of emotions. Her live performances are not to be missed. Her musicality is astonishing. Her joy and love of performing are contagious. She can weave the elements of music and stage into a program so unified and full of life that one critic has described a Claudia Schmidt concert as "...a lot like falling in love. You never know what's going to happen next, chances are it's going to be wonderful, every moment is burned into your memory, and you know you'll never be the same again." \$16, \$14 members
 First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street,
 West Hartford
- 01/20 ***Irish Dance Competition*** (845) 598-3094 ?
 9:00a The Feis Na Bliain Nua Irish Dance Competition.
 WCSU William O'Neill Athletic & Convocation Center, Westside campus, Lake Avenue Extension
 Danbury
- 01/21 ***The Peaceful Community*** (860) 567-3441 \$ 3
 10a- Music, stories and art projects for children 7-11 years commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther
 11:30 King, Jr. Led by Montessori Teacher Debby DeGuire. Please pre-register by January 17, 2008
 Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street **Email:** vchristgau@gmail.com
 Torrington
- 01/22- ***Mamma Mia!*** 203-755-4700 \$57-68
 01/27 A mother. A daughter. 3 possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! Over 30 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make MAMMA MIA! the ultimate feel-good show! Writer Catherine Johnson's sunny, funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings 3 men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-

telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, and every night everyone's having the time of their lives! With more productions playing internationally than any other musical, MAMMA MIA! is the World's No.1 Show!

01/22-01/24 at 7:30pm; 01/25 at 8:00p; 01/26 at 2p & 8p; 01/27 at 1p & 6:30p

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>

Waterbury

01/25 *Lyrics Cabaret*

203-755-4700 \$10

10:45p The stars are shining at **Lyric's** - Downtown's newest Hot Spot for after the show! Join us for the & opportunity to meet and mingle with the cast members of Mamma Mia! after their performance!

01/26 Lite fare and bar service will be available. **Lyric's** is Waterbury's community cabaret where YOU can after be a STAR! Attendees are encouraged to bring their sheet music (some selections will be available on show site) and we'll provide the "stage" and piano accompaniment for your performance. Seasoned performers and newcomers are all welcome! This is not Kareoke, it's better - so don't miss out on the fun!

Poli Club

Waterbury

01/25 *Intro to Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation* (860) 567-3441 \$60

6:30p- In this two-day interactive introduction, learn how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other Civil Rights 9:30p; leaders understood the dynamics of conflict, creating personal and social reconciliation. Explore Dr. & King's philosophy and methodology through a historical perspective that includes music and film.

01/26 Nonviolence principles and techniques continue to be relevant to anyone managing conflict today: 9-5 teachers, social workers, police officials, students, clergy, community organizers, business leaders, political leaders, and anyone working with young people and families. Pre-registration is required.

First Church of Christ Simsbury 689 Hopmeadow Street **Email:** vchristgau@gmail.com

Simsbury

01/26 *Capitol Steps*

860.489.7180 \$20-40

8:00p After their hilarious show at the Warner in 2006, Capitol Steps returns just in time for the 2008 presidential campaign season. Larry King raves, "They're the best. There's no one like them, no one in their league," and the Washington Post calls Capitol Steps, "The best musical satire on Washington!" Experience the comedic wit of this troupe of ex-congressional staffers as they lampoon everyone and everything in Washington. Through song parodies and comedy sketches no party or topic is safe from these congressional cut-ups

Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street

Torrington

01/26 *Paul Rishell & Annie Raines*

860-693-0263 \$16-18

7:30p Tone-Cool recording artists Paul Rishell & Annie Raines are the ultimate roots and blues music duo. Their fine vocals and instrumental virtuosity have earned them W.C. Handy Awards and inclusion on bills with major blues greats Ray Charles, Little Fent, John Sebastian and Susan Tedeschi. The interplay of Paul's acoustic, electric and resonator/slide guitar with Annie's tasteful mandolin and commanding harmonica work is amazing. Enjoy songs from their CDs *Goin' Home*, *Blues On A Holiday* and *Moving to the Country*. Highlights include "Memphis Town," "I Had A Good Mother and Father," "Tears" and "Good Women Have Bad Days."

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road

Canton

- 01/26 ***Jorma Kaukonen*** 203-438-5795 \$47.50
 8:00p American blues, rock and folk guitarist, Jorma Kaukonen was named by Rolling Stone Magazine as the "54th Greatest Rock Guitarist" and the "16th Greatest Acoustic Guitarist of All-Time." He's a co-founding member of "Jefferson Airplane" and "Hot Tuna," a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and a finger-picking legend. Get ready to jam with a true master of improvisational guitar!
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.
 Ridgefield
- 01/26 ***Christine Lavin*** 203-272-8404 \$18-20
 Christine Lavin has been a major force in the contemporary music world for two decades. A multi-award winning singer, songwriter, guitarist and comedienne, she has recorded and released 15 solo albums of original material, and has put together and produced 8 compilations showcasing the works of numerous singer/songwriters. Christine Lavin is a one of a kind performer of great song, adroit comedy and on stage surprise. Her interaction with audiences is rarely matched by any performer. From pre-show knitting circles, to twirling batons, Christine Lavin is an original.
 First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street,
 West Hartford
- 01/26- ***Ain't Misbehavin'*** (860) 283-6250 \$20
 02/10 The outrageously prodigious comic and musical soul of 1930s Harlem lives on in this rollicking, F/Sa swinging, finger-snapping revue that is still considered one of Broadway's best. The inimitable Thomas 8p; "Fats" Waller rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club, honky tonk dives Su along Lenox Avenue, rent parties, stride piano players and that jumpin' new beat, Swing. Although not 2p quite a biography, AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of this American original as a versatile cast struts, strums and sings the songs he made famous in a career that ranged from uptown clubs to downtown Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood and concert stages.
 Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main St.
 Thomaston
- 01/27 ***Tricordes*** 860-673-9712 Free
 3:00p Playing 19th and 20th century trios. Reception following the show.
 Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road
 Avon
- 01/27 ***Danbury Symphony Orchestra***
 3:00p Annual Young People's Concert, Postcards from Paris selections from the *Mother Goose Suite* by Ravel
 Also, featuring this year's winner of the DSO Concerto Competition
 Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 01/31 ***Katie Couric's The Brand New Kid*** 203-755-4700 \$ 8
 10a & It's the very first day of 2nd grade, and Lazlo S. Gasky is the new kid in school. He's your typical 7- 12p year-old boy, but because he doesn't look or speak quite like the others, the teasing and taunting begin. When Ellie McSnelly risks being ridiculed to spend an afternoon with him, the two teach their classmates a valuable lesson about the need to give others a chance. This uplifting new musical proves that being yourself is the best way to be!. Best for Grades: K-4
 Curricular Integrations: Language Arts, Diversity, Contemporary Issues, Bullying
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