



# *Music In The Air*

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promote integration through the arts*

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- 02/02 ***Suzanne Vega*** 860-542-5531 \$ 50-65  
8:00p Widely regarded as one of the most brilliant songwriters of her generation, Suzanne Vega emerged as a leading figure of the folk-music revival of the early 1980s when, accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, she sang what has been labeled contemporary folk or neo-folk songs of her own creation in Greenwich Village clubs. Since the release of her self-titled, critically acclaimed 1985 debut album, she has given sold-out concerts in many of the world's best-known halls.  
Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
Norfolk
- 02/02 ***Black Violin*** 203.346.2002 \$10  
10a Kev Marcus and Wil b are Black Violin, two classically trained musicians who, along with their DJ TK, have created the ultimate synergy between classical and hip-hop music and with it an incredible opportunity to reach children. Kev Marcus and Wil b, both graduates of Dillard Performing Arts High School, used their musical talents to earn full scholarships to college. Now Black Violin want to make sure that young people get the same exposure to the arts and opportunity that they did. Performing and touring with Alica Keyes, P Diddy, and Akon to name a few, Black Violin has committed themselves for the next few years to give back and teach children that classical music is cool! Best for Grades 6-12  
Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheatrect.org/>  
Waterbury
- 02/02 ***All Jazz First Thursday featuring*** 203-753-0381x10 \$ 7-15  
5:30p ***Percussionist Duane Huff, Vocalist Theresa Wright & Brad Rickert on Piano***  
These musicians have performed for local, national and international venues and are sure to bring toe-tapping jazz to the museum.  
[Mattatuck Museum](#), 144 West Main Street  
Waterbury

- 02/02 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Free  
 8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Homestate, at 9 p.m.  
 Alumni Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp  
 Danbury
- 02/02 ***Javier Colon*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 55-60  
 8:00p Winner of the hit NBC show “The Voice” – singer/songwriter Javier Colon returns to the Ridgefield Playhouse, fresh off his brand new album *As Long As We Got Love* featuring Natasha Bedingfield! Blessed with a stunningly soulful voice, uncanny writing ability, and a commanding stage presence, International recording artist Javier Colon has created his own unique style of music that can be described as an eclectic blend of R&B, Folk, Soul, Rock and Country.  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield
- 02/02 ***Candlemas Choral Evensong*** 860-567-9465 Free  
 6:00p St. Michael’s invites the community to Candlemas Choral Evensong, a beautiful Anglican liturgy of sung evening prayer rooted in ancient Christian and pre-Christian traditions. Occurring forty days after Christmas, “Candlemas” (or Candle Mass) refers to the blessing of beeswax candles to be used throughout the year, some of which are distributed to the faithful for use in the home. It is also known as the Feast of the Presentation; the blessing of candles on this day recalls Simeon's reference to the infant Jesus as the “light for revelation to the Gentiles.” Evensong features sung psalms and choral arrangements of the Magnificat and other prayers from the liturgy. The service is about twenty-five minutes long, and all are invited afterwards for a simple soup and bread supper in St. Michael’s Community House. St. Michael’s welcomes all to this very lovely way to gather in the deep mid-winter and nourish both body and soul.  
 St. Michael’s Parish, 25 South Street  
 Litchfield
- 02/03 ***Metta Friday with Jen Vanderlyn*** 860-294-1156 \$10  
 8-10p Join us at The Phoenix Rising Center for our first Metta Friday - an opportunity to experience, in a small venue, music, poetry, dance, and so much more. For February our performer will be Jen Vanderlyn. Check Jen's music out at [www.freethoughtmusic.wordpress.com](http://www.freethoughtmusic.wordpress.com).  
 The Phoenix Rising Center, 135 South Main Street; 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Seth Thomas Clock Tower  
 Thomaston [Click to Visit](#)
- 02/03 ***Ricky Skaggs & KentuckyThunder*** 860-542-5531 \$ 55-75  
 7:00 **Set length 75 min**  
 & A life full of music. That’s the story of fourteen-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs. By age  
 9:30p twenty-one, he was already considered a “recognized master” of one of America’s most demanding art forms, but his career took him in other directions, catapulting him to popularity and success in the mainstream of country music. His life’s path has taken him to various musical genres, from where it all began in bluegrass music, to striking out on new musical journeys, while still leaving his musical roots intact.  
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/04 ***Too Blue*** 203-925-9064 no cover  
 8-11p Huntington St. Café, 90 Huntington St. [www.huntingtonstreetcafe.com](http://www.huntingtonstreetcafe.com)  
 Shelton

- 02/04 ***Soul Sound Revue*** 860-542-5531 \$ 24-35  
 8:00p Soul Sound Revue by far the hottest Motown show this side of Detroit, performs the greatest hits in the true "Motown Tradition". Soul Sound Revue recreates the dynamic vocal harmonies and musical styling of classic Motown groups of the sixties, seventies, and eighties: The Four Tops, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, and many more. With the popular resurgence of the seventies, eighties, and nineties, Soul Sound Revue currently performs the most popular dance hits spanning four decades.  
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/04 ***Rodgers and Hammerstein Celebration*** 203-438-3889 \$25-60  
 8:00p ***Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra***  
 Celebrate the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein in a glittering evening of song. The RSO and soloists will present selected favorites from Carousel, State Fair, The King and I, Oklahoma, South Pacific and The Sound of Music. Special guest, Andy Hammerstein, starts this star-studded evening off with a preconcert lecture at 7:00pm.  
 Ridgefield High School, 700 North Salem Road  
 Ridgefield
- 02/04 ***Sweetheart Dance & Social*** 860-567-8302 \$25 pp  
 7-10p Great music & dancing tunes by "the Little Big Band" including swing, standards, contemporary with a little rock n' roll and rhythm n' blues. BYOB & complimentary coffee & sweets. 21 & older welcome.  
 Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road  
 Litchfield
- 02/04 ***Oliver*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 25  
 2:00 & Based on the Dickens novel, this family favorite delights everyone with its outstanding musical numbers  
 7:30p; from Food, Glorious Food, I'd Do Anything, and Where is Love?, to Consider Yourself, As Long As He  
 02/05 Needs Me, Who Will Buy and Reviewing the Situation. Performed with a live professional orchestra,  
 2:00p this family musical will entertain children and adults of all ages!  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield
- 02/04- ***Titanic – the musical*** 860.489.7180 \$  
 02/10 On an April morning in 1912 over 2,000 dreams set sail for America on the notorious liner dubbed "unsinkable". Now, in honor of the 100th Anniversary the Tony Award winning Best Musical comes to the Warner Stage in a poignant and awe-inspiring theater spectacle. Fri/Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm.  
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street <http://www.warnertheatre.org/>  
 Torrington
- 02/06 ***Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis*** (860) 350 5995 Free?  
 8:30p 59 Bank Street  
 New Milford
- 02/07 ***Wendy Lucas in Concert*** 860-397-7235 Free  
 1:30p Harpist Wendy Lucas performs a 1 hour program of various selections for solo harp.  
 Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road [Click to Visit](#)  
 North Canaan

- 02/07 ***Drum Circle*** 860-294-1156 \$ 5 donation  
 8-10p Drum Circle - join us as we join together to celebrate drumming. No previous experience needed and if you don't have a drum, bring a rattle. Fun evening! The Phoenix Rising Center, 135 South Main Street; 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Seth Thomas Clock Tower Thomaston [Click to Visit](#)
- 02/07 ***Andy Grammer*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 38  
 8:00p From the buoyant Top 10 hit, "Keep Your Head Up" to the breezy "Fine By Me," jubilant, horn-laced "The Pocket," and emotionally-charged "You Should Know Better," Grammer's irresistible pop songs blend heartfelt, compelling lyrics with instantly unforgettable melodies. Think the relaxed vibe of Jason Mraz crossed with the rock soul of Maroon 5. Named one of Billboard's 2011 Artists to Watch, performing live remains a communal experience for Grammer, who's toured with the Plain White Ts, Colbie Caillat, Josh Kelley and Natasha Bedingfield, among others. Grammer wrote "Keep Your Head Up" as a letter of encouragement to himself after he'd spent an exhausting day street performing and had little to money to show for it. Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>
- 02/07 ***Spiritual Drumming*** 860-567-8302 \$ 10 donation  
 1-2:30p Led by Susan Strand. Experience drumming by becoming part of a sacred circle; learn and play drum rhythms; drum with intentionality and create community. Bring your own drum if you have one. A few drums and many rhythm instruments will be available. Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road Litchfield
- 02/08 ***David Sanborn*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 55  
 8:00p For anyone that knows Jazz, they know David Sanborn. Don't miss the Grammy-winning saxophone legend in his second Playhouse performance. Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>
- 02/09 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Free  
 8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, WCSU Jazz Ensemble, at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall, 181 White St Danbury [www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp](http://www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp)
- 02/09 ***Peter Wolf w/Roy Sludge*** 860-542-5531 \$45-65  
 8:00p Peter Wolf is one of rock's legendary front men best known for his year's as lead singer of the J. Geil's band, whose multi-platinum hits include "Freeze Frame", "Centerfold", "Love Stinks", and "Musta Got Lost." A favored guest on NPR, his critically acclaimed solo albums were voted by Rolling Stone Magazine as one of the "500 greatest albums ever made". Peter's band the "Midnight Travelers," consist of a unique consortment of the finest jazz and rock musicians working today. An evening with Wolf takes you on an eclectic musical journey interwoven with his spellbinding stories. Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 Norfolk [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)
- 02/10 ***Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience*** 860-542-5531 \$ 17-30  
 8:00p For more than 2 decades Grammy award winning artist Terrance Simien, 8th generation Louisiana

Creole has been shattering the myths about what his indigenous Creole Zydeco music is and is not. Leading his Zydeco Experience Band, Simien has become one of the most respected and internationally recognized touring and recording artists in roots music today. He has performed over 5000 concerts, toured millions of miles to over 40 countries and reached at least a million people during his eventful 25 year career.

Infinity Hall, Rt. 44  
Norfolk

[www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)

02/10 ***Big Love Concert***

860-927-3486 \$20

3:00p Diana Herold Jazz Quartet in an intimate setting in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall, with refreshments.  
St. Andrew's Parish Hall, corner of Routes 341 & 7.  
Kent

02/10 ***An Evening of Classical Guitar with Kenneth Meyer*** 860-868-7854 \$10 suggested

7:00p Solo Classical Guitar Recital featuring the music of Bach, Rodrigo, Barrio and internationally known composer Gregory Mertl, a resident of Litchfield County. Kenneth Meyer, the national first-prize winner at the Music Teacher's National Association Collegiate Artist Competition, is regarded by the Washington Post as, "A thinking man's guitarist – he focuses on the inner structure of a piece...and plays with impressive gravity and power." The Buffalo News has called him, "Impeccably articulate with superb technique."

New Preston Congregational Church, 15 Church Street  
New Preston

02/10- ***Shrek the Musical***

203.346.2002 \$48-68

02/11 SHREK THE MUSICAL, based on the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks film that started it all, brings the  
2&8p hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to life on stage. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre – not a handsome prince – shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a villain with a SHORT temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand... and his name is Shrek. Featuring a terrific score of 19 all-new songs, big laughs, great dancing and breathtaking scenery, WWOR-TV proclaims SHREK THE MUSICAL, "FAR, FAR AND AWAY THE FUNNIEST NEW MUSICAL ON BROADWAY"

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street  
Waterbury

<http://www.palacetheatretect.org/>

02/10- ***Fool for Love Valentine Cabaret!***

860-491-9988 \$20

02/11 Karl Gallmeyer is Musical Director for what has become an annual, hot-ticket event. Hard on the heels  
8:00p of 2011's sold-out "Cupid 2.0", Gallmeyer is featuring music and talent that is sure to please one and all. This venue has intimate cabaret seating. Early reservations are strongly encouraged.  
Goshen Theatre in The Old Town Hall at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 63 (on the rotary).  
Parking is located in the lot across the street, or at the Congregational Church.  
Goshen

02/11 ***Friday Feast and Dancing Feet***

860-567-8302 \$7

12-2p Join us on the third Friday of each month for a great afternoon of music, food and fun. Enjoy a great meal provided by local restaurants, and music for your listening and dancing pleasure!  
Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road  
Litchfield

- 02/11 ***The O-Tones*** 860-542-5075 Donations  
 7:30p On Saturday, February 11, at 7:30 pm, the Library welcomes back the O-Tones for a Valentine's Day dance! The O-Tones, a hot swing and Motown band from Massachusetts, will melt your hearts and get your feet dancing. Their diverse repertoire as a dance band showcases powerful vocal harmonies, a driving rhythm section, soulful tenor sax, blazing guitar solos and funky keyboard. Please call for reservations  
 Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East [Click to Visit](#)  
 Norfolk
- 02/11 ***Jane Monheit*** 860-542-5531 \$ 45-60  
 8:00p Jane Monheit is an extraordinarily gifted jazz vocalist whose sincere and romantic interpretations of exceptional songs has made her a favorite in both the jazz and cabaret worlds. Monheit has garnered numerous accolades in the past decade. Her first album, "Never Never Land", was voted top debut recording by the Jazz Journalists Association and stayed on the Billboard Jazz chart for over a year. Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/11 ***Joseph FireCrow*** 860-693-0263 \$15-17  
 7:30p Joseph Fire Crow returns to Roaring Brook after having won a Grammy Award and multiple Native American awards. He returns with his remarkable program of flute playing, singing and chanting and sharing magical stories that illuminate Native American Culture. Joseph constructs flutes from natural materials to play songs passed down through countless generations. Born in Montana and raised on a Cheyenne Reservation, he experienced much hardship and poverty. His great love of music and education saw him through it all. Today, Joseph is a superb musician, singer and public speaker whose music is heard on the film soundtracks to Ken Burns' National Parks and Lewis & Clark PBS documentaries.  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road <http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org/>  
 Canton
- 02/11 ***Music Through History:*** 860-567-4501 \$ 5-7 Register  
 1:00p ***An Indoor Family Lawn Show with Musician Rick Spencer***  
 Is the weather outside frightful? Do you long for summer days lounging in the grass? Friends and families are invited to join musician and historian Rick Spencer as he performs myriad songs from various periods of American history, including music from the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Refreshments (and chairs) will be provided or bring your own.  
 Litchfield History Museum, South Street  
 Litchfield
- 02/11 ***Waterbury Symphony Orchestra*** 203-574-4283 \$20-50  
 8:00p ***Forbidden Love***  
 Ever wonder where the words leave off and the music begins? When the words are drawn from Shakespeare's melodious Romeo and Juliet and the music inspired by the Immortal Bard's "star-crossed lovers," it's practically impossible to tell! Join the Waterbury Symphony and the theatrical troupe, Shakesperience Productions, as we weave words and music together in an unforgettable 70 minute continuous concert experience. From the **Festivities at the Capulet's** to the iconic **Balcony Scene** to the tragically infamous finale, the entire story will be told not only on stage but throughout the entire concert hall. Romance, intrigue, and celebration on Valentine's Day weekend 2012.  
 Naugatuck Valley Community College Fine Arts Center, 750 Chase Parkway  
 Waterbury

- 02/11 ***African Beat- Ancient Musical Instruments*** 860-868-0518 \$ 10 Adults, \$ 5 kids  
 1-2p Celebrate the universal language of music! Through performance, discussion and demonstration local Roxbury resident and **African musician, Mark Ingram** tells the history and evolution of musical instruments through time. Using handmade traditional instruments such as log drums, animal hide drums, marimbas, flutes, kalimbas, banjo and many more Mark weaves a fun exploration of African-American history, nature, music and art. Please call for reservations.  
 The Institute for American Indian Studies, 38 Curtis Road,  
 Washington
- 02/11 ***Wagner's Gotterdammerung– The Met in HD*** 860.489.7180 \$23  
 Noon Lecture Time: 10:00-10:45  
 With its cataclysmic climax, the Met's new Ring cycle, directed by Robert Lepage, comes to its resolution. Deborah Voigt stars as Brünnhilde and Gary Lehman is Siegfried—the star-crossed lovers doomed by fate. James Levine conducts.  
 Running Time 6 hours 24 minutes.  
 Nancy Marine Studio, 68 Main Street <http://www.warnetheatre.org/>  
 Torrington
- 02/11 ***The Kennedys*** 203-272-8404 \$ 16-18  
 7:30p Pete and Maura Kennedy met at the Continental Club in Austin Texas. Within a few weeks, they went on their first date at Buddy Holly's grave in Lubbock, TX, and within a year, they were touring together, as part of Nanci Griffith's band, and as the opening act on Nanci's two month tour of the British Isles. In a dusty little dressing room on the top floor of Dublin's Olympia theatre, they penned the songs that would become their first CD, "River of Fallen Stars". The CD was awarded the "Indie" award in 1995 for "Best Adult Contemporary CD" by the National Association of Independent Record Distributors. Ten CDs and several side-projects later (The Strangelings, The Stringbusters, and their solo projects), they enjoy loyal followings in both the guitar camp and the singer-songwriter set. Ultimately it's their tight harmonies, their chemistry, and their unashamedly idealistic outlook that has carved them their own niche in the studio and onstage.  
 The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street  
 West Hartford <http://www.folknotes.org/>
- 02/11 ***Peabo Bryson & Jeffrey Osborne*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 135-225  
 6:30p Chart-topping classic love songs of four of the greatest R&B crooners and soul singers of all time – Jeffrey Osborne and Peabo Bryson. Their love songs have helped mend many a relationship and been at the center of making millions more memorable. Through their lyrics, millions have gained a better understanding of the meaning of true love and all that it has to offer. Balladeer Jeffrey Osborne's career has spanned several decades and he continues to engage audiences with such favorites as "On the Wings of Love", "Don't You Get So Mad", "Only Human", and the crowd favorite "The Woo Woo Song." Jeffrey is no doubt one of the most accomplished R&B vocalists of our time. In addition to his many solo hits, the voice of the hit group, LTD, will also bring such classics as "Holding On", "Back in Love Again" and the timeless song "Love Ballad" to audiences that night. Oscar and Grammy award winner Peabo Bryson has brought us such favorites as "Feel the Fire", "Reaching for the Sky", "I'm So into You", and "Can You Stop the Rain". Peabo also created such hits as, "Here We Go", "Tonight I Celebrate My Love" and the award-winning songs "Beauty and the Beast" and "A Whole New World".  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield

- 02/12 ***Desserts With Love II Variety Show*** 860-283-4937 \$ 5-10  
 2:00p This event is a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry program of the church, and will benefit upcoming youth mission projects. Desserts from Rozzi's Eatery, Watertown Road, Thomaston, will be served followed by songs, jokes, skits, all in the name of love, since it's Valentine's Weekend! Bring your sweetie and enjoy an afternoon of fun, romance, reminiscing, and music.  
 First Congregational Church, 135 Main Street  
 Thomaston
- 02/12 ***Pierce Pettis & Grace Pettis*** (203) 431-6501 \$20-25  
 4:00p Pierce is "A torrent of musical language that speaks to the head and the heart" -- The San Francisco Chronicle. His daughter, Grace, has solidified her reputation as an accomplished songwriter with her recent win at the 2011 Kerrville New Folk Contest, as well as being asked to perform at the 2011 Falcon Ridge Emerging Artist Showcase.  
 Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St. [www.acousticcelebration.org/](http://www.acousticcelebration.org/)  
 Ridgefield
- 02/12 ***Wagner's Gotterdammerung*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 25  
 Noon **Met Opera Live in HD** With its cataclysmic climax, the Met's new Ring cycle, directed by Robert Lepage, comes to its resolution. Deborah Voigt stars as Brünnhilde and Gary Lehman as Siegfried—the star-crossed lovers doomed by fate. James Levine conducts. Run time 6 hours 24 mins.  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield
- 02/12 ***Trio Solisti*** 203-426-6470 \$20  
 3:00p Well known and well loved by our audiences we have invited them back once again. Their sparkling renditions of music by Mozart, Moravec, Hubay and Brahms are sure to be another highlight of our 2011/12 season. Some things just get better with time..  
 Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, <http://newtownfriendsofmusic.org/>  
 Newtown
- 02/12 ***Tab Benoit*** 860-542-5531 \$ 30-40  
 8:00p Tab Benoit is a Cajun man who's definitely got the blues. A guitar player since his teenage years, he learned the Blues first-hand by playing alongside Tabby Thomas, Raful Neal, Henry Gray and other high-profile blues legends. He plays a style that is a combination of Swamp blues, Soul blues and Chicago blues. "Almost nobody can beat Tab Benoit for playing raw, dirty-sounding roadhouse blues. There is something about when he gets to rocking that gets everybody going in the way the best blues and rock 'n' roll should...." - OffBeat  
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/13 ***Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis*** (860) 350 5995 Free?  
 8:30p 59 Bank Street  
 New Milford
- 02/16 ***Marcia Ball & BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet*** (203) 438-5795 \$55  
 8:00p Marcia Ball and BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet roll out the dance floor and present a heart-racing musical tour of the American South and Gulf Coast, bringing a bit of Texas roadhouse and Louisiana dance hall to audiences across the country. Marcia Ball, who The New York Times calls a "powerhouse" of "New Orleans-styled rhythm and blues performance," is a four-time Grammy

nominee, an eight-time Blues Music Award winner, and was inducted into The Gulf Coast Music Hall of Fame in 2010.

Over a celebrated 35 year career, BeauSoleil have become the most acclaimed Cajun group of all time, earning 11 Grammy nominations and 2 Grammy wins, and an astonishing 14 OffBeat Magazine Best Cajun Performer/Best of the Beat Awards. BeauSoleil are also frequent guests on one of NPR's most popular and longest running programs, A Prairie Home Companion  
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
Ridgefield

- 02/16 **Coffeehouse** 203-837-9700 Free  
8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Arildo de Souza, at 9 p.m.  
Alumni Hall, 181 White St [www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp](http://www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp)  
Danbury
- 02/16 **Ruth Moody Band – from the Wailin Jennys** 860-542-5531 \$ 25-40  
8:00p Ruth Moody is a Juno Award winning songwriter from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Founding member of the internationally renowned, Billboard-charting trio The Wailin' Jennys and former lead singer of the Canadian roots band Scruj MacDuhk (the band that would later become The Duhks), she has performed in sold-out venues around the world, made numerous critically-acclaimed albums, and has appeared more than a dozen times on the national radio show A Prairie Home Companion.  
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Norfolk
- 02/17 **Buckwheat Zydeco Mardi Gras Party** 860-542-5531 \$ 35-55  
8:00p (CPTV Filming)  
Buckwheat Zydeco's repertoire of Louisiana's hottest music consists of soulful original Creole tunes and the trademark exuberance that's made Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural the world's best-loved zydeco artist, and has earned Buckwheat Zydeco fame as "The World's Greatest Party Band." After 5 nominations in 3 different categories, Buckwheat Zydeco won the Grammy for Best Cajun and Zydeco album for Lay Your Burden Down in 2010! The band plays a long list of high-profile gigs year in and year out, and their music can be heard in a slew of major motion pictures and television shows.  
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Norfolk
- 02/17 **Cellist Thirzah Bendokas with Piano Accompaniment** 860-397-7235 Free  
2:00 Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road, Hollenbeck Room [Click to Visit](#)  
North Canaan
- 02/18 **Roomful of Blues** 860-542-5531 \$ 30-40  
8:00p Roomful of Blues, according to DownBeat magazine, "are in a class by themselves." With their masterful combination of jumping, horn-heavy, hard-edged blues and R&B, it's no wonder why the great Count Basie called them "the hottest blues band I've ever heard." Since 1967, the group's deeply rooted blend of swing, rock 'n' roll, jump, blues and soul has earned it five Grammy Award nominations and a slew of other accolades, including seven Blues Music Awards (one for Blues Band Of The Year in 2005). The band has been led since 1996 by guitarist Chris Vachon.  
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- 02/18 ***LA Philharmonic LIVE: Dudamel conducts Mahler*** 860-489-5605 \$20  
 5:00p Dudamel leads the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Simón Bolívar Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela, combined with multiple choirs and soloists in Mahler's 8th, "Symphony of a Thousand," the apotheosis of the Romantic symphony. This live performance will put more than 1,000 musicians on the stage in Caracas, Venezuela, giving North American audiences a chance to witness Dudamel making music on his home turf. Enhanced behind-the-scenes content will include special footage from Caracas. CINEROM digital entertainment center, 89 Farley Place [Click to Visit](#)  
 Torrington
- 02/18 ***Anna Livia*** 203-272-8404 \$ 15-17  
 7:30p At the cutting edge of acoustic and traditional music, Annalivia fuses old and new world sounds to create an authentic new sound, both steeped in tradition and alive with new energy, innovation and originality. The members of Annalivia - Liz Simmons, Flynn Cohen, Emerald Rae and Mariel Vandersteel - are all virtuosic on their instruments and have long histories with traditional music, ranging from bluegrass to Irish, Scottish, Norwegian and Old Time. These styles play a large role in the interpretations of their material, which include inventive, quirky fiddle tunes and lushly arranged songs. Their unique style has a distinctly American flavor, yet with the detail, precision and energy of their bluegrass and Celtic backgrounds. The members of Annalivia are all seasoned musicians, and have toured with the likes of Cathie Ryan, John Whelan and Adrienne Young. The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street  
 West Hartford <http://www.folknotes.org/>
- 02/18 ***Ed Gerhard*** 860-693-0263 \$20-22  
 7:00p GRAMMY Award-winning Guitarist Ed Gerhard. From Tokyo to Rome and venues across the US, Ed Gerhard's music has touched audiences all over the world. Performing on 6-string, 12-string, slide guitar or Acoustic Hawaiian Lap Slide, Gerhard captivates his audiences with virtuosity, generosity and sly humor. Known for his gorgeous tone and compositional depth, Gerhard can move a listener with a single note. Scott Alarik of the Boston Globe said it best when he wrote "Gerhard does not write instrumentals. He writes songs only a guitar can sing." Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road <http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org/>  
 Canton
- 02/19 ***Gary Puckett & The Union Gap Band*** 860-542-5531 \$ 50-70  
 1:00p Gary Puckett and The Union Gap had six consecutive gold records and sold more records in 1968 than any other recording act ...Including The Beatles. Gary is one of a few artists whose first five releases went gold. Not even Elvis accomplished this. Mr. Puckett played a command performance at the White House for Prince Charles and Princess Anne by special invitation of the President. Gary has made more than 50 television appearances and has performed in a Made for TV movie. PBS will be airing a special in August 2001 in which Gary appeared. Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/19 ***Marcia Ball*** 860-542-5531 \$ 27-45  
 7:30p Four time GRAMMY Nominee, including her last three albums: Peace, Love & BBQ (2008), Live! Down The Road (2005) and So Many Rivers (2003), plus an earlier nomination for Sing It! (1998) with Irma Thomas and Tracy Nelson. (please see DISCOGRAPHY) Gulf Coast Music Hall Of Fame Inductee (2010) Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
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- 02/20 ***Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis*** (860) 350 5995 Free?  
 8:30p 59 Bank Street  
 New Milford
- 02/21 ***Willie Nininger in Concert*** 860-397-7235 Free  
 2:00 Folk legend Willie Nininger to perform at Geer Village  
 Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road [Click to Visit](#)  
 North Canaan
- 02/22 ***Leigh Nash with Kenny White*** 860-542-5531 \$ 20-32  
 8:00p Leigh Nash is probably best known as the lead singer of Sixpence None The Richer, whose achievements spanned four albums, earned them multiple Dove awards and a Grammy nomination, and saw the great success of three hit singles, "Kiss Me," "Breathe Your Name," and "There She Goes." Over ten years after Sixpence None The Richer ended, Leigh Nash continues to sing and release solo records  
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 Norfolk
- 02/23 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Free  
 8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Kurt Scobie, at 9 p.m.  
 Alumni Hall, 181 White St [www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp](http://www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp)  
 Danbury
- 02/23 ***Hot Tuna (acoustic)*** 860-542-5531 \$ 60-80  
 8:00p From their days playing together as teenagers to their current acoustic and electric blues, probably no one has more consistently led American music for the last 50 years -- yes! -- than Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, the founders and continuing core members of Hot Tuna.  
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/23 ***Wilson Phillips*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 83  
 8:00p Direct from their scene-stealing cameo in this year's smash film Bridesmaids, Wilson Phillips is back! Surpassing the record held by The Supremes, Wilson Phillips was declared best-selling female group of all time by Billboard in 1992. Chynna Phillips, daughter of Michelle and John Phillips of The Mamas & the Papas, and Carnie and Wendy Wilson, daughters of Beach Boy Brian Wilson, exploded on the music scene with three #1 hit singles from their 1990 debut album (Hold On, Release Me and You're in Love). Their new album, scheduled for release in January, features covers of their parents' music. Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield
- 02/24 ***An Evening with Wilson Phillips*** 860-542-5531 \$ 74-94  
 8:00p **(CPTV Filming)**  
 Wilson Phillips received four Grammy Award nominations, two American Music Award nominations and a Billboard Music Award. They are also the offspring of prominent musicians; the Wilsons are the daughters of Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys, while Phillips's parents are John Phillips and Michelle Phillips of The Mamas & The Papas!  
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk

- 02/24 ***Jazz Orchestra Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free  
 8:00p Featured will be Frankensax, conducted by Andrew Beals; the WCSU Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Dave Scott; and the WCSU Jazz Orchestra, conducted by Jamie Begian.  
 White Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/music/concerts.asp  
 Danbury
- 02/24 ***The Hit Men*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 45  
 8:00p WITH THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF MEGA ACT STARS FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS, TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS, The Critters, Carly Simon, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, Elton John & Kiki Dee, Jim Webb and more! **The SuperGroup who played and made the hits of the 60s, 70s, and 80s!** "Oh What A Night" (Dec. 63), "Who Loves You," "Could It Be Magic," "You Don't Mess Around With Jim," "Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown," "Mr. Dieingly Sad," "Younger Girl," "You Belong To Me", "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like A Man," "Bye Bye Baby," "Hanky Panky," "Draggin' The Line," "Mony, Mony" and more ...These five rock veterans will recreate the soundtrack of your life! The Hit Men are Gerry Polci, Lee Shapiro and Don Ciccone, all of whom were members of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, along with Jim Ryan, who played with Carly Simon and Rod Stewart, and Larry Gates, whose credits include Carole King and Bon Jovi.  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield
- 02/25 ***Frank Vignola*** 860-693-0263 \$20-22  
 7:30p Frank Vignola is one of the most extraordinary guitarists performing before the public today. His stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Madonna, Donald Fagen, Wynton Marsalis, Tommy Emmanuel, Mark O Connor, the Boston Pops, the New York Pops, and guitar legend Les Paul, who named Vignola to his "Five Most Admired Guitarists List" for the Wall Street Journal. Vignola's jaw-dropping technique explains why the New York Times deemed him "one of the brightest...stars of the guitar".  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road <http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org/>  
 Canton
- 02/25 ***Sing-A-Long Sound of Music*** 203.346.2002 \$15-50  
 4:00p The smash-hit musical show that has been all around the world is coming to Waterbury!  
*Sing-a-Long Sound of Music* is a screening of the classic Julie Andrews film musical in glorious, full-screen Technicolor, complete with subtitles so that the whole audience can sing along! Then of course there is the famous fancy-dress competition in which everyone who has come in costume is invited onto the stage to show off their fantastic tailoring skills. So get those vocal chords warmed up, cut up those chintz curtains and hurry down for the perfect night out. Fancy dress is not obligatory but highly recommended!  
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheatrect.org/>  
 Waterbury
- 02/25 ***Old Time Jam & Family Dance*** 203-272-8404 \$ 10 for dance  
 4:00 We will jam from 4-6 pm and then from 8 - 10:00 we'll play for an old fashioned family barn dance called by Jim Gregory. It would be great if the musicians stay and play for the dance . . . or just dance! Reel the set, form a square, dance in a circle with everyone there, young and old, short and tall, couples, singles, families, all! Folk dances all taught and called, no experience needed - learn as you go!  
 The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street  
 West Hartford <http://www.folknotes.org/>

- 02/25 ***Verdi's Ernani*** (203) 438-5795 \$ 25  
 1 & 6p **Met Opera Live in HD.** Angela Meade takes center stage in Verdi's thrilling early gem. Salvatore Licitra is her mismatched lover, and all-star Verdians Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Ferruccio Furlanetto.  
 Run time: 3 hrs 50 mins  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge <http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp>  
 Ridgefield
- 02/25 ***The Cast of Beatlemania*** 860-542-5531 \$ 35-55  
 8:00p If you missed the '60s, or you loved the '60s, you will enjoy this show. **The Beatles'** music transcends age and time. Although we will never again see the four Beatles perform live, Infinity Music Hall is pleased to bring you the next closest experience. Members of The Cast of Beatlemania are four very talented musicians and actors, who have devoted their musical careers to recapturing the sound and spirit of John, Paul, George and Ringo and who brought The Beatles' magic to audiences around the world.  
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 Norfolk
- 02/25 ***Piano Masterworks with Timothy Alexandre Wallace*** 860-482-6801 \$  
 7:15 Featuring: MOZART: Brilliance with Timothy Alexandre Wallace, pianist. 7:15pm - H'ordeuvres--7:30pm - Performance. Call to register as seating is limited.  
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street  
 Torrington
- 02/26 ***Larry Carlton*** 860-542-5531 \$ 50-70  
 7:30p The year 2000 starts with Grammy Award winning Larry Carlton putting his singularly superb fingerprints on the new millennium with his star-studded solo release on Warner Bros. Records, "Fingerprints". Utterly unique, Carlton has set a standard for artistry that spans three decades (and two centuries) and he is undoubtedly destined to leave his mark on jazz, blues, pop and rock for the foreseeable future...  
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 [www.infinityhall.com/calendar](http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar)  
 Norfolk
- 02/26 ***31<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Open Recital*** 860-435-2319 Free  
 3:00p Open recital of area students in piano, voice, instrumental, dance choral and chamber music including jazz ensembles and combos.  
 Fellowship Hall of the Salisbury Congregational Church, Library Street  
 Salisbury
- 02/26 ***Poetry and Music*** 860-355-0300  
 2:00p With writers Davyne Verstandig, Melissa Brown, Bonnie Wheeler, Cady McClain, and Jim Scrimgeour. Fred Krug, guitarist, with Pilobolus Dancers Jordan Kriston and Nile Russell.  
 Hunt Hill Farm, 44 Upland Road,  
 New Milford
- 02/27 ***Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis*** (860) 350 5995 Free?  
 8:30p 59 Bank Street  
 New Milford

02/28 ***Celtic Harp Performance with Marcie Swift*** 860-567-8030 Free; Register  
7-8p The sound of the plucked string of the harp has enchanted and transformed people for thousands of  
years. Come and enjoy.  
Oliver Wolcott Library, 160 South Street  
Litchfield