

# Music In The Air

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All Month Long      *List of Connecticut Fairs*      <http://ctfairs.org/>

- 09/19- ***The Wedding Singer***      860-283-6250      \$20-22  
10-04 In *The Wedding Singer*, it's 1985 and rock-star wannabe Robbie Heart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. Enter Julia, a winsome waitress who wins his affection. Only trouble is Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever. With a brand new score that pays loving homage to the pop songs of the 1980's, the *Wedding Singer* takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up, and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room. Fri/Sat 8:00p; Su 2:00p  
Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street  
Thomaston
- 10/01 ***Tuesday Night Open Mix,***      (860) 201-4904      \$ 1  
7:00p Music, Spoken Word and Hootenany Society Shindig. Tuesdays through years end. Singer songwriter, music, spoken word. Open Mix. "House Concert" performances.  
Nirvana Café, 81 Main Street  
Torrington
- 10/01 ***Antje Duvokot w/ special guest***      866-666-6306      \$15-25  
8:00p These are basically understated songs that show real insight into social and personal situations, and the lightness of touch in the production helps the lyrics land their punches. The lyrics are accentuated by Antje's distinct vocals. There's a youthful innocence in her voice that is immediately disarming and easy to enjoy. Shindell's presence is also felt on many tracks in the form of his immediately identifiable instrumental and vocal work, and the disc also features the talents of Lucy Kaplansky, John Gorka and Victor Krauss. The ten songs here are all excellent -- in particular the beautiful "Long Way," the opener "Vertigo," and "Ragdoll Princes and Junkyard Queens," which is the most upbeat song on the album. This is a beautiful album, full of great songs.  
Infinity Hall, Route 44  
Norfolk

- 10/01- ***Breaking Up is Hard To Do*** (203) 757-4676 \$
- 10/25 Music by Neil Sedaka; Book by Erick Jackson and Ben H. Winters. This fun-filled musical, currently the newest hit show in Branson, Missouri, features 18 of the classic hits of Neil Sedaka including “Laughter In the Rain”, “Calendar Girl”, “Sweet Sixteen”, “Where the Boys Are”, and of course “Breaking Up is Hard To Do” woven into a sweet comic story of mistaken identity, friendship and love. The Portsmouth Press Herald. “They use some of my best known songs and some hidden treasures. It sounds as though the songs were written for the show.”- Neil Sedaka.  
Seven Angels Theatre, Plank Road  
Waterbury
- 10/01 ***Rigoletto (Verdi)*** 860.489.7180 \$20  
7:30p Digital Cinema Series. Sung in Italian with English subtitles  
Considered one of Giuseppe Verdi’s greatest accomplishments, and certainly his most touching portrayal of a father-daughter relationship, *Rigoletto* continues to marvel audiences worldwide with its tragic plot and its trademark Arias (*La donna e’ mobile, Caro nome, Cortigiani vil razza dannata*). This production from Italy’s most important Festival entirely dedicated to the genius of Verdi is conducted by Massimo Zanetti, who was voted Best Young Conductor in 1997 by “Opernwelt” and also by the “Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung” in 1998  
Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street  
Torrington
- 10/02 ***Robin Trower*** (203) 438-3889 \$60  
8:00p Special Guest Tom Fuller  
Robin Trower has been heralded as one of the most influential Guitar players to come out of the British Blues Rock scene. Robin is known for his incredible talent as a guitar player and his inspirational style of soloing, coaxing sounds from his Strat that seem to emanate from beyond this world. To be among those who have experienced Robin performing live is to be forever changed by this masterful Artist as he takes you along with him on one musical masterpiece after another.  
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
Ridgefield
- 10/02 ***Hot Buttered Rum*** 866-666-6306 \$20-35  
8:00p Often described as a rock band playing bluegrass instruments, the band melds blues, folks, bluegrass, jazz, and rock, and the members’ varying degrees of classical training lead them to invest heavily in group composition. The widespread appeal of HBR’s music stems not only from the band’s musical versatility and prolific songwriting, but also from the magnetic chemistry the group creates onstage together. It is this chemistry that is propelling the band to ever greater success.  
Infinity Hall, Route 44  
Norfolk
- 10/02 ***Jason Holladay*** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation  
8:00p Acoustic / Lite Rock <http://www.athomeministries.com>  
Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street  
Naugatuck
- 10/03 ***Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra*** 203-438-3889 \$25-50  
8pm **Fiery Tones of Fall** Rossini: Overture to Guillaume Tell (William Tell); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37 and more. [Click here to visit their Web site](#)  
Richardson Auditorium, Ridgefield High School, 700 N. Salem Rd.  
Ridgefield

- 10/03 ***Cabaret Night*** (860) 354-7264 \$10-20  
 8:00p Featuring Roger Young and Nicole Pasternak. These two are magical performers. Roger has been a favorite jazz pianist in these parts since 1985. Nicole is a sublimely gifted vocalist who'll sing to your heart and soul. Together they are dynamite! Web site: [Click to Visit](#)  
 Merryall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 Chapel Hill Road  
 New Milford
- 10/03 ***Albert Cummings*** 866-666-6306 \$20-35  
 8:00p Albert Cummings is a blues guitarist from Massachusetts. He is also a fourth generation builder. Albert Cummings started playing the five-string banjo at twelve but later switched to guitar. In his late twenties he formed a band, Swamp Yankee, and in 1999 released an independently produced CD. The trio spent just two hours in a studio to record the nine songs for the album. Albert Cummings debut recreated to perfection Stevie Ray Vaughan's style and tone on self-penned songs and blues standards.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/03 ***Now Hear This*** |860.482.5122 \$ 5 donation  
 8:00p Open Mic night, where the wild and wonderful share a stage as anything goes for the night! To sign up please come by 7:30 Call 618-3810 for advanced registration:10 minute slots are available on a first come first serve basis. Refreshment will be served. [Click to Visit](#)  
 Artwell, 19 Water Street  
 Torrington
- 10/03 ***Scottish Festival*** ? ?  
 A celebration of the Scottish culture with bagpiping, singers, fiddlers, athletics, dancing, herding demonstrations, merchant and food vendors.  
 Goshen Fairgrounds  
 Goshen
- 10/03 ***Ridgefield Cultural Festival***  
 1-5p Join The Ridgefield Chorale and many other arts organizations for an interactive, energetic artistic celebration. Artists and arts organizations will demonstrate their classes, seminars, performances, lectures or other offerings. A stage at the Gilbert Street end of the park will be active with rotating groups of performers ...singers, musicians, authors, dancers, actors and all are invited to join in the fun.  
 Ballard Park  
 Ridgefield
- 10/03 ***Paul Geremia*** 860-693-0263 \$15-17  
 7:30p "Paul Geremia is a true artist and historian of our musical heritage. He is one of the few living links, whether he likes it or not, he is now the bearer of the torch!"--Newport Slim. Forty years ago he opened for Howlin' Wolf, Son House, Pink Anderson and Skip James. The lessons he learned have led to 10 solo recordings and playing shows across North America, the UK and Europe. His brilliance as a singer-songwriter, 6 & 12 string guitarist and rack harmonica player are equaled by his commitment to Texas, Piedmont and Delta Blues. Considered a national treasure by Bonnie Raitt, John Hammond and Greg Brown, he offers great originals, obscure rarities and fine classics from his cds **Self Portrait in Blues** and *Gamblin' Woman Blues* which earned W.C. Handy Award nominations.  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road  
 Canton

- 10/03 ***Alecia Adams Evans*** 860-355-0300 \$30+  
 5:00p A lyric coloratura soprano presenting "Broadway Leading Ladies." Ms. Evans is a well known soprano who has performed in National Tours, Opera, and on Broadway. She will present selections from some of the most well known musicals, including Carousel, Guys and Dolls, Showboat, and Music Man. A combination of glorious ballads and comedic songs will make this performance a must see. She will be joined on piano by legendary Broadway conductor Phil Hall, whose arrangements have inspired countless Broadway entertainers.  
 Hunt Hill Farm, 44 Upland Rd.  
 New Milford
- 10/03 ***Peter and the Wolf, and Goose Pimples*** (860) 489-7180 \$10  
 3:00p Nationally-recognized, CT Ballet's a program aimed at introducing younger audiences and families to dance. Featuring a guest narrator and stunning choreography, the popular children's fable comes to life. Then, in a playful tribute to the age of Jazz, Goose Pimples finds the dancers strutting and jiving around the stage with only a trumpet and a chair to play with, leaving the rest up to youthful high spirits.  
 Warner Theatre, Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/04 ***Rigoletto (Verdi)*** 860.489.7180 \$20  
 3:00p See 10/01  
 Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/04 ***Foreigner*** (860) 489-7180 \$48-75  
 7:30p "Feels Like The First Time," "Cold As Ice," "Urgent," "I Want To Know What Love Is," "Waiting For A Girl Like You," "Hot Blooded," 7 Top 5 hits, 9 Top 10s and 14 Top 20s help to define a career that has seen the sale of more than 70 million albums. Add to that countless other classics, "Say You Will," "Jukebox Hero" and "Double Vision," and you have a super group that has left an indelible mark on rock and roll history. Formed in 1976, Foreigner is no stranger to meteoric global success. Foreigner's brand of a thrilling mix of blustery blues and impeccably crafted pop continues to captivate generation after generation of music fans. And the band is more powerful and explosive than ever. "Our music has touched a lot of people worldwide," attests Mick Jones, the band's founder and legendary songwriter/guitarist. "Unwittingly, we've weaved into the fabric of people's lives and this new lineup is working extremely hard to live up to the high bar that was set years ago" adds Jones.  
 Warner Theatre, Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/04 ***Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout*** 866-666-6306 \$25-40  
 7:30p ***with Oscar Lee Oskar, Billy Branch and Willie "Big Eyes" Smith***  
 Since 1991 Mark has been both producing&performing at his annual Blues Harmonica Blowout™ series. These shows have grown to be a much heralded event&continue to draw sellout crowds wherever they appear. The list of participants is a who's who of Blues harp history, James Cotton, Charlie Musselwhite, Norton Buffalo, Kim Wilson, Huey Lewis, Carey Bell, Billy Boy Arnold, Rod Piazza, Rick Estrin, Paul deLay, Snooky Pryor, James Harman, Gary Primich, Sam Myers, in just the last three years of this 11 year event. "Every time a list of the world's best living harp players comes out, West Coast harpist Mark Hummel makes the top five. Incorporating jazz and swing into a blues format, Hummel has developed a style that, while sounding laid back, is loaded with improvisational virtuosity."  
 - Grant Britt/Independent Weekly  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk

- 10/08 ***The Bacon Brothers featuring Kevin Bacon*** 866-666-6306 \$50-75  
 8:00p Kevin and Michael Bacon have been writing songs and playing music together since about the same time they may have been fighting over Lincoln Logs or little green Army guys. Although the Bacon Brothers have only been a working band since 1995, they too, run decades deep. Kevin Bacon's strongest musical memories are of listening to his brother and the music he brought home. As a teenager, he decided to pursue an acting career, rather than music. Today, though he is recognized around the world as one of the film industry's most enduring and respected actors, Kevin's love of music and the influence it has had on his life is as strong now as it was back then. He has always retained his love of music and throughout his acting career has continued the musical collaboration with Michael that was formed back in his early teens.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/08 ***Tuesday Night Open Mix,*** (860) 201-4904 \$ 1  
 7:00p Music, Spoken Word and Hootenany Society Shindig. Tuesdays through years end. Singer songwriter, music, spoken word. Open Mix. "House Concert" performances.  
 Nirvana Café, 81 Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/08 ***LoCash Cowboys*** (203) 438-3889 \$39  
 8:00p The boys always say: "LoCash is a way of life. It doesn't mean you are poor or have no money. It just means that some of the best things in life are free – or LoCash. It's remembering who you are and where you came from." But just who are these LoCash Cowboys who have already invaded 2009 with their hot, hybrid, musical style that is one part country and one part rock-n-roll with a dash of hip-hop just for flavor? Chris Lucas, a high school football luminary from Pasadena, Maryland arrived in Nashville in 1998, seeking his way among those who had made it, those who had not, and most importantly, those who would. Preston Brust quite literally grew up as the son of a preacher man, born in Dermott, Arkansas, he was raised in Kokomo, Indiana. Preston arrived in Nashville in June 2002. Two weeks later, Chris & Preston, the duo, was spawned. Seven short years later, LoCash was on the national stage indoctrinated millions to the lifestyle that defines them. The irony in the LoCash lifestyle is that is has very little to do with money. It's about what is truly important: friends, family, remembering who you are, remembering where you came from and remembering who helped you become who you are today. What are you doing to be a better person? What are you doing to be a better friend? What are you doing to be a better parent or sibling? What are you doing to be a better American in these troubled times, both home and abroad? Most importantly, what are you doing to make sure the next generation has it better than this one? 2009 is the Year-of-LoCash. To prove it, Chris and Preston are on stage and in the community to help folks enjoy it and spread it. [Go to LoCash Cowboys' website](#)  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/09 ***Martin Sexton*** 866-666-6306 \$35-60  
 8:00p A native of Syracuse, New York, Martin Sexton grew up in the 80's, uninterested in the sounds of the day, and fueled his dreams on the timeless sounds of classic rock and roll. Sexton eventually migrated to Boston, where he began to build his following singing on the streets of Harvard Square and gradually working his way through the scene. His 1992 collection of self-produced demo recordings, In The Journey, was recorded on an old 8-track in a friend's attic. He managed to sell 20,000 copies out of his guitar case busking.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk

- 10/09 ***The Bacon Brothers*** (203) 438-3889 \$75  
 8:00p With 2009 marking 14 years of the Bacon Brothers band's existence, any cynical preconceptions about well-known actors "dabbling" in music now can safely be discarded. The band has gigged relentlessly to build up a following, and New Year's Day represents their sixth LP release. Along the way, the younger brother has apparently caught up with his elder sibling in some ways. "Kevin writes a lot more songs than I do," Michael says. "While I spend a lot of time writing instrumental music, lyrical songs are tougher: if I write one or two a year that I like, then I'm happy. But Kevin has this amazing gift of turning everyday experiences into universal thoughts that everybody can identify with."  
 Having played with the same crew of musicians for all of the band's existence, Michael and Kevin agree that the band has become just as much a part of the whole endeavor as the two frontmen. "With New Year's Day, the guys in the band produced a couple of tracks each," Michael points out. "We gave the band much more creative responsibility for the product we ended up with. I think that's why it sounds more like a band album."  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/09 ***Celtic Thunder*** 860.489.7180 \$40-100  
 8:00p Warner Theater, 68 Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/09 ***Haphazard*** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation  
 8:00p Rock / Acoustic <http://www.haphazardtunes.com/index2.htm>  
 Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street  
 Naugatuck
- 10/09 ***Jazz Combo Concert*** (203) 837-8350 Free  
 8:00p The WCSU Jazz Combos will perform.  
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.  
 Danbury
- 10/09 ***Jerry Carillo Orchestra Concert & Dance*** (860) 567-2442 Free  
 1:30p enjoy an afternoon concert & dance with the Jerry Carillo Orchestra. Light Dessert served.  
 Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd. Web site: [Click to Visit](#)  
 Litchfield
- 10/10 ***Girls Night: The Musical*** 860.489.7180 \$33-55  
 8:00p Off-Broadway Smash Hit! A touching and hilarious 'tell-it-like-it-is' look at the lives of a group of female friends. Follow five friends as they re-live the past, celebrate the present and look to the future on a wild and hilarious night out. Girls Night is bursting with energy and packed with popular anthems including Lady Marmalade, I Will Survive, Girls Just Want to Have Fun, & Man, I Feel Like a Woman.  
 Warner Theater, 68 Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/10 ***Walkin' Jim Stoltz "Forever Wild" Concert*** 860-567-8302 Free  
 7:00p A multi media celebration of wilderness with one of America's most unique folksingers and back county travelers. A stirring journey in song, slides, stories and poetry across the wide open spaces and through the windows of time with a man who has walked over 23,000 miles through North American wildlands.  
 Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd.,  
 Litchfield

- 10/10 ***Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*** 866-666-6306 \$55-75  
 8:00p Nitty Gritty Dirt Band has enabled us to view our shared musical heritage in a new light. It has expanded the vocabulary of popular music and taken its uniquely American perspective around the globe. Most of all, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band has proven that collaboration, cooperation, tolerance and good humor - along with a healthy disagreement every now and then -- can keep a group of people working together, having fun, creating music and making a difference for a lifetime.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/10 ***Bernie Williams*** (203) 438-3889 \$55-60  
 8:00p Critically acclaimed guitarist/songwriter and famed NY Yankees star Bernie Williams has signed a recording contract for his sophomore album *Moving Forward*. The Puerto Rico native and five-time All Star is a classically-trained musician who developed his love for playing guitar alongside baseball, while listening to salsa, merengue and 80's rock. *Moving Forward* embraces those early influences, while also reflecting a unique mixture of classical and jazz guitar topped-off with additional Latin rhythms. While few young athletes have either the inclination or time to pursue serious study of music, Williams credits his musical side for playing an important part in his baseball success. [Go to Bernie William's website](#)  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/10 ***Mustard's Retreat / Stan Sullivan*** 860-693-0263 \$15-18  
 7:30p Michigan folk duo Mustard's Retreat tour in support of their newest cd *With Relish* and previous discs *Home By Morning*, *The Wind And The Crickets* and *A Resolution of Something*. Song highlights include "The Water is Wide," "Hopelessly Midwestern," "Pay the Toll," "The Summer and You," and "Jugband Music." They are Michael Hough on vocals, guitar and bass and David Tamulevich on vocals, 6 & 12 string guitars, harmonica, dulcimer and penny whistle. Greg Brown, Tom Paxton and Utah Phillips have praised them for their musicality, their harmonies and their gift for pulling audiences together while entertaining them. For over 30 years their talent has placed them on the stages of The Kennedy Center, Falcon Ridge, Wolf Trap and The Guthrie Center.  
 Tonight is Stan Sullivan's '61 revisited concert as he began playing guitar in '61 and turns 62 this evening! He will share a few memories and will perform songs from his recordings. An award-winning songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist, Stan has opened shows for Greg Brown John Hammonds, Cheryl Wheeler and Richard Thompson.  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road  
 Canton
- 10/11 ***Chuck Brodsky*** (203) 431-6501 \$15-20  
 4:00p This down to earth musical storyteller, with his dry, barb-witted social commentary combined with a deep underlying compassion, knows that the best stories are the little things in the lives of everyday people trying to muddle through with some grace. His great gift as a writer is to infuse these stories with humanity and humor, making them resonate profoundly with his listeners. His spoken introductions to his songs can be as spellbinding as his colorful lyrics, which he brings to life with a well-travelled voice and a delivery that's natural and conversational. His groove-oriented strumming and fingerpicking draw on influences from the mountains of western North Carolina where he now lives, and from lots of different good old traditional folk stuff of all kinds.  
 Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.  
 Ridgefield,

- 10/11 ***Family Concert featuring Mustard's Retreat*** 860-693-0263 \$ 6-8  
 2-3p Lincoln Center music producer Spike Barkin praises the duo's family show—"In over 25 years presenting music festivals and concerts, I have never seen kids react and interact at a children's program as they did with your specially designed show... You guys were amazing."  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road  
 Canton
- 10/11 ***Tom Hanford's Open Studio Music*** (860) 491-9223 Free  
 12-7p Open Stage and Jam Sessions in conjunction with Goshen Open Studio Days.  
 297 Bartholomew Hill Email: [tomhookerhanford@hotmail.com](mailto:tomhookerhanford@hotmail.com)  
 Goshen
- 10/11 ***Susan Tedeschi*** (203) 438-3889 \$65  
 8:00p "I think it's a pivotal record for me – I like this one a lot," Susan Tedeschi says of her new Verve Forecast release *Back to the River*. "I think it's really emotional, but it's not really a blues record. The blues is still in there, but there's a lot of other stuff too. I definitely put a lot into this one and worked really hard to put a lot of ideas across." "Back to the River" has 11 songs encompass a broad musical and emotional palette, and showcase Tedeschi's multiple talents as a deeply expressive singer, a soulful and melodic guitarist and a distinctive, evolving songwriter. With *Back to the River*, Susan Tedeschi takes a major musical leap forward. "I worked really hard on this one," she states. "I've enjoyed writing with so many different songwriters and loved working together with musicians to get across my ideas and visions." "I'm really excited about this record, and I'm anxious to have people hear it," Tedeschi concludes. "People have been waiting for new music from me for awhile, so I look forward to touring, to bring these songs to as many people as I can." [Go to Susan Tedeschi's website](#)  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/15 ***Jazz Faculty Concert*** (203) 837-8350 Free  
 7:00p Members of the WestConn jazz faculty will perform.  
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- 10/15 ***Tuesday Night Open Mix,*** (860) 201-4904 \$ 1  
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 Nirvana Café, 81 Main Street  
 Torrington
- 10/15 ***Tinsley Ellis*** 866-666-6306 \$25-35  
 8:00p Guitarist/vocalist/songwriter Tinsley Ellis ranks among the top blues/rock guitarists working today. Ellis sings and plays with the energy and soul of all the great Southern musicians who have come before him. He attacks his music with rock power and blues feeling, in the same tradition as Deep South musical heroes Duane Allman, Freddie King and Warren Haynes. Since first hitting the national scene with his Alligator Records debut GEORGIA BLUE in 1988, Ellis has toured non-stop and continued to release one critically acclaimed album after another  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk

- 10/15 ***America*** (203) 438-3889 \$85  
 8:00p The world discovered America in 1972 when a nameless horse began its gallop across the international airwaves. If this sounds like some sort of fairy tale, it seemed like one for the young musicians who harmonized their way to the top of the charts on the strength of their signature song. "A Horse With No Name" made **America** a global household name, paving the way for an impressive string of hits following in its wake. Slightly more than a year after launching the group, Gerry Beckley, Dewey Bunnell, and Dan Peek were bonafide superstars, thanks to a timeless sound that seamlessly assimilated strands of rock, pop and folk elements into a thrilling musical stew.  
 " It's been a long ride indeed for these two old friends. "We've grown up in a world of show biz, seen styles change, seen technology change," Bunnell muses. "But basically Gerry and I have stayed very much the same. We still have those standards in songwriting that we were hoping to establish. We've lived pretty full lives and managed to hold on to some sanity, although the world seems crazier every day." From anonymous horses to fast-moving trains, America's extraordinary four- decade musical legacy of consummately crafted pop/rock songs, trademark lush harmonies and evocative lyrical landscapes will never go out of style. [Go to America's website](#)  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/16 ***Spirit N 3D*** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation  
 8:00p Contemporary / Folk Rock <http://www.spiritn3d.com>  
 Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street  
 Naugatuck
- 10/16 ***Nick Lowe w/Bill Kirchen*** 866-666-6306 \$40-70  
 8:00p You must know his smash hit "Cruel To Be Kind", and "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding" as recorded by Elvis Costello. Following his critically acclaimed solo album At My Age which People Magazine called "charming" and "timeless" and his near perfectly rated reissue of the classic Jesus of Cool (rated 9.3 by Pitchfork), Nick Lowe is back with a career-spanning two-disc best of collection. A deluxe version containing original-era vintage videos for classic tracks and live concert performance will also be available  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/16- ***Avenue Q*** 203-755-4700 \$49-59  
 10/17 AVENUE Q is Broadway's smash-hit 2004 Tony Award® winner for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. A hilarious show full of heart & hummable tunes, AVENUE Q is about trying to make it in NYC with big dreams and a tiny bank account. Called "one of the funniest shows you're ever likely to see" by *Entertainment Weekly*, AVENUE Q features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, risqué and downright entertaining way. **PARENTAL ADVISORY:** Due to language and adult content, such as full puppet nudity, parental discretion is advised for children 16 and older. Fri 8p; Sa 2 & 8p  
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street  
 Waterbury
- 10/17 ***Ballroom with a Twist*** 860.489.7180 \$30-75  
 8:00p Directed and choreographed by Dancing With the Stars own, Emmy-nominated, Louis van Amstel, this ground-breaking show, starring dancers from So You Think You Can Dance, Dancing With the Stars and High School Musical, pushes the boundaries of ballroom dance and includes singing from past American Idol finalists.  
 Warner Theater, 68 Main Street  
 Torrington

- 10/17 ***Sloan Wainwright Band*** 860-693-0263 \$16-18  
 7:30p The Advocate's Rob Weir reviewed *Life Grows Back*, the fifth cd by Sloan Wainwright, saying "Rufus and Martha are white hot these days, but the most talented acorn to fall from the family tree might be their Aunt Sloan. Any nut would tumble from the mighty quake that is her voice, a muscular and supple sound that soars the high scales one moment and growls with the gutter cats the next. Wainwright can play the straight-up folk singer, but she's also at home keeping time to Appalachian-style banjo or gritting it out to bluesy guitar." Tonight she'll be accompanied by Stephen Murphy on guitar and Cadence Carroll on percussion.  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road  
 Canton
- 10/17 ***Peter Yarrow with Rufus & Bethany*** (203) 438-3889 \$25  
 4:00p Peter Yarrow found fame with the 1960s folk music trio *Peter, Paul and Mary*. Peter Yarrow and his daughter Bethany Yarrow, often perform together. When asked about this show, Peter Yarrow said, "I am very much looking forward to my Children's Concert at the Ridgefield Playhouse where I and my daughter, Bethany, will sing her early favorites. We'll be singing "Puff, The Magic Dragon" and "The Marvelous Toy"; silly songs like "Froggie Went A'Courtin" and spirituals like "This Little Light of Mine"; and, of course, "This Land Is Your Land". These days, my favorite concerts are for children and parents, and sometimes grandparents, like me. I always invite the kids come on stage to help lead "Puff", and I always find out, much to my delight, that even the three and four-year olds know the words. For me, especially when I'm performing with my daughter, a kids concert is as good as it gets.  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/17 ***Peter Yarrow*** (203) 438-3889 \$38  
 8:00p Peter Yarrow found fame with the 1960s folk music trio *Peter, Paul and Mary* who are best known for performing well-loved folks songs such as "If I Had a Hammer", "This Land Is Your Land", "Blowin' In The Wind", "500 Miles", and "Leaving On A Jet Plane". In addition, Yarrow's songwriting helped create some of Peter, Paul & Mary's most famous songs, including "Puff the Magic Dragon", "Day is Done," and "Light One Candle". As a member of that folk music trio, he earned a 1996 Emmy nomination for the Great Performances special "LifeLines Live", a highly acclaimed celebration of folk music, with their musical mentors, contemporaries, and a new generation of singer/songwriters.  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/17 ***Acoustic Alchemy*** 866-666-6306 \$30-45  
 8:00p When Volume 1 of the Best Of Acoustic Alchemy came out in 2002, one of the problems the band had was choosing only a few tracks from the extensive collection of albums written during their time with GRP. With so many personal and fan favorites to pick from there were quite a few that deserved to be remastered and re-released but sadly just didn't fit onto the single CD. Thankfully the album was so successful (it has become one of the labels top selling contemporary jazz compilations) that those tracks that had missed out were given a second chance with the release of volume 2 of the Best Of. Among the 17 tracks on the new album are "Oceans Apart", "London Skyline" and "When the Lights Go Out" all of which have become favorites amongst the band's many live fans, and even has the beautiful orchestral piece "Act of Innocence" which prior to this album has only ever been available in Europe. To go with the songs are extensive liner notes telling some of the stories behind the music, and a collection of never before seen images of the band's founding members Nick Webb and Greg Carmichael.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk

- 10/18 ***Words & Music*** (860) 824-7424 \$15-18  
 2:00p Words & Music This great annual event is a fundraiser for the D. M. Hunt Library in Falls Village CT. This year's "words" program will feature selections from Helene Hanff's epistolary novel 84, Charing Cross Road read by local author Betsy Howie and playwright Lonnie Carter. The "music" portion of the program will feature music from the post WWII period in which this delightful work is set. Music Mountain, Music Mountain Road Web site: [Click to Visit](#)  
 Falls Village/Canaan,
- 10/18 ***Joseph Kalichstein, Pianist*** (860) 283-6250 \$25  
 2:00p Joseph Kalichstein is first of all a musician, then a pianist. Music for him is a message from one soul to another. His interpretations are like a cornucopia of animated and eloquent nuances. Kalichstein, best known as one-third of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, also is a formidable soloist. He was winner after all, of the prestigious Leventritt Competition nearly 30 years ago. He has appeared with many of the major orchestras of the world. A favorite of New York concertgoers, Mr Kalichstein has appeared in several recitals on Carnegie Hall's "Keyboard Virtuosi" series. Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street Web site: [Click to Visit](#)  
 Thomaston
- 10/18 ***Daria Rabotkina, piano*** 203-426-6470 \$20  
 3:00p Daria Rabotkina, winner of the 2007 Concert Artists Guild International Competition, has been lauded as "...a pianist full of fire and warmth" (The Plain-Dealer). Ms Rabotkina's burgeoning career has already led to solo appearances with the San Francisco and New World Symphonies under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas and with the Kirov Orchestra and Valery Gergiev in a four concert North American tour. Whether in front of an orchestra, in the recital hall or in a chamber music setting, this "Russian virtuoso" (The Miami Herald) impresses audiences and critics alike. Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street,  
 Newtown
- 10/22 ***Jeff Lorber and Jeff Golub*** 866-666-6306 \$35-50  
 8:00p Over three decades, after breaking ground as leader of the pioneering, Jeff Lorber Fusion, the Philly-born and bred composer, producer and keyboard legend is still keeping the vibes fresh and the grooves funky, inspiring contemporary jazz fans everywhere to exclaim with each new musical excursion: Heard That. On his highly anticipated Peak Records debut, Lorber keeps the soulful momentum going, collaborating brilliantly on pop, jazz, R&B and blues-influenced tracks--and even harkening back a bit to his early 80s Fusion heyday--with one of urban jazz's top hit makers and sonic architects, Rex Rideout.  
 Jeff Golub is a contemporary jazz guitarist with 6 solo albums and 3 CD's as the leader of the instrumental band "Avenue Blue". Before becoming an instrumentalist, Jeff worked as a sideman to a number of very successful rock & pop artists. He's probably best known for his work with Rod Stewart. Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/22 ***Tuesday Night Open Mix,*** (860) 201-4904 \$ 1  
 7:00p Music, Spoken Word and Hootenany Society Shindig. Tuesdays through years end. Singer songwriter, music, spoken word. Open Mix. "House Concert" performances. Nirvana Café, 81 Main Street  
 Torrington

- 10/22 *Coffeehouse* (203) 837-9700 Free  
 8:00p WestConn will present the Midtown Coffeehouse. The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act at 9 p.m.  
 Alumni Hall, University's Midtown campus, 181 White St.  
 Danbury.
- 10/22 *Nanci Griffith* (203) 438-3889 \$55-65  
 8:00p *with Special Guest: Amy Speace*  
 Whether performing her own poetically evocative material or the compositions of her influences, friends, and peers, Nanci Griffith possesses a powerful gift for inhabiting the songs she sings - for communicating unspoken intimacy and heartache through her tender voice and lilting, delicate phrasing. At the outset of a career that has now spanned nearly three decades, Griffith first emerged as a writer of startling depth and subtlety, crafting sparse uncluttered vignettes that revealed a wealth of emotion in even the most humble of characters and settings. Having recorded 18 albums and performed concerts all over the world, this Grammy® Award- winning, genre-defying artist is at the top of her game as a songwriter, interpreter, and singer.  
 Possessing a commanding voice, a distinctive melodic sensibility and an uncanny knack for nailing complex emotions in song, **AMY SPEACE** makes music that's both illuminating and effortlessly accessible. [Go to Nanci Griffith's website](#) [Go to Amy Speace's website](#)  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/23 *Barbara Anne & Riverband* 203-419-0890 Free/Donation  
 8:00p Country / Gospel <http://www.barbara-anne1.com>  
 Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street  
 Naugatuck
- 10/23 *Johnny Winter* 866-666-6306 \$40-65  
 8:00p "Johnny Winter can still play as if his arms were on fire!!!" - *Eric R. Danton / Hartford Courant*  
 For over 30 years, Johnny Winter has been a guitar hero without equal. Signing to Columbia records in 1969, Johnny immediately laid out the blueprint for his fresh take on classic blues — a prime combination for the legions of fans just discovering the blues via the likes of Jimmy Page and Eric Clapton.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/24 *Cece Borjeson & Ruth George* 860-693-0263 \$12-15  
 7:30p Cece Borjeson & Ruth George entertain with wonderful vocal and instrumental harmonies, their fun-and-friendly stage presence and great song selection. Their repertoire reaches around the globe as they accompany their singing with guitars, bhodran and tin whistle. Enjoy works by major contemporary writers, fine originals, Yiddish and Nigerian lullabies and classic American, Columbian, Celtic and Mexican folksongs. Enjoy favorites from their cds, *Perennials*, *Hearts In Harmony*, *Cost Of Freedom* and *Shadows and Light*. Showstoppers include "Red Molly's Song," "Guantanamo" and "A Soalin."  
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road  
 Canton
- 10/24 *Michael Bank Septet* (203) 748-1716 Free  
 8:00p Program is "Jazz and More".  
 Danbury Music Centre, Marian Anderson Hall, 256 Main Street  
 Danbury

- 10/24 ***Martin Sexton*** (203) 438-3889 \$67-72  
 8:00p Sexton's early years of singing on street corners and selling self-produced demo recordings and worldwide touring behind these records laid the foundation for the career he enjoys today with an uncommonly loyal fan base. Happily and fiercely independent, Martin Sexton launched his own label KTR (2002). Since then, his continual success through his diversity infiltrates many musical worlds – ranging everywhere from Jam Cruise to Denver's Mile High Fest to Mayercraft Carrier to Carnegie Hall. His songs are featured in film and television including recent placements on NBC's *Scrubs* and Showtime's hit series *Brotherhood*. In 2007/08 Sexton logged his most successful years to date with the release of his latest studio offering, *Seeds*. The album debuted at #6 on Billboard's Heatseekers chart, and the Los Angeles Times writes, "Call him a soul shouter, a road poet, a folkie or a rocker and you wouldn't be wrong. "Documenting a series of recent unaccompanied live appearances, the album captures Martin's critically acclaimed incendiary live set in theatres coast-to- coast.  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge  
 Ridgefield
- 10/24 ***Leon Russell w/PJ Pacifico*** 866-666-6306 \$35-60  
 8:00p Leon Russell was born on April 2, 1942 in Lawton, Oklahoma. He's a singer, songwriter, pianist, and guitarist. Russell attended Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. With a solo career spanning the genres of rock, blues, and gospel, Russell began his musical career at 14.  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk
- 10/24 ***Van Morrison*** 203-755-4700 \$128-353  
 8:00p Van Morrison is a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, author, poet and multi-instrumentalist, who is widely considered one of the most important living artists of our time. He has albums that are ranked greatest in the entire rock and roll cannon. His enormous body of highly acclaimed musical compositions, including "Browned Eyed Girl," "Moondance," "Wild Night," and "Domino" consistently list highly on published lists of critically acclaimed Musical work. On the 1995 MOJO list of "100 Best Albums," Morrison's music tops the list at #2. *Rolling Stone Magazine* lists his compositions at #19 on "The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time" and in 2004, ranked him 42nd on their list of The Immortals: 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. [www.vanmorrison.com](http://www.vanmorrison.com)  
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street  
 Waterbury
- 10/25 ***Charlie Wilson presented by Howard K. Hill*** 203-755-4700 \$58-83  
 7:00p Howrd K. Hill presents superstar singer songwriter Charlie Wilson, who will be singing hits from his GAP band and solo albums including *First Name Charlie, Last Name Wilson; There Goes My Baby; Burn Rubber; Outstanding, Early In The Morning*, and more. Also starring Lenny Williams, Force MD's, Shomari & Lamone.  
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street  
 Waterbury
- 10/25 ***Randy Burns*** (203) 431-6501 \$!5-20  
 4:00p Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.  
 Ridgefield,
- 10/25 ***An Evening with Ray Parker Jr.*** 866-666-6306 \$40-65  
 8:00p "Who You Gonna Call"?  
 Infinity Hall, Route 44  
 Norfolk

- 10/26 ***Steam Vent Open Mic Coffee House*** 860-482-3491 \$10 suggested  
 6:30p The 4th Friday of each month. Musicians Showcase from 6:30 - 9:00p at. There will still be an open mic session from 6:00-6:30 with sign-up the night of the event. Sound Equipment will be provided, including microphones, and bass amp. Guitars can plug directly into the system, or can be mic'd. Interested in performing at the showcase? Send a demo to the church attention to Debbie Storrs. First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main Street Winsted CT 06098
- 10/28 ***David Grisman & John Sebastian*** (203) 438-3889 \$60-65  
 8:00p Their musical history dates back to college days at New York University circa 1963 when the Greenwich Village folk revival was in its' heyday. They made their first recording together as members of the Even Dozen Jug Band with future luminaries Maria Muldaur, Stefan Grossman and others. The rest, of course is musical history. John Sebastian became lead singer and songwriter of one of America's most popular bands - the Lovin' Spoonful and David Grisman spearheaded an acoustic music revolution with his genre-defying "Dawg" music.  
 Finally, after a 40+ year hiatus, their paths crossed again at a benefit concert in Mill Valley, California. After this mutually enjoyable evening of spontaneous music, it became obvious that they would continue collaborating and the result is Satisfied - a stunning collection of acoustic duets featuring traditional folk tunes, blues, classy instrumentals and originals by these two legendary masters. Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield
- 10/29 ***Coffeehouse- Respect Due*** (203) 837-9700 Free  
 8:00p WestConn will present the Midtown Coffeehouse. The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, reggae artists Respect Due at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall, University's Midtown campus, 181 White St. Danbury.
- 10/29 ***Rickie Lee Jones*** (203) 438-3889 \$55  
 8:00p Rickie Lee Jones is a two-time Grammy Award- winning vocalist, musician, songwriter, and producer who is best known for her song "Chuck E's In Love". Over the course of a three- decade career, Jones has recorded in various musical styles including rock, R&B, blues, pop, soul, and jazz standards. Jones met Tom Waits at the Troubadour and Jones' own love of jazz standards mixed with her unlikely friendship created the radio hit "Chuck E's In Love". During the mid-1970s, Jones also met her long-time collaborator Sal Bernardi, who inspired her 'Weasle and the White Boys' as well as future collaborator, Dr. John, sent by legendary jazz producer Tommy La Puma, who would eventually produce the two of them singing "Makin' Whoopie" and win them both Grammy's for best jazz duet. The revered singer- songwriter shows off her new material in an intimate setting at the Ridgefield Playhouse. [Go to Ricki Lee Jones' website](#)  
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield
- 10/29 ***Tuesday Night Open Mix,*** (860) 201-4904 \$ 1  
 7:00p Music, Spoken Word and Hootenany Society Shindig. Tuesdays through years end. Singer songwriter, music, spoken word. Open Mix. "House Concert" performances. Nirvana Café, 81 Main Street Torrington

10/30 ***N.V.C.C.*** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation  
8:00p Gospel Choir / Gospel & A capella  
Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street  
Naugatuck

10/30 ***Oktoberfest Jazz Concert*** (203) 837-8350 Free  
8:00p WestConn will host its annual Oktoberfest Jazz concert. Concertgoers are invited to attend in Halloween costumes. The Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra and Frankensax will perform. Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St. Danbury

10/30 ***Joe Bouchard presents the Acoustic Jukebox*** 866-666-6306 \$25-40  
8:00p ***w/rock legends Blue Coupe***

Joe Bouchard's latest album, Jukebox in My Head, is getting raves from fans and critics alike. It was recently released on vinyl LPs and CDs and is available on iTunes. Joe has played the Infinity three times with different groups and due to popular demand it was time to come back and do his own show!!

On with bill with Joe is rock legends Blue Coupe which is brother Albert Bouchard, a founder of Blue Oyster Cult, on drums and Dennis Dunaway, founder of the Alice Cooper group, on bass. Albert is the writer and arranger of many of Blue Oyster Cult's biggest hits including Cities on Flame with Rock and Roll and many others. Dennis co-wrote Alice's biggest smash hits including I'm 18, School's Out and Under My Wheels. Together the members of Blue Coupe have been awarded over 30 gold and platinum records! Rather than retire to the quiet life, Blue Coupe are playing the best gigs of their lives including playing to over 1,000,000 people in New York City last Halloween. They will be make two international tours later this year. This is going to be a great night at the Infinity. Get your tickets today!  
Infinity Hall, Route 44  
Norfolk

10/31 ***Patrick Ball, Celtic Harpist*** 860-693-0263 \$18-20  
7:30p Happy Halloween! Perhaps the ghost of the legendary blind Irish harpist Turlough O'Carolan will appear tonight. Patrick Ball will play his lovely, lilting and magical music and other Celtic classics on the rarely-heard wooden wire strung Celtic Harp. With bell-like clarity, passion and delicacy this master harper will play the bewitching "She Moved Through the Fair," and "Farewell To the Land of Mist," the haunting "Song of the Water Kelpie," "The Sheep Under the Snow" and the classics "O' Carolan's Welcome," "Si Bhig Si Mohr," and "O' Carolan's Farewell to Music." Juxtaposed with that fine music, you will hear the marvelous voice of indie award winning Patrick Ball, telling the most touching, haunting, hilarious and outrageous stories ever told in the Celtic tradition.  
Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road  
Canton