

Music In The Air

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

- 01/24- **All Shook Up** 860-283-6250 \$12
- 02/08 ALL SHOOK UP is a jukebox musical featuring the music of Elvis Presley, with a book by Joe DePietro. Into a square little town in a square little state rides a guitar-playing roustabout who changes everything and everyone he meets in this hip-swiveling, lip-curling musical fantasy that'll have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Burning Love," "Jailhouse Rock," "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Don't Be Cruel." F/Sa 8:00p; Sun 2:00p
Thomaston Opera House, Main Street
Thomaston
- 02/01 **John Judd – solo guitar** 203-438-8200
6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
Ridgefield
- 02/01 **Family Concert featuring Dave Fry** 860-693-0263 \$ 6-8
2-3p Award winning performer **Dave Fry** has presented children's programs for 20 years. While singing about giants, frogs, trees, birds and bears, he plays guitar, banjo and mandolin as the youngsters participate on songs from his CDs **Shake It!** and *I like Peanut Butter*.
Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton
- 02/03 **Gary McFadden & John Cain** 203-438-8200
6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
Ridgefield
- 02/03 **Jazz Night with Roger Young** 203.743.5845
8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/04 **Roger Young- piano** 203.743.5845
8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>

- 02/05 ***Ardilo De Souza—Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/05 ***Coffeehouse: Lara Herscovitch*** 203-837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, acoustic guitarist Lara Herscovitch, at 9 p.m.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 02/05 ***Music With Ken Haller*** 860-379-8327 Free
 7:00p Come join us for a fun night of eating, drinking and singing with Ken Haller. BYOB.
 Passiflora Tea Room and Herbal Apothecary, 526 Main Street
 New Hartford
- 02/05 ***John Pizzarelli*** (203) 438-3889 \$48-57
 8:00p Hailed by critics as one of the most accomplished interpreters of the Great American Songbook, John Pizzarelli is known for his brilliant guitar work, smooth vocals and ebullient performance style. You may also know him from The Wonder of it All commercials for Foxwoods Casino. In a career that has produced twenty one recordings and gained international recognition, Pizzarelli has brought classic standards and ballads to a new generation ready to swing. In saluting masters such as Gershwin, Sinatra, The Beatles and Nat King Cole, Pizzarelli says "This music, it's not about age as much as it is about style." His latest release "With A Song In My Heart" features the music of Richard Rodgers. Pizzarelli will perform with his swinging quartet of top notch musicians. John is also the host of a radio program; "Radio Deluxe with John Pizarelli;" a nationally syndicated radio program co-hosted with his wife, Broadway star Jessica Molaskey.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/06 ***David Wilcox*** 866-666-6308 \$25-40
 7:30p A native of Ohio, Wilcox has based his career out of the South since the 1980s, when he emerged as a live performer in North Carolina and won the music industry's attention in Nashville. After getting a taste of the major-label ride on A&M for three releases, he then recorded for other labels and now he's releasing Airstream, his fourth CD on the Colorado-based independent, What Are Records?
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/06 ***The Derek Trucks Band "Already Free" 2009 Tour*** 203-755-4700 \$28-52
 7:00p Noted for his live performances with the Eric Clapton Band and the Soul Stew Revival, Derek Truck's finest work is as the band leader in his own group "The Derek Trucks Band." One of the most critically acclaimed guitarists and the youngest musician to be named in *Rolling Stone's* list of the *Top 100 Guitarists of All Time*, Trucks embarks on his Already Free 2009 international tour, a celebration of his much anticipated sixth studio album of the same name
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 02/07 ***Bookends*** 203.743.5845
 ? Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>

- 02/07 ***Hot Notes at the Cool Nite Cafe Concert*** (860) 626-9347 \$15 suggested
 6011p Concert featuring Collette Hurst Jazz Ensemble, Coyote Doty and the Taine Mountain String Band, Cece Borjeson and Ruth George, Robbin Goodskey and Jim Grustas, WIBO and Friends, Kent Aldrich, Cornbread, C-Side Alley, and Pat MacDonald Bluegrass Band. Sponsored by Future Foundations Child Care Center. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE CONCERT.
 First United Methodist Church, 21 Fern Drive Web site: [Click to Visit](#)
 Torrington
- 02/07 ***Concert: Emily Werne and Fabio Bezuti*** (860) 542-0044 Free
 5:00p The Norfolk Library welcomes vocalist Emily Werne accompanied by pianist Fabio Bezuti. Emily Werne recently completed a Master in Music in Voice Performance and Pedagogy from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. She received her foundational music training with Paul Halley in Chorus Angelicus. The program is a diverse selection of classical music, ranging from English song from the 17th-century to contemporary cabaret songs. Most songs are based on texts concerning the subject of love, but there is a range of dramatic intensity. It is an hour long repertoire, accompanied by Fabio Bezuti, the fabulous Brazilian pianist. Please call for reservations. Web site: [Click to Visit](#)
 Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road West
 Norfolk
- 02/07 ***Bess Rogers; Lucinda w/Special Guest Michael Connolly***
 7:30p Lucinda w/ Michael Connolly – 866-666-6308 \$10-25
 With heartfelt lyrics, strong and memorable melodies, and an undeniable stage presence, Lucinda has captured a grassroots following that most signed artists would die for. Lucinda “Acoustic Driven Pop” sound has enticed independent radio stations around the world to play her music and now commercial radio is embracing her as well.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/07 ***Roger Sprung, Hal Wylie & Friends.***
 5:00 First Saturday of every month except July and August - Folk, Irish, Bluegrass and Traditional Music (instrumentalists welcome to jam). Join for supper first, then music. Dinner 5:00-7:30 p.m., music 8:00-10:30 p.m.
 The "Pasta Project" at United Methodist Coffee House, (Exit 10 off I-84, 1/5 mile north.)
 Newtown
- 02/07 ***Red Molly*** 203-272-8404 \$14-16
 8:00p This NY-based female trio got its organic start at a late-night jam session during the 2004 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. Laurie MacAllister, Abbie Gardner and Carolann Solebello were brought together by a love of traditional American music, old gospel, bluegrass, and the old-timey songs of contemporary artists like Gillian Welch and Alison Krauss. Red Molly plays a variety of stringed instruments, and sings tight three-part harmony, creating their distinctive rootsy, Americana sound. Their live performances resonate with warmth, fun, and infectious energy. Opening set by Steve Kirkman.
 Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 02/07 ***Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra*** (203) 438-3889 \$15-50
 8:00p “Our Valentine’s celebration features music from around the world, from Barber’s musical portrait of small town America to Smetana’s homage to his beloved homeland.” — Gerald Steichen
 Ridgefield High School, Anne Richardson Auditorium; Rt. 116 & Ridgebury Road
 Ridgefield

- 02/07 *Erica Wheeler* 860-693-0263 \$15-17
 7:30p Songwriter guitarist **Erica Wheeler** has five critically acclaimed recordings to her credit. On her latest release **Good Summer Rain** she joined with the Trust for Public Land (www.tpl.org) an organization that works to conserve land for people by protecting cherished landscapes from inner cities to the wilderness. This work and her art are a perfect fit. Erica's songs celebrate environments--the sense of place that people in her songs have weathered. They are in the intimate streets of Greenwich Village or the sweeping vistas of Jackson Hole. With her colorful voice, fine guitar work and warm humor she performs "Beautiful Road," "January Wind," "Sober Harley Guys," and "Apache Motel". Erica has shared bills with Shawn Colvin, Greg Brown, Dar Williams, Iris Dement and The Indigo Girls.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 02/07 *Songs of the Spirit: Chant as Spiritual Practice* 860-567-3163 \$35
 9:30a- In this experiential workshop, we will explore chants from different traditions and look at sacred texts
 3:30p and the kinds of music used to chant them. Through carefully guided vocal techniques, participants will begin to free their voices and experience the chant as prayer and practice. Marguerite Mullee, Artistic Director of Naugatuck Community Choir will lead the program. Lunch included in price. Bring a friend for \$6 payable with registration. [Email. Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center, 229 E. Litchfield Rd.
 Litchfield
- 02/07 *ARRIVAL: The Ultimate ABBA Tribute Band* (203) 438-3889 \$50
 8:00p Direct from Sweden, ARRIVAL is the only show in the world with the exclusive rights to re-create the true ABBA experience. From costumes to music, ARRIVAL has been transporting sold-out venues across the globe to the pinnacle time of ABBA's greatest live shows! Get ready to dance to hits like "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia", "Take a Chance on Me" "Fernando" and "The Winner Takes It All"
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/08 *John Judd – solo guitar* 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/08 *Hot 8 Brass Band* (203) 438-3889 \$45-50
 8:00p The Hot 8 Brass Band is a New Orleans based brass band that blends hip-hop, jazz and funk styles with traditional New Orleans brass sounds. As the featured band in SAVE OUR BRASS!, a Hurricane Katrina relief project, Hot 8 Brass Band brought their unique, energetic New Orleans sound to evacuee shelters, temporary trailer parks and other disaster- stricken communities. Performing in festivals, parades and clubs up and down the Northeast and internationally, they have earned a reputation for unceasingly uplifting souls everywhere they play! Following Hurricane Katrina the Hot 8 Brass Band members, like most New Orleanians, were scattered throughout the country. On September 15th, 2005, two weeks after the storm, the band regrouped, helping to initiate SAVE OUR BRASS! a local grass-roots project that brought music to evacuee shelters, temporary trailer parks, and communities that have reached out to New Orleanians. The Hot 8 Brass Band continues their efforts to provide hope and healing for those impacted by the storm through the Finding Our Folk Tour, traveling to 8 cities in four consecutive weekends during January and February, 2006. The tour successfully connected young people and adults from around the country with the plight of people and families directly impacted by the storm.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield

- 02/08 **"Happy 200th Birthday, Felix Mendelssohn!"** 860-223-7555 \$20-30; student \$10
 4:00p The year 2009 marks composer Felix Mendelssohn's 200th birthday, and the 35th birthday of CONCORA (Connecticut Choral Artists), who gave their first performance for the Music Series in 1974. A beautiful program of Mendelssohn's sacred choral works, both a cappella and with organ. The Music Series at South Church, 90 Main Street
 New Britain
- 02/08 **Leon Redbone** 866-666-6308 \$25-40
 7:00p The careers of performers who reside in the limelight are usually short-lived and over-exposed. So it's refreshing to encounter Leon Redbone, who has for decades remained so musically resonant and personally elusive.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/08 **City Chorus** 860-673-9712 Free
 3:00p All male chorus featuring the blended harmonies of popular tunes and old time favorites. Reception for the artists will follow. Overflow parking across the street at the church.
 Avon Library Community Room, 281 Country Club Road,
 Avon
- 02/08 **Artie & Mark** 203.743.5845
 noon Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/09 **Artie & Mark** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/09 **Saxophone & Piano Concert** 203-837-8350 Free
 Noon Albert Regni, principal saxophonist with the New York Philharmonic and New York City Ballet Orchestras, will perform works for saxophone and piano with pianists Alan Farnham and Russell Hirshfield.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 02/09 **Songs from the Soul** (203) 438-3889 \$10
 10a This revue of African- American music from slave songs to jazz to blues to rap is not only toe-tapping & entertainment; it's also a vital history lesson that teaches pride, responsibility and respect. The songs illuminate our past and our present as we learn of their transforming impact on our American culture.
 1:00p Teaches kids about Language, History, Multi- Cultural and Music.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/10 **Jazz Night with Roger Young** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/10 **Gary McFadden & John Cain** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield

- 02/10 ***Three Girls & Their Buddy*** (860) 489-7180 \$42-74
 7:30p featuring: Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, Shawn Colvin & Buddy Miller. You will see all four artists collaborating together on stage and playing acoustic versions of their hits.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 02/10 ***Martyn Joseph*** (203) 431-6501 \$15-20
 7:00p Back again by popular demand. The Boston Globe has described hearing Martyn as “a profound experience.” Britain's two leading contemporary music magazines Q and MoJo respectively write of Martyn Joseph as having “a depth, resonance and emotional punch, which belies comparisons,” and as being “an artist of enduring worth.” Throughout Europe, the U.K. and Canada where he has toured frequently there is most often praise approaching reverence
 Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.
 Ridgefield
- 02/11 ***Roger Young- piano*** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/12 ***Ardilo De Souza – Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/12 ***Coffeehouse: Parallel Fifth*** 203-837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Parallel Fifth, WestConn's all-male A Capella group, at 9 p.m.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 02/13 ***Ellis Paul with Seth Glier*** 866-666-6308 \$15-30
 7:30p Ellis Paul is a critically-acclaimed singer, songwriter, poet, and troubadour originally hailing from a potato farming family in northern Maine. He is the recipient of thirteen Boston Music Awards, second only to multi-platinum act, Aerosmith. Over the course of 15 years, Ellis Paul has built a vast catalog of music which weds striking poetic imagery and philosophical introspection with hook-laden melodies.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/13 ***Luiz de Moura Castro Arts*** (860) 435-2591 ?
 7:00p Hotchkiss School - Esther Eastman Music Center/Katherine M. Elfers Hall
 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville
- 02/13- ***Festival of Musical Valentines*** (860) 482-6801 \$30
 02/14 Two evenings of romantic music for voice, piano and harp. Feb. 13 features Zoe Vandermeer
 7:30p performing harp and vocal music from 18, 19th & 20th century Scotland and Ireland. Timothy Wallace performing music of John Field and Edward MacDowell. Feb. 14 features soprano Priscilla Newcomb singing songs of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. Pianist Timothy Wallace performing music of Chopin, Debussy and Rachmaninoff. Web site: [Click to Visit](#)
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street
 Torrington

- 02/14 *Coffee House: Jae Wolf* 860-567-0857 Free
 2:00p Jae Wolf who will shower the people with the music of James Taylor. Seating is limited for the one hour concert. Pre registration is strongly suggested. Common Ground Cafe will supply a variety of treats and hot and cold beverages for purchase. [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 White Memorial Conservation Center, Route 202
 Litchfield
- 02/14 *Jonny Lang* (203) 438-3889 \$ 95-125
 7:00p Cocktails: Includes hors d'oeuvres & one glass of champagne prior to the performance. Receive a free glass of champagne with every raffle ticket purchased the night of the event!
 9:00p Performance / raffle drawing.
 Grammy Award winning American Blues guitarist Jonny Lang started playing the guitar at the age of twelve. He released the critically acclaimed multi- platinum *Lie To Me* in 1997. The next album, *Wander This World* was released in 1998 and earned a Grammy nomination. Lang's newest album, the gospel- influenced *Turn Around* was released in 2006, and most recently won Lang his first Grammy Award. *Turn Around* is Lang's fifth album, but it's also the first of what will become his most moving and enduring works.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/14 *Valentine's Day Pops with Julie Budd* 203-755-4700 \$20-75; students \$10
 8:00p Famed singer, Julie Budd comes to Waterbury for this once-in-a-lifetime concert featuring several of her favorite songs of love and romance, accompanied by the Waterbury Symphony. Having started her career at age 12 with over 100 appearances on the Merv Griffin Show, Budd has been romancing audiences for years, sharing the stage with entertainment legends Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, and Carol Burnett. Don't miss this truly unforgettable Valentine's Day show.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 02/14 *Nick Colienne w/special guest Brian Simpson* 866-666-6308 \$35-55
 8:30p Celebrate Valentine's Day with Nick Colienne and Brian Simpson!
 With your ticket, you are invited to our very special free cocktail reception at 7:30pm
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/14 *T Jay* 203.743.5845
 ? Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/14 *Ed Gerhard* 860-693-0263 \$18-20
 7:30p Guitarist **Ed Gerhard** will perform a memorable Valentines Day concert. Ken Burns, who used five of Ed's tunes in his Mark Twain documentary, has tapped him again for his 2009 film *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. Grammy winning Gerhard has created his own "guitar voice" by assimilating the best techniques from folk, blues, classical, Hawaiian and Celtic genres. Enjoy the fingerstyle master as he gracefully goes from the 6-string to 12-string, slide and Hawaiian lap steel guitars. Request romantic, driving or bluesy pieces from his CDs *Sunnyland*, **Night Birds**, **Counting the Ways** and **House of Guitars**. Highlights include "The Water is Wide," "Amazing Grace," "If I Fell," "In My Life."
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton

- 02/14 **Marc Black** 203-417-9607 \$
 8:00 Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., with an open mic at 8:00 and the featured act at 9:00.
 Common Ground Annex dance studio, 345 Main Street,
 Danbury <http://www.rootsmusiccoffeehouse.com/>
- 02/15 **Ian Campbell** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/15 **John Judd – solo guitar** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/16 **Ed Mullaney** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/16 **Kathleen Edwards w/the Last Town Chorus** 866-666-6308 \$15-20
 7:30p 3 years less 3 days ago I put out my last record.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/17 **Jazz Night with Roger Young** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/17 **Gary McFadden & John Cain** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/17 **Dave King** 203.743.5845
 7:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/18 **Roger Young- piano** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/18 **Open Mike featuring Nat Kennedy** 860-693-0263 \$
 ? Celebrating decades of singing and playing his Martin guitar plus 10 years of hosting
 Openmikeonline.com he rounds out his set with African frame drum and hammered dulcimer playing.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 02/19 **Coffeehouse: Tim Walsh** 203-837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, WCSU
 alumnus Tim Walsh, at 9 p.m.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets

- 02/19 *Ardilo De Souza – Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist* 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/19 *Urinetown* (860) 435-2591 ?
 7:30p Hotchkiss School – Walker Auditorium
 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville
- 02/20 *Too Blue* 203-924-0200
 7:30p Listening room, coffees & lite fare. BYOB. 7:30 - 9:30 pm
 Liquid Lunch, 434 Howe Ave.
 Shelton <http://www.liquidlunchrestaurant.com/> <http://www.toobluemusic.com/>
- 02/20 *Robert Blocker, piano, with the Sejong String Orchestra* (860) 435-4423 Free
 7:00p The Hotchkiss Music Department is proud to present a special performance of Robert Blocker on piano and joined by the Sejong String Orchestra. Web site: [Click to Visit](#)
 Esther Eastman Music Center's Katherine M. Elfers Hall, The Hotchkiss School
 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville
- 02/20- *of the Piano: Chopin, Debussy, Liszt & Rachmaninoff* 860-482-6801 \$30
 02/21 An evening of romantic music for the piano by Chopin, Debussy, Liszt & Rachmaninoff, performed by
 7:30p pianist Timothy Wallace. These performances are a part Studio 59's WINTER CANDLELIGHT
 CONCERTS. So come enjoy beautiful and romantic piano music by candlelight.
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street; Web site: [Click to Visit](#)
 Torrington
- 02/20- *The Drowsy Chaperone* 203-755-4700 \$48-58
 02/21 Get ready to be transported to a magical, wonderful world! A world where the critics are in awe, the
 8:00p audiences are in heaven and the neighborhood is buzzing with excitement. Welcome to THE DROWSY
 CHAPERONE, the new musical comedy that is swooping into town with tons of laughs and the most
 2006 Tony Awards of any musical on Broadway! It all begins when a die-hard musical fan plays his
 favorite cast album, a 1928 smash hit called "The Drowsy Chaperone," and the show magically bursts to
 life. We are instantly immersed in the glamorous, hilarious tale of a celebrity bride and her uproarious
 wedding day, complete with thrills and surprises that take both the cast (literally) and the audience
 (metaphorically) soaring into the rafters.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 02/21 *Open Stage Night* 860-491-9988 \$8.00
 7:00p All performers of music, comedy, spoken word and dance are invited to join in this acoustic, Goshen
 Players, version of an "open mic" event. Parking is located in the lot across the street.
 Goshen Old Town Hall, Intersection of Route 4 and Route 63 (on the rotary)
 Goshen
- 02/21 *Bookends* 203.743.5845
 ? Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrow.com>

- 02/21 ***Bluegrass Jam*** 860-922-5134 Free
 11a - Bristol Nursing Care Center: Rts. 4 & 272
 2p Torrington
- 02/21 ***To Be Announced*** 203-272-8404 \$14-16?
 8:00p Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 02/21 ***Paul Rishell & Annie Raines*** 860-693-0263 \$18-20
 7:30p Award winners **Paul Rishell & Annie Raines** are amazing! Their mastery of instruments, vocals and performance skills on roots, folk, blues and jazz material earn them standing ovations during and at the end of sets. **Paul Rishell** is a superb acoustic National steel slide and electric guitarist who has played with Son House, Howlin' Wolf and Brownie McGee and Sonny Terry. **Annie Raines** is an acclaimed harmonica player whose tone, phrasing and showmanship will astound you. Tonight, the duo will perform selections from their new live CD *A Night in Woodstock* which features Bruce Katz on Keyboards and John Sebastian on harmonicas. Songs include Tommy Johnson's "Canned Heat Blues," Johnny Winter's "Dallas" and originals "Blues on a Holiday" and "Got to Fly."
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 02/21 ***Firefall*** 866-666-6308 \$30-40
 7:30p The genealogy and musical roots of FIREFALL run deep into the fertile soil of American rock and folk rock music. It began with Woodie Guthrie and later Bob Dylan, evolving into the Byrds and the Buffalo Springfield. The genre established by these luminaries continued with Crosby, Stills and Nash, Manassas, the Band, Neil Young, the Eagles, Poco, Loggins and Messina, the Flying Burrito Brothers, Gram Parsons and Emmy Lou Harris, Dan Fogelberg, America and Firefall. Many of these participants mingled in the studio and on tour.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/21- ***Smokey Joe's Cafe*** (860) 489-7180 \$19-25
 02/28 Leiber and Stoller virtually invented rock 'n' roll and now their songs come alive in an electrifying production that celebrates 1950s America. Critics call it "Wildly infectious!" and "Smokin'!" Featuring nearly 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded including Hound Dog, On Broadway, Charlie Brown, Love Potion #9, Jailhouse Rock, There Goes My Baby, Yakety Yak and Stand By Me, Smokey Joe's Cafe isn't just great pop music - it's compelling musical theatre! F/Sa 8p; Sun 2pm
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 02/22 ***John Judd – solo guitar*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/22 ***Sirens of Song*** 860-673-9712 Free
 3:00p NYC-based sopranos, Naomi Katz Cohen & Gretchen Stalneck, come back to Avon for an encore performance. Accompanied by Arielle Levioff. Reception for the artists will follow. Overflow parking across the street at the church.
 Avon Library Community Room, 281 Country Club Road,
 Avon

- 02/22 **Juan Carlos Fernandez-Nieto, piano** (860) 693-6333 Free
 4:00p The program will include works by Mozart, Schubert, and Brahms. A reception will follow the concert..
 Born in Salamanca in 1987, Juan Carlos Fernandez-Nieto made his debut with the Granada Symphony
 Orchestra at the age of sixteen, the youngest soloist to ever perform with that orchestra. Since then he
 has given critically acclaimed concerts and recitals in Spain, Holland, Germany, the United States, and
 Puerto Rico. Juan Carlos is currently a Master of Music candidate at the Yale School of Music studying
 with Boris Berman Snow = the following Sunday at the same time.
 Collinsville Congregational Church, 7 South Street Village Green
 Collinsville
- 02/22 **George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic** (203) 438-3889 \$65-70
 8:00p Think of George Clinton and you'll likely conjure an image of a crazy black man with rainbow dreads
 and garb befitting a galactic shaman literally barking at phat bottomed girls with a sub- atomic WOOF!"
 This lovable nutcase is the legendary and internationally renowned grandfather of funk and the founder
 of the Parliament- Funkadelic MOB, taking the sonic innovations of James Brown and Sly Stone to both
 outer space AND Neptune while selling millions of records and concert tickets in the process. Get your
 funk on with "Atomic Dog". "We Want the Funk", "Give Up the Funk (Tear the Roof Off)", "One Nation
 Under a Groove", "Flashlight" and so much more!
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/22 **Reckless Kelly w/Sons of Bill** 866-666-6308 \$12-25
 7:30p Reckless Kelly began making waves in Texas shortly after moving to Austin from Bend, Ore., where the
 band formed more than 11 years ago. They've built a fiercely loyal fan base in the Lone Star state and
 western territories, including the brothers' native Idaho, but they're captivating new audiences in
 Chicago, New York, the Southeast (including the Chapel Hill, N.C. home of their new label, Yep Roc),
 and even industry-hardened Nashville.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/22 **Roughcutz** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/23 **Roughcutz** 203.743.5845
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 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/24 **Jazz Brunch** 203.743.5845
 Noon Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/24 **Dave King** 203.743.5845
 6:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/24 **Jazz Night with Roger Young** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>

- 02/24 **Gary McFadden & John Cain** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/24 **Judy Handler & Mark Levesque International Music** (860) 567-8030 Free
 7:00p Handler & Levesque perform a unique and entertaining program of international music for mandolin & guitars. They will play music from Latin America and Europe including Spain, Italy, Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay & more! www.judyandmark.com. Web site: [Click to Visit](#)
 Oliver Wolcott Library, 160 South Street
 Litchfield
- 02/25 **Roger Young- piano** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 02/26 **Ardilo De Souza – Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 02/26 **Coffeehouse** 203-837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act at 9 p.m.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 02/26 **Buckwheat Zydeco** 866-666-6308 \$?
 7:30p Celebrate Mardi Gras With Buckwheat Zydeco!! Buckwheat Zydeco's repertoire consists of soulful original tunes and the trademark exuberance that's made Dural the world's best-loved zydeco artist, and has earned Buckwheat Zydeco fame as "the world's greatest party band."
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 02/27 **Musical Box performs "A Trick Of The Tail"** (203) 438-3889 \$60
 8:00p In 1976, Phil Collins took the helm as the new singer of Genesis. With the legacy left by Peter Gabriel, the band launched its new World Tour following the release of "A Trick of the Tail." Genesis kept its tradition of delivering a highly visual show with an extensive song list of new titles and the band's classic pieces. "A Trick of the Tail," considered one of the strongest and innovative Genesis albums, brought new opportunities for the bands live performance such as the famous drum duet of Collins with guest musician Bill Bruford. Musical Box will now present worldwide, with the help of Genesis and artists involved in the original show, a "Trick of the Tail" in painstaking details including original slides, films, laser effects, special effects and original song list as presented by Genesis in 1976 to capture this important moment in Genesis history
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/27 **WCSU 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 Began.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets

- 02/27 ***John Waite*** (866)666-6306 \$29-45
 7:30p One thing John Waite has come to understand during his illustrious career in music is that the best way to live and learn is also the hardest way: accept that there can be no highs without lows, no gain without loss, and certainly no love without pain. Take nothing for granted, maintain your integrity. Then, at least, you give yourself every chance of going the distance. From British bar bands to duets with Nashville superstars is quite a journey. Indeed, three decades have passed since a restless, wild-eyed teenager from northwest England first packed his bags for London to pursue his passion for music. Though he has enjoyed chart-topping records and sold-out concerts around the world, John Waite's hunger has never diminished. "When I took my current band out on the road to play a few gigs this summer, the energy both onstage and from the audiences was fierce," says Waite. "Initially, we thought we'd just go out for a short while before heading into the studio to record a new album. But then I realized that I was having such a phenomenal time playing in front of people that the next record could wait. That's how I am these days. If something feels right, then I just do it." **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Infinity Hall, Rt. 44
 Norfolk
- 02/27 ***The Led Zeppelin Experience*** 203-755-4700 \$32-52
 8:00p The Led Zeppelin Experience, presented by Hammer of the Gods, recreates the sights, sounds and mystical aura of a real Zeppelin concert! Imagine stepping back in time to 1973, and you're seated at NY's Madison Square Garden. 100,000 watts of sonic brilliance and a spectacular array of lights explode as the band performs flawless renditions of all your favorite songs including "Dazed & Confused," "Stairway to Heaven" and the thunderous assault of the classic "Moby Dick!" A show for all ages! Hammer of the Gods is a classic Led Zeppelin experience not to be missed!
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 02/27 ***Avery Ensemble*** (860) 489-7180 \$20-25
 7:30p All's Fair In Love & War?! "Fools Rush In"
 This concert considers the risks of impulsiveness in a light and fast-paced program featuring harpsichord, strings and voice. The program includes Mahler's Rheinlegendchen, Rameau's Quatrieme Concert, Peter Schickele's Double Diptych, Carlo Farina's Capriccio Stravagante and The Book of Alleged Dances by America's most popular living composer of art music, John Coolidge Adams.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 02/27- ***Music Of The Moment: Winter Light*** 860-482-6801 \$30
 02/28 Treat yourself to a concert of expert musicians performing music totally improvised at the moment.
 7:30p Feb. 27 will feature pianist Timothy Wallace and Feb. 28 violinist Peter Ferreira will join Wallace. This promises to be an unforgettable evening of music that has obviously never been heard before.
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street; **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Torrington
- 02/28 ***Eddie Denise*** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>

- 02/28 ***Lou Gramm*** (203) 438-3889 \$65-70
 8:00p Lou Gramm, the vocalist on 20 Top 40 singles, exploded onto the music scene with Foreigner on the chart topper "Feels Like the First Time" in 1977. Now, nearly three decades after the debut of Foreigner and chart topping success as a solo artist, Lou Gramm returns with a hot new band and a dynamic live show featuring his own unique brand of Rock 'n' Roll. Whether they are rocking out on classics like "Hot Blooded", "Jukebox Hero" or Gram's solo hit "Midnight Blue", Lou and his band, which includes Lou Gramm, Ben Gramm, Richard Gramm, Andy Knoll & Don Mancuso, are sure to be a crowd pleaser
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 02/28 ***Golden Dragon Acrobats*** 203-755-4700 \$25-40
 8:00p The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago. The reputation of the company is solidly rooted in a commitment to the highest of production values and an attention to artistic details that is unparalleled in the art form. World renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 02/28 ***The Arrogant Worms*** 203-272-8404 \$16-18
 8:00p 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 Clowned Princes of Humor, Purveyors of the Absurd, and Ambassadors of Fun. One of Canada's most popular live acts, The Worms' versatility is second to none.
 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.
 Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 02/28 ***Anais Mitchell / Meg Hutchinson*** 860-693-0263 \$15-17
 7:30p A split bill features 21st century songwriter-guitarists who have very different voices and styles. Both are earning high praise for their talent. "**Anais Mitchell** is a songwriter of startling clarity and depth, equally skilled at burning a melody or lyrical phrase into what you didn't know you needed until you heard it. Fearlessly emotive like Dylan, Cohen and Welch, she weaves her stories into an effortlessly beautiful and cohesive tapestry with the skill of an artisan's carpenter, showing no seams!—Acoustic Guitar. Enjoy originals from her Waterbug CD *Hymns for the Exiled* and her Rightous Babe CD *The Brightness*. Including "Song of the Magi," "Your Fonder Heart," "Hobo's Lullaby" and "Shenandoah."
 Red House recording artist **Meg Hutchinson** debuts at RBNC having won song writing awards in Ireland, the UK, and the USA notably at Merlefest and the Kerrville Folk Festival. Sing Out! reviewed her CD *Come Up Full* as "one of those works that quietly gets under your skin." Performing Songwriter casts her as "a master of introspective ballads." Highlights include "Ready," and "Climbing Mountains."
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton