

Music In The Air

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- 11/01 **Danbury Symphony Orchestra** 203-746-1716 Free
3:00p **"Both Sides of the Atlantic"** featuring music by Mendelssohn, Elgar & Ives.
The featured work on the program, Symphony Number 2, is by native Danburian son and composer, Charles E. Ives. Born on Main Street in Danbury and steeped in the small town life of Danbury at the turn of the 19th century, Ives' Symphony No. 2 is filled with easily identifiable popular songs, patriotic songs, hymn tunes and other song beloved by Ives.
Ives Concert Hall, 181 White Street
Danbury
- 11/01 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **FODfest – Friends of Daniel Pearl Festival** 866-666-6306 Free to first 300
4:00p FOD Fest is a living celebration of community and friendship through music honoring the life and ideals of the late Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was abducted and murdered by terrorists in Pakistan in 2002. In addition to being a journalist, Daniel was a talented musician who played a variety of instruments including fiddle and mandolin, and was a classically trained violinist. Wherever he lived Daniel was actively involved in the local music scene, and wherever he traveled he sought out local jam sessions. Daniel was a firm believer in the power of music to bring people together regardless of their differences.
FOD is an acronym for "Friends of Danny" and the concert tour features musicians who played in bands or jammed with Daniel while he was alive, and many who never knew him but connect with his story and share his belief in music as a universal language. FOD Fest is a unique performance format: part song-swap, part jam session, part concert. Most of the participating musicians are meeting for the first time on stage.
Ticket Price: Free to the first 300 people - Doors open @3:00pm
Infinity Hall, Route 44 <http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar>
Norfolk
- 11/01 **Rosewood Chamber Ensemble** 860-482-6027 \$10-15
4:00p The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble performing songs, dance, music and hymns from early America featuring Barbara Hopkins on flute and Judy Handler on guitar. They share background stories of the period especially authentic Asa Hopkins flutes. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
Trinity Episcopal Church , 220 Prospect St.
Torrington

- 11/01 ***Pete Yorn*** (203) 438-3889 \$43
 8:00p ***Special Guest: Alberta Cross***
 New Jersey native Pete Yorn earned monster popularity when a song he wrote was picked by the Farrelly Brothers, for their Jim Carrey film, "Me, Myself & Irene." called "Strange Condition". After netting a record contract with Columbia, Yorn returned to the studio and co-produced his debut album, 2001's *Musicforthemorningafter*; he also played the bulk of the instruments himself. Since that time he has produced another four albums. [Go to Pete Yorn's website](#) [Learn more about Alberta Cross](#)
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 11/01 ***Requiem by Gabriel Faure*** (860) 567-9465 Free will offering
 4:00p St. Michael Church Festival Chorus sings the Requiem by Gabriel Faure. Marguerite Mullee, conductor.
 St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 25 South Street
 Litchfield
- 11/02 ***Herb Alpert & Lani Hall*** (203) 438-3889 \$50
 8:00p ***"An Evening of Wine and Jazz"***
 Music icon, legendary trumpeter and bandleader, Herb Alpert, and his wife, the internationally renowned singer Lani Hall will grace our stage to bring you beautifully reinterpreted standards from their first recorded project together called *Anything Goes*. Herb Alpert is known for his work with Tijuana Brass, and his Grammy Award winning Record of the Year "A Taste of Honey". Lani Hall is a Grammy Award winning songstress known for her solo albums in English, Portuguese and Spanish. Join us in the lobby before the show for a FREE Wine Tasting (with M lang  Fine Wines and Spirits) and hors d'oeuvres from Ancona 's Market from 7–8 pm. [Go to their website](#)
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 11/03 ***Keb' Mo'*** (203) 438-3889 \$68
 8:00p ***Special Guest: Kristina Train***
 In a historical sense, if any artist can be said to rule Billboard's Top Blues Album chart, it is L.A. – bred singer/songwriter Keb' Mo' – black English for Kevin Moore. Guitarist/vocalist Keb' Mo' draws heavily on the old- fashioned country blues style of Robert Johnson while keeping his sound contemporary with touches of soul and folksy storytelling. A skilled frontman as well as an accomplished sideman, he writes much of his own material and has applied his acoustic, electric, and slide guitar skills to jazz- and rock-oriented bands. His second album, *Just Like You*, saw Keb' Mo' stretching his legs by working with a full band and tackling several rock-based songs. The gamble paid off, as *Just Like You* won the artist his first Grammy award. *Slow Down* followed in 1998 and netted Mo' another Grammy. [Go to Keb' Mo's website](#) [Go to Kristina Train's website](#)
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 11/04 ***United States Air Force Bay State Winds*** 860-567-8302 Free
 7:00p The Bay State Winds is one of the newer chamber ensembles of the United States Air Force Bank of Liberty. This clarinet ensemble, comprised of members of the Liberty Pops, provides musical support for a wide variety of military functions, and performs with the Chamber Winds ensemble. The group's repertoire includes a diverse collection of musical idioms ranging from baroque to Broadway and incorporates its own original arrangements. www.thecommunitycenter.org
 The Litchfield Community Center, Inc., 421 bantam road
 Litchfield

11/05 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Smokin Joe Kubec & B'nois King** 866-666-6306 \$15-25

8:00p There's no question why they gave Joe Kubec the nickname "Smokin". He's one of the hottest electric guitar players on the blues scene today. Kubec has the technique and the chops to burn up any stage and has been doing so for the past 30 years. A guitar prodigy at the age of 14, the Texas guitar slinger frequented the Dallas bar scene during the 1970's and early 80's playing with Stevie Ray Vaughan and people like the three Kings, B. B., Albert and Freddie. He played rhythm guitar behind Freddie King for a while, until King's death in December 1976.

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11/05 **Straight No Chaser** (203) 438-3889 \$35

8:00p Originally formed a dozen years ago, while students together at Indiana University, the group has reassembled and reemerged as a phenomenon – with a huge fanbase, millions of viewers on YouTube, and a contract with Atlantic Records. In an era when so much pop music is the product of digital processing and vocal pro-tooling, Straight No Chaser is the real deal – the captivating sound of ten unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense... and with a sense of humor. After their version of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” became a YouTube sensation, SNC are back with “Holiday Spirits”. [Go to Straight No Chaser’s website](#)
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield

11/06 **Gin Blossoms** (203) 438-3889 \$55

8:00p **Special Guest: The Spring Standards**

Fueled by mega-hits including "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You" and "Til I Hear It From You," Gin Blossoms completed the classic crossover from college-circuit heroes to multi-platinum album sellers. [Go to Gin Blossom’s website](#)

The Spring Standards are all songwriters and multi- instrumentalists. They use their strengths as a trio to create a sound that listeners might expect from a band twice their size. With an emphasis on 3-part harmony and a variety of instrumental switching, their range and energy onstage make each live show a unique event. [Go to The Spring Standards’ website](#)

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield

11/06 **Too Blue** 203-925-9064 Free

8-11p Playing at the café which offers Tasty sandwiches, desserts, coffees/beer/wine.

Huntington Street Café, 90 Huntington Street www.huntingtonstreetcafe.com
Shelton

11/06 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Dickey Betts & Great Southern w/Luke**

Mulholland Band 866-666-6306 \$65-80

8:00p Dickey Betts, a founding member of the Allman Brothers Band, has one of the most distinctive voices in music today. Known as one of the most influential guitar players of all time, Betts has mastered a seamless style of lyrical melody and rhythm -- marrying country, jazz, blues, and rock into one unparalleled sound. The New York Times has called Betts "one of the great rock guitarists...[who thinks like a jazz improviser, in thoughtfully structured, cleanly articulated, intelligently paced phrases."

Luke Mulholland is a rare young talent. At age 19, he could easily be considered at once a guitar virtuoso, a prolific songwriter, and a vocalist blessed with a voice that sounds wise beyond his years. His

music effortlessly blends the blues, rock and pop together with a phenomenal guitar style that has earned him the admiration of fans and fellow musicians alike.

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Norfolk

<http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar>

- 11/06 **Matt Walker** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation
8:00p Folk / lite rock <http://www.reverbNation.com/hillfolk>
Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street
Naugatuck
- 11/06- **The "Cast" of Beatlemania** (203) 948-1059 \$20-25
11/07 The "Cast" of Beatlemania concert to perform at NMHS. 9th year in a row concert has been held. This is
8:00p a professional band who has played in over 45 states and and Japan. Live Beatle music.
New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Road
New Milford
- 11/06 **Ancient Voices: A Festival of Vibrational Alchemy** (860) 482-6801 \$25-50
6:00; Friday: *An Evening With The Conduit* Sound Healing Meditation Concert.
11/07 Sat: *Sound Bath & Inward Voyage Workshop* Customized Vibrational Sound Journeys
1p, Saturday, Nov. 7 - 7:30pm *An Evening With The Conduit* A journey into the 'vastness of the
3p & essence that is everything and nothingness'.
7p Studio 59. 59 Barber Street
Torrington
- 11/06- **Little Shop of Horrors** 203-775-0023 \$15-20
11/21 A down-and out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic
plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-
mouthed, carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite,
finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination. Charming, tuneful and
hilarious, with tongue firmly planted in cheek, **Little Shop Of Horrors** never fails to entertain!
Sr. Citizen Preview Night on Nov. 5
The Brookfield Theatre for the Arts, 182 Whisconier Road,
Brookfield
- 11/07 **Berkshire Foothills Singing** (860) 868-0086 ?
10-4p Shape Note singing is a uniquely American style of unaccompanied singing that dates from the
American Revolution but is alive and well today. Its 4-part harmonies are sung full-voiced and with
exuberance, with singers seated in an open square facing each other. We sing for the joy of singing and
the community of singers, to which newcomers are always welcome, regardless of their singing ability
or any formal or informal spirituality. We'll sing from the Sacred Harp (1991 Revision); loaner books
will be available at the singing. It's ok to come sing (or listen) even if you've never sung this music
before; you're welcome to stay for as little or as long as you want to.
Milton Public Hall, 538 Milton Rd.
Litchfield
- 11/07 **Atwater-Donnelly** 860-693-0263 \$15-17
7:30p Award winning vocal, instrumental and dance artists Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly have
performed and researched traditional folk music and dance of Appalachia, The Ozarks, New England,
PEI and Elwood's native Ireland. They have shared festival billing with Doc Watson, Jean Ritchie and

Pete Seeger. Enjoy rousing vocals and fine playing on guitars, fiddle, banjo, mandolin autoharp, and mountain and hammered dulcimers!

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton

- 11/07 **Concert of Finalists** 203-746-1716 Free
4:00p Student Concerto Competition. Selected finalists will compete and the winner, who will be announced at the end of the concert, will perform with the Danbury Symphony Orchestra on Jan 24, 2010.
Marian Anderson Recital Hall, Danbury Music Centre
Danbury
- 11/07 **Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra** (203) 438-3889 \$40-75
8:00p **Spend a Night on Broadway... in Ridgefield**
A musical comedy show-stopper to lift spirits and make you feel good all over. Come listen to your favorite melodies from Broadway's greatest hits with special performances by two of our brightest stars!, Mara Bonde & Curt Olds.
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Avenue,
Ridgefield
- 11/07 **Kenny Vance & The Planotones** (860) 489-7180 \$50
7:30p An intimate concert featuring the best in Doo Wop music played by an incredible band. Limited and reserved seating;
Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street
Torrington
- 11/07 - **A Chorus Line** (860) 489-7180 \$19-25
11/15 This is A Chorus Line, the musical for everyone who's ever had a dream and put it on the line. Winner of nine Tony Awards, including "Best Musical" and the Pulitzer Prize for drama. Featuring the songs One, What I Did for Love, I Hope I Get It and more! Fri / Sat 8pm; Sun 2pm
Warner Theater, 68 Main Street
Torrington
- 11/07- **Mame** 860-283-6250 \$20-22
11/22 Flash back to the roaring 1920's as a 10-year-old orphan boy is delivered to his swinging, eccentric Auntie Mame while she is hosting a cocktail party for her wildly flamboyant friends. Thus begins 18 years of fantastic adventures as she proves that life can be a banquet. The Jerry Herman score includes the title song, "If He Walked Into My Life," and "We Need A Little Christmas." Some of Mame's wild, adventurous spirit is inside everyone who lives for the moment and believes that "life is a banquet!"
Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street Fri/Sat 8:00p; Su 2:00p
Thomaston
- 11/07 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Fran Cosmo – Former Singer of BOSTON**
866-666-6306 \$35-50
8:00p PERFORMING ALL THE HITS OF "BOSTON" !!!!
Fran Cosmo the former singer of the band Boston is touring and performing with Anthony Cosmo, former guitarist and songwriter of the band Boston, performing all the greatest hits as well as the New Hits from the 2006 Frontiers records release, "Alien", which garnered high acclaim throughout Europe and Asia and was Voted one of the top records of the year by Melodic Rock.com.
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Norfolk

- 11/08 ***Don Giovanni (Mozart)*** 860.489.7180 \$20
 3:00p Digital Cinema Series. Sung in Italian with English subtitles
Don Giovanni is probably Mozart's most famous opera. 3 hours.
 Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 11/08 ***Amedeo Modigliani String Quartet*** (860) 693-6333 Free
 4:00p The Modigliani String Quartet won the 2006 Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York and the 2005 Young Concert Artists European Auditions in Paris. In September 2008 the Modigliani String Quartet received the loan from the Swiss Global Artistic Foundation of the "Evangelists", the world's only matched set of string quartet instruments by a master maker. Produced in 1863 by Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume, the "Evangelists" were created from the wood of a single tree. Until their acquisition by the Swiss Global Artistic Foundation the "Evangelists" had not been heard in public for more than thirty-five years. The Modigliani String Quartet is now performing and recording with these extraordinary instruments.
 Collinsville Congregational Church, 7 South Street, Village Green
 Collinsville
- 11/08 ***Laurel City Singer's Fall Concert*** 860-379-1778 ?
 2:00p Called ***WLCS FM95 Litchfield County Sample***, it is a take off on the Prairie Home Companion with music, stories, sound effects and even commercials. Special guests to be announced.
 First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main Street
 Winsted
- 11/08 ***Flying Karamazov Brothers*** (203) 438-3889 \$30; \$25 children
 2:00 The Flying Karamazov Brothers are a world famous juggling and comedy troupe who have been & performing since 1973. The show is a unique blend of nouveau cirque, visual music, dance and theatre.
 5:00p The Brothers mix visual fireworks, visceral physicality and theatrical innovation to create a post-modern sensibility where anything is possible. Their method is to combine skill and scope to form a work that is kaleidoscopic and passionate. The objects, musical instruments (traditional and invented) and their own bodies are transformed into a fresh polyrhythmic performance. Ground-breaking and provocative, the four brothers use their many talents to demonstrate that chaos and unexpected events in our lives is the stuff that makes us human. [Go to Flying Karamzov Brother's website](#)
 Children & Senior tickets are ONLY available thru the Box Office
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 11/08 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) ***Dirty Dozen Brass Band*** 866-666-6306 \$30-45
 8:00p For a band that has always been known for pushing boundaries forward, it was a bit of a dilemma when the Dirty Dozen Brass Band were faced with celebrating the 25th Anniversary of their debut release, "My Feet Can't Fail Me Now." The album heralded the coming of a new breed of brass band in the city of New Orleans, and for that matter, around the world. So how does a band known for their revolutionary spirit in a traditional world celebrate the anniversary? By looking forward, of course.
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 Norfolk
- 11/10 ***Family Ballroom Dancing Event!*** 860-673-9712 Preregister

? Featuring samples of Tango, Merengue, Samba, Waltz, & Swing. Wendy Nielsen will bring her 15 years of dance professional dance competition and 25 years of teaching experience to this program.
For adults, seniors, and children ages 6+
Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road,
Avon

11/10 ***Don Giovanni (Mozart)*** 860.489.7180 \$20
7:30p Digital Cinema Series. Sung in Italian with English subtitles See 11/08
Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street
Torrington

11/12 <N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest> ***Willy Porter w/Luke Doucet***
866-666-6306 \$12-22

8:00p It's been a few miles across America, Canada, the UK and Europe since Willy Porter released his debut CD, "The Trees Have Soul" in 1990. Back then he traveled in his Volkswagen selling discs out of the trunk, mesmerizing audiences with his guitar chops and original tunes. In 1994, he released his second independent CD entitled, "Dog Eared Dream." His radio success established Porter as a nationally recognized artist. "Dog Eared Dream" highlighted his pop songwriting sensibility and also his acoustic guitar work that would grow into a style uniquely his own — a mixture of Leo Kottke, Michael Hedges, Richard Thompson and Lindsey Buckingham.
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11/13 ***Dave Pettigrew*** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation
8:00p Pop/ Rock <http://www.davepettigrew.net/main.html>
Naugatuck United Methodist Church • 208 Meadow Street
Naugatuck

11/13 ***Search In The Present*** (860) 482-6801 \$20-25
7:30p Audience participation in the creation of a new work. RJ Avallone, trumpet Matthew Maley, saxophone.
Studio 59, 59 Barber Street
Torrington

11/13 ***Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill concert*** (860) 567-8302 \$25
8:00p One of the most extraordinary talents to emerge in the world of Irish traditional music, Martins' mastery of the violin, his acknowledgement of the past and his shaping of the future of the music, combined with the guitar mastery of Dennis' create an astonishing and formidable artistic intelligence.
Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
Litchfield

11/13- ***Godspell*** 203-431-9850 \$22-26
12/12 Based on the *Gospel According to St. Matthew*, this musical has enduring popularity as a contemporary adaptation of the life of Christ and his disciples, filling the stage with joyous music and hit songs such as Day by Day, All for the Best, and O Bless the Lord. F/Sa 8pm; Su 2p & 7:30p
Ridgefield Theatre Barn, 37 Halpin Lane
Ridgefield

11/14 ***Danbury Concert Chorus*** 203-746-1716 Free

- 8:00p **Walden: The Poetry of Nature**
 Featuring the premier of Walden, a new choral work by Max Vladimiroff commissioned by the Danbury Music Centre in memory of Nina Price and Amy Huberty Hawes. This newly composed choral work is in seven movements and is set to texts from the Journals of Henry David Thoreau. Other works on the program include two selections from Haydn's oratorio, "The Season." Joining the chorus will be horn players Nancy Sudik and Dan Coffman performing "Hark! The Mountains Resound" a song of the hunt complete with hunting horns. Other aspects of nature will also be celebrated – water, flowers, and stars.
 St. James Episcopal Church, 25 West Street
 Danbury
- 11/14 **Nancy Tucker** (860) 485-9113 Registration required
 1:00p Award winning guitarist and songwriter, Nancy Tucker has won numerous awards for her clever lyrics full of goofy puns, zany word plays and tongue twisters sung to her original guitar music. Her songs are sensitive to the challenges of childhood in an upbeat and hilarious way. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Harwinton Public Library, 80 Bentley Drive
 Harwinton
- 11/14 **Kenny White** (860) 379-7235 \$20
 7:30p Yes...He's back from his blizzard performance three years ago!!! Plays like a man possessed transferring all his energies into his keys, keeping him safe off the streets and behind his Steinway. The concert will begin at 7:30, following a wine-and-cheese reception beginning at 7:00.
 Beekley Library, 10 Central Ave.
 New Hartford
- 11/14 **Ridgefield Chorale: The British Invasion** \$10-15
 7:00p Our fall concert pays tribute to the music of the '60s that defined a generation of Americans growing up to the sounds of *The Beatles*, the Broadway musical *Oliver!*, *Petula Clark*...and the 2nd wave with *Queen*, *Sting*, *U2*, *Enya*...and the beat goes on! Buy tickets online at www.ridgefieldchorale.org . Also available at Ridgefield Music, 19 Governor St., Ridgefield, CT, or at the door.
 East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge Rd.
 Ridgefield
- 11/14 **Anne & Pete Sibley** 203-272-8404 \$14-16
 8:00p For Anne and Pete Sibley, it is the simplicity of the music: the words, the vocals, the harmonies. The storytelling and intimate nature of their original songs has drawn fans and encouraged the husband and wife duo to keep delivering. They aren't afraid of making music that is personal, paring it down, staying true to their instincts. Raised in New England singing in choirs, studying all types of music except folk and bluegrass, Anne and Pete stumbled upon their true calling when they moved west to Jackson Hole. They consider folk and bluegrass the people's music, nature's music, and they sing it freely & graciously
 The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 11/14 **Mark Erelli** 860-693-0263 \$16-18
 7:30p New England songwriter-guitarist Mark Erelli, like a modern descendant of Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan, "addresses tough issues: war, development, love, post 911 with the grit of John Hiatt and the melancholy of Ron Sexsmith."--Joe Heim, Washington Post. Also a fine instrumentalist, Mark is often seen as a sideman for Lori McKenna and joining in Nashville song circles and backstage pickin' parties with Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Trisha Yearwood and Faith Hill among others.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton

11/14 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Iris Dement**

866-

666-6306 \$30-45

8:00p One of the most celebrated country-folk performers of her day, singer/songwriter Iris Dement was born on January 5, 1961, in rural Paragould, AR, the youngest of 14 children. At the age of three, her devoutly religious family moved to California, where she grew up singing gospel music; during her teenage years, however, she was first exposed to country, folk, and R&B, drawing influence from Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, and Joni Mitchell. Upon graduating high school, she relocated to Kansas City to attend college.

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11/14 **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**

(203) 438-3889

\$55 - 60

8:00p Kenny Wayne Shepherd has lived more than half of his life in the spotlight. At the age of 16, he was signed to a major record label. Now, at only 32 years old, he has sold millions of albums worldwide, received four Grammy nominations, two Billboard Music Awards, two Orville H. Gibson Awards, the Blues Foundation's Keeping The Blues Alive Award, and a Blues Music Award among many other accolades. He has had four No.1 blues albums and a string of No.1 mainstream rock singles and his last project, *10 Days Out; Blues From The Backroads*, has not only received critical acclaim, but was also the #1 selling Blues Album of the Year in 2007. He is widely considered to be one of the best blues/rock guitarists [Go to Kenny Wayne Shepherd's website](#)

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield

11/15 **Così Fan Tutte (Mozart)**

860.489.7180

\$20

3:00p Digital Cinema Series. *Così fan tutte* is an experiment designed to reveal the truth about women's supposed lack of faithfulness. This stage work – in some ways Mozart's most radical – is not so much a "School for Lovers" as a continuous dissection of hearts. In the tension between love and passion, security and selfnegation, faithfulness and betrayal, couples get lost in emotional chaos. Mozart's music traces the inner contradictions of his figures without ever betraying them, and suddenly makes us doubt our confident belief that we can separate playfulness from earnestness, dream from reality. 3 hours
Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street
Torrington

11/15 **Richie Havens**

(203) 438-3889

\$55- 50

8:00p **Special Guest: Harry Manx**

Richie Havens is gifted with one of the most recognizable voices in popular music. His fiery, poignant, always soulful singing style has remained unique and ageless since he first emerged from the Greenwich Village folk scene in the early 1960's. It's a voice that has inspired and electrified audiences from the Woodstock Music & Arts Fair in 1969 to the Clinton Presidential Inauguration. Richie's Woodstock appearance proved to be a major turning point in his career. As the festival's first performer, he held the crowd spellbound for nearly three hours, called back for encore after encore. Having run out of tunes, he improvised a song based on the old spiritual "Motherless Child" that became "Freedom", a song now considered to be the anthem of a generation. [Go to Richie Haven's website](#)

"Mysticissippi" blues man **Harry Manx** has been called an "essential link" between the music of East and West, creating musical short stories that wed the tradition of the Blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas. He creates a unique sound that is hard to forget & deliciously addictive to listen to. [Go to Harry Manx's website](#)

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Ridgefield

- 11/15 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Fabulous Thunderbirds** 866-666-6306 \$30-45
- 8:00p For over 30 years, The Fabulous Thunderbirds have been the quintessential American band. The group's distinctive and powerful sound, influenced by a diversity of musical styles, manifested itself into a unique musical hybrid via such barnburners as "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up".
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Norfolk
- 11/15 **Anne & Peter Sibley** (203) 431-6501 \$15-20
- 4:00p See description under 11/14.
Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.
Ridgefield
- 11/15 **Telemann - Kapitaens Musik 1730** (860)435-4866 \$10-25
- 4:00p Crescendo presents Telemann - Kapitaens Music 1730 - Oratorio, Cantata and Concerti with Crescendo Chorus, Period Instrument Orchestra and Soloists Julianne Baird and Martin Near among others.
Trinity Church Lime Rock, 484 Lime Rock Rd. (Rte 112) [Click to Visit](#)
Lakeville
- 11/16 **Thurzah Bendokas: Concert for solo cello** (860) 824-2637 Free
- 2:30p Thurzah Bendokas will perform a concert for solo cello, featuring a range of musical styles and influences.
Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Rd. Hollenbeck Room
North Canaan
- 11/17 **Cosi Fan Tutte (Mozart)** 860.489.7180 \$20
- 7:30p Digital Cinema Series. See 11/15.
Warner Theater – Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 68 Main Street
Torrington
- 11/18 **Ani DiFranco & her band** (203) 438-3889 \$45-55
- 8:00p **Special Guest Gaby Moreno**
Ani DiFranco has written hundreds of songs, played thousands of shows, captured the imaginations of legions of followers, and jammed with folkies, orchestras, rappers, rock and roll hall-of-famers, jazz musicians, poets, pop superstars, storytellers and a martial arts legend. She's "fixed up a few old buildings" and minimized her carbon footprint before it was trendy – from installing a geothermal heating and cooling system in the renovated church that her label calls home to using organic inks on all the t- shirts she sells. Her new album, Red Letter Year, conceived, sculpted and refined over the course of two years, is an impeccably crafted, multi- layered sonic achievement. Says DiFranco about the album: "When I listen to my new record, I hear a very relaxed me, which I think has been absent in a lot of my recorded canon. Now I feel like I'm in a really good place. My guitar and voice have never sounded better. [Go to Righteous Babe Record's website](#)
Gaby Moreno - a soulful new songwriter, from Guatemala City. Gaby learned to speak English by playing and singing along with her favorites- BB King, Robert Johnson and Nina Simone. Gaby then attended The Musician's Institute and honed her craft. Her unique songwriting (she writes in English and Spanish) won her many new fans. [Go to Gaby Moreno's MySpace](#)
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield
- 11/19 **Who's Bad – Tribute to Michael Jackson** (860) 489-7180 \$30-50

8:00p Founded six years ago by Tadepalli in Chapel Hill, NC, to recreate the music, choreography and legendary showmanship of Michael Jackson, from his days in the Jackson 5 through *Off the Wall* and *Thriller to Invincible*, Who's Bad have maintained a hectic touring schedule of between 120-150 concerts a year to sold-out audiences, including clubs, summer festivals and corporate shows. The six-piece outfit has obviously found itself in even more increased demand since Jackson's death. "Michael Jackson's music meant so much to all of us," says Tadepalli, "This is just our way of trying to show our appreciation and to pass these great songs on to those fans who weren't lucky enough to see him perform live." The group celebrates the individual songs of Jackson as well as some of his memorable live performances, incorporating the original choreography wherever possible along the way.
Warner, 68 Main Street
Torrington

11/19 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Tab Benoit**
866-666-6306 \$20-35

8:00p With all the makings of an American music icon, Tab Benoit has become one of the premiere roots stylist of the century. Tab has paid his dues as a road troubadour playing 250 nights a year performing at venues across North America, honing his guitar chops & becoming part of Louisiana folklore & legend. Infinity Hall, Route 44 <http://www.infinityhall.com/calendar>
Norfolk

11/19 **Chris Merwin In Concert** (860) 824-2637 Free

3:30p Multi Instrumentalist / World Musician Chris Merwin will present a concert of popular music from the past century.
Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Rd. Hollenbeck Room
North Canaan

11/20 **Jam Session** (860) 496-1289 Free

7:30p Beyer Music will be hosting a Holiday Music Jam Session. Bring your music and instrument (except pianos), and we will have a great time playing for each other. We must limit it to 2 tunes per player. Please setup your instrument by 7:00PM. Bring your friends! Please park on the street, not in the Dairy Queen Lot, thank you. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
Beyer Music, 449 Main Street
Torrington

11/20 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Lucy Kaplansky**
866-666-6306 \$25-40

7:30p She started out singing in Chicago bars. Then, barely out of high school, Lucy Kaplansky took off for New York City. There she found a fertile community of songwriters and performers — Suzanne Vega, John Gorka, Bill Morrissey, Cliff Eberhardt, and others — where she fit right in. With a beautiful flair for harmony, Lucy was everyone's favorite singing partner, but most often she found herself singing as a duo with Shawn Colvin. People envisioned big things for them; in fact, The New York Times said it was "easy to predict stardom for her." Lucy Temporarily left the musical fast track to pursue a doctorate in Psychology and open her own private practice, although she continued to sing. Lucy was often pulled back into the studio by her friends (who now had contracts with record labels), wanting her to sing on their albums. Now Infinity Hall is pulling Lucy Back for her second appearance!
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Norfolk

11/20 **Rocco & the Bees** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation
8:00p Acoustic & piano music <http://www.seymourebc.com/bees/thebees.html>

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Naugatuck

- 11/21 **Lita Ford** (203) 438-3889 \$55-60
8:00 *Wicked Wonderful*, is Lita Ford's first full-length offering since 1995's *Black*. She shows that her flair for sexy, stomping, searing sounds has only gotten more vivid - which is mighty impressive, given a history that includes such classics as "Kiss Me Deadly" and the Ozzy Osbourne duet "Close My Eyes Forever". The disc certainly touches on the sort of headbang-inducing riffage that gave Lita her start way back when, but there are also surprises aplenty- from the smoking slide guitar that punctuates the bluesy "Scream" to psychedelic industrial swirls. [Check out Lita Ford on myspace](#)
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield
- 11/21 **Wild Notes** 203-272-8404 \$14-16
8:00p Wild Notes is an innovative and energetic traditional acoustic group with roots in Irish, Scottish, French-Canadian, jazz, rock, and classical music. They play New England and Celtic reels, jigs, hornpipes, and a wide variety of other traditional musical offerings with very original and unexpected arrangements that delight and surprise listeners. They are known for intricate yet melodic interweaving of the fiddle and concertina, which float above sweet harp arpeggios. Come listen to their sweet, soulful vocal harmonies and original arrangements of American folk songs, Irish ballads, and Scottish laments.
The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
West Hartford
- 11/21 **David Mallett** 860-693-0263 \$18-20
7:30p Maine's premier singer-songwriter returns with songs from his August 2009 release, *Alright Now*, David's first recording of all-original songs in six years and is a culmination of 40 years of songwriting talent! Remarkable new songs include, "Ten Men!" and "North Meets South," released on January 20, 2009 to commemorate the inauguration of Barack Obama. His songs capture keen observations about the soulfulness of everyday life, delivered by his rich vocals and satin smooth guitar work.
Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton
- 11/21 **Torrington Symphony Orchestra** (860) 489-7180 \$19
8:00p Torrington Symphony Orchestra, Charles Fidler, Conductor presents 'American Landscapes' with soloists, Kimberley Parsons, soprano & Timothy Wallace, piano. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Gershwin and Kern songs; Copland's Promise of Living; Paul Nelson's Contrasts; Ron Nelson's Jubilee; Scharnberg's Rhapsody on America the Beautiful.
Warner Theater, 68 Main Street
Torrington
- 11/21 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Dan Hicks & The Hot Licks**
866-666-6306 \$35-50
8:00p Dan Hicks' is an undeniable musical legacy, and a potent reminder of all of the musical inspiration that this Great American Songwriter has spawned. Revered by and also having collaborated with such legendary artists as Tom Waits, Elvis Costello, Bette Midler, Brain Setzer, Willie Nelson and Jimmy Buffett -- Dan Hicks serves up his unique fashion, attitude and swagger that are embodied in his outlaw eccentricity and totally unique sound. His counter-culture appeal, which has twice landed him on the cover of Rolling Stone, has always been rooted in his songwriting. His lyrics have been touted as some of the sharpest-tongued, driest-witted, and subtly hilarious bits of irreverence ever committed to rhyme.

He sets these lyrical gems to quirky tunes that trade on a bagful of jazz chords and an irresistible rhythm.
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- 11/22 **Waterbury Symphony Orchestra: Ode to Joy** \$15-40
3:00p Experience Beethoven's Ninth Symphony live! An exceptional, thrilling performance awaits you with the WSO, four guest soloists and the NVCC College Choir under the direction of Richard Gard.
Naugatuck Valley Community College, Chase Parkway [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
Waterbury
- 11/22 **Talich String Quartet** 203-426-6470 \$20
3:00p Internationally recognized as one of Europe's finest ensembles. The Talich continues in the tradition of its predecessors through its involvement in a wide range of performance and recording activities.
Edmond Town Hall, Main Street
Newtown
- 11/22 **Connecticut Master Chorale** 203-743-0473 \$20-25
3:00p Tina Johns Heidrich, Conductor. Festive music accompanied by Brass Ensemble and Steel Drums. Includes "Christmas Cantata" by K. Lee Scott, a medley of carols, spirituals, gospel, multi-cultural numbers, lullabies and other selections. [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
St. Mary Church, 24 Dodgingtown Rd. (Route 302)
Bethel
- 11/22 **Concert For St. Cecilia's Day** (860) 496-8841 \$10-20
5:00p Choral Music by Purcell, Bach, Mendelssohn, Parry, Britten, Ireland, Tippett, sung by Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus (Nicholas White, director). **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
Trinity Church, 220 Prospect Street
Torrington
- 11/22 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Enter the Haggis**
866-666-6306 \$20-30
8:00p Over the past three albums and five years, Toronto's Celtic rock band Enter The Haggis has found itself at the center of a grassroots success story ever teetering on the brink of mainstream success. From playing Celtic festivals to headlining them, and from the festival circuit to selling out multiple nights in rock venues, ETH has blazed a path with heavy and almost constant touring up and down the East Coast, to Canada, the West Coast and back again, winning over success one fan, one town, one region at a time.
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- 11/25 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood**
866-666-6306 \$15-30
8:00p **w/special guest Joe Bouchard from Blue Oyster Cult**
Jeff Pitchell is an internationally acclaimed, award winning singer, songwriter, guitarist, and an actor who reminds fans of Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimi Hendrix, BB King etc. but most of all, is a top drawing, best selling artist whose explosive guitar playing and impassioned vocals have drawn rave reviews from fans and critics alike for simply playing music that Jeff himself has written!
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- 11/27 **Soul Legends** 203.346.2000 \$58-88

8:00p A memorable night of soul music starring Russell Thompkins, Jr. and The New Stylistics (“Stone in Love with You,” and “Stop, Look & Listen”) the Original Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston & Blue Lovett (“Kiss and Say Goodbye” and “I Wanna Be Your Everything”); and Rose Royce (“Car Wash” and “Love Don’t Live Here Anymore”).
The Palace Theatre, 100 East Main Street
Waterbury

11/27 <N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest> **Cheryl Wheeler** 866-666-6306 \$25-40

7:30p If your idea of a folk singer/songwriter concert is a bunch of people clapping politely after songs, and then sitting quietly while the performer says things like "This next song is about...", well, you've never seen a Cheryl Wheeler concert before. Cheryl's concerts are more like what you would find at a comedy club than expect to find at a folk music concert. She will tell a story that has you rolling in the aisles, and she will sing a song that leaves you wiping tears from your eyes. She will talk about some serious current event, and then sing a song that will have you howling with laughter. Her entire concert is an emotional roller coaster.
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Norfolk

11/27 **Rob Carter** 203-419-0890 Free/Donation
8:00p Alternative pop / rock <http://www.robcartermusic.com>
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11/27 **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

11/28 **Holiday Theatre Organ Pops concert** 860-283-6250 \$20-22?
2:00p **featuring John Lauter**
With special guests: the Greater Waterbury Youth Symphony.
John Lauter has been presenting theatre organ concerts for over 20 years. John made his public debut at the Redford theatre at age 16. Since those early days John has presented concerts in Chicago, at the Oriental theatre, VanDerMolen residence, and the Krughoff residence. At home in Detroit, John has presented 7 concerts at the Detroit theatre organ society, and many concerts and silent film programs at the Redford theatre. The Michigan theatre in Ann Arbor Michigan featured John as staff organist for 17 years, during which John accompanied such silent film classics as “Metropolis”, “the Birth of a nation”, and “The Phantom of the Opera.” The Detroit Fox theatre’s 1988 grand re-opening found John playing before “The ultimate event”, Liza Minelli, Sammy Davis Jr. & Frank Sinatra.
Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street
Thomaston

11/28 **Swing For Victory** (860) 489-7180 \$20-40
3:00p CT Premiere & Off Broadway Bound! SWING FOR VICTORY! will feature 6-piece jazz band orchestrations and four-part vocal arrangements of nearly 60 classic songs by Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer, Rogers & Hart, Dorothy Fields and many more.

Popular favorites include I'll Be Seeing You, As Time Goes By, In The Mood, Sentimental Journey, Chattanooga Choo Choo, It Happened in Monterey, On The Sunny Side of the Street, and many more.
Warner, 68 Main Street
Torrington

- 11/28 **Woods Tea Co.** 203-272-8404 \$14-16
Woods Tea Company is a musical group that defies categorization. They perform bluegrass, Celtic tunes, sea chanties, and folk songs with an equal ease and skill. In concert, the group draws on a wide variety of musical experience and expression. They employ as many as a dozen different instruments from banjos, bezoukis and bodhrans, guitars and tin whistles. The Vermont based group tours the country offering a mixture of lively folk, Celtic music, sea shanties, bluegrass, and dry New England humor. The award winning band has been featured at Lincoln Center, The Chautauqua Institute, and on National Public Radio.
The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
West Hartford
- 11/28 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Jeff Pevar**
866-666-6306 \$12-27
8:00p Jeff Pevar is a partner in a band known as **CPR**, co-writing, singing and co-producing songs in a band including Rock&Roll legend, David Crosby (The Byrds / Crosby, Stills and Nash), and James Raymond, an incredible keyboardist/composer/singer who also happens to be David Crosby's son. CPR's first trio tour was in January of 1997, a few months after Crosby and Raymond were reunited after over 30 years. Because the musical chemistry was so obvious to them, David, Jeff and James pursued the project, wrote and produced many songs together.
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- 11/28 **Sherman Chamber Ensemble: Jazz & Classical** (860) 355-5930 Free
4:00p The Sherman Chamber Ensemble jazzes up the classics with pianist Ted Rosenthal, flutist Susan Rotholz, cellist Eliot Bailen and bassist Thomson Kneeland. Works include jazz suites by Claude Bolling, brand-new arrangements by Kneeland of traditional tangos and Rosenthal's signature jazz improvisations on classical themes. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
Sherman Congregational Church, Church Rd.
Sherman
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St. Andrew's Church, 1 North Main St.
Kent
- 11/29 **The Spirit of Christmas** 203.346.2000 \$35-55
4:00p *The Spirit of Christmas* takes you on a magical journey to a winter wonderland of fun and festive cheer. Enjoy all your favorite Christmas songs and meet Santa Claus and his merry helpers, tap-dancing penguins, singing mice, elephants in pink tutus, naughty elves, and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole!

The Palace Theatre, 100 East Main Street
Waterbury

11/29 **Hot Tuna "Acoustic"** (203) 438-3889 \$55
8:00p After five decades of the greatest acoustic and electric music ever, Hot Tuna continues to rock the stage! Back for their 50th Anniversary tour, the music of Jefferson Airplane founding members and Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady sound better than ever. For the last few years, Jorma and Jack have been joined in most of their Hot Tuna performances by the mandolin virtuoso Barry Mitterhoff. A veteran of bluegrass, Celtic, folk, and rock-influenced bands, Barry has found a new voice in working with Hot Tuna, and the fit has been good -- watching them play, it's as if he's been there from the beginning and they're all having the time of their lives. Jorma and Jack certainly could not have imagined, let alone predicted, where playing would take them. It's been a long and fascinating road to numerous exciting destinations. Two things have never changed: They still love to play as much as they did as kids in Washington D.C., and there are still many, many exciting miles yet to travel on their musical odyssey. [Go to Hot Tuna's website](#)
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield

11/29 [N:\events\antje-duvekot-w-special-guest](#) **Coco Montoya w/Jen Lowe** 866-
666-6306 \$20-35
7:30p Over the course of his 30-year career, guitarist and vocalist Coco Montoya's explosive guitar playing and soul-driven voice have propelled him to the upper reaches of the blues-rock world. From his early days as a drummer to his current status as one of the top-drawing guitarists and vocalists on the blues-rock scene, Montoya has forged his reputation through years of hard work and constant touring. Having toured with prestigious national and international artists, Lowe is a journey-woman through and through; armed with a beaten-up backpack stuffed with sentimental keep-sakes of a woman both beloved and scorned. Jen's eternal search for balance and connection in her life comes through strongly in her writing and performance. Never taking herself too seriously in life or on the stage, you will often find her giggling and at ease as she tells a funny anecdote or reaches into her soul to share the darker parts of her journey. She is a true natural performer, whether she's pounding ferociously on a djembe or gently finger-picking her old guitar; as a multi-instrumentalist, Jen's shows are spontaneous, fun and never predictable
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Norfolk

11/30 **Open Mike featuring Trainwreck Jerry** 860-693-0263 ?
? Immaculate guitar fingerpicking, fine vocals, great songs and superb stories are offered by this graduate of the '60s Greenwich Village Scene. His cd is titled *GV '64*
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Canton