



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.

- 11/28- ***Plaid Tidings*** (860) 489-7180 \$18.50
12/07 After a sold-out run in 2000, your favorite doo wop harmonizing boys are back for a brand-new show that offers the best of Forever Plaid tied-up in a nifty package with a big Christmas bow on top! After receiving a phone call from none other than Rosemary Clooney, the boys are called upon to put a little harmony into a discordant world. This is one holiday treat that is truly “heaven-sent!”
Nov 28 & Dec 5 at 8pm; Nov 29 at 2pm; Nov 30 & Dec 7 at 2pm; Dec 6 at 2pm & 8pm.
Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
Torrington
- 11/28- ***It's A Wonderful Life*** (860) 283-6250 \$17-20
12/14 In our American culture “It's A Wonderful Life” has become almost as familiar as Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The story is a natural for a stage adaptation: the saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been quashed by family obligation and civic duty, whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him—by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born—that his has been, after all, a wonderful life.
This faithful adaptation has all your favorite characters: George and Mary Hatch, Clarence, Uncle Billy, Violet, and, of course, the Scrooge-like villain, Mr. Potter. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded. F/Sa 8p, Su 2p
Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main Street
Thomaston
- 11/20- ***The Producers*** (203) 757-4676 \$\$28-48
12/28 Seven Angels Theatre presents the only professional Connecticut production of this world famous comedy this season! Book by Mel Brooks & Thomas Meehan. Music & Lyrics by Mel Brooks. Winner of a record 12 Tony Awards, this mega-hit will star Seven Angels favorite R. Bruse Connelly (A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum Best Actor, CT Critics Circle) as the down-on-his-luck Broadway producer who, with his mild-mannered accountant, schemes to stage the most notorious flop in history. One thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit!
Seven Angels Theatre, 1 Plank Road
Waterbury

- 12/01 ***Open Mic Night*** 203-730-0035
 9:00p Cousin Larry's Café 1 Elm St.
 Danbury
- 12/02 ***Light the Lights***
 5:30- Annual Tree Lighting
 7:30p Danbury
- 12/02 ***Advent Vespers*** 860-567-3163 ?
 5:00- Enter into the liturgical season of Advent by celebrating the time-honored prayer of Vespers. Readings,
 5:45 psalms, and prayers will focus on waiting for the Light. Psalm tones, hymns, and chants will be an
 integral part of each ecumenical service. Presenters: Sr. Jo-Ann Iannotti, OP, of Wisdom House and
 Marguerite Mullee, director of music at St. Joseph Church, Brookfield CT and for other area
 organizations. [Email](#). [Click here to visit their Web site](#).
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center - 229 E. Litchfield Rd.
 Litchfield
- 12/02 ***Gary McFadden & John Cain Duo – Jazz*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 12/02 ***Jazz Night with Roger Young*** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/03 ***Dave Mason*** (203) 438-3889 \$50
 8:00p Dave Mason's credentials speak for themselves. As a former member of Traffic and Fleetwood Mac, a
 Rock & Roll Hall of Famer and a guitar legend, his contributions are indelible on the world of rock.
 After selling out all prior performances at The Playhouse, Mason returns for an evening of rock.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 12/03 ***Hotchkiss Music Students Recital*** (860) 435-4423 Free
 6:30p The Hotchkiss School Music Department presents a music students recital. Numerous student musicians
 will showcase their talents by performing classical music by various composers.
 Hotchkiss School - Esther Eastman Music Center / Katherine M. Elfers Hall, 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville [Click to Visit](#)
- 12/03 ***Gypsy Jazz with Larry Urbon*** 203-894-8522
 7:30p La Saliere, 3 Big Shop Lane
 Ridgefield <http://www.cafe-music.com>
- 12/03 ***The Best Is Yet To Come*** 203-757-4676 \$18
 6:30p A evening of Frank Sinatra songs sung by Tony DeSare with author Tom Santopietro discussing his new
 book "Sinatra in Hollywood"
 Seven Angels, 1 Plank Road
 Waterbury

- 12/04 ***Hotchkiss Voice Students Recital*** (860) 435-4423 Free
 7:00p The Hotchkiss School Music Department presents a voice students recital. Numerous student musicians will showcase their talents by singing music by various composers
 Hotchkiss School - Esther Eastman Music Center / Katherine M. Elfers Hall, 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville [Click to Visit](#)
- 12/04 ***Chris Casey & Donn Doucette – Jazz*** 860.868.6633
 7:00p G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Road
 Washington Depot <http://www.gwtavern.com/>
- 12/04 ***Ardilo De Souza – Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 12/04 ***Open Mic Night*** 860.868.1496
 8:00p The Marbledale Pub 258 New Milford Tpke.
 New Preston <http://www.marbledalepub.com>
- 12/04 ***Open Mic with JD & Guests*** 203.739.0313 \
 8:00p Molten Java 102 Greenwood Ave.
 Bethel <http://www.mjcoffee.com>
- 12/04 ***Coffeehouse*** (203) 837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, ***Play It By Ear***, at 9 p.m.
 Alumni Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 12/05 ***Litchfield Carol Sing and Holiday Stroll*** 860-567-7569 Free
 6:00p Join your neighbors and friends for an old fashioned Christmas gathering. The official tree lighting ceremony begins at 6PM and then we carol our way through the Cobble Court and Center of town down to the Town Hall to see Santa and his Elves. Hayrides, music and ice-skating also available.
 On The Green
 Litchfield
- 12/05 ***Jazz Combos Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free
 8:00p The program will include a variety of original compositions and arrangements of jazz standards.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 12/05 ***Jeff Pitchel and Texas Flood*** 866-666-6308 \$10-15
 8:00p Jeff Pitchell is an internationally acclaimed, award winning singer, songwriter, guitarist, 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! [12/05/08 • Jeff Pitchell and Texas Flood • 08:00 PM](#)
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk

- 12/05 ***Open Mic with JD & Guests*** 203.739.0313 \
- 8:00p Molten Java 102 Greenwood Ave.
Bethel <http://www.hillrock.com/bio.htm>
- 12/06 ***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
- 12/06 ***Roomful of Blues*** 866-666-6308 \$24
- 7:30p According to Down Beat magazine, *Roomful of Blues* "is in a class by themselves." With their masterful combination of jumping, horn-heavy, hard-edged blues and R&B, it's no wonder why the great Count Basie called them "the hottest blues band I've ever heard." Since 1967, the group's deeply rooted blend of swing, rock 'n' roll, jump, blues and soul has earned it five Grammy Award nominations and a slew of other accolades, including seven Blues Music Awards (with the nod for Blues Band Of The Year in 2005). The band, with a membership that has continued to change and evolve over the years, has always boasted great musicianship featuring a stellar horn section.
Infinity Hall, Route 44
Norfolk
- 12/06 ***Waterbury Chorale: Christmas at the Palace 2008*** 203-755-4700 \$15-40
- 8:00p The Waterbury Chorale returns to the Palace stage for another holiday extravaganza in "Christmas at the Palace 2008." The main orchestral performances within a varied program include three short sacred works by Giovanni Battista Perolesi, Z. Randall Stroope, and Ralph Vaughan Williams, together with seasonal festive music by various composers, including Woodbury Composer Leroy Anderson
Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
Waterbury
- 12/06 ***Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra: From Carvival to the Country*** \$10-15
- 8:00p Berlioz, Strauss, & Beethoven. "Featuring one of the many talented musicians of the Ridgefield Symphony, and Beethoven's ode to country life, our second concert promises to usher in a joyful Holiday Season." — Gerald Steichen
Ridgefield High School
Ridgefield
- 12/06 ***Kris Delmhorst*** 860-693-0263 \$15-17
- 7: 30 Singer songwriter-guitarist **Kris Delmhorst** makes her RBNC debut this evening. Having seen her perform at 1500 seat theaters opening shows for Dar Williams and Richard Thompson, we know that she will impress you with her artful songwriting and her colorful pitch perfect voice. Kris tours in support of her 2008 Signature Sounds release **Shotgun Singer**. Playing fine guitar textures backing her mood-evoking vocal phrasing, she approaches a cross between the styles of Joni Mitchell and Sarah McLaughlan. Song highlights from **Shotgun Singer** include "Blue Adeline," "Midnight Ringer," "Riverwide" and "Birds of Belfast."
Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton

- 12/06 ***Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem*** 203-272-8404 \$18-20
 8:00p All of roots music is a stage for daisy mayhem, and this four-piece string band loves nothing more than choreographing a jubilant mix of traditional, original, and contemporary sounds. With Arbo's bewitching alto at the helm, stunning vocal harmonies, a 100% recycled drum set, fiddle, guitar, and bass, daisy mayhem "has a grand knack for pumping new blood into old music" (The Boston Globe). Imagine, for example, a pre-civil war song from the Georgia Sea Islands sung over a New Orleans-style groove. Or, an old Irish fiddle tune with new lyrics, capped with a solo on a South American box drum. A Sondheim tune done jug band style? An original Unitarian funk gospel song? You begin to get the idea. With influences from Doc Watson to Django Reinhardt, from Ghanaian drumming to the funky Meters, and from Fiddlin' John Carson to Bob Dylan, Daisy Mayhem celebrates America's rich musical past and brings it into the present with good humor, impeccable musicianship, powerful songwriting, and a clear love of playing together. Here are four musicians who pick up what's lying around - from tin cans to old songs and wry observations of modern life - and create something new.
 Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 12/06 ***Town of Oxford Holiday Concert*** 203-888-2543 ext.3063 \$15
 7:00p The Oxford Holiday Concert will feature the joyful voices of Cantabile. The Cantabile Vocal Quartet with pianist will perform Christmas favorites.
 The Cornerstone Assembly of God, Rt. 67
 Oxford
- 12/06- ***The Nutcracker*** (860) 489-7180 \$17-37
 12/07 Enjoy yourself this yuletide season as the Nutmeg Ballet brings to life Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, delighting audiences young and old! The Warner Theatre will be alive this holiday season with toy soldiers and dueling mice, a princess and sugarplums – a delicious treat for the child in all of us.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street Dec 6 at 1pm & 5pm; Dec 7 at 1 pm
 Torrington
- 12/06- ***Holiday Music Fest*** (860) 482-6801 \$20
 12/13 Performances by pianist Timothy Alexandre Wallace and guests, celebrating the holidays with a variety
 7:00p of music selections in the unique ambiance of Studio 59. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street
 Torrington
- 12/07 ***Harmonious Brass Choir*** (860) 379-3151 Free Will
 2:00p Concert by the HARMONIOUS BRASS CHOIR, a 35-piece Brass Ensemble.
 Church of Christ of Winsted, 800 Main Street
 Winchester/Winsted
- 12/07 ***Lessons & Carols*** (860) 435-4423 Free
 7:00p The Hotchkiss Chorus led by choral director Laurie Ellington and Hotchkiss chaplain Lou Pressman will usher in the holiday season in song and verse in a beautiful ceremony that celebrates the birth of Christ.
 Hotchkiss Music Dept. - Chapel, 11 Interlaken Road **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 Lakeville
- 12/07 ***Cliff Eberhardt; opening by Lara Herscovitch*** (203) 431-6501 \$15-20
 4:00p Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.
 Ridgefield

- 12/07 ***Community Hanukkah Party*** 860-355-8050 \$10+
 1-3p Participants will play dreidel games, create a holiday craft and learn how to make and eat homemade latkes with sour cream and apple sauce. Our feature musical entertainment will be provided by Bananukah!, aka Danna Banana (singer/songwriter Dan Cohen), who was New York Magazine's Editors Pick as 'Best Party Entertainer' in 2005. Dan Cohen has written for such popular children's shows as the Disney Channel's "JoJo's Circus"; is the voice of Spider Man on a personalized music CD for kids; and has been hired by major celebrities like Rosie O'Donnell to entertain her family, as well as world renowned photographer, Annie Liebovitz. Danna Banana is a trained baritone and has sung many roles in operas and oratorios throughout the country.
 Jewish Community Center in Sherman, 9 Route 39 South
 Sherman
- 12/07 ***Kent Singers*** (860) 354-2156 \$ 8-10
 3:00p The group of 15 auditioned singers will present their Christmas Concert. This is the 36th year that Kent Singers has performed in Northwest Connecticut. Members of the group come from northwest Connecticut and nearby New York. info@kentsinger.org or call.
 St. Andrews Church, 1 North Main Street
 Kent
- 12/07 ***Holiday Spectacular*** (203) 438-3889 \$20-25
 2:00p Debbi Gravitte returns in this exciting holiday performance that showcases local talent. A wonderful & holiday show for the entire family that has become a Playhouse tradition!
 6:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 12/07 ***Danbury Community Orchestra*** 203-748-1716 Free
 3:00p Ives Concert Hall, 181 White Street
 Danbury
- 12/07 ***Acoustic Open Mic*** 203.743.7021
 9:30p Widow Brown's Federal Rd.
 Danbury
- 12/07 ***John Judd*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
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 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows, 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/08 ***Open Mic Night*** 203-730-0035
 9:00p Cousin Larry's Café 1 Elm St.
 Danbury

- 12/08 ***Percussion Ensemble Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free/donations
 8:00p The concert will feature works by Lepak, Helble, Coleman, Gillingham, Mancini and others. Two WCSU faculty members also will perform as soloists in the "Concerto for Drumset, Timpani and Percussion Ensemble" by David Mancini. Patrick Smith will be the timpani soloist and Jeff Siegel will be the drumset soloist.
 Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 12/09 ***Messiah*** 203-748-1716 Free?
 7:30p Danbury Concert Chorus & Danbury Chamber Orchestra
 St. Peter Church, 104 Main St.
 Danbury
- 12/09 ***Advent Vespers*** 860-567-3163 ?
 5:00- Enter into the liturgical season of Advent by celebrating the time-honored prayer of Vespers. Readings, 5:45 psalms, and prayers will focus on waiting for the Light. Psalm tones, hymns, and chants will be an integral part of each ecumenical service. Presenters: Sr. Jo-Ann Iannotti, OP, of Wisdom House and Marguerite Mullee, director of music at St. Joseph Church, Brookfield CT and for other area organizations. [Email](#). [Click here to visit their Web site](#).
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 Litchfield
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 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows, 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/10 ***Deck the Halls*** (860) 489-6684 Free; registration
 6:30p CT Opera Express sings an array of Holiday music in this one of a kind concert! required
 Torrington Library, 12 Daycoeton Place
 Torrington
- 12/11 ***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, 526 Main Street
 New Hartford
- 12/11 ***Ardilo De Souza – Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
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 7:00p G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Road
 Washington Depot <http://www.gwtavern.com/>
- 12/11 ***Coffeehouse*** (203) 837-9700 Free
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 Danbury

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 New Preston <http://www.marbledalepub.com>
- 12/11 *Open Mic with JD & Guests* 203.739.0313 \\
 8:00p Molten Java 102 Greenwood Ave.
 Bethel <http://www.mjcoffee.com>
- 12/12 *A Season of Miracles* 203-755-4700 \$ 8
 9:30a "A Season Of Miracles" by Pushcart Players is a sparkling collection of holiday tales from different
 & cultures including Christmas, ("The Gift of the Magi" and "The Nutcracker") Kwanzaa ("The Kwanzaa
 11:30 Kite" set in Nigeria) and Chanukah ("The Soul of A Menorah" - a Chelm story). Crafted and set to
 music with the timeless tone of each classic piece, this magical presentation is designed to warm the
 hearts and perhaps change the perspective of young audiences as they think about the true meaning and
 spirit of the holiday season. As for miracles? They are within us all and at the heart of each story, known
 as the gifts of love, kindness, caring and sharing. Best for grades: K-5
 Curricular Integrations: Language Arts, Social Studies, Traditions, Diversity
 To book your school field trip, call the Group Sales Hotline at 203-755-8483 x134
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/12 *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/>
- 12/12 *Spyro Gyra* 866-666-6308 \$40-50
 8:00p The entity known as Spyro Gyra is a marathon runner in the arena of contemporary jazz. For more than
 three decades, moving across a musical landscape marked by increasingly challenging terrain and
 accelerated change, they have maintained the well-deserved reputation as a viable and highly versatile
 creative force. Since their earliest recordings in the mid 1970s, they have maintained a fresh approach to
 their craft by borrowing from a range of sources & distilling them into an unmistakable signature sound.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44 [12/12/08 • Spyro Gyra • 08:00 PM](#)
 Norfolk
- 12/12 *Sounds of the Season* 860-242-5324 \$15
 8:00p Farmington Valley Chorale. The Chorale, women's choruses of Farmington and Simsbury High
 Schools, and professional orchestra will perform Vivaldi's Gloria!, music of Dietrich Buxtehude, Ralph
 Vaughan Williams, Michael Praetorius, and selected carols. Mezzo-soprano soloist will be Judy Bowers
 Avon High School, 510 West Avon Road, Route 167,
 Avon
- 12/12 *Connecticut Chorale Society* (203) 206-7186 \$20
 8:00p Candlelight Concert. Highlights include A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, two settings of O
 Magnum Mysterium, and Dancing Day by John Rutter.
[Trinity Church](#), 36 Main Street
 Newtown

- 12/12 ***Hotchkiss Orchestra & Jazz Band Concert*** (860) 435-4423 Free
 7:00p Come prepared for an extraordinary music experience as the Hotchkiss Orchestra, led by director Fabio Witkowski, performs classical and holiday music. Right Brain Logic, the Hotchkiss jazz band, will also perform classic and original contemporary jazz pieces led by director and jazz artist Michael Musillami. Hotchkiss School - Esther Eastman Music Center / Katherine M. Elfers Hall, 11 Interlaken Road Lakeville
- 12/12- ***Amahl & the Night Visitors*** 203-837-8499 \$ 5 – 10
 1213 The WCSU Opera will perform GianCarlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors". Music Professor F 8p; Dr. Margaret Astrup will direct the 14th annual production of this holiday classic.
 Sa 3p Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St. Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 12/12- ***Nutcracker Ballet*** 203-748-1716 \$15-20
 12/14 Danbury Symphony Orchestra will be joined by over 200 dancers from the greater Danbury area in this fully staged, costumed production. This holiday favorite sells out quickly!
 Danbury High School, Clapboard Ridge Rd., Rt. 39 Fri 7:30p; Sat 6:00; Sun 3:00p Danbury
- 12/13 ***Nutcracker*** (203) 438-3889 \$25
 2:00p Join Marie as she dreams of Sugar Plum Fairies, dancing Snowflakes and a battle between the evil & Mouse Queen and her beloved Nutcracker Prince. The Nutcracker captures all the wonder and childlike 6:00p joy of the season with exquisite costumes and dazzling choreography under the artistic direction of Anthony Jones. It features professional dancers and students from the Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield
- 12/13 ***My Dad's Truck*** 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/>
- 12/13 ***Psallite! Sing Joyfully!*** 203-272-7550 \$10-12
 7:00p CitySingers of Hartford. Music of the Christmas season including carols, folk songs, familiar choral works and arrangements of favorite carols for our audiences to join in singing. Accompanied by pipe organ, suspended bells, percussion and Wild Notes, a Celtic instrumental ensemble Elim Park Theater, 140 Cook Hill Road Cheshire
- 12/13 ***Connecticut Chorale Society***
 8:00p Candlelight Concert. Candlelight Concert. Highlights include A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, two settings of O Magnum Mysterium, and Dancing Day by John Rutter. North Congregational Church, Woodbury
- 12/13 ***Now Hear This! Open Mic Night*** (860) 482-5122 Free
 8:00p All are invited to listen and/or participate in an eclectic and inspiring mix of spoken words, music or any Artwell Gallery, 19 Water Street Torrington

- 12/13 *Chris Smither* 860-693-0263 \$22-25
 7:30p Since the last RBNC show by **Chris Smither**, we attended the live recording of his fine performance/interview DVD titled **One More Night**. In top form at New Bedford's Summerfest this past July, he played a great set of songs from his 2008 CD **Leave The Light On**. The disc features 8 new songs written by Chris, one traditional and three superb covers of songs by Bob Dylan, Peter Case and Lightnin' Hopkins. **Chris Smither** remains the rootsiest songwriter on the acoustic music scene today. His affable stage presence and spellbinding singing, playing and writing have made him a favorite of blues fans, songwriting fans and guitar aficionados. Request your favorites from his fine recordings **Happier Blue, Drive You Home Again, Up On The Lowdown** and **Leave The Light On**.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
 Canton
- 12/13 *Work O' the Weavers* 203-272-8404 \$16-18
 8:00p This rousing concert program celebrates the timeless music and timely message of The Weavers (Ronnie Gilbert, Lee Hays, Fred Hellerman, and Pete Seeger), presented by David Bernz, James Durst, Martha Sandefer and Mark Murphy. 'If I Had A Hammer,' 'Midnight Special,' 'The Sloop John B,' 'Goodnight, Irene,' 'This Land Is Your Land,' 'Tzena Tzena,' 'Wimoweh,' 'House Of The Rising Sun,' 'Michael Row The Boat Ashore.' Songs such as these have become part of our collective consciousness. But few recall that these songs were written or first popularized by The Weavers. The seminal link between an obscure past and contemporary culture, The Weavers introduced a stream of authenticity into the current of American popular music that endures to this day. With faithful adherence to their original arrangements, we seek to recall the spirit of The Weavers, providing an echo of their music and some insight into their story. It is therefore a distinct privilege for us, and it is with profound pleasure that we present the timeless music and the timely message of 'Work o' The Weavers'. – David, James, Mark & Marta.
 The First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street
 West Hartford
- 12/13 *A Holiday Doo Wop Celebration Vol III* (860) 489-7180 \$35-40
 7:30p LAR Enterprises returns with a fresh line up featuring Bobby Rydell, The Duprees, Kenny Vance & The Planotones, Jimmy Beaumont & The Skyliners and Kid Kyle all singing their greatest hits, as well as your favorite holiday classics.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 12/13 *Aztec Two-Step* 866-666-6308 \$25-30
 7:00p In 1972, Aztec Two-Step, whose name comes from a poem by beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, burst upon the scene with their self-titled debut album on Elektra Records. Since then Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have spent a lifetime making music together as the folk/rock duo Aztec Two-Step. Their first album, along with their subsequent albums for RCA Records were staples of progressive FM and college radio and helped to bring the music of the 1960s into the 70s.
[12/13/08 • Aztec Two Step w/ special guest Kenn Morr • 07:00 PM](#)
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 12/13 *Christmas Angelicus Concert* 888-788-8882 \$
 4:00p Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus directed by Nicholas White will hold a Christmas concert. Carols and hymns, traditional, original and contemporary are interspersed with readings-sacred and comic and

profound-for a unique, poignant and joyous celebration of Christmas. Order tickets early. Call for reservations. [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, South Street
Litchfield

- 12/13- ***WATR's Christmas Show*** 203-757-4676 \$15
2:00p; A crowd favorite is back. Enjoy this fun family show featuring lots of singing and dancing.
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Congregational Church, 12 Village Green
Norfolk
- 12/14 ***Holiday Jazz Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free/donations
3:00p Performing will be award-winning Frankensax, conducted by Andrew Beals; the WCSU Jazz
Ensemble, conducted by Dave Scott; and the WCSU Jazz Orchestra, conducted by Jamie Begian. The
program will feature traditional big band jazz standards and holiday classics such as "Sleigh Bells" and
"Walking in a Winter Wonderland."
Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 12/14 ***A Christmas Carol: The Musical*** (860) 489-7180 \$20-50
3:00p A brand new professional touring company production based on Charles Dickens'
timeless tale of an old miser who must face the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they
help to bring kindness to Scrooge's otherwise cold heart!
Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
Torrington
- 12/14 ***John Judd*** 203-438-8200
6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
Ridgefield
- 12/14 ***Naugatuck Community Choir***
2:00p "Christmas Around the World" . Reception following concert. Snow date - December 21st
Naugatuck Congregational Church
Naugatuck
- 12/14 ***Chris Casey & Donn Doucette – Jazz*** 860.868.6633
12:00p G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Road
Washington Depot <http://www.gwtavern.com/>
- 12/15 ***Open Mic Night*** 203-730-0035
9:00p Cousin Larry's Café 1 Elm St.
Danbury

- 12/16 ***Gary McFadden & John Cain Duo – Jazz*** 203-438-8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St <http://www.jazzeria.com>
 Ridgefield
- 12/16 ***Jazz Night with Roger Young*** 203.743.5845
 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows, 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/16 ***Advent Vespers*** 860-567-3163 ?
 5:00- Enter into the liturgical season of Advent by celebrating the time-honored prayer of Vespers. Readings,
 5:45 psalms, and prayers will focus on waiting for the Light. Psalm tones, hymns, and chants will be an
 integral part of each ecumenical service. Presenters: Sr. Jo-Ann Iannotti, OP, of Wisdom House and
 Marguerite Mullee, director of music at St. Joseph Church, Brookfield CT and for other area
 organizations. [Email](#). [Click here to visit their Web site](#).
 Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center - 229 E. Litchfield Rd.
 Litchfield
- 12/17 ***Jazz Night with Roger Young*** 203-743-5845
 7:00p Rosy Tomorrows, 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/17 ***Gypsy Jazz with Larry Urbon*** 203-894-8522
 7:30p La Saliere, 3 Big Shop Lane
 Ridgefield <http://www.cafe-music.com>
- 12/18 ***Ardilo De Souza – Brazilian Guitarist & Vocalist*** 203.438.8200
 6:00p 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St.
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- 12/18 ***Chris Casey & Donn Doucette*** 860-868-6633
 12:00 G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Road
 Washington Depot <http://www.gwtavern.com>
- 12/18 ***Open Mic Night*** 860-868-1496
 8:00p The Marbledale Pub, 258 New Milford Tpke.
 New Preston <http://www.marbledalepub.com>
- 12/18 ***Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker*** 203-755-4700 \$27-67
 7:30p Acclaimed for exquisite dancing and spectacular sets and costumes, critics rave that Anatoli Emelianov's
 Great Russian Nutcracker is "flawless," "breathtaking," and "dazzling." Whimsical and imaginative
 storytelling, blend with the richness of Russian classical dance to make the Great Russian Nutcracker a
 memorable holiday treat for all.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 12/18 ***Open Mic with JD & Guests*** 203-739-0313
 8:00p Molten Java, 102 Greenwood Ave.
 Bethel <http://www.mjcoffee.com>

- 12/18 ***Music with Gale Gardiner*** 860-379-8327 Free
 7:00p Our musical blessings in December continue, with the beautiful tones of Gale Gardiner. Come join us for eating and shopping in a no-stress Cafe and Tearoom. BYOB
 Passiflor Tea Room and Herbal Apothecary, 526 Main Street
 New Hartford
- 12/19 ***Richie Havens*** 866-666-6308 \$35-45
 8:00p It was as a live performer that Havens first earned widespread notice. By decade's end, he was in great demand in colleges across the country ("I must have played every campus in America at least three times," he says, grateful for students' early support), as well as on the international folk and pop club circuit. [12/19/08 • Richie Havens • 08:00 PM](#)
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 12/19 ***Mohegan Sun Allstars*** (203) 438-3889 \$40
 8:00p Led by David Foster, Mohegan Sun Allstars has a top-talent line-up including Maceo Parker, Matt "Guitar" Murphy (of "Blues Brothers" fame), Cliff Goodwin (Joe Cocker, Robert Palmer), Keyboardist Mitch Chakour (Bonnie Raitt, Joe Cocker), guitarist Jeff Pevar (CPR, featuring David Crosby) and keyboardist Michael Finnegan (Jimi Hendrix collaborator).
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 12/19 ***Open Mic with JD & Guests*** 203-739-0313
 8:00p Molten Java, 102 Greenwood Ave.
 Bethel <http://www.hillrock.com/bio.htm>
- 12/19 ***Christmas Angelicus Concert*** 888-788-8882 \$
 7:30p Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus directed by Nicholas White will hold a Christmas concert. Carols and hymns, traditional, original and contemporary are interspersed with readings-sacred and comic and profound-for a unique, poignant and joyous celebration of Christmas. Order tickets early. Call for reservations. [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 Congregational Church, Kirby Rd
 Washington
- 12/19- ***A Winter 'Soul'stice Festival*** (860) 482-6801 ?
 12/21 A performance of music, dance, song, drumming and poetry to celebrate the winter solstice.
 Fri. & Sat 7:30; Sun 4:30. [Click to Visit](#) studio59music@gmail.com
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street
 Torrington
- 12/20 ***Kenny G: The Holiday Show*** 203-755-4700 \$40-71
 8:00p One of the most renowned instrumental musicians of the past two decades, Kenny G will perform familiar songs off his best-selling albums, including several Holiday songs from The Greatest Holiday Classics and will also thrill the crowd with new material from Rhythm & Romance, a tantalizing album that blends Samba, Salsa and Bossa Nova love songs with the sensual sound of Kenny's signature saxophone melodies.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury

- 12/20 ***Naugatuck Community Band***
 7:00p "Sounds Of the Season 2008". Festive reception to follow concert.
 Holy Savior Church Prospect Street Rt 68.
 Naugatuck
- 12/20 ***Todd Rundgren*** 866-666-6308 \$50-60
 7:30p Considered by many to be the "Ultimate Rock Cult Hero", Todd Rundgren has maintained a legion of fans through four decades, rivaled only by The Grateful Dead. Todd was raised in the Philadelphia area, and his first professional bands, Money and Woddy's Truckstop, achieved much regional success. It was in the late 1960s, however, that Todd's searing guitar work reached a nationwide audience, in his role as lead guitarist for the blues-psychedelic band Nazz. he wrote and arranged almost all of the work that went into the three albums the group produced. [12/20/08 • Todd Rundgren • 07:30 PM](#)
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 12/20 ***Bluegrass Jam*** 860-922-5134 Free
 11a - Bristol Nursing Care Center: Rts. 4 & 272
 2p Torrington
- 12/20 ***A Victorian Christmas Concert*** (860) 453-0566 \$15
 8:00p A Victorian Christmas Concert, presented by the Salisbury Association is a popular annual Victorian Christmas Concert. The concert will feature oboist Jusith Dansker, harpsichordist Linda Skernick, Susan Thompson- Recorders & Alicia DePaolo- soprano. They will performs masterworks from the Renaissance & Baroque Periods and music of the season.
 The Academy Building, 24 Main Street salisburyassn@att.net
 Salisbury
- 12/20 ***Nutcracker 2008*** (203)263-0313 \$15-20
 12/21 The Woodbury Ballet Company brings the Nutcracker to Life in this extraordinary interpretation of the
 2:00 classic tale of Clara and her beloved Nutcracker. Our story begins on Christmas Eve when Clara receives a gift of a Nutcracker doll from her Uncle Drosslemeyer. The magic begins when the clock strikes twelve and the mice creep in. Clara is saved from the wicked Mouse Queen by her beloved Nutcracker who comes to life as a handsome prince. The two travel to a world of Sugar Plums and Fairies, where Flowers Waltz, Spanish Maidens Dance, Chinese children greet you with smiles and even tiny gumdrops come to life. woodburyballetco.com
 Nonnewaug High School, Minortown Road
 Woodbury
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 Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street
 Torrington
- 12/21 ***JC Trio – Jazz*** 860-868-6633
 12:00 G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Road
 Washington Depot <http://www.gwtavern.com>

- 12/21 ***A Charlie Brown Christmas***
with the David Benoit Quartet 866-666-6308 \$40-50
 4:00p In 1965, the first ever Peanuts animated special took place. It was a landmark event and it was the start
 & of a tradition that would continue year after year. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is a tradition enjoyed
 7:00p around the world by fans of all ages. Now, over 40 years later, Contemporary Jazz Piano Legend, David
 Benoit is paying tribute to this incredible piece of entertainment history, with "A Charlie Brown
 Christmas, with The David Benoit Quartet.
[12/21/08 • A Charlie Brown Christmas with the David Benoit Quartet • 04:00 PM & 07:00 PM](#)
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 12/21 ***Jingle My Bells Festival*** (860) 489-7180 \$25-29
 4:00p Valencia, Ace Enders, The Color Fred, There For Tomorrow, The Morning Light, The Friday Night
 Boys.
 Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street
 Torrington
- 12/21 ***John Judd*** 203.438.8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St.
 Ridgefield <http://www.jazzeria.com>
- 12/22 ***Annual Christmas Carol Sing*** (860)354-7558 Free
 7:30p Join family and friends for this outdoor annual carol sing led by bandleader with local musicians.
 Booklets provided. Bring your own candle or flashlight. Santa arrives around 8:30 pm
 New Milford Town Green [Click to Visit](#) ddubreuil@charter.net
 New Milford
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 8:00p Rosy Tomorrows, 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/24 ***Jazz Night with Roger Young*** 203-743-5845
 7:00p Rosy Tomorrows, 15 Old Mill Plain Rd.
 Danbury <http://www.rosytomorrows.com>
- 12/24 ***Gypsy Jazz with Larry Urban*** 203-894-8522
 7:30p La Saliere, 3 Big Shop Lane
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 Bethel <http://www.mjcoffee.com>
- 12/26 ***Open Mic with JD & Guests*** 203-739-0313
 8:00p Molten Java, 102 Greenwood Ave.
 Bethel <http://www.hillrock.com/bio.htm>
- 12/27 ***Taikoza Japanese Drummers*** (860) 542-5075 Free
 1:00p The Great Hall of the Library will throb with the beat of Taikoza. Roughly translated, Taiko means big drum and that's exactly what Taikoza brings: big drums, powerful rhythms, electrifying room-thumping energy. Taikoza was founded by Marco Lienhard and is a New York based Japanese Taiko drum and dance ensemble that uses the deep beat of the Taiko drums, stringed instruments, metal percussion and bamboo flutes to create an electrifying energy and a highly visual musical art form. With traditional costumes and dynamic motion, Taikoza's shows are immensely popular with audiences of all ages.
 Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East
 Norfolk
- 12/28 ***John Judd*** 203.438.8200
 6:00p Piccolo Pizza, 24 Prospect St.
 Ridgefield <http://www.jazzeria.com>
- 12/28 ***Chris Casey & Donn Doucette*** 860-868-6633
 12:00p G.W. Tavern, 20 Bee Brook Road
 Washington Depot <http://www.gwtavern.com>
- 12/29 ***Open Mic Night*** 203-730-0035
 9:00p Cousin Larry's Café 1 Elm St.
 Danbury
- 12/29 ***Sam Pasco Band*** 860-673-9712 Free
 2:30p- Children's concert
 3:30p Avon Library Community Room
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