

Music In The Air

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promote integration through the arts*

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- 03/26- ***Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical*** 203-757-4676 \$
04/26 Book, Music & Lyrics by Bob Walton & Jim Walton. This small musical from Minneapolis has taken regional theaters by storm. A humorous, forthright, no-holds-barred assessment of mid-life, from reading glasses and red convertibles to weekend warriors and proctology exams. "Brash and refreshing...clever and witty. Fall-out-of-your-seat funny." —Star Tribune
Seven Angels Theatre, Hamilton Park Pavilion, Plank Road
Waterbury
- 03/14- ***The Producers*** 860-283-6250 \$12
04/05 The plot is simple: a down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his mild-mannered accountant come up with a scheme to produce the most notorious flop in history thereby bilking their backers (all "little old ladies") out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit! The antics of Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom as they maneuver their way fecklessly through finding a show (the gloriously offensive "Springtime For Hitler"), hiring a director, raising the money and finally going to prison for their misdeeds is a lesson in broad comic construction. At the core of the insanely funny adventure is a poignant emotional journey of two very different men who become friends.
With a truly hysterical book co-written by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan (Annie) and music and lyrics by Mr. Brooks, THE PRODUCERS skewers Broadway traditions and takes no prisoners as it proudly proclaims itself an "equal opportunity offender!" F/Sa 8:00p; Sun 2:00p
Thomaston Opera House, Main Street
Thomaston
- 04/01 ***Piano Recital*** 203-748-1716 Free
8:00p Students in WestConn's music program will present a piano studio recital. donations to the music department will be accepted.
Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
Danbury
- 04/02 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Free
8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, students from the WCSU theatre arts and music departments, at 9 p.m.
Alumni Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets

- 04/02 **Lee Dimo** 203-753-0381 \$15
 5:30 Back by popular demand! Are you a fan of Ol'Blue Eyes? If so, mark your calendar for this First Thursday when vocalist extraordinaire Lee Dimo performs! Crooning the tunes of the Big Band Era, the similarity of Lee's voice and mannerisms to Sinatra's will astound you. So get in the mood, put on your dancing shoes, and swing to the Big Band sounds! *First Thursday, a fun, after-hours event, is a great way to meet up with friends, network with business associates, and enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres and wine.* [Email. Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
 First Thursday at the Mattatuck Museum 144 West Main Street
 Waterbury
- 04/03 **Guarneri String Quartet** (860) 435-4423 Free
 7:00p The famed Guarneri String Quartet will be making its final Connecticut appearance. Joining them on stage, in a performance of the Brahms piano quintet, will be pianist and Hotchkiss Music Department Chair Fabio Witkowski.
 Esther Eastman Music Center's Katherine M. Elfers Hall [Click to Visit](#)
 The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville
- 04/03 **Sha Na Na** (203) 438-3889 \$40-55
 8:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 04/03 **Average White Band** 866-666-6308 \$30-50
 7:00p The Average White Band is widely regarded as one of the best soul and funk bands in the history of
 & music. Though perhaps best known for their timeless instrumental mega-hit 'Pick Up the Pieces' the
 9:30p band's strength actually lay in their consistently accomplished song-writing, stretching across several
 gold selling albums and several Grammy nominations for the legendary Atlantic Records.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 04/04 **Kent Singers Spring Concert: "of Music and Nature"** 860-354-2156 \$8-15
 8:00p The Kent Singers, a 16-person choral group now in its 37th year doing a capella performances.
 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church , Rte. 7 & 341 [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 Kent
- 04/04 **Jeff Pevar & Scott Murawski** 866-666-6308 \$10-25
 8:00p **in "Guitarness"**
 Jeff Pevar has toured and recorded with some of the finest in the music business including Ray Charles, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Marc Cohn, Joe Cocker, Donald Fagen, Phil Lesh, Jefferson Starship and is currently partners in a band w/ David Crosby called CPR. Jeff often performs with his own band and also guests with various ensembles when he returns from the west coast to his home state in Connecticut. The Infinity Theatre is proud to present Guitarness which features Jeff and guitarist extraordinaire Scott Murawski, who has been a member of Max Creek for over 30 years and is currently also touring w/ Billy Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) and Mike Gordon (Phish). The improvisational guitar interplay between Jeff and Scott is a joy to behold, and this is a "not to be missed" performance.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk

04/04 ***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

04/04 ***Raul Malo***

(203) 438-3889 \$48

8:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
Ridgefield

04/04 ***Notorious***

203-272-8404 \$14-16

8:00p Eden MacAdam-Somer and Larry Unger, who comprise the duo Notorious, bring together traditional and contemporary acoustic music from around the world, creating a dynamic, swinging sound that is sure to get you on your feet. With Eden on fiddle and vocals and Larry on guitar and banjo, their music is full of rhythmic drive and melodic candor. Their show is always new and exciting, presenting traditional American and Celtic fiddle tunes to jazz, blues, and the group's original compositions. Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
West Hartford

04/04 ***Kent Singers Concert "Of Music and Nature"***(860) 354-2156 \$ 8-10

8:00p Kent Singers, a highly respected choral group, has just the ticket for putting you in the mood for spring. This season Kent Singers will be presenting a capella works under the direction of group members who have experience conducting. <http://www.kentsingers.org>

St. Andrews Church in
Kent

04/04 ***Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra***

(203) 438-3889 \$25-50

8:00p "Reaching for the Stars!" Berstein: Candide Overture with members of the Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra; COPLAND: Appalachian Spring; and in conjunction with the International Year of Astronomy 2009... Holst: The Planets with members of the Ridgefield Chorale.

Enjoy a unique performance: Spectacular space images join gods, goddesses and cosmic video art in a multimedia performance of The Planets that's sure to wow audiences of all ages! Join us for a postconcert Star Party with refreshments and star gazing through telescopes.

Ridgefield High School, Anne Richardson Auditorium; Rt. 116 & Ridgebury Road
Ridgefield

04/04 ***Jeffrey Foucault***

860-693-0263 \$15-17

7:30 Americana songwriter-guitarist **Jeffrey Foucault** is truly a diamond in the rough. His savvy roots-informed guitar licks support a distinctive voice that is mellower than Tom Waits, grittier than John Gorka and more expressive than John Mellencamp. Back for his third RBNC show, this Midwesterner is a lyric poet who depicts ordinary and exceptional characters who move about the American landscape interacting by chance or by choice, revealing the love and loss, work and ease and sorrows and joys that they live through. He will perform songs from his Signature Sounds releases, **Ghost Repeater** and *Stripping Cane* and his Rock River Records *Miles From the Lightning*. Standout selections include "Secretariat," "Ballad of Copper Junction," "The Bluest Blade" and "Northbound 35." Also expect covers from his new Cd, *Shoot The Moon--Right Between The Eyes*, a collection of 13 John Prine songs!
www.jeffreyfoucault.com

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road
Canton

<http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org>

- 04/04 ***Rick Springfield*** 203-755-4700 \$39-79
 8:00p In 1981, Grammy Award- winner Rick Springfield skyrocketed to the top of Billboard's charts with "Jessie's Girl" and "I've Done Everything For You," solidifying his place as the preeminent power-pop artist of the decade. Fresh off the release of his latest album, "Venus in Overdrive," Springfield continues attracting new fans with his unique brand of audience interaction, unstoppable energy, and unforgettable songs that have become part of the soundtrack to people's lives. Join us for an **Ultimate 80's Pre-Show Happy Hour** from 6:00pm - 7:00pm, featuring food from Crossroads Cantina, 80's music, and a cash bar. Just \$10 per person!
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 04/04 ***Confluence*** (860) 354-4318 Free
 7:30p Confluence is a group that blends poetry and music. Poet J. D. Scrimgeour and musician/composer Philip Swanson perform a program of poems by Scrimgeour, Alan Feldman, Yusef Komunyakaa and Rainer Maria Rilke set to a variety of music: jazz, classical, blues. [Click to Visit](#)
 New Milford Railroad Station, Railroad Street
 New Milford
- 04/04 ***Electra Ensemble in "A Salute to Broadway"*** (860) 489-7180 \$20-25
 7:30p With Melissa Morgan (formerly of New World Trio) on cello, Bruna Myftaraj on violin and Melody Fader on piano, audiences are in for a stirring night of music that salutes some of the greatest composers of the Great White Way including Bilson, Gershwin, Bernstein and Schoenfield!
 Nancy Marine Studio Theatre
 Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
 Torrington
- 04/04 ***An Evening with Johnny Maestro & the Brooklyn Bridge*** (860) 489-7180 \$35-40
 7:30p The Teenagers • The Chantels • Frankie Ford • Kenny Vance & The Planotones • Earl Lewis & The Channels.
 Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
 Torrington
- 04/05 ***Jazz Combos Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free
 8:00p Featured will be the Jazz Guitar Ensemble, the Scott I Combo, the Tomlinson II Combo and the Ruffels I Combo, playing original compositions and jazz standards like "On Green Dolphin Street" and "Stella by Starlight." Donations to the music department will be accepted
 Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 04/05 ***Leo Kottke*** 866-666-6308 \$40-55
 7:00p Leo Kottke's ability to embrace folk idioms and pop melodies as readily as he assimilates jazz and classical influences makes him unique among guitar virtuosos. For all its technical brilliance, wicked syncopation and harmonic sophistication, Kottke's music is eminently accessible. At heart he's a populist. This has been abundantly clear ever since the guitarist's 1969 debut, 12 String Blues, recorded live at a Minneapolis folk club.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk

- 04/05 *Maria Bachmann, Violin* 203-426-6470 \$
 3:00p A concert by Maria Bachmann, violin with Jon Klibinoff, piano. Miss Bachmann will give a School Outreach on Monday. Newtown Friends of Music.
 Edmond Town Hall, [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
 Newtown
- 04/05 *A Very Special Acoustic Performance* (860) 489-7180 \$40-125
 8:00p *by Bryan Adams*
 *VIP Tickets include premium seating and an exclusive pre-show meet & greet with Bryan Adams
 Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
 Torrington
- 04/05 *"Song Of The Shadows"* 482-3555 Free will
 4:00p This dramatic choral experience for holy week, this program will feature actors, soloists and choir. It will also feature the creative ministry youth team of St. Paul's whose performance last year was a moving experience. The acclaimed unity in harmony ecumenical chorus, representing many area churches, will be under the direction of guest music director Joanne Swift of the catholic cluster. This same group was the highlight of last years' cantata which performed to appreciative members of our community. A free will offering will be donated to the Torrington area council of churches emergency fund and to the Torrington soup kitchen. A reception in the fellowship hall, with refreshments, will follow this inspirational Lenten offering.
 St. Paul's Lutheran church, 837 Charles St.
 Torrington
- 04/06 *Freedom Train* (860) 489-7180 \$ 7
 9:45a Freedom Train tells the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people, in a fascinating series of highly theatrical scenes that use dance, dialogue, and music of the period. Songs include Follow the Drinking Gourd, Steal Away, Wade in the Water, Good News, the Chariot's A-comin', and many others still sung today. Freedom Train is the story of self-sacrifice, dedication and survival, laced with warmth and a sense of humor that celebrates the human spirit -- a universal story for all.
Curricular integration: Communication & Language Arts, Social Studies, Music, Multi-Cultural Relationships & Family. Grades 3-9. One teacher or chaperone per ten students will be admitted free of charge.
 Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
 Torrington
- 04/06 *United State Army Field Band* (860) 489-7180 Free
 7:30p *Jazz Ambassadors*
 The Jazz Ambassadors is the United States Army's premier touring jazz orchestra. This 19-member big band, formed in 1969, has received great acclaim both at home and abroad performing America's original art form, jazz. Concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors are designed to entertain all types of audiences. Custom compositions and arrangements highlight the group's creative talent and gifted soloists. Their diverse repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, Dixieland, vocals, and patriotic selections.
 The band has appeared in all fifty states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and throughout Europe.
 Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
 Torrington

- 04/06 ***Ronny Cox*** (203) 431-6501 \$15-20
 7:00p Discovered later in life after embarking on a successful acting career that music is his passion. In his latest album "At The Sebastiani" Ronny Cox showcases a wonderful acoustic mix of folk, western, jazzy-bluesy and just plain corn ball stuff. With a small, dazzling array of multi-instrumentalists, the music is eclectic... funny... touching and always compelling. They showcase an original, sophisticated lyric-driven folky sound... and the stories that accompany these songs are something else entirely.
 Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.
 Ridgefield
- 04/07 ***Bridges of Peace & Hope Concert*** 203-8387-8486 Free
 7:30p Popular children's folksinger John Farrell and a cast of 280 community performers, including students from WestConn, Danbury High School and four elementary and middle schools, will present a "Bridges of Peace and Hope Concert". The concert marks the culmination of a yearlong collaboration between Danbury schools and the WestConn department of education on a project coordinated by Professor of Education Dr. Darla Shaw to expand and enhance Peace Curriculum instruction and to promote music education and literacy in the city's public school system. Singers from New Hope Baptist Church and a Nigerian drumming group also will perform. Admission
- 04/07 ***Flatliners*** (203) 438-3889 \$39
 8:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 04/08 ***Jeff Pitchell & Classic Original All-Stars*** 866-666-6308 \$20-35
 8:00p JEFF PITCHELL and Classic Original ALL-STARS featuring Simon Kirke, founding member of BAD COMPANY, FREE, and the BEATLE's RINGO STARR's ALL-STARR BAND, and Tommy Shannon founding member of STEVIE RAY and DOUBLE TROUBLE, STORYVILLE, and the ARC ANGELS, and Joe Bouchard, founding member of BLUE OYSTER CULT.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 04/09 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, WCSU Jazz Ensemble, at 9 p.m.
 Alumni Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 04/10 ***Too Blue***
 7:30p Listening room, coffees & lite fare. BYOB.
 Liquid Lunch, 434 Howe Ave. in downtown Shelton
 Shelton www.liquidlunchrestaurant.com
- 04/10 ***Graham Parker*** 866-666-6308 \$20-35
 7:30p For nearly 30 years, Graham Parker has been slinging his signature sound, earning a spot in the pantheon of influential rock 'n' roll figures. Since his early days with "The Rumour", Parker has coupled punk's energy with his deeply rooted love of American R&B, country, and soul music. "Parker's pub-rock snarl has worked its magic for a generation." - Village Voice
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk

- 04/10 ***Carla Ulbrich***
 7:00p Professional Smart Aleck says it all!
 Roots Music Coffeehouse, 345 Main Street
 Danbury
- 04/11 ***Jaimoe's Jasssz Band*** 866-666-6308 \$15-30
 7:30p Legendary drummer and founding member of the Allman Brothers Band, Jaimoe and his Jasssz Band play American music. They combine elements of Jazz, Blues, Rock-n-Roll, and R&B into a unique blend that captures the spirit and stirs the soul. Their repertoire ranges from new interpretations of classic tunes, as well as original songs that are classics in the making.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 04/11 ***Percussion Concert*** (860) 542-0044 Free
 1:00p Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road West
 Norfolk
- 04/11 ***Vance Gilbert*** 203-272-8404 \$16-18
 8:00p Vance Gilbert burst onto the singer/songwriter scene in the early 90's when the buzz started spreading in the folk clubs of Boston about an ex-jazz singer who was knocking 'em dead at open mikes. The word spread of this Philadelphia-area born and raised performer to New York; Shawn Colvin invited Vance Gilbert to be special guest on her Fat City tour. Gilbert took audiences across the country by storm ("With the voice of an angel, the wit of a devil, and the guitar playing of a god, it was enough to earn him that rarity: an encore for an opener" wrote the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in its review of a show from that tour).
 Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 04/13 ***Chorus Angelicus Training Choir Concert*** (860) 485-9113 Free
 5:30p The students range in age from 5 to 10 years old and meet once a week for quality ear and vocal training. Many of these children go on to audition for Chorus Angelicus. Please call the library to register.
 Harwinton Public Library, 80 Bentley Drive
 Harwinton
- 04/13 ***David Jacobs-Strain*** (203) 431-6501 \$15-20
 7:00p At twenty-two, David Jacobs-Strain is already a veteran of the national club and festival circuit, having shared the stage with the likes of Los Lobos, Robert Cray, John Hiatt, and other notables. In his teens he emerged from Oregon storming the festival circuit as a dynamic blues prodigy with his driving slide guitar and heartfelt vocals.
 Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.
 Ridgefield
- 04/15 ***Meet the Author - Meet the Composer!*** 203-753-0381 x10 Free
 5:30p Meet Marilyn Nelson, author of the Manumission Requiem: Fortune's Bones, who will read from her poetry and discuss the literary motivation behind it, and Dr. Ysaye Barnwell, composer of the Fortune Cantata, as she offers insights and a musical context for her work. [Click here to visit their Web site](#)
 Mattatuck Museum Arts & History Center, 144 West Main Street
 Waterbury

- 04/15 ***Willie Nelson & Family*** (860) 489-7180 \$58-100
 8:00p ***with Ray Price***
 and Special Guest Star Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters.
 If ever the words "living legend" were more than just public relations bluster, the application would be to Willie Hugh Nelson. The iconic Texan is the creative genius behind historic recordings like "Crazy," "Hello Walls," "Red Headed Stranger" and "Stardust." His career has spanned six decades. His catalog boasts more than 200 albums. He's earned every conceivable award and honor to be bestowed a person in his profession. He has also amassed reputable credentials as an author, actor and activist.
 Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
 Torrington
- 04/15 ***Jesus Christ Superstar*** 203-755-4700 \$53-63
 7:30p Jesus Christ Superstar, the first masterpiece from the legendary writing team of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, exploded onto the scene in 1971 changing the world of musical theatre forever. With a score of amazing songs - "I Don't Know How to Love Him", "Hosanna", "Superstar", and "Heaven on Their Mind", this original groundbreaking production starring Ted Neeley in the title role is as relevant and timeless as ever. Join us for a 5:30pm pre-show dinner in the Poli Club, located on the theater's mezzanine level. Dinner is \$40 per member/\$50 per non-member (includes tax, gratuity, coffee, tea) and is limited to 50 people. Cash bar is also available. Call for reservations.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 04/16 ***Child Care Cabaret*** 203-837-8266 \$
 7:30p This fundraiser for the WCSU Child Care Center will bring performers from all corners of the campus together in an uplifting combination of music, dance and comedy.
 Westside Campus Center Ballroom, Westside campus, Lake Avenue Extension
 Danbury
- 04/16 ***Coffeehouse*** 203-837-9700 Free
 8:00p The coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 p.m. followed by board games at 9 p.m.
 Alumni Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 04/17 ***Zoe's Musical Fairy Tale, Upon a Time*** (860) 489-6684 Free
 4:00p As an introduction to the world of fairy tales, Ms. Vandermeer will perform highlights from her show Zoe's Musical Fairy Tale, Upon A Time, in both song and narration and self-accompanied on Celtic harp. Participants will explore fairy tale characters, and create their own original artwork and poetry to illustrate their original fairy tale character. Attend the Library program and receive a discount coupon to see the special presentation of Upon a Time at Studio 59 on Sunday, April 26th at 8:00p.m. Space is limited and registration is required beginning April 1st. SPRING BREAK ACTIVITY! (Ages 7-10)
 Torrington Library, 12 Daycoeton Place
 Torrington
- 04/17 ***Ambrosia*** 866-666-6308 \$25-35
 7:30p The buzz surrounding Ambrosia isn't surprising given the heights the band scaled during the 70's and early 80's. Top 10 hits such as "Biggest part of me", "How much I feel", "You're the only woman" and "Holdin' on to yesterday" have earned the band five Grammy nominations, continual radio airplay, and multi-platinum status. In 1999, VH-1 featured them on their highly acclaimed "Where are they now?" series, which prompted a huge surge of new interest in the band, and led to several more television appearances including a spotlight on TNN'S "Classic Rock" special, which tuned in over 5 million

viewers. Ambrosia also captured the interest of dramatic television, landing a two-minute segment on CBS's highly rated program "Touched by an angel". Even in cyber space the band has created quite a large presence, fans from all over the world who call themselves "Travelers", team up to discuss all things Ambrosia, meanwhile adding fuel to what has become a very immense and loyal fan base.

Infinity Hall, Route 44
Norfolk

- 04/17- *The Marriage of Figaro* 203-837-8499 \$10-15
04/18 Presented by the WCSU. The opera will be performed in Italian with English supertitles.
8:00p Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
Danbury www.wcsu.edu/tickets
- 04/17- *Music of the Moment* 860-482-6801 \$25
04/18 Two performances of improvisational music with pianist Timothy Alexandre Wallace. Payment Info:
7:30p Cash; check (payable to Studio 59) TICKET MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
Studio 59, 59 Barber Street
Torrington
- 04/18 *Westfield Winds in concert* (203) 748-1716 Free
8:00p Woodwind Quintet performs
Marian Anderson Recital Hall, Danbury Music Centre 256 Main Street
Danbury
- 04/18 *The Waterbury Chorale* (860) 489-7180 \$20-30
8:00p The Waterbury Chorale, under the direction of Joseph Jacovino, Jr., brings outstanding choral music to the Greater Waterbury area, while providing an opportunity for amateur and semi-professional singers to enjoy the performance of great musical literature. The Chorale, now in its 40th year, performs a wide range of repertoire (masterworks, contemporary, cultural).
Warner Theatre 82 Main Street,
Torrington
- 04/18 *Judy Collins* 866-666-6308 \$50-65
7:30p Few singers have the staying power of folk icon, Judy Collins. For nearly 45 illustrious years, her dulcet tones have graced our ears, and her poetic lyrics have galvanized a generation. She has released more than 40 albums, has had numerous Top 10 hits, Grammy nominations and gold and platinum selling albums.
Infinity Hall, Route 44
Norfolk
- 04/18 *John McCutcheon* 203-272-8404 \$18-20
8:00p John McCutcheon, considered one of the world's undisputed masters of the hammered dulcimer, will be making his annual appearance this evening. Of course he has also mastered the fiddle, banjo, guitar, autoharp, piano, jaw harp and more instruments. John has produced thirty-one albums. He has garnered several Grammy nominations. His songwriting, rich in detail and broad in scope, has created hundreds of songs covered by performers throughout the world. **Advance tickets are now available.** Space is limited, so order yours now. Make your check payable to The Sounding Board and mail with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Brent Hall, 460 Wallingford Road, Cheshire, CT 06410.
Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
West Hartford

- 04/19 ***Greater Waterbury Youth Symphony*** 203-525-3939
 1:00p Solo & Ensemble Concert
[Mattatuck Museum](#), 144 West Main Street gwys@gwys.org
 Waterbury
- 04/19 ***Gospelfest 2009*** (860) 435-4423 Free
 3-5p The Hotchkiss School and Salisbury School Gospel Choir, led by music director Michael Brown, will sing an array of gospel and popular music. **Web site:** [Click to Visit](#)
 The Hotchkiss School - Eastman Music Center/Elfers Hall, 11 Interlaken Road
 Lakeville
- 04/19 ***Jo Dee Messina*** (203) 438-3889 \$68-73
 8:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 04/19 ***Lui Collins*** 860-693-0263 \$15-17
 7:30p Lui Collins is one of New England's first and brightest stars."--Boston Globe Welcome back this Barre, VT-born singer-songwriter who began her career performing covers of Joni Mitchell and Judy Collins songs as a student at UCONN. She graduated to performing originals and music by then-emerging artists Greg Brown, Julie Snow and Stan Rogers. Rogers once stated "She sings my songs better than I do." Always growing as an artist she has added poetry and traditional clawhammer-style banjo playing to her shows, blending Celtic, Appalachian and modern influences into her vocal, piano, banjo and guitar arrangements. She celebrates 30 years of recording and performing. Request your favorites from her eight discs.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road <http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org>
 Canton
- 04/20 ***Buddy Guy*** (203) 438-3889 \$88
 8:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 04/20 ***The Very Last Butterfly...*** 203-755-4700 \$ 8
 9:30a A Holocaust remembrance piece adapted for the stage and movingly underscored with music and visual & media, "Butterfly" is a collection of poems, narrative and drawings created by children who passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp between 1942 and 1944. The broad range of style and treatment of subject matter in both the poems and drawings illustrates the feelings, hopes and dreams of children growing up in a place with "little food, clothing or comfort, enclosed by barbed wire and Nazi soldiers standing guard." While the work tells a few of many Holocaust stories, it also serves as a springboard for inquiry and powerful source of inspiration and perspective for young people today. Best for grades: 4 – 8. Curricular Integrations: History, Language Arts, Values. To book your school field trip, call the Group Sales Hotline at 203-755-8483 x134
 11:30 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 04/20 ***Percussion Ensemble Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free
 8:00p Featured will be "Windstone Suite" by Jared Spears, "Blue Rhythm Quintet," "Jubilee" by David Long, "Gate to Heaven" by David Gillingham, "Desperate Attitudes" by Gordon Stout and more. donations to the music department will be accepted. www.wcsu.edu/tickets
 Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury

- 04/22 ***Piano Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free
 3:00p The Transcontinental Piano Duo will perform at noon in Ives Concert Hall in White Hall on the WestConn Midtown campus, 181 White St. in Danbury. The duo features Elaine Greenfield and Janice Meyer Thompson, both acclaimed pianists. They have given workshops, master classes and performances nationwide since 1992. Donations to support the music department will be accepted. Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St. Danbury
- 04/22 ***Open Mike featuring Paul Recker*** 860-693-0263 \$
 Enjoy polished renditions of classic songs by Dave Mallett, Bill Staines, Johnny Cash and Hank Williams, performed by this seasoned singer-guitarist
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road Canton <http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org>
- 04/23 ***Colin Hay*** (203) 438-3889 \$45
 8:00p The former lead singer/guitarist from "Men at Work" has been captivating audiences with his extraordinary stage presence since the early '80's. In this up-close and personal performance, the driving force behind smash hits like "Down Under" and "Who Can It Be Now" will surely captivate audience members with his stripped down solo acoustic performance.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield
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- 04/24 ***Shawn Mullins*** (203) 438-3889 \$45
 8:00p The former lead singer/guitarist from "Men at Work" has been captivating audiences with his extraordinary stage presence since the early '80's. In this up-close and personal performance, the driving force behind smash hits like "Down Under" and "Who Can It Be Now" will surely captivate audience members with his stripped down solo acoustic performance.
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield
- 04/24 ***A Classical Celebration*** (860) 482-6801 \$25
 7:30p An evening of some of the great classical piano music of the 19th and early 20th century with pianist Timothy Alexandre Wallace.
 Studio 59, 59 Barber Street Torrington
- 04/24 ***Steam Vent Open Mic Coffee House*** 860-482-3491 \$10 suggested
 609p Musicians Wanted...Music Enthusiasts too! We are providing a venue for musicians to vent their talents. Musicians are needed to fill 15 minute extendable to half hour slots. Sound equipment provided for a plug-n-play night. Coffee house will benefit the church Mexico Mission. Food and beverage available. **Email:** info@firstchurchofwinsted.org
 First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main Street, Winsted

- 04/24 ***Popa Chubby*** 866-666-6308 \$19-34
 7:30p A young boy sits with his Father in a smoky bar. Upon a dimly lit stage an old man grunts and wheezes as he plays the blues on a battered 6 string. With a piece of glass on his little finger he slides his way into the soul of the young boy and without words the torch is passed.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 04/25 ***The Westgate Piano Trio*** (203) 748-1716 Free
 8:00p Marian Anderson Recital Hall, Danbury Music Centre 256 Main Street
 Danbury
- 04/25 ***A Pink Floyd Tribute Band Live Concert*** (203) 948-1059 \$20 reserve
 8:00p A Pink Floyd Tribute band live concert to be held at New Milford High School in the auditorium. This event benefits the NM Social Services Department and the NMHS PTO. We will also be holding a Silent Auction for several lovely baskets.
 New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Rd
 New Milford
- 04/25 ***Marshall Tucker Band*** (203) 438-3889 \$55
 8:00p ***with special guest Chris Berardo and the Des Berardos***
 From their first LP in 1973 to their powerful stage presence today, The Marshall Tucker Band has played countless concert venues around the world. With classics like "Can't You See," "See You Later, I'm Gone," "Heard It In A Love Song" and more
 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge
 Ridgefield
- 04/25 ***John Gorka*** 866-666-6308 \$20-35
 7:30p Godfrey Daniels is one of the oldest and most venerable music institutions in eastern Pennsylvania. A small neighborhood coffeehouse and listening room, it has long been a hangout for music lovers and aspiring musicians, and in the late 1970s, one of these was a young Moravian College student named John Gorka. Though his academic course work lay in Philosophy and History, music began to offer paramount enticements. Soon he found himself living in the club's basement and acting as resident M.C. and soundman, encountering legendary folk troubadors like Canadian singer/songwriter Stan Rogers, Eric Andersen, Tom Paxton and Claudia Schmidt. Their brand of folk-inspired acoustic music inspired him, and before long he was performing his own songs — mostly as an opener for visiting acts. Soon he started traveling to New York City, where Jack Hardy's legendary Fast Folk circle (a breeding ground for many a major singer/songwriter) became a powerful source of education and encouragement. Folk meccas like Texas' Kerrville Folk Festival (where he won the New Folk Award in 1984) and Boston followed, and his stunningly soulful baritone voice and emerging songwriting began turning heads. Those who had at one time inspired him — Suzanne Vega, Bill Morrissey, Nanci Griffith, Christine Lavin, Shawn Colvin — had become his peers.
 Infinity Hall, Route 44
 Norfolk
- 04/25 ***Now Hear This*** 860-482-5122
 8:00p an evening of Open Mic performances at the gallery on a regular basis. Anyone wishing to share their talents with an appreciative audience can sign up for a ten-minute slot. Music, poetry, comedy, spoken word and storytelling... there's always something that touches your soul.
 Artwell, 19 Water Street
 Torrington

- 04/25 **John Forster** 860-379-7235 \$20-25
 7p? John Forster is an award-winning songwriter, humorist and record producer whose work encompasses the worlds of musical theater, satire and children's entertainment. His musicals include the regional theater favorite Eleanor-An American Love Story (www.eleanorthemusical.com) as well as Into The Light on Broadway and the Off Broadway revues Pretzels and A Good Swift Kick. His latest is Mariel, an Afro-Cuban immigration story commissioned by the Cincinnati Playhouse in 2007. His scores for young audiences include the perennial How To Eat Like A Child, one of the most widely produced children's shows in the country (licensed through Samuel French, Inc.), as well as book and lyrics for Freaky Friday with composer Mary Rodgers.
 The Beekley Community Library 10 Central Avenue www.beekleylibrary.org
 New Hartford
- 04/25 **Jack Williams** 203-272-8404 \$
 8:00p "... his artistry... is nothing short of amazing. Dazzling picking, expressive voice, unique and interesting songs. He is a showman in the best sense of the word and just wowed our audience. I think they would have followed him anywhere." Rich Warren, WFMT "Midnight Special", Chicago IL
 If there is anyone not familiar with Jack's incredible songwriting and prodigious performance skills, my sympathies to you. A Jack Williams show is a slam-dunk win-win-win for all. One of the most enlightened and entertaining performers I've ever encountered.
 Dave Humphreys, Two Way Street Coffeehouse in Downers Grove IL
 Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street,
 West Hartford
- 04/25 **Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion"** 203-755-4700 \$35-60
 5:45p Garrison Keillor is the host and writer of *A Prairie Home Companion* and *The Writer's Almanac* heard on public radio stations across the country, as well as the author of more than a dozen books, including *Lake Wobegon Days*, *The Book of Guys*, *Love Me* and *Homegrown Democrat*. *Prairie Home Companion* started production in 1974. Live every Saturday night from 5-7 p.m. CT, *A Prairie Home Companion* features comedy sketches, music, and Garrison Keillor's signature monologue, "The News from Lake Wobegon." Don't miss this special live broadcast presented by WNPR and the Litchfield Jazz Festival Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 04/25 **Songwriters-In-The-Round: Ron Anthony - Bob Gotta - Jerree Small**
 7:30p Join us for a showcase of songwriters whose talents 860-693-0263 \$15-17
 have placed them on stages with a who's who of national acts from Hartford to New York, Memphis and even NPR's A Prairie Home Companion hosted by Garrison Keillor. In 2009 Northford's **Ron Anthony** represented CT at the National Blues Challenge in Memphis TN after winning the CT Blues Society "Best Solo Blues Artist" award. He performs original roots and blues-infused songs featuring strong vocals and inventive satin-smooth guitar work. Ron has played on bills with Bonnie Raitt, Chris Smither, John Hammond, John Fahey and even Michael Bolton! **Jerree Small** appeared on PHC performing her songs, "Minnesota," "57 Chevy," and "Figaro" joined by Garrison Keillor on vocals! She has opened shows for Jules Shear, Suzzy Roche and The Nields. Portland raised songwriter-guitarist **Bob Gotta's** plaintive, heartfelt vocals and expressive guitar styles pay homage to his influences, John Prine, Billy Bragg and Iris Dement. Bob has opened shows for Bill Morrissey, Annie Haslem, David Massengill and Paul Rishell & Annie Raines.
 Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road <http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org>
 Canton

- 04/25 ***Manhattan String Quartet*** 203-837-8499 \$15-25
 8:00p The Manhattan String Quartet will feature the music of American Women Composers
 Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 04/26 ***WCSU Concert Choir & Chamber Singers Concert*** 203-837-8350 Free
 3:00p donations to the music department will be accepted
 Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
 Danbury
- 04/26 ***Harmonious Brass Choir*** 860-482-3555 Free Will
 4:00p The Harmonious Brass Choir, under the baton of Willard Minton, creates the unique and thrilling sounds
 of a choir of brass instruments drawing from a rich library of original and transcribed music for
 brass. There is a loyal membership of over 30 professional musicians and teachers from local school
 systems. A Fellowship Hour with refreshments will follow the concert.
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 837 Charles St.
 Torrington
- 04/26 ***Chamber Music Concert*** 203-438-5485 \$10-15
 3:00p The Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet will perform at the Keeler Tavern's Garden House.
 All guests are invited to meet with the musicians after the performance to share conversation and light
 refreshment. [Click here to visit their Web site.](#)
 Keeler Tavern Museum, 132 Main Street
 Ridgefield
- 04/26 ***Celebrating Sephardic Melody***
 8:00p Celebrating Sephardic Melody, with Paul Woodiel (fiddle), Steve Gibb (guitar), Eliot Bailen (cello) and
 Susan Rotholz (flute) in a program of Sephardic instrumental and vocal interpretations both ancient and
 new.
 Jewish Community Center,
 Sherman
- 04/28 ***Joe Cocker*** 203-755-4700 \$42-82
 7:30p Premier Concerts presents an unforgettable evening with one of music's greatest Soul and Rhythm &
 Blues artists, Joe Cocker. Cocker is instantly recognizable for his earthy and unique guttural voice,
 which is known and loved the world over. Having the uncanny ability to take well known songs and
 craft them in such a way to instantly make them his own, this once-in-a-lifetime-artist is not to be
 missed. Join us for a 5:30pm pre-show dinner in the Poli Club, located on the theater's mezzanine level.
 Dinner is \$40 per member/\$50 per non-member (includes tax, gratuity, coffee, tea) and is limited to 50
 people. Cash bar is also available. Call for reservations.
 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>
 Waterbury
- 04/30 ***Little River Band*** 866-666-6308 \$34-49
 7:30p Little River Band was the first Australian band to successfully conquer foreign markets from an
 Australian base. Within eight months of their birth, LRB had already scored three Australian Top 20
 singles and two Top Ten albums. In 1976, after their self-titled debut album was released in the USA,
 the long grind of 13 US tours in eight years had begun. By 1982 they became the only act – from
 anywhere – to have a top ten US single for six consecutive years. Headlining their own major shows in

America, and touring internationally with the likes of the Doobie Brothers, Supertramp, America, and the Eagles... Little River Band has become one of the finest live bands in the world.

Infinity Hall, Route 44
Norfolk

04/30- ***Jazz Festival*** 203-837-8499 \$

05/01 The WCSU Jazz Fest will include three evening concerts.

3:00p Ives Concert Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.
Danbury

04/30 ***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.
Alumni Hall in White Hall on the university's Midtown campus, 181 White St.

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