FIRST NIGHT AKRON EVENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008

Site #	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
9 Landmark Bldg.		Chil	Chil			Silver Eclipse		Silver Eclipse		Case Sensitive		Case Sensitive		
10 Lock 3 Park	First Night Make & Shake, Chriskindl Market & Ice Skating (11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.), Knight Center of Digital Excellence: Make & Take (5-11:30 p.m.) & Connecting Akron													
Indoor Stage			XainGO!		XainGO!		XainGO!							
11 Mainstage at Maiden Lane								Kids Countdown: Seona McDowell & Geldryk, The Elf	Kids Fireworks Show!	Colin Dussault's Blues Project			Colin Dussault	Countdown Show
12 The O'Neils Building	Community Corridors: Akron (5-11:30 p.m.), Painting with Especially Art! Studios (5-9 p.m.) & Connecting Akron													
		Tom Guarino		Tom Guarino		Steve McClain		Steve McClain		Bongo Joe & Little Steve-O			Bongo Joe & Little Steve-O	
13 Ocasek Gov't. Bldg.	Community Corridors: Central & Southern Summit County (5:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.) & Children in Bloom & Community Garden (6-10 p.m.)													
Auditorium		Amazing Grace Land		Amazing Grace Land			Kwanzaa Celebration				Dance du Soleil		Dance du Soleil Belly Dance	
Lobby			Zydeco Kings		Zydeco Kings		Zydeco Kings		Cats on Holiday		Cats on Holiday		Cats on Holiday	
14 St. Bernard Church			Summit Children's Touring Choir			The Singing Angels			Akron Derbytown Barbershop Chorus					
15 The Shoppes at Akron Centre	Community Corridors: Eastern Summit County, joyUNSPEAKABLE Productions, Marlowe the Magic Clown, Pat Catan's Mask Making & Studio Hope													
	Starmaker PAC		Starmaker PAC											
16 Summit Artspace	Return of the Midnight Sun: A Black Light Art Installation													
Gallery		Jim Gill		Jim Gill			Brian Lisik		Brian Lisik		Brian Lisik			
17 UA Polsky Bldg. Main St. Level	Fergie & The Bog Dogs		Fergie & The Bog Dogs		Fergie & The Bog Dogs		UA Steel Drum Band "Hands On"			UA Steel Drum Band		UA Steel Drum Band		
	Connecting Akron													
High St. Level			Ian Ross Trio		Ian Ross Trio		Ian Ross Trio		The Speedbumps		The Speedbumps		The Speedbumps	
18 Zion Lutheran Church	Bonnie Baughman		Bonnie Baughman		Galgozy/Zeleny Duo		Galgozy/Zeleny Duo		The Average White Broads		The Average White Broads			
Around Town	Rufus D. Dufus (5-9 p.m.), BoBo & Gabby (6-10 p.m.) & Street Beat Drummers (7-midnight)													
Main Street		Elegant Ice Creations		Elegant Ice Creations			Elegant Ice Creations							
University Ave. & Main St.	Raw Umber													
Canal	Canal Dragon													

KEY
- Music
- Theater
- Dance
- Interactive
- Visual Arts

FirstMerit Fireworks! @ Mainstage

First Night Celebrates Teens

First Night Akron turns 13 this year! To commemorate this milestone, it is celebrating teens. Visit the Landmark Building as we highlight local teen bands throughout the evening. Also, stop by the John S. Knight Center and hear local high school students compete to become the First Night Idol or be a star during First Night Rock Band.



Children in Bloom & Community Garden

This unique work by artist Y. Joy Qiu promotes cultural diversity in our community. Figures of children each represent a different cultural heritage and form the petals of a blooming flower. Get inspired and create a flower celebrating your own cultural heritage at the Ocasek Gov't. Building, 6-10 p.m. Then place your flower in the Community Garden that will grow throughout the night!

Return of the Midnight Sun

Following the success of last year's presentation of Land of the Midnight Sun, artist Mark Soppeland is back with a new art installation at Summit Artspace that includes hundreds of family-friendly works designed to be seen under a black light. Along with the walk-through exhibition, families will have the opportunity to create artworks of their own in a family workshop.





FirstMerit Fireworks

Join the crowd at the Mainstage at 11:30 p.m. for the final minutes of 2008! Direct your attention to the Akron Beacon Journal Clocktower for the countdown to midnight, then oooh and ahhh over the FirstMerit Fireworks Show at midnight, choreographed to Today's Best Music, courtesy of 98.1 WKDD.

All the fun happens at the Mainstage.

Kids Countdown
8:30 p.m.

Midnight Countdown
11:30 p.m.

Kids Fireworks
9:00 p.m.

Finale Fireworks
Midnight