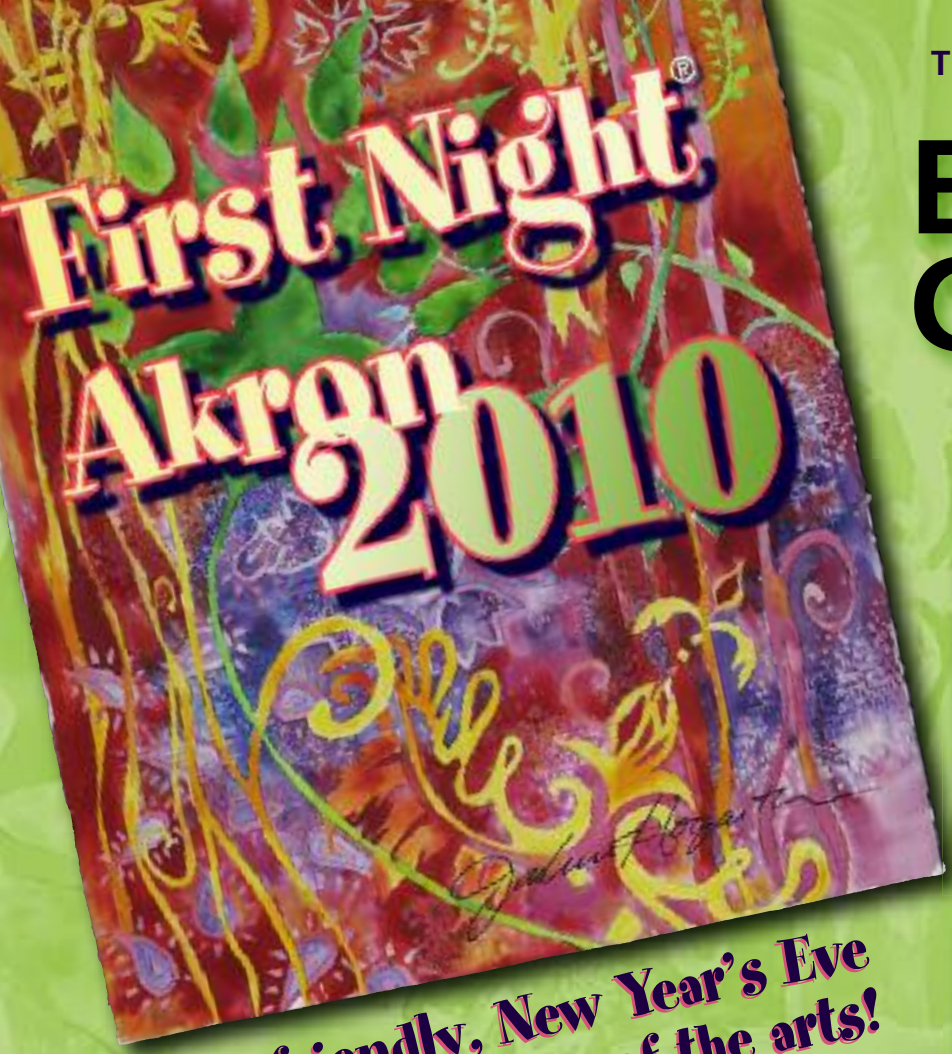


Thursday, December 31, 2009
5 p.m. to midnight

Event Guide

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www.allfiredupakron.com
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www.barleyhouseakron.com
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Akron Woman's City Club - Coach House Theatre
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www.coachhousetheatre.com
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BOGO: "You Can't Take It With You," by Hart and Kaufman. Discount available Dec. 3-6. Reservation required.

El Puente Mexican Bar and Grill
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661 E. Highland Road, Macedonia
www.fun-n-stuff.com
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BOGO: Event.

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www.greendiamondgrille.com
330-745-1900
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JC's Family Restaurant
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The Story Behind the Button



The theme of First Night Akron 2010 is, "A Night of Firsts." The First Night Akron 2010 Admission Button, designed by artist Julienne Hogarth, truly embodies this theme. Her button art, which will be worn by thousands of revelers on December 31, is unlike any First Night button art in the 14 year history of the event! Her button is full of new colors and vibrancy, evoking a feeling of warmth, even in the depth of the cold winter months in Ohio!

The inspiration for Hogarth's First Night Button came from a series of small paintings centered around patterns. She experimented with different fabrics, patterned paper, food coloring and fabric dye to create her growth-themed piece. She specifically studied the contrast between warm and cool colors.

"Through the years, I've been involved with First Night by creating artwork in windows with my students, painting a banner and making art for the black light exhibit. Never did I think I would be asked to submit a portfolio for the button art," Hogarth said. "I'm honored to be among former button artists I know and admire. This whole process has been a delightful, exciting journey. The button art reflects my current work, which celebrates so much. It fits so well with the First Night celebration!"

Hogarth, an Akron native, studied art at the University of Akron and her work has been on display throughout the state. She collaborated with Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts in creating a horse for "A Horse of a Different Color" (Children's Hospital), several pieces for Summit County Family Court and a mixed media piece highlighting the collection at the Akron Art Museum, currently on view in the Corbin Gallery at the museum (Be sure to check this exhibition out at First Night!). Hogarth also has an exhibition on display in the lobby of the Nantucket Building, 17 S. Main St., on view through January. Her work can be viewed at www.juliennehogarth.com.

Hogarth taught visual art for 15 years at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts. She currently teaches art at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with Akron Public Schools.

A Few First Night Changes

First Night looks a little bit different this year. **The footprint is more compact and easier to navigate**, but still features **more than 90 artists and projects** to enjoy! First Night artists are using the space in creative and imaginative ways — so guests don't have to miss any performances because of travel time!

New to the First Night footprint is Greystone Hall, packed with musical entertainment for every taste. As an extra bonus, revelers can visit the new METRO Transit Center, celebrating its first birthday during First Night Akron 2010!

You'll also find that the **9 p.m. Kids Fireworks and FirstMerit Fireworks at midnight have moved to Lock 3!** Come down to Lock 3 and countdown to 2010 with us. If you had a favorite viewing spot for the fireworks in the past, be sure to check www.firstnightakron.org for recommended viewing locations and see if your spot is listed. We wouldn't want you to miss the show!

Enjoy First Night Akron 2010 and feel free to send feedback or stories about your First Night experience to firstnight@downtownakron.com!

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First Night® Akron Map

EVENT SITES

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2 Akron Civic Theatre
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10 UA Polsky Building

FREE PARKING

A Opportunity Park
B Main & Bartges
C Advanced Elastomer Systems
D Polsky Deck Lot 49
E O'Neil's Garage
G Cascade Garage
H Superblock
I Dart Ave.
J Summit & E. Market
K Broadway Garage
L CitiCenter Garage
M Summit County
N Morley Health Center
O High & Market Garage




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New Fireworks Location!
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First Night Akron 2010
Admission buttons
E. Exchange St.
Special Outdoor Installation
Restrooms

First Night Akron Events

#	Site	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00
1	**Akron Art Museum**			Confucius Institute Make & Take				
	Auditorium	Chil		Chil		Case Sensitive		Case
	Corbin Gallery	Welcome to the Akron Art Museum & At One South High (exhibitions)						
	Lobby		Kerry Kean		Kerry Kean		Kerry Kean	
2	**Akron Civic Theatre**							
	Lobby		Linda Hutchinson					
	Marquee	Small-Field Studios: Beneath the Land of Ice & Snow						
	Stage	The Juke Hounds		The Juke Hounds		Mo' Mojo		Mo' M
	Upstairs		Matthew Abelson		Matthew Abelson		Matthew Abelso	
3	**Akron-Summit Co. Public Library**			North East Ohio Girl Scouts Make & Take				
				Harmonica Hotshots			Harmonica Hotshots	
	Amphitheater	A Field of Snow						
	Auditorium	Constellations Dance Company		Constellations Dance Company		O'Hare School of Irish Dance		O'Hare
	Children's Room	Library: Make & Take	Kathy Johnson	Kathy Johnson		Kathy Johnson	Kathy Johnson	
	Classroom		Silent Lion	Silent Lion		Silent Lion		
	High St. Level	Magical Theatre Company			Magical Theatre Company			The Ill
				A.H.D. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program - Free Photos				
	Main St. Level	Lightly Seasoned		Lightly Seasoned		Lightly Seasoned		
4	**Greystone Hall**							
	Ballroom - 2nd flr		The Singing Angels			ETC School of Musical Arts		ETC S Music
	Doric Room-4th flr			Dan Robertson		Dan Robertson		
	Egyptian Rm-4th flr	Mixed-Up Strings		Mixed-Up Strings		Mixed-Up Strings		The Ba
	Theater - 6th flr	Gospel Wonders		Gospel Wonders			Mercy Rising	
5	**John S. Knight Center**							
	Exhibit Hall 1	Big Daddy & the HooDoo Men		Big Daddy & the HooDoo Men		Wanda Hunt Band		Wanda
	Exhibit Hall 2	Alex Bevan		Alex Bevan		Blood, Sweat & Beers	Blood, Sweat &	
	Goodyear Ballroom	Zach		Zach		Cats on Holiday		Cats o
	Lobby	Studio Hope (5 - 11 p.m.), "What a Character!" (6 - 10 p.m.), joyUNSPEAKABLE Productions (6:30 - 10:30 p.m.)						
	Main Floor 1			First Night Idol				Martel
	Main Floor 2		Jim Gill		Jim Gill		Lou Santini	

A Night of Firsts

You've never seen First Night like this before! First Night Akron 2010 is celebrating "A Night of Firsts!" Every artist will premiere something new! Artist premieres range from new songs, performances and dances to new interactive projects and works of art! Whether it's your first time at First Night or your 14th, you're sure to have a unique experience!

December 31, 2009 continued...

	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
Sensitive			Stimulus		Stimulus		
	Lisa & Heather Malyuk			Lisa & Heather Malyuk		Lisa & Heather Malyuk	
ojo			Hard Day's Night		Hard Day's Night		
n	Matthew Abelson						
e School of Irish Dance		Bourn & MacConmard Irish Dance		Bourn & MacConmard Irish Dance			
	Brian Lisik			Brian Lisik			
usion Factory			The Illusion Factory				
	Martin and Marshall		Martin and Marshall				
chool of al Arts		Akron Derbytown Barbershop Chorus					
			Hey Mavis		Hey Mavis		
ackporch Swing Band		The Backporch Swing Band		The Backporch Swing Band			
	Mercy Rising		The Chapel Worship Band		The Chapel Worship Band		
a Hunt Band			Howard Street Blues Band			Howard Street Blues Band	
Beers		Gypsies in the Palace			Gypsies in the Palace		
on Holiday			JiMiller Band		JiMiller Band		
l School of Dance		First Night Rock Band: Beach Boyz Entertainment					
	Lou Santini		Fergie & The Bog Dogs			Fergie & The Bog Dogs	

Key

- Dance
- Interactive
- Music
- Theater
- Visual Arts

FirstMerit Fireworks at Lock 3!

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...continued First Night Akron Events

#	Site	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00
6	Lock 3	Ice Skating (11 a.m. - 8:15 p.m.)						
	Indoors	Hey Mavis: Songwriting Workshop		Hey Mavis: Songwriting Workshop		Hey Mavis: Songwriting Workshop		
	O'Neil Commons	First Night Make & Take (5 - 8 p.m.), Braids & Beads (6 - 11 p.m.), Get Painted (7 - 10 p.m.)						
	Outdoor Stage	Beach Boyz Entertainment						
						Elegant Ice Creations		Elegan
	Countdown and Fireworks							
7	METRO Transit Center	METRO Make & Take (5 - 11 p.m.), Fortune Teller (6 - 9 p.m.), METRO Birthday Clown (6 - 9 p.m.)						
						Intransit		
8	The Shoppes at Akron Centre	Dream Pillows (5 - 9 p.m.), Green Print Akron (5 - 9 p.m.), Pat Catan's Mask Making (5 - 9 p.m.) The University of Akron Garde Manger Club - Vegetable Carving (5 - 9 p.m.)						
		Stow Heritage Ringers		Stow Heritage Ringers		Stow Heritage Ringers		
			The New Salvino Show					
9	Summit Artspace	Summit County Historical Society Presents Days of Akron Past						
	Gallery				Brian Henke			Brian
	3rd Flr	Creatures of the Midnight Sun						
		Akron Society of Artists (5 - 9 p.m.), Artists of Rubber City: The BOX (5 - 11 p.m.), Carolyn E. Lewis Studio (5 - 9 p.m.)						
10	UA Polsky Building	Holiday Window Displays						
	Main St. Level	Rio Neon		Rio Neon		Rio Neon		UA Ste
	High St. Level	Steve McClain		Steve McClain		Ian Ross Trio		Ian Ro
	Around Town			Scavenge the Summer: Summer Arts Experience Scavenger Hunt				
			Michael Roy's Cirque Du Papier (5:30 - 9:30 p.m.), Bo Bo & Gina (6 - 10 p.m.), The New Salvino Show (7 -					
				Magic Mike Productions				
				Geldryk, The Elf		Geldryk, The Elf		Geldryk, The Elf
						Street Beat Drummers		
	Main & Bowery	First Night Dragon & First Night Luminaries						
	Main St.					Scouting with the Great Trail Council of the Bo		

Join the First Night Processions



Join in these processions to Lock 3 to countdown to the New Year!

8:15 p.m. Procession
Steps off from The Shoppes at Akron Centre at 8:15 p.m. The Street Beat Drummers and a variety of community groups will lead the crowd down **Main Street to Lock 3** for the **Akron Children's Hospital Countdown** and **Kids Fireworks!**

11 p.m. Procession
Steps off from Summit Artspace at 11 p.m. The Street Beat Drummers and a variety of community groups will wind their way through Downtown, past all of the First Night venues to lead everyone to **Lock 3 for the Countdown** to Midnight and **FirstMerit Fireworks** at midnight!

December 31, 2009



8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
	Ice Skating (9:15 - 11 p.m.)					UA Skating
nt Ice Creations		Elegant Ice Creations				
Akron Children's Hosp. Countdown: Hey Mavis & Geldryk	Kids Fireworks Show!					Count-down Show
Henke		Brian Henke				
eel Drum Band "Hands On"		UA Steel Drum Band		UA Steel Drum Band		
ss Trio		The Speedbumps		The Speedbumps		
10 p.m.)						
oy Scouts of America						

Key
- Dance
- Interactive
- Music
- Theater
- Visual Arts

FirstMerit Fireworks at Lock 3!

Akron Children's Hospital Kids Countdown Show

Follow the First Night Procession to Lock 3 for the Akron Children's Hospital Kids Countdown Show featuring the unveiling of the final Countdown to First Night banner, a performance by Hey Mavis and Geldryk, The World's Tallest Elf.

Akron Children's Hospital

Fabulous shows and FirstMerit Fireworks!

Join the crowd at Lock 3 at 11:30 p.m. for the final minutes of 2009! Countdown to the New Year, then oooh and ahhh over the FirstMerit Fireworks Show at midnight! Check www.firstnightakron.org for prime fireworks viewing locations!

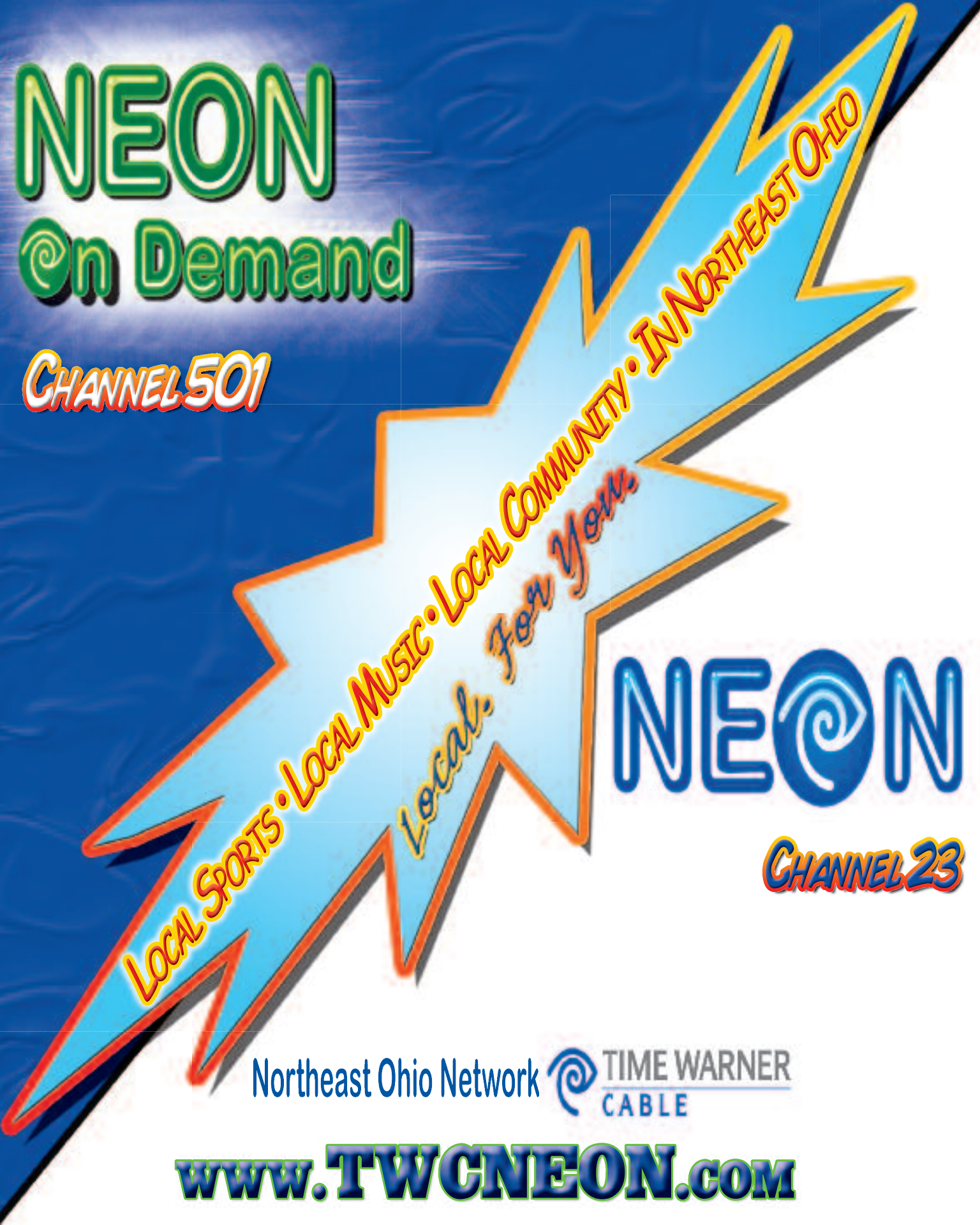
New location: All the fun happens at Lock 3!

Akron Children's Hospital Kids Countdown
8:30 p.m.

Kids Fireworks
9 p.m.

Midnight Countdown
11:30 p.m.

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METRO service to Downtown is free with your First Night Button after 3 p.m. on December 31. After midnight, simply jump on a bus at Cascade Plaza to get a ride to the METRO Transit Center and catch a METRO Zone bus home. Call METRO Customer Service at 330-762-0341 for details.

Security Note

For your safety, First Night sites have strict security rules and the authority to ask guests to leave certain items at their vehicles.

Allowed, but subject to inspection: purses, diaper bags, cameras, camera bags and other small personal bags.

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Entertainment

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BLUES/JAZZ

Big Daddy & the HooDoo Men
John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 1
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Howard Street Blues Band
John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 1
9:30-10:30; 10:45-11:30

Ian Ross Trio
UA Polsky Bldg.: High St. Level
7-7:45; 8-9

Intransit
METRO Transit Center
7-10 p.m.

The Juke Hounds
Akron Civic Theatre: Stage
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Martin & Marshall
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Main St. Level
8:30-9:15; 9:30-10:30

Mo' Mojo
Akron Civic Theatre: Stage
7-7:45; 8-9

Wanda Hunt Band
John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 1
7-7:45; 8-9

CELTIC/WORLD

Fergie & The Bog Dogs
John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 2
9:30-10:30; 10:45-11:30

Mixed-Up Strings
Greystone Hall: Egyptian Room- 4th Floor
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-7:30

Silent Lion
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Classroom
6:15-7; 7:15-8

UA Steel Drum Band
UA Polsky Bldg.: Main St. Level
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

CHORAL/A CAPPELLA

Akron Derbytown Barbershop Chorus
Greystone Hall: Ballroom- 2nd Floor
9-10

ETC School of Musical Arts
Greystone Hall: Ballroom- 2nd Floor
7-7:30; 8-8:30

Lightly Seasoned
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Main St. Level
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-8

The Singing Angels
Greystone Hall: Ballroom- 2nd Floor
5:30-6:30

CHRISTIAN

The Chapel Worship Band
Greystone Hall: Theater- 6th Floor
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:15

Gospel Wonders
Greystone Hall: Theater- 6th Floor
5-6; 6:15-7

Mercy Rising
Greystone Hall: Theater- 6th Floor
7:30-8:15; 8:30-9

FOLK/COUNTRY

Matthew Abelson
Akron Civic Theatre: Upstairs
5:45-6; 6:30-7; 7:45-8; 8:45-9

The Backporch Swing Band
Greystone Hall: Egyptian Room- 4th Floor
8-8:45; 9-9:45; 10-10:45

Alex Bevan
John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 2
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Jim Gill
John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 2
5:30-6:15; 6:30-7

Brian Henke
Summit Artspace: Gallery
6:30-7:30; 8-9; 9:30-10:30

Hey Mavis
Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
8:30-8:45
Greystone Hall: Doric Room- 4th Floor
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:15

Kathy Johnson
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Children's Room
5:30-6; 6:15-6:45; 7-7:30; 7:45-8:15

Lisa & Heather Malyuk
Akron Art Museum: Lobby
8:30-9:30; 9:45-10:30; 10:45-11:30

Rio Neon
UA Polsky Bldg.: Main St. Level
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-7:30

MODERN ROCK/OLDIES

Blood, Sweat & Beers
John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 2
7-7:30; 7:45-8:30

Case Sensitive
Akron Art Museum: Auditorium
7-7:45; 8-8:45

Cats on Holiday
John S. Knight Center: Goodyear Ballroom
7-7:45; 8-9

Chil
Akron Art Museum: Auditorium
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Gypsies in the Palace
John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 2
9-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Hard Day's Night
Akron Civic Theatre: Stage
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Harmonica Hotshots
Akron-Summit County Public Library
6-6:30; 7:30-8

JiMiller Band
John S. Knight Center: Goodyear Ballroom
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Brian Lisik
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Classroom
8:30-9:30; 10-11

Steve McClain
UA Polsky Bldg.: High St. Level
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Dan Robertson
Greystone Hall: Doric Room- 4th Floor
6-7; 7:15-8

Stimulus
Akron Art Museum: Auditorium
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Zach
John S. Knight Center: Goodyear Ballroom
5-5:45; 6-6:30

OTHER

Beach Boyz Entertainment
Lock 3: Outdoor stage
5-11:30

Kerry Kean
Akron Art Museum: Lobby
5:30-6:15; 6:30-7:15; 7:30-8

The Speedbumps
UA Polsky Bldg.: High St. Level
9:30-10:30; 10:45-11:30

Stow Heritage Ringers
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-5:30; 5:45-6:30; 6:45-7:30

METRO Bus Shuttles

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INTERACTIVE

A.H.D. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program - Free Photos
Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
6-10

Akron-Summit County Public Library - Children's Library Make & Take
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Children's Room
5-9

Bo Bo & Gina
Around Town
6-10

Braids & Beads
Lock 3: O'Neil Commons
6-11

Confucius Institute Make & Take
Akron Art Museum
6-11

Dream Pillows – How Cassie Learned to Fly!
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

First Night Idol
John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 1
6-7:30

First Night Make & Take
Lock 3: O'Neil Commons
5-8:30

First Night Rock Band: Beach Boyz Entertainment
John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 1
9-10:30

Fortune Teller
METRO Transit Center
6-9

Geldryk, The World's Tallest Elf
Around Town
6-6:30; 6:45-7:15; 7:45-9

Get Painted
Lock 3: O'Neil Commons
7-10

Green Print Akron
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

Hey Mavis: Songwriting Workshop
Lock 3: Indoors
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-7:45

Linda Hutchinson
Akron Civic Theatre: Lobby
5:30-10:30

joyUNSPEAKABLE Productions
John S. Knight Center: Lobby
6:30-10:30

METRO Birthday Clown
METRO Transit Center
6-9

METRO Make & Take
METRO Transit Center
5-11

Michael Roy's Cirque Du Papier
Around Town
5:30-9:30

The New Salvino Show
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5:30-6:30
Around Town
7-10

North East Ohio Girl Scouts Make & Take
Akron-Summit County Public Library
6-10

Pat Catan's Mask Making
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

Scouting with the Great Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America
Main St. in front of Cascade Plaza
7-11:30

Silent Lion
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Classroom
5:30-6

Stow Heritage Ringers
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-5:30; 5:45-6:30; 6:45-7:30

Street Beat Drummers
Around town
7-12

Studio Hope
John S. Knight Center: Lobby
5-11

Summit County Historical Society Presents Days of Akron Past
Summit Artspace
5-11

The University of Akron Garde Manger Club – Vegetable Carving
The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

UA Steel Drum Band "Hands On"
UA Polsky Bldg.: Main St. Level
8-9

"What a Character!"
John S. Knight Center: Lobby
6-10

THEATER

The Illusion Factory
Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
8-9; 9:30-10:30

Magical Theatre Company
Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
5-6; 6:30-7:30

Magic Mike Productions
Around Town
6-9

Lou Santini
John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 2
7:30-8:15; 8:30-9

DANCE

Bourn Academy of Dance & MacConmard Academy of Irish Dance
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Auditorium
9:15-10; 10:15-11

Constellations Dance Company
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Auditorium
5-5:45; 6-6:30

The Figure Skating Club at The University of Akron
Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
11:30-11:45

Martell School of Dance
John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 1
8-8:45

O'Hare School of Irish Dance
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Auditorium
7-7:45; 8-8:45

VISUAL ART

Akron Society of Artists
Summit Artspace: 3rd Floor
5-9

Artists of Rubber City: The BOX
Summit Artspace: 3rd Floor
5-11

Creatures of the Midnight Sun
Summit Artspace: 3rd Floor
5-11

Elegant Ice Creations
Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
7-7:45; 8-8:45, 9:15-10

A Field of Snow
Akron-Summit County Public Library: Amphitheater
5-11

First Night Dragon
Corner of S. Main & Bowery St.
5-12

First Night Luminaries
Around Town
5-12

Holiday Window Displays
UA Polsky Bldg: Main St. Level
5-12

Carolyn E. Lewis Studio
Summit Artspace: 3rd floor
5-9

Scavenge the Summer: Summer Arts Experience Scavenger Hunt
Around Town
6-9

Small-Field Studios: Beneath The Land of Ice & Snow
Akron Civic Theatre: Marquee
5-12

Welcome to the Akron Art Museum & At One South High (exhibitions)
Akron Art Museum: Corbin Gallery
5-11:30

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MATTHEW ABELSON

2 Akron Civic Theatre: Upstairs
5:45-6; 6:30-7; 7:45-8; 8:45-9

Matthew Abelson is an innovative hammered dulcimer player who is equally at home with American roots music, traditional Irish tunes and jazz. His playing is truly an enlightening experience!

Premiere: Matthew Abelson is proud to introduce, "The Infinite Shapes of Snowflakes," a new instrumental composition written especially for First Night, illuminating the many sparkling facets of the winter season!

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AKRON DERBYTOWN BARBERSHOP CHORUS

4 Greystone Hall: Ballroom - 2nd Floor
9-10

Experience barbershop harmony at its best — then join in as the audience sings along.

Premiere: Never before heard new songs!

Stage sponsored by National City - Now a part of PNC.

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A.H.D. CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM – FREE PHOTOS

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
6-10

Families, kids and couples can remember their First Night experience with a free photo courtesy of Akron Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Kiwanis Club of West Akron, Akron Area Soap Box Derby and the United States Census 2010.

Premiere: New project! Experience the best of Akron events!

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

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AKRON SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

9 Summit Artspace: 3rd Floor
5-9

The Akron Society of Artists gallery will feature works by members, with artists present and demonstrating their working process. Stop by from 5-7 p.m. to sit for a caricature by Dino Massaroni.

Premiere: First time appearing at First Night Akron!

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AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S LIBRARY MAKE & TAKE

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Children's Room
5-9

Stop by the Children's Library to make a Chinese Dragon or a shooting star craft!

Premiere: New make & take!

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ARTISTS OF RUBBER CITY: THE BOX

9 Summit Artspace: 3rd Floor
5-11

Artists of Rubber City is a nonprofit arts group that advocates for the appreciation and ownership of local art. The group's new gallery, The BOX, is located on the third floor of Summit Artspace. Currently on view is the annual all-member show. Exhibitions of local and regional art will be ongoing in The BOX.

Premiere: First time appearing at First Night Akron!

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THE BACKPORCH SWING BAND

4 Greystone Hall: Egyptian Room- 4th Floor
8-8:45; 9-9:45; 10-10:45

Ohio's premiere western swing band features the Ohio State Fiddle Champion Adam Jackson, the smooth vocals of Kris Geis and jazzy stylings of mandolinist Zeke Huthinson.

Premiere: A new First Night artist!

Supported by GoJo Industries.

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BEACH BOYZ ENTERTAINMENT

6 Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
5-11:30

Offering first-rate fun and an outstanding mix of music.

Premiere: DJ-ing at First Night for the first time!

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ALEX BEVAN

5 John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 2
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Alex is back with his flawless performance. A fixture of the Northeast Ohio music scene, let his guitar playing capture you!

Premiere: New songs!

Stage sponsored by OMNOVA Solutions.

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BIG DADDY AND THE HOODOO MEN

5 John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 1
5-5:45; 6-6:30

This authentic American Blues band takes influences from such original masters as Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters and B.B. King!

Premiere: Featuring songs from their new album Galehouse Blues!

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

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BLOOD, SWEAT & BEERS

5 John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 2
7-7:30; 7:45-8:30

Ohio's premiere rock band is returning home to Akron to share their great sound and huge song selection for a very special New Year's Eve.

Premiere: New songs!

Stage sponsored by OMNOVA Solutions.

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BO BO & GINA

Around Town
6-10

Balloon hats, balloon animals, and magic…oh my!

Premiere: Featuring Bo Bo's new partner Gina and debuting sidewalk magic!



BOURN ACADEMY OF DANCE & MACCONMARD ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Auditorium
9:15-10; 10:15-11

Watch as these National Championship Dancers perform ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and Irish dance.

Premiere: An interactive segment!

Stage sponsored by Labels & Letters.

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BRAIDS & BEADS

6 Lock 3: O'Neil Commons
6-11

Kids can create their own color scheme of beads that the artist, Toni Weems, braids at this interactive event!

Premiere: Now doing hair wraps as well as braids!

Supported by County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADM) Services Board.

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CASE SENSITIVE

1 Akron Art Museum: Auditorium
7-7:45; 8-8:45

This young progressive-indie-funk style band of teens plays a mix of covers and originals.

Premiere: New original song!

Supported by Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund.

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CATS ON HOLIDAY

5 John S. Knight Center: Goodyear Ballroom
7-7:45; 8-9

This hard rockin', swamp poppin' group will serve a healthy dose of American influenced roots, country, Cajun and blues. Join them for a high energy, crowd participating "Mardi Gras" street party!

Premiere: The Cats will premiere their own unique renditions of a couple of zydeco standards, "Co Fa," by The Soileau Zydeco Band and "Big Mamou," by Wayne Toups.

Stage sponsored by The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation.

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THE CHAPEL WORSHIP BAND

4 Greystone Hall: Theater - 6th Floor
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:15

Sing along with a blend of popular and familiar songs of praise, thanks and celebration in this modern worship experience.

Premiere: New songs!

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CHIL

1 Akron Art Museum: Auditorium
5-5:45; 6-6:30

This four-person teen band plays music from popular acts such as Green Day, Switchfoot, Blink 182, Plain White T's and many more.

Premiere: Cheer on Stow's hottest teen rock band as they premiere their first original song!

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CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE MAKE & TAKE

1 Akron Art Museum
6-11

The University of Akron's Confucius Institute is part of an international network of Confucius Institutes, supported by the Chinese Ministry of Education, dedicated to "enhancing the understanding of the Chinese language and culture" around the world.

Premiere: The Confucius Institute's first time participating in First Night! Learn Chinese writing and language!

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CONSTELLATIONS DANCE COMPANY

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Auditorium
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Enjoy works from this pre-professional dance company.

Premiere: Amazing new choreography!

Stage sponsored by Labels & Letters.

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CREATURES OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

9 Summit Artspace: 3rd floor
5-11

This project follows First Night 2008 & First Night 2009's successful presentation of Land of the Midnight Sun and Return of the Midnight Sun, A Black Light Art Installation and Exhibition at Summit Artspace.

Premiere: Incorporating light and sound, Creatures of the Midnight Sun will premiere an animated two and three-dimensional work of art in the form of imaginary animals under a black light. Remember your camera to capture memories in the Family Photo Safari Adventure!

Stage sponsored by County of Summit.

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ELEGANT ICE CREATIONS

6 Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
7-7:45, 8-8:45, 9:15-10

Olympic ice sculptor Aaron Costic and his crew will amaze you with their skills and designs! Watch as they sculpt blocks of ice into masterpieces.

Premiere: New sculptures!

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ETC SCHOOL OF MUSICAL ARTS

4 Greystone Hall: Ballroom - 2nd Floor
7-7:30; 8-8:30

The ETC School of Musical Arts will be presenting their two award-winning ensembles, The All Americans and The Main Street Singers with their original programs for their 32nd season.

Premiere: A new, original show!

Stage sponsored by National City - Now a part of PNC.

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DREAM PILLOWS — HOW CASSIE LEARNED TO FLY!

8 The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

In the story, "Tar Beach," Cassie Louise Lightfoot learns to fly and make her dreams come true! Join Dream Pillows and create your own unique dream pillow using fabric, ribbon, buttons and yarn.

Premiere: New interactive project!

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FERGIE & THE BOG DOGS

5 John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 2
9:30-10:30; 10:45-11:30

One of the area's favorite Irish bands delights in bringing traditional Celtic music to modern audiences.

Premiere: New songs!

Supported by The Murdough Foundation.

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A FIELD OF SNOW

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Amphitheater
5-11

A sound and light installation celebrating urban winter.

Premiere: A new installation!

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THE FIGURE SKATING CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

6 Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
11:30-11:45

Figure skating performances by members of the figure skating club, a registered organization at The University of Akron.

Premiere: First time performing at First Night!

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FIRST NIGHT DRAGON

Corner of Main St. & Bowery St.
5-12

Catch a glimpse of the First Night Dragon!

Premiere: The First Night Dragon's first time in this new location!

FIRST NIGHT IDOL

5 John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 1
6-7:30

Guests will enjoy this 7th annual high school singing competition. Watch as talented area finalists compete to claim the top prize!

Premiere: New performers and songs!

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FIRST NIGHT LUMINARIES

Around Town
5-12

The First Night Luminaries, designed by participants in the Summer Arts Experience program, light up the First Night footprint.

Premiere: All new look!

FIRST NIGHT MAKE & TAKE

6 Lock 3: O'Neil Commons
5-8:30

Make an Illuminoisy at Lock 3! Create your own illuminated noisemaker from recyclables, bells, pipe cleaners, streamers and glowsticks. Make your own drums, shakers, and maracas or make up a creative instrument of your own! Make it, take it and shake it through the procession to the Kids fireworks at 9 pm. A First Night Fun-damental!

Premiere: New make & take!

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www.firstnightakron.org

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FIRST NIGHT ROCK BAND: BEACH BOYZ ENTERTAINMENT

5 John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 1
9-10:30

Have you always wanted to be a rock star? Come and take your shot at your dream during the First Night Rock Band video game event. Sign up at the door to play the song of your choice with your family and friends.

Premiere: New songs to perform!

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FORTUNE TELLER

7 METRO Transit Center
6-9

Find out what 2010 holds for your family!

Premiere: First appearance by fortune tellers ever at First Night!

This site sponsored by: METRO

GELDRYK, THE WORLD'S TALLEST ELF

Around Town
6-6:30; 6:45-7:15; 7:45-9

Visit with Geldryk, the world's tallest elf as he sings, tells stories and encourages silliness!

Premiere: New songs!

GET PAINTED

6 Lock 3: O'Neil Commons
7-10

Come get your own airbrush temporary tattoo!

Premiere: New designs!

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JIM GILL

5 John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 2
5:30-6:15; 6:30-7

"Absolute killer voice!" is the consensus press on this singer/songwriter. "A captivating performer!" – writes the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Premiere: Five new seasonal songs!

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GOSPEL WONDERS

4 Greystone Hall: Theater-6th Floor
5-6; 6:15-7

Listen as Gospel Wonders articulates the love of God through songs, service and praise.

Premiere: New songs!

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GREEN PRINT AKRON

8 The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

"We are all together to create a Green Akron," is the theme for this interactive artwork by artist Yi Joy Qiu. Children will have the chance to add their own work to this project.

Premiere: A new interactive project!

This Site Sponsored by: GOODYEAR

GYPSIES IN THE PALACE

5 John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 2
9-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Whether inclined to waste away in Margaritaville, devour a cheeseburger in paradise or investigate a crime of passion in Cuba, audiences are whisked into a feeding frenzy by Northeast Ohio-based Gypsies in the Palace, a trop-rock band playing original and Jimmy Buffett music.

Premiere: First time performing at First Night Akron as well as several new songs and surprises!

Stage sponsored by OMNOVA Solutions.

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HARD DAY'S NIGHT

2 Akron Civic Theatre: Stage
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Hailing from the rock'n'roll city of Cleveland, Ohio, Hard Day's Night is rated among the top national Beatles groups performing today. They have performed for thousands of Beatles fans in England and the United States. Come watch as Hard Day's Night continues to carry on the excitement of Beatlemania!

Premiere: Playing new songs including "Come Together," and "Daytripper," as well as an interactive portion to the song "Hey Jude."

Supported by Cohen & Company, CPAs.

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HARMONICA HOTSHOTS

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
6-6:30; 7:30-8

The Harmonica Hotshots combine spectacular harmonica artistry with novelty tunes and light humor to present high energy entertainment with innovative and exciting musical arrangements!

Premiere: New special arrangements including Star Wars and Orange Blossom.

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

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BRIAN HENKE

9 Summit Artspace: Gallery
6:30-7:30; 8-9; 9:30-10:30

Composing music like a painter putting images on canvas, Brian Henke is a kind of sonic shaman, drawing his inspiration from the natural world around him.

Premiere: Performing brand new material from his upcoming CD, "A Child's Garden!"

Stage sponsored by the Charles E. & Mabel M. Ritchie Foundation.

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HEY MAVIS

6 Lock 3: Indoors
Songwriting Workshop: 5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-7:45
Lock 3: Outdoor Stage
8:15-8:45

4 Greystone Hall: Doric Room- 4th Floor
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:15

Interactive and creative workshop for children ages 8 and up as well as their parents! Participants will craft their First Night Akron memories and experiences into a song that will premiere at the First Night Kids Countdown. The music of Hey Mavis is self-described as "Modern Old-Timey," but can also be called Americana and Modern Folk.

Premiere: New workshop and performance!

Lock 3 Sponsored by:

Greystone Hall Sponsored by: The John A. McAlonan Fund



HOWARD STREET BLUES BAND

5 John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 1
9:30-10:30; 10:45-11:30

The Howard Street Blues Band has received recognition in Spain, England and Poland for their blues music!

Premiere: A new song off their new album!

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

This Site Sponsored by: GAR

LINDA HUTCHINSON

2 Akron Civic Theatre: Lobby
5:30-10:30

Draw yourself into the parade of First Night party-goers with the help of artist Linda Hutchinson!

Premiere: A new interactive art piece!

Supported by CVS Caremark.

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THE IAN ROSS TRIO

10 UA Polsky Building: High St. Level
7-7:45; 8-9

The Ian Ross Trio combines classic soul jazz with modern blues and R&B elements.

Premiere: A new song and a feature performance with a new one-of-a-kind guitar!

Stage sponsored by the R.C. Musson & Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation.

This Site Sponsored by: FirstMerit Foundation

THE ILLUSION FACTORY

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
8-9; 9:30-10:30

Enjoy The Illusion Factory's hilarious adaptation of the children's best seller, "If You Take a Mouse to School." A young boy takes a mouse to school, and the day's events tumult into hilarity and hijinks!

Premiere: First time performing, "If You Take a Mouse to School!"

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

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INTRANSIT

7 METRO Transit Center
7-10

Akron's own Intransit is the coming together of three different musical and cultural backgrounds. With a repertoire of both original compositions and jazz standards, the trio aims to become one synchonized entity that creates improvisational music as a group, while complimenting each individual's distinctive vision for the music.

Premiere: "First Night Serenade," composed for First Night Akron 2010!

This site sponsored by: METRO

JIMILLER BAND

5 John S. Knight Center: Goodyear Ballroom
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

The JiMiller Band blends together blues, country, Cajun, old rock 'n' roll, jazz and bluegrass into a musical Americana that is both fresh and timeless.

Premiere: A brand new original song, including an improvisational section performed just for First Night Akron 2010!

Stage sponsored by The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation.

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KATHY JOHNSON

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Children's Room
5:30-6; 6:15-6:45; 7-7:30; 7:45-8:15

Kathy Johnson is a one-of-a-kind singer-songwriter whose performances delight audiences of all ages. Listen to her eclectic music, including originals, folk, cowboy songs, vintage country, old rock and roll and standards from the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

Premiere: New songs!

Supported by Eliokem, Inc.

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JOYUNSPEAKABLE PRODUCTIONS

5 John S. Knight Center: Lobby
6:30-10:30

Motionless posing and convincing costumes will make you think it's a statue. Artist Mark Abbati uses only subtle but deliberate movements to communicate.

Premiere: The beach bum statue! This goofy beach nut with 30s style swimsuit, flippers and color beach inflatables is spunky and fun!

This Site Sponsored by: GAR

THE JUKE HOUNDS

2 Akron Civic Theatre: Stage
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Enjoy the music of The Juke Hounds as they perform some of their original tunes as well as words of the masters.

Premiere: A new song of redemption!

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KERRY KEAN

1 Akron Art Museum: Lobby
5:30-6:15; 6:30-7:15; 7:30-8

Kerry Kean writes and performs a wide variety of fingerstyle guitar compositions.

Premiere: A new piece inspired by the transition of one year into another and the joy at the culmination of the holiday season!

Stage sponsored by The Welty Family Foundation.

This Site Sponsored by: Akron Community Foundation

CAROLYN E. LEWIS STUDIO

9 Summit Artspace: 3rd Floor
5-9

Come enjoy "Painting the Night Away," with Carolyn E. Lewis featuring artists demonstrating oil painting landscapes. Lewis' latest artwork and the artwork of her students will also be on view.

Premiere: First time appearing at First Night Akron!

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LIGHTLY SEASONED

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Main St. Level
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-8

The barbershop quartet, Lightly Seasoned, specializes in songs America loves to sing and hear.

Premiere: New outfits, new songs and an interactive performance!

Stage sponsored by Roetzel & Andress LPA.

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BRIAN LISIK

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Classroom
8:30-9:30; 10-11

Enjoy the melodic tunes of this Ohio-based singer/songwriter.

Premiere: The debut screening of his long-awaited documentary film played to his music, "On the Wrong Side of the Canal!"

Supported by Brouse McDowell, LPA.

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MAGICAL THEATRE COMPANY

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
5-6; 6:30-7:30

Magical Theatre Company presents an astounding bit of acting, storytelling and music that reinvents the classic tale, "Little Red Riding Hood in the Wood," in a simple, yet sophisticated manner.

Premiere: A new performance!

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

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MAGIC MIKE PRODUCTIONS

Around Town
6-9

Invoking the spirit of legendary Houdini, Magic Mike reappears at First Night with mind baffling interactive street magic and in your face illusions!

Premiere: A new illusion!



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LISA & HEATHER MALYUK

1 Akron Art Museum: Lobby
8:30-9:30; 9:45-10:30; 10:45-11:30

These young, highly acclaimed musicians will unveil original compositions written in the folk tradition during sets of driving, energetic tunes and bittersweet old-fashioned melodies.

Premiere: New music!

Stage sponsored by The Welty Family Foundation.

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MARTELL SCHOOL OF DANCE

5 John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 1
8-8:45

Family-friendly, up-beat choreographed dancing including a number to "You Can't Stop The Beat," from the musical Hairspray!

Premiere: New original choreography!

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MARTIN AND MARSHALL

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Main St. Level
8:30-9:15; 9:30-10:30

Making their premiere performance in Akron, Martin and Marshall will be singing and playing the blues from their brand new CD!

Premiere: First time performing in Akron!

Stage sponsored by Roetzel & Andress LPA.

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STEVE MCCLAIN

10 UA Polsky Building: High St. Level
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Originally from Kent, Ohio, Steve McClain is a singer/songwriter based in Nashville. His music has been featured on 91.3 The Summit in Akron as well as Lightning 100 in Nashville.

Premiere: Several new songs!

Stage sponsored by the R.C. Musson & Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation.

This Site Sponsored by: FIRSTMERIT Foundation

MERCY RISING

4 Greystone Hall: Theater - 6th Floor
7:30-8:15; 8:30-9

Listen to the music of this up and coming modern Christian rock band with thought provoking lyrics and unforgettable guitar licks!

Premiere: Music from their new album, "Waiting for the Sky to Fall!"

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METRO BIRTHDAY CLOWN

7 METRO Transit Center
6-9

Come celebrate the METRO Transit Center's first birthday and get a balloon creation from the METRO Birthday Clown!

Premiere: First time performing at First Night Akron!

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METRO MAKE & TAKE

7 METRO Transit Center
5-11

Decorate a cookie to celebrate the METRO Transit Station's first birthday and decorate a First Night treat bag to fill up with the goodies you collect throughout the night!

Premiere: Two new interactive make & takes!

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MICHAEL ROY'S CIRQUE DU PAPIER

Around Town
5:30-9:30

Introducing exquisite and interactive origami, starring the humble sheet of paper, transformed!

Premiere: Two sea creatures, folded simultaneously!

MIXED-UP STRINGS

4 Greystone Hall: Egyptian Room - 4th Floor
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-7:30

Local favorite, Mixed-Up Strings, is an eclectic group of musicians who offer toe tapping melodies of front-porch tune favorites, enjoyed by generations of Appalachian families.

Premiere: New arrangements!

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MO' MOJO

2 Akron Civic Theatre: Stage
7-7:45; 8-9

This Zydeco jam band, featuring button box fiddle, blends Creole and Cajon melodies with blues and pop. Their dynamic energetic show appeals to the ears, eyes and feet.

Premiere: A new song!

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THE NEW SALVINO SHOW

8 The Shoppes at Akron Centre
Interactive Clown School: 5:30-6:30
Around Town
7-10

The audience will have the opportunity to attend a class and learn how to become a clown! After class don't miss their strolling clown magic!

Premiere: First time performing at First Night and premiering the interactive Clown School!

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NORTH EAST OHIO GIRL SCOUTS MAKE AND TAKE

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: High St. Level
6-10

Join the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio as they celebrate the old year and ring in the New Year with make and take projects.

Premiere: A new make and take!

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O'HARE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Auditorium
7-7:45; 8-8:45

A lively performance of jigs, reels, hornpipes and more! Presented in collaboration with the Akron, Canton, Medina and Independence studios by some of Tim O'Hare's best dancers, this performance is reminiscent of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance.

Premiere: A new workshop and demonstration for children 5 and up with new material!

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PAT CATAN'S MASK MAKING

8 The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

First Night's favorite make and take returns! From glitter and sequins, to feather and beads — you're sure to find the perfect supplies to create a masterpiece. Show off your creation as you enjoy the New Year's festivities!

Premiere: Make a mask to wear in the First Night Procession!

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RIO NEON

10 UA Polsky Building: Main St. Level
5-5:45; 6-6:45; 7-7:30

Rio Neon combines the best elements of swing, jazz, traditional folk music and original tunes guaranteed to bring a smile!

Premiere: A new song, composed by their female vocalist, entitled "A Kiss for New Year's Eve!"

Stage sponsored by Sisler McFawn Foundation.

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DAN ROBERTSON

4 Greystone Hall: Doric Room - 4th Floor
6-7; 7:15-8

Dan has played with and opened for several national acts such as The Guess Who, Steve Camp and The Imperials. Listen as he performs music from his two solo CDs Corbain and Pavolov's Dog.

Premiere: New songs!

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LOU SANTINI

5 John S. Knight Center: Main Floor 2
7:30-8:15; 8:30-9

You remember him from WZIP, WRQK and WMMS. In his fifth appearance at First Night Akron comedian Lou Santini dishes out hilarious, witty, clever and universal comedy.

Premiere: A new stand-up routine!

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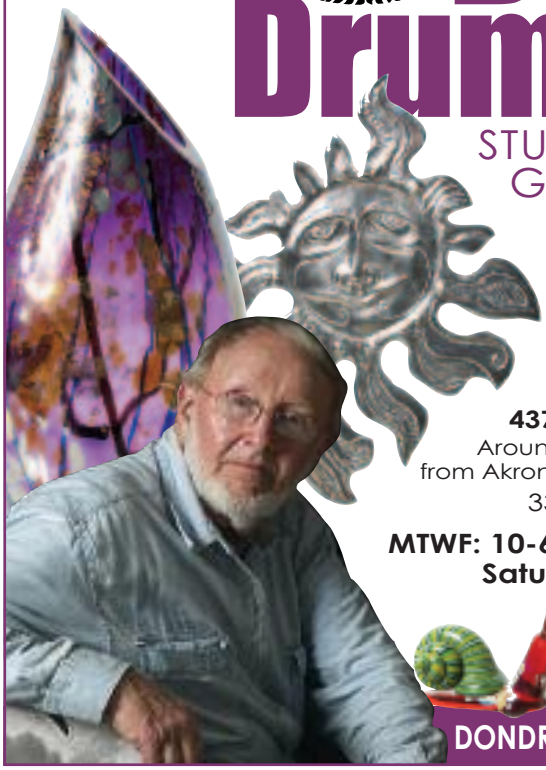
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SCAVENGE THE SUMMER: SUMMER ARTS EXPERIENCE SCAVENGER HUNT

Around Town
6-9

The fruits of Summer are all around us! Locate seven Summer Arts Experience installations by following the clues obtained from the docent volunteer at each of the locations. Complete your scavenger hunt and receive a free ticket to the Summer 2010 Lock 3 Live Concert Series (some exclusions apply). Find the first installation in the scavenger hunt by solving this clue: *Its painted images reflect Akron as a resource for views picturesque, celestial, and local in flavor. Find it on the second floor of Downtown's greatest collection of resources.*

Premiere: New First Night scavenger hunt!

SCOUTING WITH THE GREAT TRAIL COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Main St. - In front of Cascade Plaza
5-11:30

Join in celebrating 100 years of Scouting with the Great Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Experience what thousands of area Scouts already know: the joys of camping, cooking outdoors and learning the timeless values Scouting has taught our youth since 1910. Enjoy Scout-made hot chocolate and chili!

Premiere: Learn Scouting skills with the Boy Scouts of America!

SILENT LION

3 Akron-Summit County Public Library: Classroom
Interactive: 5:30-6
Performances: 6:15-7; 7:15-8

Join Silent Lion as they time travel across different styles of music from all over the world, sharing energizing, romantic and exotic masterpieces.

Premiere: New songs!

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THE SINGING ANGELS

4 Greystone Hall: Ballroom- 2nd Floor
5:30-6:30

Let these young angels delight you with holiday favorites. The Singing Angels, founded in 1964, is dedicated to youth development through the highest level of artistic achievement. You won't want to miss these talented young singers.

Premiere: Summit County premiere of "Ocho Kandelikas" or Eight Candles, a Hanukkah song arranged for the Angels by Cleveland artist Lori Cahan-Simon.

Stage sponsored by National City - Now a part of PNC.

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SMALL-FIELD STUDIOS: BENEATH THE LAND OF ICE AND SNOW

2 Akron Civic Theatre: Marquee
5 -12

Following last year's "Land of Ice and Snow," artists Daniel Coffield and Kevin Smalley bring you a new vision: "Beneath the Land of Ice and Snow."

Premiere: Small-Field Studio's latest creation, a mixed media aquatic adventure featuring original music scores, exciting video, colorful lights and interactive animatronics!

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THE SPEEDBUMPS

10 UA Polsky Building: High St. Level
9:30-10:30; 10:45-11:30

By combining classical and modern instruments with honest songwriting, these Kent, Ohio natives create a unique sound fueled by the group's dedication to originality!

Premiere: New players, instruments and music!

Stage sponsored by the R.C. Musson & Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation.

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STREET BEAT DRUMMERS

Around Town
7-12

The Street Beat Drummers will keep you on your toes! Watch for them as they make their way through Downtown with a smile on their faces and a rhythm drum that will get your toes tapping!

Premiere: New "beats" and flair to their costumes!

STIMULUS

1 Akron Art Museum: Auditorium
9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Teen rock band Stimulus currently features covers of Nirvana, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Guns 'N Roses, Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Ozzy Osbourne and more as well as original tunes.

Premiere: A new original composition written by Cam Johnson!

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STOW HERITAGE RINGERS

8 The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-5:30; 5:45-6:30; 6:45-7:30

Enjoy the sounds of the season! Stow Heritage Ringers is an advanced handbell ensemble that welcomes the opportunity to share their passion for handbells with an audience.

Premiere: Performing a new song and hands-on experience!

Supported by the Moffitt Foundation.

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Artist Guide

STUDIO HOPE

5 John S. Knight Center: Lobby
5-11

Featuring digital music for the whole family! Try Studio Hope's vocal effects station to make your voice sound like helium, Darth Vader and many more.

Premiere: A new interactive portion!

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SUMMIT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS DAYS OF AKRON PAST

9 Summit Artspace
5-11

Life is a lot like a quilt. Once all the pieces come together they produce a lovely work. Join Summit County Historical Society as they "piece" together your Akron memories into a quilt to tell our community history. Photographs and artifacts will also be on display.

Premiere: New First Night project!

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THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON GARDE MANGER CLUB - VEGETABLE CARVING

8 The Shoppes at Akron Centre
5-9

A vegetable carving demonstration by The University of Akron Garde Manger Club.

Premiere: Fresh carved fruit and vegetables!

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THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON STEEL DRUM BAND

10 UA Polsky Building: Main St. Level
Interactive: 8-9
Ensemble: 9:30-10:15; 10:30-11:30

Discover what thousands of their fans already know! The highly-acclaimed UA Steel Drum Band performs Caribbean music at its best.

Premiere: New music by artistic director, Matt Dudack!

Stage sponsored by Sisler McFawn Foundation.

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WANDA HUNT BAND

5 John S. Knight Center: Exhibit Hall 1
7-7:45; 8-9

An 8-piece band with horns performing old school rhythm and blues, featuring Miss Wanda Hunt!

Premiere: New songs!

Stage sponsored by The University of Akron.

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WELCOME TO THE AKRON ART MUSEUM & AT ONE SOUTH HIGH

1 Akron Art Museum: Corbin Gallery
5-11:30

The exhibition *Welcome to the Akron Art Museum* introduces the Akron Art Museum's architecture and art through work by Akron artists. In the RagGonNon, *At One South High*, Miller South students depict their favorite works in the Akron Art Museum collection. The students took several tours of the museum with their teacher Julienne Hogarth, First Night Akron 2010 Button Artist, during the 2007-2008 school year.

Premiere: First time these two exhibitions will be on display for First Night!

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"WHAT A CHARACTER!"

5 John S. Knight Center: Lobby
6-10

Preserve your memory of First Night 2010 with a caricature of yourself and/or your family. Brilliantly drawn and laugh out loud funny drawings by Meagan and Heather of "…Especially Art!" Studios.

Premiere: Now including themed backgrounds with the caricature!

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ZACH

5 John S. Knight Center: Goodyear Ballroom
5-5:45; 6-6:30

Named by Akron Life & Leisure as the Best Local Band, Zach is a nationally touring, soulful pop/rock band.

Premiere: Brand new material just for First Night!

Stage sponsored by The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation.

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Food Guide

Restaurants Open During First Night

Main St.

Street Treats Grill ....147 S. Main St.
The Peanut Shoppe ..203 S. Main St.
The Lockview .....207 S. Main St.
Spinelli's Restaurant..209 S. Main St.
Barley House.....222 S. Main St.
Fatz .....271 S. Main St.
Cilantro .....326 S. Main St.
Brubaker's Pub .....357 S. Main St.
Jimmy John's.....371 S. Main St.
Spaghetti Warehouse
.....510 S. Main St.

The Shoppes at Akron Centre

Angel Falls .....76 S. Main St.
I.C. Sweets Ice Cream 76 S. Main St.
Quiznos .....76 S. Main St.
Renato's Pizzeria .....76 S. Main St.

Exchange St.

Bricco Restaurant
.....One W. Exchange St.
House of Hunan II
.....12 E. Exchange St.

High St.

Starbucks & Summit Bistro
.....UA Polsky Building
Hattie's Café .....Akron Art Museum
Zion Lutheran Church
.....139 S. High St.

Market St.

Chophouse Bar and Grill
.....45 E. Market St.
Diamond Grille.....77 W. Market St.

Northside District

Northside .....111 N. Main St.

First Night Sites Serving Food

AKRON ART MUSEUM

Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies
.....5:30-11:30 pm

AKRON CIVIC THEATRE

Pop, water, candy, chips and hot dogs .....5-11:30 pm

GREYSTONE HALL

Hot dogs, candy and refreshments
.....5-11:30

JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER

Sandwiches, chips, candy and refreshments .....5-11:30 pm

LOCK 3

Bratwurst, sandwiches, corn dogs soup and chili .....11 a.m.-11 p.m.

METRO TRANSIT CENTER

Urbean Cafe

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, espresso, soup, snacks & pie .....5-11 pm

THE SHOPPES AT AKRON CENTRE

Angel Falls

Coffee, tea and cookies .....5-9 pm

I.C. Sweets Ice Cream

Hot dogs, pretzels, ice cream and soft drinks.....5-9 pm

Quizno's

Subs, salads, soups, drinks and cookies .....5-9 pm

Renato's Pizzeria

Pizza, stromboli, hot dogs and hamburgers .....5-9 pm

UA POLSKY BUILDING

Starbucks/Summit Bistro

Wings, burgers and drinks
.....5-11:30 pm



More Around Town

Check out these other great activities going on in Downtown Akron on New Year's Eve!

THE AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM GRAND REOPENING

Harold K. Stubbs Justice Center
217 S. High St., Mezzanine Level
6-11 p.m.

The Akron Police Museum holds a fascinating collection of Akron's history and features nine completely new exhibits: Chiefs, Violent Crime, Non-Violent Crime, Pretty Boy Floyd, Officer Weatherholt, Gambling, Akron Riots, Gangs and the Timeline. Visit and learn more about Akron's history.

ST. BERNARD CHURCH

Catholic Mass
44 University Ave., 4:30 p.m

Visit this beautiful, Romanesque Revival style Catholic Church for New Year's Eve mass.

Check www.downtownakron.com for a full listing of events going on in Downtown on New Year's Eve and every day of the year!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Year's Eve Entertainment & Food
139 S. High St., 6-10 p.m.

Food Court

6-10: Homemade Hungarian sausage, sauerkraut, chili, hot dogs, sloppy joes, nachos, desserts, pop, coffee and tea.

7, 8 & 9: Lion Players

7-8:30: Face Painting

Sanctuary

6-6:30 & 7-7:30: New Hope Worship Band

8-8:30 & 9-9:30: ICTHYS Praise Band

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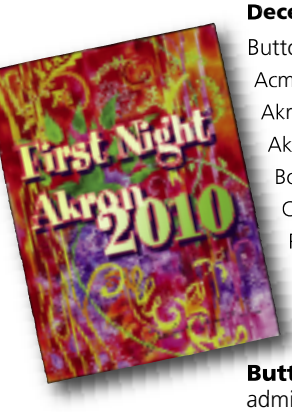
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Akron Beacon Journal Customer Service Desk
Borders Books & Music (Chapel Hill)
Carolyn's Cupboard (Wadsworth)
Participating FirstMerit Banks
The Library Shop on Main, 60 S. High St.
Lock 3
Stage Left Boutique at Akron Civic Theatre

Buttons are only $10! Children under 10 are admitted free when accompanied by a button-wearing adult. No refunds. No exchanges.

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