

Charlotte Performing Arts Center

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Charlotte Performing Arts Center Announces 2008-2009 Season!

Charlotte Performing Arts Center announces its 2008-2009 Season! Given the variety of shows in this year's line-up, this season is appropriately entitled "Something for Everyone".

The performing arts center is excited to announce that it has added a third series to its line-up this season! Sponsored by Auto-Owners Insurance, the Michigan Connections Series features artists with ties to Michigan. The Auto-Owners Michigan Connections Series joins the ever popular Independent Bank and Spartan Motors Series, which are all sure to have offerings everyone will enjoy!

The fun kicks off on **Saturday, October 4, 2008** with *Bill Haley's Comets*. Bill Haley's Comets, known as the first rock 'n roll band, earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for selling 43 million copies of their greatest hit, 'Rock Around the Clock'. Come 'Shake, Rattle & Roll' on October 4 with this nostalgic rock group! This event is generously sponsored by Auto-Owners Insurance, Russell & Schrader Insurance Agency, Ackley-Peters-Haubert Insurance Services and WILX TV10. This event will also be part of a special Prime Rib Dinner & Show package offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

The vocal jazz ensemble *Good Company* will take the stage on **Saturday, October 25, 2008**. Good Company is a seven member vocal group sponsored by the Music Society at the Midland Center for the Arts. They began singing together in 1999. Their repertoire covers classical to jazz with an emphasis on contemporary vocal harmonies and blends. This event is a fundraiser for Friends of Charlotte Performing Arts Center.

On **Saturday, November 22, 2008** we welcome *Josh Gracin* to our stage. American Idol finalist, Grand Ole Opry performer and Michigan native, Josh Gracin's dynamic and electrifying stage performances have thrilled and energized crowds across the country. This event is generously sponsored by Independent Bank, WILX TV10, Eaton Federal Savings Bank, and WITL radio, and co-sponsored by Insty-Prints Downtown.

Just in time for the holidays, *Melissa Manchester* will be performing her acclaimed holiday concert on **Saturday, December 6, 2008**. For over thirty years Melissa's numerous albums have served to establish her as one of the most compelling singer/songwriters in contemporary music. This event is generously sponsored by Spartan Motors, WILX TV10, Capital Region International Airport, and Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital, and co-sponsored by The County Journal, Dean Transportation/Dean Trailways, and Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

January proves to be a busy month at Charlotte Performing Arts Center with three events featured! First, on **Friday, January 16, 2009**, *The Chenille Sisters* will perform! A Chenille Sisters performance is a blending of three uniquely gifted souls into a musical phenomenon that's more

poignant, funny and entertaining that any single performer anywhere - and oh, those exquisite harmonies! This event is generously sponsored by Auto-Owners Insurance, Russell & Schrader Insurance Agency, Ackley-Peters-Haubert Insurance Services and WILX TV10.

On **Friday, January 23, 2009**, *The Contours* come to town! The Contours are the multi-Platinum Motown recording artists best known for their blockbuster hit 'Do You Love Me'. Their show is jam-packed with dazzling high-energy choreography, impeccable harmonies and those timeless Motown grooves that everyone knows and loves. This event is generously sponsored by Auto-Owners Insurance, Russell & Schrader Insurance Agency, Ackley-Peters-Haubert Insurance Services and WILX TV10.

January closes out with the outrageous comedy of the *Southern Fried Chicks Comedy Tour*, on **Saturday, January 31, 2009**. Rated as the top-grossing all female comedy tour on the road today, The Southern Fried Chicks Comedy Tour is the story of four different women and their hilarious take on life, love and the pursuit of happiness. Life and love in the USA has never been funnier as when the original "desperate housewives" give their points of view. This event is generously sponsored by Independent Bank, WILX TV10, and Lansing State Journal/Lansing Community Newspapers, and co-sponsored by WITL radio, Dean Transportation/Dean Trailways, and Baughman Manor Bed & Breakfast. This event will also be part of a special Ribs & Chicken Dinner & Show package offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

On **Sunday, March 1, 2009**, the Irish American group, *Cherish the Ladies*, will appear on stage. With their unique, spectacular blend of virtuosi instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing, Cherish the Ladies combines all the facets of Irish traditional culture and puts it forth in an immensely humorous and entertaining package. This event is generously sponsored by Spartan Motors, and WILX TV10, and co-sponsored by Crandell Bros. Trucking and Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

Rounding out March, *An Evening with Asleep at the Wheel* take the stage on **Sunday, March 29, 2009** with their clever lyrics, speed-demon picking, and lightness of spirit characterizing great western swing music. With over twenty-five albums under their belt, the nine-time Grammy-winning "Kings of Texas Swing" have been entertaining audiences for over thirty-eight years! This event is generously sponsored by Spartan Motors and WILX TV10, and co-sponsored by Charlotte Area Insurance & Financial Professionals and Comfort Inn Charlotte.

Our season comes to a close on **Friday, May 8, 2009**, with a performance by *Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians*. Hailed as the longest running act in show business history, the Guy Lombardo Orchestra created a distinctive and recognizable style that makes it one of the most listened to, talked about and imitated big bands of all times. Over its lifetime the band has introduced over 500 hit songs, more than any other musical organization. This event is generously sponsored by Independent Bank, WILX TV10, and Adams Outdoor Advertising, and co-sponsored by Charlotte Area Medical & Dental Professionals, Dean Transportation/Dean Trailways, and Comfort Inn Charlotte. This event will also be part of a special Lobster & Filet Mignon Dinner & Show package offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Other events coming to the performing arts center this season include **Musical Madness 2008** presented by the Eaton Area Senior Center on **October 18 & 19, 2008**, as well as the **Lansing Concert Band Holiday Concert** on **December 13, 2008**.

The Charlotte Performing Arts Center Box Office offers a Group Sales discount for parties of 12 or more who purchase their tickets in a single transaction. The discount and availability of tickets will vary by show. In addition to this, the Box Office also offers an A La Carte discount when three or more shows are purchased from any of our three series. Call the Box Office for more information on these options.

Individual tickets for these shows and more go on sale to the public on Monday, September 22 beginning at 10:00a.m. Please visit our website at CPACpresents.com or call the Box Office at 517.541.5690 for more information on our upcoming events.

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