

Charlotte Performing Arts Center

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Charlotte Performing Arts Center Announces 2009-2010 Season!

Charlotte Performing Arts Center proudly announces its 2009-2010 Season! This year's line-up brings back two well-loved artists to complement the outstanding line-up of other national and international artists who will be appearing on stage.

The season kicks off on **Saturday, November 21, 2009** with *An Evening with Jeff Daniels*. Back by popular demand, Jeff Daniels' down to earth style will delight adult audiences of all ages with his home grown stories and songs. An accomplished singer/songwriter, actor, movie star, and storyteller, Jeff's performances range from poignant to laugh-out-loud humor. This event is generously sponsored by Independent Bank, WILX TV10, Auto-Owners Insurance, and Capital Region International Airport, and co-sponsored by Insty-Prints Downtown, Charlotte Shopping Guide, and Mid-Michigan Area Insurance Professionals. A special 'dinner and a show' package, featuring a harvest meal with cherry stuffed chicken, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Just in time for the Holidays, a special family-oriented production of *A Christmas Carol* will be presented twice on **Saturday, December 12, 2009**. This Theatreworks USA 60 minute long touring production captures the humorous and touching moments of the classic story with witty dialog and fresh new songs, conveying Dickens' original message that the holiday season should be a "kind, forgiving, charitable time", a sentiment which still runs true today.

"America's favorite little big band", *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy* returns to our stage on **Sunday, December 13**, with a tribute to Cab Calloway that captures the essence of an American icon in a rowdy celebration of musicianship, mischief, genius, street smarts, and fun! Renowned for their high-spirited, impeccable performances, BBVD continues to expand their repertoire of outstanding swing music. This event is generously sponsored by Independent Bank and WILX TV10, and co-sponsored by The County Journal. This event will also be part of a special prime rib dinner & show package offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

You don't have to be a mom to enjoy the hilarious comedy of *Mama's Night Out* on **Sunday, February 28, 2010!** These three ladies will leave you rolling in the aisles. *Mama's Night Out* features a southerner, a sassy Brit and a native New Yorker in an eclectic blend of stand up comedy. So grab your spouse or a friend (or both) and come enjoy a night out for yourself. This event is generously sponsored by Spartan Motors, WILX TV10, and Hayes Green Beach Hospital, and co-sponsored by Charlotte Area Medical & Dental Professionals and Baughman Manor Bed & Breakfast. Enjoy a delicious BBQ chicken and ribs dinner offered as a special 'dinner and a show' package through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Altan, "the hottest group in the Celtic realm", takes the stage on **Friday, March 26**. *Altan* has established themselves as one of the most important live acts to play traditional Irish music in Ireland

and on the World stage. The group has toured all over Europe, the United States, and even Japan, where they have hosted festivals in the middle of Tokyo. This event is generously sponsored by Independent Bank and WILX TV10, and co-sponsored by Crandell Brothers Trucking and Comfort Inn Charlotte. A special lamb & Shepherd's Pie dinner can be purchased as part of a dinner and a show package at the Eaton Area Senior Center.

What do you get when you bring together a fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, upright slap bass, rhinestone costumes, hilarious comedy and great classic country, bluegrass, rockabilly and gospel music . . . ***Branson on the Road!*** Come and enjoy a great Branson show without leaving Michigan on **Sunday, April 11**. This event is generously sponsored by Spartan Motors and WILX TV10, and co-sponsored by Charlotte Shopping Guide, Charlotte Area Banking & Financial Professionals, and Comfort Inn Charlotte. This event will also be part of a special apple pork chutney & chicken dinner & show package offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Our season comes to a close on **Sunday, May 9**, with a special Mother's Day performance featuring one of the greatest orchestras from the golden age of the big bands, the ***Harry James Orchestra***. Enjoy a nostalgic journey back in time as the band plays all those beloved numbers that made the Harry James Orchestra a legend -- from soft, dreamy ballads like 'Sleepy Lagoon' to big, brassy pieces like 'Two O'Clock Jump.' This event is generously sponsored by Spartan Motors, WILX TV10, and Eaton Federal Savings Bank, and co-sponsored by Comfort Inn Charlotte. This event will feature a special Mother's Day Brunch & show package offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Other events coming to the performing arts center this season include **Musical Madness 2009** presented by the Eaton Area Senior Center on **October 17 & 18, 2009**, as well as the **Lansing Concert Band Holiday Concert on December 5, 2009**. The **Lansing Symphony Orchestra Side-by-Side Concert**, featuring LSO Youth Competition winner, harpist Deidreanna Potter from Charlotte, will take place on **Sunday April 18**.

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, October 5 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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