

Charlotte Performing Arts Center

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Charlotte Performing Arts Center Announces 2011-2012 Season!

Charlotte Performing Arts Center proudly announces its fabulous 2011-2012 Season! This year's eclectic line-up of national and international artists has something for everyone.

The season kicks off on **Friday, October 21, 2011** with the World Famous **Glenn Miller Orchestra**. With its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest bands of all time. The present Glenn Miller Orchestra was formed in 1956 and has been touring consistently since, and plays an average of 300 live dates a year all around the world. A special "dinner and show" package, featuring a Prime Rib & Chicken Florentine dinner, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Magic and illusion will mystify on **Saturday, November 19, 2011** with **Mike Super**. Super has astonished millions of people with his craft, including the Hollywood elite. His ever-growing popularity has garnered him many prestigious awards, including being the only magician in history to win a LIVE magic competition on primetime television. He has pioneered a new form of magic with his own inimitable, down-to-earth style and personality. His appeal to both young and old has made him one of the most sought after mystifiers in the world! A special "dinner and show" package, featuring a Beef & Chicken Shish Kabob dinner, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Just in time for the Holidays, **The Lowe Family** takes the stage for a special concert on **Thursday, December 15, 2011**. They're a miraculous combination of every kind of musical, theatrical and dance talent you can dare to imagine, and then some! Versatile on many instruments, the nine Lowes offer an amazing blend of show-stopping classical, Broadway, Irish, jazz, bluegrass, old-time favorites, spectacular dance, six-part harmony, gospel, a stirring patriotic tribute, and more! This high-energy, fast-paced variety show will leave you breathless! A special "dinner and show" package, featuring a Chicken Cordon Bleu & Glazed Ham dinner, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

He owns one of the most distinctive voices in American pop music. Nothing about the identifiable sound of **B.J. THOMAS'** voice has changed, but there's a re-energized commitment behind it. "We've always tried to do the right thing as far as getting our music out and encouraging people with positive music," B.J. reflects. Join us as this Oscar Award winner (Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head) and multi-platinum singer-songwriter takes to the Charlotte Performing Arts Center stage for a special performance on **Saturday, January 14, 2012**. A special "dinner and show" package, featuring a BBQ pork & Oven Fried Chicken dinner, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

The **Lansing Symphony Big Band** celebrates some of America's greatest songs by performing swing hits from the '30s, 40's and more. Enjoy all your favorite standards from Duke Ellington, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and more. Vocalist Ryan DeHues joins the Lansing Symphony Big Band for a special love-themed concert just in time for Valentine's Day on **Sunday, February 12, 2012!** Mr. DeHues, winner of Pat Boone's national search for 'America's Next Great Crooner,' is a gifted singer who ignites audiences with his voice and command of the stage. A special "dinner and show" package, featuring a Chicken Champagne & Herb Crusted Pork dinner, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

The season of professional shows wraps up on **Saturday, March 10, 2012** for **An Evening with Al Stewart**. Al Stewart's name will forever be tied to his breakout hits "Year of the Cat" and "Time Passages". This is unfortunate, because there is much more to this whimsical Scottish folksinger, who weaves humor and historical figures into his polished story-songs. Join us for an evening of old favorites and what are sure to become some new favorites as Al Stewart takes to the Charlotte Performing Arts Center stage. A special "dinner and show" package, featuring a Surf & Turf dinner, is being offered through the Eaton Area Senior Center.

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Other returning events coming to the performing arts center this season include **V - The Ultimate Variety Show** presented by the Eaton Area Senior Center on **Sunday, October 9, 2011**, and the **Lansing Concert Band Holiday Concert** featuring the Lakewood Area Choral Society on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**. In addition to these, a special fundraiser for the Friends of Charlotte Performing Arts Center and Arts for Youth, **A Journey to Christmas**, will take place on **Sunday, November 27, 2011**. Also appearing onstage is the Great Lakes Male Chorus Association on **Saturday, April 21, 2012** with their **Big Sing 2012**. Rounding out our assortment of special events is **Legends of Country Music**, an Ozark Jubilee production, on **Sunday, April 29, 2012**.

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 are on sale NOW! Please visit our website at CPACpresents.com or call the Box Office at 517.541.5690 for more information on our upcoming events.