

First Night  
Morris 2012

20 Years of Fun and Entertainment  
A Family Friendly & Alcohol-Free Celebration  
FirstNightMorris.com

*Special Edition*  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program  
*for*  
New Year's Eve

EXCLUSIVE  
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MAYO PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER  
Box Office 973-539-8008  
or online  
at FirstNightMorris.com  
ADMISSION SALES OUTLET

*New Jersey's Largest First Night®!*

# WHAT IS FIRST NIGHT®?

Join nearly 10,000 of your friends and neighbors for our 20th year of ringing in the New Year with an unmatched array of performances! First Night Morris County 2012 is the biggest and brightest New Year's Eve celebration in New Jersey, providing a magnificent family-friendly and alcohol-free celebration in the heart of Morristown. Our stellar program features nearly 80 performances: dance, comedy, rock, jazz, blues, classical, Battle of the Bands, plenty of children's performances - including the Harlem Wizards - and so much more.

Your First Night Morris County ticket or admission button gives you access to innovative, diverse and high quality performances ideal for participants of all ages. The venues are within close walking distance of one another and of the historic Morristown Green, with dazzling fireworks shows at 9:15 p.m. and midnight. For one affordable price, you and your friends and family will enjoy unlimited access to all of our spectacular performances.

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✓ First Night is RAIN, SNOW, or SHINE. All performances are indoors and will take place regardless of weather. Shuttles are available between most venues. Fireworks are visible from the Green and are dependent upon weather.
- ✓ Plan your evening in advance to save time and allow sufficient time to get from one venue to the next.
- ✓ Bring your camera, and have fun!
- ♿ Most venues are wheelchair accessible; however, restroom facilities may not be open in all venues. Our portable restroom is wheelchair accessible and is located at Cattano Avenue and Washington Street. Call 973-455-0708 in advance for more information or if you require special assistance. Visit the pull-out map in this program for restroom locations.

# EMERGENCIES, LOST & FOUND, AND LOST PERSONS

Report all emergencies to a Site Manager, the Morristown Police Department and/or the First Night Command Center located in the Hyatt Morristown Conference Center at Headquarters Plaza, 3 Speedwell Avenue.



Visit our **Warming Station** at the Masonic Lodge for drinks and treats, courtesy of our friends at Cincinnati Lodge #3, FA&M. While you're there, enjoy Transformations Face Painting from 7 – 9 p.m. Every face is a unique work of art!

# HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM

**Step 1** Purchase a First Night Morris County ticket or admission button online at **FirstNightMorris.com** or at the Mayo Performing Arts Center Box Office (MPAC, formerly Community Theatre). You may purchase from MPAC via phone (973-539-8008) or in person (100 South Street) during their regular box office hours. First Night tickets may be exchanged for admission buttons at any venue on New Year's Eve. *Either a ticket or a button* will be accepted for entry. See admission information section in this program for details.

**Step 2** Review this program, which details the wide variety of artists and performers for the evening. Remember that your ticket or button allows you access, with no additional fees, to any and all of the performances. If you plan ahead using this program, you will make the most of your time with us on New Year's Eve.

**Step 3** The center page of this program pulls out. There is a map on one side and a grid of the performers and venues on the other side. Each venue is numbered on the grid, and the corresponding number appears on the map to assist you in planning your evening. Bring this portion with you to First Night!

**Step 4** Stop in at one of our participating **FIRST DINE** restaurant partners to see what special offers are available to button and ticket holders! Partners are indicated on the pull-out map in this program. For a complete listing of promotions, terms and conditions, please visit us on the web at **FirstNightMorris.com**.

# FIRST NIGHT® RETURNS TO THE HYATT MORRISTOWN!

Visit our Command Center located in the Hyatt Morristown Conference Center at Headquarters Plaza, adjacent to the hotel lobby. We operate on December 31 from 9 a.m. to midnight. You can purchase admission buttons and First Chance cash raffle tickets here, or bring any questions you may have about your plans for First Night.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sales at our Hyatt Command Center are cash only. An ATM is located in the Hyatt Lobby. For admission button purchases with a credit card, visit the MPAC Box Office. Please note that garage parking at the Hyatt/Headquarters Plaza is NOT FREE. All free parking lots and garages are identified on the pull-out map for your convenience. The Hyatt Command Center is NOT a Will Call for pre-purchased tickets. All pre-purchased tickets being picked up on December 31 must be picked up at the MPAC Box Office (before 4 p.m.) or the Morristown Library's South Street entrance (after 4 p.m.).



Visit **FirstNightMorris.com** for special Hyatt overnight packages for New Year's Eve! Receive two complimentary admission buttons with your reservation.

# ADMISSION PRICING

**Through December 26 \$20 Single / \$70 4-pack**  
**December 27 - 31 \$25 Single / \$90 4-pack**

**Michael Schmidt**, Chairman • **Warrie Howell**, Vice Chairman

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**Event Manager:** Full House Events, LLC - Brandi Marks Harkins and Amberle Gilroy

**Community Relations Director:** Craig Schlosser

**Webmaster:** Atelier Enterprises, LLC - James Fang

Thank you to the members of our new Advisory Board. For more information or to inquire about joining our Board of Directors or Advisory Board, visit [FirstNightMorris.com](http://FirstNightMorris.com).

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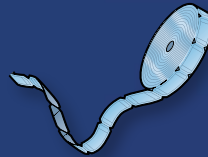
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**First Night® Morris County**  
presents

**FIRST CHANCE  
CASH LOTTERY**



**WIN A \$50,000+ GRAND PRIZE  
or one of 3 other cash prizes!**

Play First Chance and help First Night® Morris County continue the tradition of presenting New Jersey's biggest New Year's Eve celebration of the arts!

**FIRST CHANCE CASH LOTTERY**

**\$50 donation per ticket**

**Drawing held New Year's Day, January 1, 2012  
3:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Morristown**

**ONLY 3,500 TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Tickets are offered on a best-effort basis in the order they are received. Prizes listed are based on 3,500 tickets being sold. First Night® Morris County has the right to cancel for any reason and may return donations. If First Night® Morris County cannot meet the necessary participation levels, it may proportionately reduce the prize amounts. 50/50 cash raffle - Winners receive a total of 50% of amount received for all tickets or rights to participate. No substitution of the offered prize may be made. Winner need not be present to win.

Enter the First Chance Cash Lottery today to win one of the following cash prizes:

\$51,625 Grand Prize (29.50% of Total sales)      \$7,000 Third Prize (4.00% of Total sales)  
\$25,375 Second Prize (14.50% of Total sales)      \$3,500 Fourth Prize (2.00% of Total sales)

These prizes are based on the maximum of 3,500 tickets being sold.  
Raffle License # RL: 12-11 | NJ LGCCC ID#324-5-35518

To enter, complete the attached form and mail with your check to:  
First Night® Morris County, P.O. Box 550, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

Or enter online at [www.firstnightmorris.com](http://www.firstnightmorris.com)

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# FIRST NIGHT® ADMISSION INFORMATION

We are always looking for ways to improve our efficiency and user-friendliness and to make minor adjustments that will help ensure that, after 20 years, First Night Morris County will continue to exist well into the future. We thank you for adapting with us, as we work to make First Night Morris County the best it can be. Once again, we have partnered exclusively with Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC, formerly the Community Theatre) to sell our tickets and buttons.



Here's what you need to know to join us on New Year's Eve:

We are pleased to announce discounted 4-packs through December 31, but please note that our "early bird" pricing changes go into effect on December 27, NOT December 31, this year. Tickets/buttons are \$20 each or \$70 for a 4-pack through December 26. Beginning December 27, tickets/buttons are \$25 each or \$90 for a 4-pack.

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Admission tickets and buttons are interchangeable. You need **either a ticket OR a button** to gain entry to our venues. First Night **tickets may be exchanged for admission buttons at any venue** on New Year's Eve, for those of you who have made the annual admission button a collector's item! Receipts for online purchases are not tickets. Please follow the instructions on your receipt to pick up your tickets.

All tickets ordered online or by phone prior to December 21 will be mailed to your home. Tickets purchased after December 21 must be picked up at the MPAC Box Office (until 4 p.m. on December 31) or at New Year's Eve "Will Call," which will be set up at the Morristown Library, directly across the street from MPAC, beginning at 4 p.m. on December 31.

**IF YOU PLAN TO WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER 31 TO PICK UP YOUR PRE-PURCHASED TICKETS, PLEASE ARRIVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE RECOMMEND YOU ARRIVE BY 6 P.M. TO AVOID MISSING ANY PORTION OF YOUR FIRST SHOW. WE HAVE MOVED NEW YEAR'S EVE "WILL CALL" (4 P.M. to 9 P.M.) ACROSS SOUTH STREET TO THE MORRISTOWN LIBRARY TO REDUCE CONGESTION AT THE BOX OFFICE.**

**Mike Agranoff**

Defying categorization, Mike amasses stalwart fans among folk aficionados of all persuasions. His material encompasses traditional ballads, fiddle tunes, Tin Pan Alley, contemporaries in the Folk World, and his own witty pen - all delivered with a skilled hand on guitar, piano, and concertina, an almost telepathic transmittal of the essence of the song, and a sly twinkle in the eye in anticipation of some of the most horrible parodies ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting audience. A signature feature of Mike's performances is his inclusion of some heart-stopping spoken word pieces, unforgettable stories that rivet the listener. [www.mikeagranoff.com](http://www.mikeagranoff.com)

**Battle of the Bands - New!**

New to First Night Morris County is *Battle of the Bands*. Battle of the Bands is designed to offer talented amateur performers the opportunity to gain exposure by performing at New Jersey's Premier New Year's Eve Celebration. Starting in November, bands will have the opportunity to perform prior to First Night at Greenberry's of Morristown, where they will demonstrate their talents. Only the top bands will have the opportunity to perform at First Night, with the winning band receiving a \$250 scholarship to help further its development. All votes will be collected prior to First Night through our web site and social media sites. For a complete listing of band performances, to vote, or to register your band, please visit [FirstNightMorris.com](http://FirstNightMorris.com).

**17****Market Street Mission**

100 Seats

**9:45 and 10:45****Art Upstairs**

An exhibit curated by Dannielle Mick and featuring 36 works by 36 artists of the Millburn-Short Hills Art Center.

[www.mayoarts.org/artupstairs.htm](http://www.mayoarts.org/artupstairs.htm)**10****Mayo Performing Arts Center****2nd Floor Lobby****All Evening****Atrium Art Exhibit**

Embracing varied subject matters and media, 200 artworks highlight the creative energies of 39 artists showing their works on the four floors of the Gallery. View works by Isabella Pizzano and Theodosia A.G. Tamborlane oils (on the 5th floor) and by the 8 artists of *The Power Of Nine* group (on 4th floor). On the 3rd floor, photographers Dawn Benko and Danielle Austen offer scenes of *Wild New Jersey* while the 19 artists of *Arts Unbound* share the 2nd floor with the mother/son team, Maria and Mark De Mos and David Derr. John Tetz's mobiles grace the stairwells.

[www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org)**19****Atrium Gallery, Administration & Records Building****Floors 2-5****All Evening****4****Morristown High School Cafeteria**

60 seats

**7:15, 8:15, 9:45 and 10:45****Don Braden/Karl Latham's Big Funk**

Led by internationally renowned musicians, saxophonist/composer Don Braden ([www.donbraden.com](http://www.donbraden.com)) - who has performed with Wynton Marsalis, Tony Williams, Ron Carter and is composer for the *Cosby Show* - and drummer Karl Latham ([www.karllatham.com](http://www.karllatham.com)) - who has performed with Johannes Mossinger, Mark Egan, Bernie Worrell and the Dizzy Gillespie Alumni All-Stars, Big Funk is a hard-hitting groove/jazz/soul "Jam Band" that will get you moving one way or another. Formed with acclaimed keyboardist/vocalist and actor Nick Rolfe and Gary Foote, the group explores new territories in jazz and funk featuring original compositions and arrangements of classics from the Beatles to Beyoncé.

**18****First Baptist Church**

250 Seats

**7:15 and 8:15****Broadway Sings!**

Take a thrilling journey in song through some of Broadway's greatest moments - sung by actual Broadway stars! Broadway Sings features Broadway performers who've all starred in major roles in some of Broadway's biggest blockbusters - such as *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, and *Wicked* - singing classics of the Great White Way. Their spectacular voices will enrapture you with songs from such classic shows as *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *South Pacific*...and then there's always that magical moment when they reprise their big "11 o'clock" numbers from their roles on Broadway... [www.broadwaysings.com](http://www.broadwaysings.com)

**15****Presbyterian Church on the Green**

700 Seats

**9:45 and 10:45**

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The New  
**TREND**  
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## Children's Fun Festival

Watch the juggler defy gravity. Wear a hat made of balloons or take home a balloon "dog." Meet a magician or costumed characters from children's classics, get your face painted with butterflies, or visit with the beloved Cow Lady. These wonderful "street performers" will be based in the High School Atrium (upstairs entry) but you may encounter them around the school this night. Children of all ages should come and join the fun!!



## The Cobra Brothers/Blues

The Cobra Brothers band is a gutsy, full-throated group showcasing Delta (country) blues, Chicago blues, and easily handling a touch of funk, R&B, rock, country, jazz along the way. Its raw voiced vocals and wailing harmonica riffs have won the Cobra Brothers acclaim at blues festivals throughout the tri-state area. Paying musical homage to such blues legends as Lou Rawls, Muddy Waters, B. B. King, Paul Butterfield, Big Joe Turner, among others, the Cobra Brothers have performed at The Bitter End, The Stone Pony, Watchung Arts Center and were finalists at the 2009 JSJB-sponsored Division of The International Blues Challenges.



[www.cobrabrothers.com](http://www.cobrabrothers.com); [www.myspace.com/thecobrabrothers](http://www.myspace.com/thecobrabrothers)

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**Morristown High School Atrium Lobby  
Upstairs**  
7:30 until 11:30

Presented by:  
 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

## Los Ciegos del Barrio, multi-genre Latin music

Be sure to bring your dancing shoes! Featuring keyboard, Latin percussion and voice, the NYC-based Los Ciegos del Barrio ("the Blind Boys of the Neighborhood") – most of whom are legally blind, perform *merengue*, *bachata*, *salsa*, *cumbia*, *reggaeton* and rock in both English and Spanish. They have enjoyed major hits, including a #1 hit on the former MP3.com website. In 2007, Los Ciegos Del Barrio's tracks were featured on "Sound in Sight Volume 1" a compilation sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind which features different blind artists from around the USA. [www.losciegosdelbarrio.com](http://www.losciegosdelbarrio.com)



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**Presbyterian Chapel**  
150 seats  
9:45 and 10:45

## Mauricio de Souza and Bossa Brasil®: Brazilian Jazz

Mauricio de Souza and Bossa Brasil®, with their unique, exciting, and sophisticated arrangements, cover a wide array of Brazilian jazz standards including the music of Tom Jobim and Hermeto Pascoal, and Egberto Gismonti, among others. Their 2010 album, *Here There*, has received widespread critical acclaim – featured on WBGO, and voted the #1 jazz album by WWPV FM. On *Jazz Week* for three weeks, it was also reviewed by *Jazz Times Magazine*, *All About Jazz NY*, *Jazz Inside Magazine*, and *All About Jazz* (online), is in Pandora's music library and was voted among the top 30 jazz albums by *Music Choice*. [www.mauriciodesouzajazz.com](http://www.mauriciodesouzajazz.com)



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**Morristown High School Main Gym**  
200 seats  
9:45 and 10:45

## Rio Clemente: "The Bishop of Jazz" and Friends

A consummate jazz musician who has performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and NJPAC, Rio holds his audiences spellbound with the sheer brilliance of his improvisations. As composer and pianist on the title track of Miss Amy's CD, *My Precious One*, Rio shared in the spotlight of its 2006 Grammy nomination! Jam with the acclaimed jazz pianist and friends, as they captivate the audience with their own special blend of jazz standards and original tunes. [www.rioclemente.com](http://www.rioclemente.com)



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**First Baptist Church**  
250 Seats  
9:45 and 10:45

## The Dirty Birdies Jug Band: "The world's most dangerous jug band."

Formed in 1965, the Dirty Birdies drew on traditions of the 1920s itinerant Mississippi musicians whose music incorporated country blues, spirituals, and traditional folk, all delivered with a sense of whimsy. Often impoverished, these musicians made their own instruments out of washtubs, whiskey jugs, broom handles and such, giving rise to the name "jug band." For the past 46 years, The Dirty Birdies have captivated audiences from London, England to Carlisle, PA, headlining at the National Jug Band Jubilee (Louisville KY) and, most recently, before screaming Harley owners at Bike Week (Laconia, NH). This is "good times music" at its best. [www.birdies.org](http://www.birdies.org)



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**Morristown High School Auditorium**  
800 seats  
9:45 and 10:45

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**Hyatt Morristown, Terrace Ballroom**  
450 seats  
9:45 and 10:45

Presented by:  
 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

## The Early Music Players - The Wandering Minstrel: Music and Tales from the Middle Ages and Renaissance



From European castles and courts to commoners portrayed by Sephardic Jews and Shakespeare, this concert features lively and colorful music from a time of transition and change. The Early Music Players perform in costume with reproductions of historical instruments, such as the *vielle*, *rebec*, *viola da gamba*, recorder, *krumhorn*, *gemshorn*, early flutes and percussion. A feast for the eyes and ears! This talented group has been featured on WNET/Channel 13, on NJN's "State of the Arts" and has recorded for Macmillan / McGraw-Hill educational recordings. [www.earlymusicplayers.org](http://www.earlymusicplayers.org)

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### St. Peter's Parish House

200 seats

7:15 and 8:15

## George Esparza: Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus and Wahoo Medicine Show

Step right up to the "Golden Age" of humbug and quackery. Hang onto your wallets and lend a skeptical ear when Flea Meister, George Esparza, is hot on the trail of "Pigeons" waiting to be plucked. This charlatan has been called many things by the "fleecees," (some less than kind). Those who have been taken in by his street corner flimflam, cheer the show as a highly entertaining combination of comedy, illusion and PT Barnum hyperbole. The show is good old-fashioned fun, complete with a genuine miniature circus and plenty of Snake-Oil for everyone. Honest!



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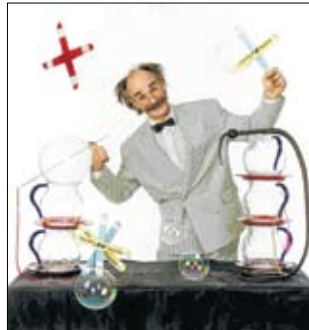
### Entrance, Administration & Records Building

7:00 to 9:00 and 9:45 to 11:45

## Mr. Fish and the Science of Magic

John James Lepiarz, a.k.a. Mr. Fish, is a longtime, internationally known professional circus performer, who toured for 7 years with the Big Apple Circus and appeared on HBO's "Great Circus Performances of the World." *The Science of Magic* demonstrates how to use science to perform familiar magic tricks. This show uses mirrors, magnets, mathematics, air, optical illusions, and mental confusions to show the audience tricks that they can do themselves. A humorous and exciting performance for all ages!

[www.encoreperforming.com](http://www.encoreperforming.com)



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### Presbyterian Parish House, Upstairs

330 seats

9:45 and 10:45

## Chelsea Friedlander, operatic soprano, with pianist Helene Friedlander

Don't miss this exceptional, prize-winning young soprano. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, she apprenticed with the Opera in the Ozarks, won numerous awards (including the Arts Council's Coladarci Scholarship), performed with Ridge Light Opera of NJ and is currently completing her Masters of Music at Manhattan School of Music. In a unique duo, she will perform with her mother, Helene, who holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Piano Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, has a private piano studio and is the Director of Education at The Piano Workshop at Chester, NJ.



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### Church of the Redeemer

350 seats

9:45 and 10:45

## The Gizmo Guys: Comedy Jugglers

Performing as the Gizmo Guys, Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker have amazed and amused audiences around the world. They work in a great variety of venues including theaters, corporate functions of all types, cruise ships.... you name it, they've done it. Sure, they've made numerous television appearances, won international juggling competitions, and taught at top circus schools.

But what makes their act so appealing is their uniquely winning combination of dazzling technique and infectious humor. The Gizmo Guys' rapid-fire act exhilarates and inspires sidesplitting laughter in audience members of all ages.

[www.thegizmoguys.com](http://www.thegizmoguys.com)



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### Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC)

1200 seats

7:00 and 8:15

## The Glimmer Twins: Rolling Stones Tribute Band

Re-experience the raw energy and electrifying performances of the iconic Rolling Stones, in their prime. Featuring band members who performed with Chuck Berry, Bobby Rydel, and Little Anthony, among others, The Glimmer Twins recreate – with uncanny accuracy – the musical and visual experience of the Stones in their prime. Featuring the striking resemblance of Keith Call to Mick Jagger & Bernie Bollendorf to Keith Richards – and the outstanding musicianship of Michael Rubino, Chris Bollendorf, Rob Ecksted, Mike Dancik, Bobby Michaels and Valorie Steel, The Glimmer Twins are truly a cut above other Stones' tribute bands on the circuit today. [www.theglimmertwins.net](http://www.theglimmertwins.net)



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### Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC)

1200 seats

9:45 and 10:45

## Gods of Jazz Guitar: The Frank Vignola Duo with special guest, Bucky Pizzarelli

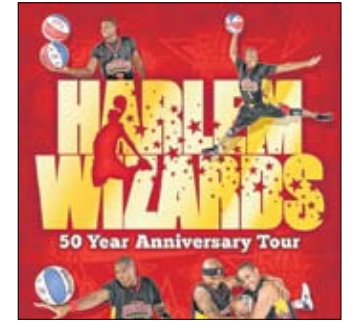
What more could a jazz guitar fan want? Special guest, jazz legend and Hall-of-Famer, Bucky Pizzarelli - who has performed with Doc Severinsen (*The Tonight Show*), Les Paul, Benny Goodman and at the White House for multiple presidents - joins guitar wizard Frank Vignola (and Vinny Raniolo) for a night of jazz magic. Vignola has toured/recorded with Wynton Marsalis, Lionel Hampton, Queen Latifah, Ringo Starr, Madonna, Mark O'Connor, and Les Paul, playing 250 shows in 11 countries last year alone. With "monster" technique, sly humor and astonishing musicianship, Vignola and friends are a jazz connoisseur's delight. [www.frankvignola.com](http://www.frankvignola.com)



## The Harlem Wizards Duo

One of the greatest basketball show-teams ever to "lace it up and let 'em fly," the Wizards offer a rare combination of individual athleticism, teamwork, entertainment and community involvement. With some of the top basketball talent in the world, the Harlem Wizards have played over 6,000 games and thrilled millions of fans in the USA and abroad. So bring your sneakers and join a duo of players from the Wizards on the court for an unforgettable First Night experience.

[www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com)

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### Morristown United Methodist Church

550 seats

**7:15 and 8:15**

## GospelWays

Based in Somerset, NJ, this "old style" and highly authentic Gospel group has repeatedly performed at the New Jersey Folk Festival and anchored many gospel concerts throughout the state. Known for its full and heavily instrumental sound, the *GospelWays* was organized in December of 1992 with three members. Typically, there is a lead singer and backup singers. Today, there are nine regular members plus additional musicians from time to time. Willye Mae Lee, the leader of the group, is a well-respected authority on gospel music. So, start the New Year right and let *GospelWays'* powerful sound move your spirit.

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### Morristown High School Main Gym

200 seats

**7:15 and 8:15**

## Harmonium Choral Society

Winner of the prestigious Chorus America's 2009 Education Outreach Award, this premier vocal ensemble celebrates its 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary season this year. Under the inspired direction of Dr. Anne Matlack, Harmonium will present a program of carols and lullabies from around the world including ones in Russian, Filipino, Yiddish, Spanish, and a crazy version of *Jingle Bells!*

[www.harmonium.org](http://www.harmonium.org)

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### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

550 seats

**7:15 and 8:15**

## Hanover Wind Symphony

One of New Jersey's finest concert bands, the Hanover Wind Symphony delights audiences of all ages by giving a contemporary twist to traditional favorites. Comprised exclusively of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, the ensemble performs its unique "take" on Broadway show tunes, marches and classical adaptations. Its rousing music will get your feet tapping and leave you with familiar melodies to hum all evening.

[www.hanoverwinds.org](http://www.hanoverwinds.org)

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### Church of the Redeemer

350 seats

**7:00 and 8:15**

## Laryssa Krupa, Pianist, and the Nova Chamber Ensemble

A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory where she studied with Leon Fleisher and Fernando Laires, world-class pianist Laryssa Krupa (widow of piano virtuoso Alexander Slobodyanik) has performed with orchestras, in solo recitals and chamber ensembles - throughout North America and Europe. As audiences here and abroad have discovered, Krupa brings rare artistry, exceptional polish and great power to her performances. At First Night, she will present a fascinating program of elegant and exciting piano chamber music with her colleagues on cello and clarinet in the Nova Chamber Ensemble.

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### Hyatt Morristown, Terrace Ballroom

450 seats

**7:15 and 8:15****14**

### Morristown United Methodist Church

550 seats

**9:45 and 10:45**

### Let's Get Wild with Rizzo's Reptiles

Ever wondered what a blue-tongued skink looked like? Or what it felt like to wear a frog? Rizzo's Reptiles New Jersey brings people of all ages together to appreciate and learn about our natural world through reptile and live animal presentations. Here is a delightful opportunity to meet live lizards, snakes, frogs, turtles, and mammals - under the watchful eye of a seasoned animal handler. The love of wildlife is universal and hands-on participation is the greatest teacher. Experience the wonder and joy that nature has to offer.

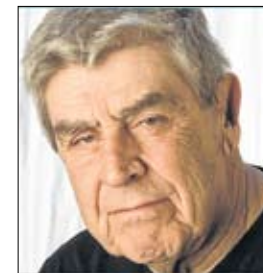
[www.rizzoswildlife.com](http://www.rizzoswildlife.com)



### Chuck Marti, Comedian (and Actor)

Based in NYC, a member of AEA & SAG, Chuck is the winner of The Actor's Project 2010 Monologue Challenge. With lengthy theatre credits, Chuck has also performed in film (*A Level Field*, *Koreagate*) and on TV in *Cosby Murder Mysteries*, *Working Girl*, and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. He is probably the only New York actor who has not appeared on *Law and Order*. A proud and disturbed member of Actors' Equity since 1998, he can be seen performing stand-up comedy around Manhattan at *Gotham Comedy Club*, *Don't Tell Mama*, *Stand-Up New York*, and *The Duplex*.

[www.chuckmarti.com](http://www.chuckmarti.com)



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### Morristown High School Auxiliary Gym

200 seats

7:15 and 8:15

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### Mark Levy: "A World In Song"

A veteran folksinger who has appeared throughout the USA and Europe, Mark Levy delivers a song with such feeling and conviction that audiences are mesmerized. His programs feature folk songs in French, Spanish, Yiddish, Ladino, Hebrew, Russian, German and English on topics ranging from hope, resistance, the labor movement, immigration, to songs of many traditions & countries and environmental songs for a cleaner planet. His CD on Yiddish Work Songs garnered high praise from Philadelphia's WNWR Radio and a citation as a Top Ten CD of 2000. Of Mark's singing, folk legend Pete Seeger said, "Inspiring! I don't often hear someone with such a good voice and clear sense of direction." [www.marklevymusic.com](http://www.marklevymusic.com)



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### Market Street Mission

100 seats

7:15 and 8:15

### The Mayhem Poets: Poetry Slam

Dubbed "an amazing ride" by the *NY Times*, this theater-trained, comedically gifted trio blends hip hop, theatre, improv and stand-up comedy to tell gut wrenching truths that leave audiences forever changed. Described as "the Simpsons meets Malcolm X at a Notorious B.I.G. concert," they performed on *The Today Show* and *Eyewitness News* after winning 1st place and a grant for \$100K in the Microsoft Idea Wins Challenge (2006). Since then, these astonishing verbal virtuosi have toured internationally and their latest CD, *Reverse Birth*, was hailed as one of the top spoken word CDs of 2007. <http://mayhempoets.com/>



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### Room 526, Administration & Records Building, 5th Floor

50 seats

7:15 and 8:15

### Benjamin Lipman, Illusionist: Comedy Cascade

A longstanding crowd favorite, Benjamin combines juggling, magic, mime, and circus arts from around the world giving vaudeville entertainment a modern attitude. In the show *Comedy Cascade*, Benjamin performs mesmerizing daring tricks while the audience becomes part of the show captivating crowds of all ages.

[www.comedyentertainer.com](http://www.comedyentertainer.com)



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### Freeholders Room, Administration & Records Building 5th Floor

175 seats

7:15 and 8:15

### Moody McCarthy, Comedian

If you missed him on *Last Comic Standing*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and *Star Search* (you did), come see Moody McCarthy live. Moody has distinguished himself with crafty material that's appropriate for all ages. Weaving sly jokes with a dash of crowd-work, his likeability shines in any setting. Moody McCarthy has been a stand-up comic for two millennia, pretty impressive for a guy under 1000 years old. Moody began his career in upstate NY in the 1900s and then moved to New York City and lived in his sister's basement, until she found out. Now he's above ground, and funnier than ever. [www.moodymccarthy.com](http://www.moodymccarthy.com)



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### Morristown High School Auxiliary Gym

200 seats

9:45 and 10:45

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### Freeholders Room, Administration & Records Building 5th Floor

175 seats

9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 pm

## Meet the Musicians: Dennis Kobray as a friend of Scott Joplin

Travel back to the dawn of the 20th century with actor, pianist and storyteller, Dennis Kobray who brings Scott Joplin's complex, joyous music to life. A pioneering African American composer and pianist, Joplin developed ragtime, whose syncopated rhythms set against a steady beat became one of the main roots of jazz. The classically trained Joplin envisioned blending ragtime with European classical musical forms. He composed operas, marches and waltzes and nearly 60 ragtime works such as *The Maple Leaf Rag* (first piece to sell 1 million copies of sheet music) and *The Entertainer* which remain popular today. [www.meetthemusicians.us](http://www.meetthemusicians.us)



## Nai Ni Chen Dance Company (Chinese and American Dance)

Color, energy and motion, "like endlessly proliferating forces of cosmic energy," says the *NY Times*. The dances of Nai-Ni Chen fuse the dynamic freedom of American modern dance with the grace and splendor of Asian art. The Company's productions take the audience beyond cultural boundaries to where tradition meets innovation and freedom arises from discipline. This internationally renowned company has received 12 distinctive awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and numerous awards from the NJ State Council on the Arts for its outstanding work, blending the discipline of Chinese classical movement with the freedom of American modern dance. [www.nainichen.org](http://www.nainichen.org)



### 12 Church of the Redeemer Parish House

250 seats

7:15 and 8:15

## Melanie Mitrano sings Portuguese *Fado*

Sometimes likened to the American blues for its ability to capture life's hardships with songs of bittersweet nostalgia and longing, *Fado* is the traditional folk music of Portugal, known for its exquisite and mysterious beauty. Singer/songwriter Melanie Mitrano, an "American Fadista," holds a DMA and MM from the New England Conservatory and a BM from Eastman School of Music. Her vocal and compositional styles span seven languages and many genres, including traditional *Fado*, which she performs alongside her own original Portuguese-language compositions - with her stellar *Fado* Quartet of José Luis Iglésias (Portuguese guitar), Meliset Abreu (classical guitar) and Dave Rimelis (violin/mandolin).



[www.melaniemitrano.com](http://www.melaniemitrano.com)

### 13 Masonic Lodge, Upstairs

175 seats

9:45 and 10:45

## Mother Nature: A Hip Hop Musical

Written by Hip Hop playwright and ARTS! By the People teaching artist, Gustav Gauntlett, (with special guest, Joey Gatto, Morristown Beat Boxer and Actor), this original 80-minute musical (with audience participation) is written entirely in rhyme and presents the story of an urban neighborhood on the brink of a drastic facelift. As Mother Nature does her best to keep everyone working together, she faces harsh challenges both from local villains and government outsiders. The talented cast of 8 makes this musical like no other. The show will be enjoyed by all ages and cultures.



[www.artsbythepeople.com](http://www.artsbythepeople.com)

### 12 Church of the Redeemer Parish House

250 seats

9:45 ONLY

### 1 Morristown High School Auditorium

800 seats

7:15 and 8:15

## The New Philharmonic of New Jersey

Join Conductor Leon Hyman and The New Philharmonic of New Jersey for a concert to ring in the New Year in style! Celebrating their 35th season, The New Philharmonic will present a program of classical and holiday favorites. Celebrate with The New Philharmonic and start the year with joy! [www.npnj.org](http://www.npnj.org)



### 6 St. Peter's Episcopal Church

550 seats

7:30 and 8:30

## Silk City with Mary Olive Smith (Bluegrass & more)

Silk City's sound is as unique as its repertoire. Mandolin, guitar, bass and vocals perform hard-driving bluegrass along with a wide variety of other styles which enrapture acoustic music lovers. Barry Mitterhoff's stellar mandolin stylings, Danny Weiss' heartfelt guitar and vocals, Larry Cohen's propulsive bass and the North Carolina "roots" sound of Mary Olive's vocals combine with infectious energy. Get ready for good times with Silk City's great tunes, hot picking, dynamic vocals and an irresistible mix of bluegrass and rockin' Honky Tonk, Roots/ County and Western Swing. [www.dannyweiss.com/silkcity.html](http://www.dannyweiss.com/silkcity.html)



### 16 Presbyterian Chapel

150 seats

7:15 and 8:15

## Peter Smith School of Irish Dance

The Peter Smith School of Irish Dance has trained thousands of dancers in its 50-year history claiming several World, All-Ireland, and North American Championship titles. Several of the Peter Smith dancers have performed in *Riverdance* and *Lord of the Dance* and at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Town Hall (NY); NJPAC; PNC Arts Center; The Strand Theatre; Glasgow Royal Concert Hall; and Ireland's National Event Center. Classes are offered for beginner through championship levels throughout New Jersey. Open to all children ages 4 and up. For information, call 973-978-8848 or visit [www.petersmithschool.com](http://www.petersmithschool.com).



**8** Presbyterian Parish House, Upstairs  
330 seats  
**7:00, 7:45 and 8:30**

## Solid Brass Lite

A sextet from the one of premier brass groups in the country, Solid Brass Lite includes some of the area's finest musicians, who have performed at Lincoln Center (with the Metropolitan Opera, the NYC Opera, the NYC Ballet) as well as on Broadway. Solid Brass has recorded, toured internationally, appeared on PBS-TV and has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Welcome the New Year with this one-of-a-kind, critically acclaimed brass ensemble as they perform music spanning 6 centuries, from the Medieval to the Beach Boys (and everything in between). A First Night favorite! [www.solidbrass.com](http://www.solidbrass.com)



**15** Presbyterian Church on the Green  
700 Seats  
**7:00, 7:45 and 8:30**

## Sweet Plantain Quartet: Blending Classics, Latin Music and Jazz

... this virtuoso quartet brings a freshness and inventiveness to every note they play..I was simply blown away." - Stuart Malina 2007 Tony Award-winning conductor.

They've toured Russia, collaborated with Grammy award-winning composer Ryuishi Sakamoto, performed with the likes of John Fadis, Tito Puente, Marc Anthony, Billy Joel, Alicia Keys, and Smokey Robinson, among others, and trained at top conservatories. Artfully fusing the Western classical traditions in which they were trained with the hip hop, jazz improv, and Latin rhythms on which they were raised, these virtuoso musicians (from NY, NJ and South America) are at once contemporary, urbane, multicultural and truly fascinating. [www.sweetplantain.com](http://www.sweetplantain.com)

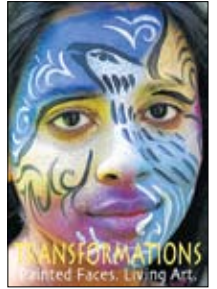


**7** St. Peter's Parish House  
200 seats  
**9:45 and 10:45**

## Transformations Facepainting: Painted Faces, Living Art

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[www.transformationfacepainting.com](http://www.transformationfacepainting.com)



**W** Warming Station - Masonic Lodge, Downstairs  
**7:00 - 9:00**

## Dan Trueman and the Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle

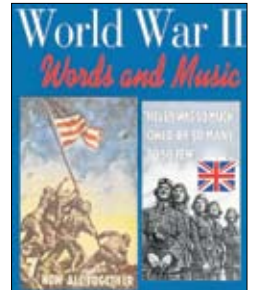
Enjoy this rare opportunity to hear the distinctive Norwegian *Hardanger* fiddle, played by a Princeton professor, composer, performer and recipient of Guggenheim and MacArthur Foundation grants! Dan Trueman performs on fiddle and laptop computer with multiple ensembles, including the Princeton Laptop Orchestra (PLOrk),-which he founded and directs -Trollstilt, Sideband, and interface. He has worked with the Brentano and Daedelus String Quartets, the American Composers Orchestra and a variety of other contemporary ensembles. As a fiddler, he performs at folk festivals across the US as well as in Norway and Ireland. Upcoming projects include works for steel drum and for Irish fiddle! [www.goodchildmusic.com/composers/dan-trueman](http://www.goodchildmusic.com/composers/dan-trueman)



**13** Masonic Lodge, Upstairs  
175 seats  
**7:15 and 8:15**

## World War II: Words and Music


Traveling Literary Theater's presentation will move the spirit with true accounts from those who served during and lived through WWII. Men fought, loved, dreamed, and died all over the world. The words are authentic. The music pays tribute to the courage and soul of a great generation. Readings by James Dyne and Tom Worsdale, with vocals by Maggie Worsdale. (Appropriate for ages 14 and up).  
[www.travelingliterarytheater.com](http://www.travelingliterarytheater.com)



**21** Room 526, Administration & Records Building  
5th Floor  
50 seats  
**9:45 and 10:45**

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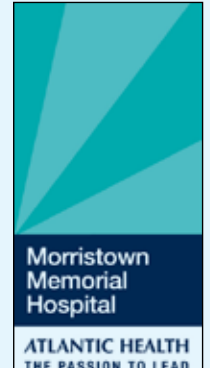
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