

First Night Leesburg 2009 Performers

* indicates activities for young families; schedule subject to change

Molly Andrews

Nationally acclaimed traditional singer; folk, blues & more: guitar, Appalachian dulcimer & autoharp

***Backpack Puppets**

is a high energy, humorous interactive program especially good for young children with a a pre-show sing-along

Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers

Dynamic Appalachian clog dancing by the acclaimed Loudoun County dance group

***Blue Sky Puppets**

Puppet show about brotherhood and individuality in a child-friendly setting with rod style puppets

***Celtic Rhythm School of Dance**

Traditional Irish step dancing performed by students from Leesburg's Celtic Rhythm School

***Chinese Traditional Orchestra**

Famed 5-member Chinese Chamber Ensemble performing on traditional Chinese instruments

Earth Note Syndicate

Nate Jurassic and his band bring their intoxicating blend of rock, funk, punk, surf and garage rock to Leesburg

Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie Bluegrass

Banjo legend Bill Emerson and his band create pure, high-octane bluegrass music on guitar, bass, banjo, and mandolin

The Flaming Shillelachs

Performance of Celtic song and dance from Jessie Winch, Joe DeZarn, Tina Eck, and featuring singer Melissa Weaver Dunning

***Going Buggy**

Jeanne Wall presents an interactive story adventure I including African, Mexican and Native American tales

Harley String Band

Folk music trio playing traditional & contemporary songs on guitar, banjo, & bouzouki

***Bruce Hutton**

American folk music & storytelling with banjo, guitar, bones, spoons & more — an interactive experience.

Jake & the Burtones

Five young men with a new take on old music; hear their versions of bluegrass, country, & folk tunes on guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass and harmonica

John Flynn

Famous Philadelphia singer-songwriter with guitar; spellbinding folk originals straight from the heart

John Walsh

Popular rock songs from an electronic one man band!

Jug of Punch

John & Sharon Knowles & Tabby Finch present Celtic music featuring traditional instruments.

Justin Trawick

A Loudoun native with a hip urban folk rock sound.

Last Ham Standing

Tally Ho's resident dramatic improv troupe presents a special family-friendly comedy show for First Night

***Rebecca Kite Marimba!**

Rebecca Kite plays extraordinary music from Asia, Africa, & Central America on "the wood that sings"

***Loud Poetry**

Funny and loud poetry; original works and longtime favorites from James Scott, the LOUD poetry guy

Master Singers of Virginia

Outstanding large choral group with a growing reputation; a Loudoun County cultural treasure

***McLaughlin the Magician**

A popular First Night favorite; Mystery, magic and delight for all ages; a series of illusions by John McLaughlin

Moonlit in the Sun

Everything from Beethoven to Duke Ellington performed by this trio on violin, viola, cello and piano

***Nicolò Whimsey**

The gypsy juggler and the Queen of Whimsey; juggling skills, roadside tricks, circus romance & bad jokes; so authentic you'll want to check your purses before leaving

***The Origins of Music**

An original shadow puppet creation with original music created by the Gardener/Marks family collaboration.

PBC Contemporary Gospel Choir

The accomplished youth choir of Providence Baptist Church, singing contemporary and traditional inspirational music

John Mark Power

Appalachian and Celtic music; traditional and original songs on guitar and mandolin

The Polka Dots

A young Loudoun quartet with a high-energy fusion of gypsy, bluegrass and early jazz on fiddle, mandolin, bass, accordion, & ukelele.

The Speakeasy Boys

Bluegrass and old-time music with a twist; featuring guitars, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, & washtub bass

Viking Jazz Ensemble

Local legend Rick Reaves leads students from Loudoun Valley High School in a set of Big Band favorites.

***Wildlife Ambassadors**

Educational and entertaining presentation of live & exotic animals with insights into their lives, habits & habitats

Join us at Midnight for the Grand Illumination at the Old Courthouse

In this time-honored tradition, we'll end the evening with a candlelight gathering at the Old Courthouse to Welcome in the New Year. Performances at the sites will end between 11:30 and 11:45 PM so that First Night guests can gather at the Old Courthouse in a candlelight assembly of musicians, friends and neighbors. As the Courthouse bell chimes in the New Year, we'll enjoy sing-alongs and special musical serenades.

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