

# Charlotte Performing Arts Center

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## The Holidays are Busy at Your Charlotte Performing Arts Center

The holidays are just around the corner, and Your Charlotte Performing Arts Center has many events in December to kick things off right!

On Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 pm, the Capitol City Chordsmen will present *Harmony for the Holidays*. Join the Capitol City Chordsmen and local quartets in a celebration of barbershop harmony in a two-hour holiday extravaganza! The 30-man chorus joins with four quartets to celebrate the season with some of your favorite Christmas carols and other favorite holiday songs. Quartets include "The Patch Chords," "Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet," "Knockin' On Heaven's Door," and "Parts Unlimited." The show will also have a special audience Christmas sing-along and feature some other favorite barbershop songs. Don't miss this great show! Tickets are \$15 each. Seating is general admission. Tickets are on sale now at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Box Office.

A special FREE concert, *A Celebration of Christmas*, by the Western Michigan University School of Music will take place on Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. The performance will feature the complete Brass Ensemble and the elite Western Michigan Brass Quintet. The Western Brass Quintet is the faculty brass quintet from the Western Michigan University School of Music, featuring Scott Thornburg and Robert White (trumpets), Lin Foulk (horn), Daniel Mattson (trombone), and Jacob Cameron (tuba). The Western Brass Ensemble features faculty and students from each of the WMU brass and percussion studios. Seating is general admission and no ticket is required.

Continuing the tradition of wonderful holiday events is the Lansing Concert Band's Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 pm. This year's performance will feature special guest soloist Teresa DuSell, as well as Michigan State University's The Beaumont Brass. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students, and FREE for 12 & under (ticket is required). Seating is reserved. Tickets are on sale now at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Box Office.

Rounding out our busy month of holiday performances is Andromeda Community Theatre's premiere with their production of *It's a Wonderful Life*. In our American culture *It's a Wonderful Life* has become almost as familiar as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. It tells the saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been quashed by family obligation and civic duty. His guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born that his has been, after all, a wonderful life. This faithful adaptation has all your favorite characters: George and Mary Hatch, Clarence, Uncle Billy, Violet, and, of course, the Scrooge-like villain, Mr. Potter. This dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded. Performances are December 20 at 7:00 pm, and December 21 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students & seniors (62 & up), and \$6 for children 12 & Under. Seating is general admission. Tickets are on sale now at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Box Office.

In addition to the events described above, we also have several FREE Charlotte Public Schools holiday concerts planned for the month of December. Charlotte High School Band at 7:30 pm on December 4, Charlotte Middle School Band at 7:00 pm on December 11, Charlotte High School Choir at 7:30 pm on December 15, Washington Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade on December 16 at 7:00 pm, and Parkview Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at 7:00 pm on December 18. These events are FREE to attend, and no ticket is required.

For those performances that require tickets, they can be purchased at Your Charlotte Performing Arts Center box office in person or by calling 517-541-5690. Box Office hours are 9:00 am – NOON, Monday through Friday. Tickets are also available online, 24hours per day, at [www.cpacpresents.com](http://www.cpacpresents.com).