

# A blizzard of concerts ahead

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The bells are ringing and holiday music is everywhere. The forecast for the next two weeks is a regular blizzard of concerts featuring many genres of music.

Get your calendar out and start planning where you'll be taking the family to celebrate with the rest of the community the joyous sounds of the season:

•**“A Jazzy Little Christmas.”** The MSU Professors of Jazz are celebrating their favorite holiday tunes in the newly renovated Fairchild Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday. “We’re putting on a night of jazzy holiday festivities and hope everyone will celebrate with us,” said Rodney Whitaker, acclaimed jazz bassist and director of jazz studies at MSU College of Music. “This concert is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit.” Others performing with Whitaker include Etienne Charles (trumpet), Xavier Davis (piano), Michael Dease (trombone), Randy Gelispie (drums), Randy Napoleon (guitar), and Diego Rivera (tenor saxophone). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students and can be purchased at 517-353-5340 or online at [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu) or at the door.

•**Peppermint Creek** will host an evening of song as a fundraiser for the theater company. Next Thursday will be their third annual holiday celebration, “The Truth About the Holidays, a Musical Cabaret,” featuring Adam Woolsey, Matt Eldred, Tigi Habtemariam, Megan Eldred and Brittany Nicol. The concert will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center at 6025 Curry Lane in Lansing. Tickets are \$30 or \$150 for a reserved table of four. [www.peppermintcreek.org](http://www.peppermintcreek.org). The evening will include music, food, drinks and gifts for guests.

•**The Lange Choral Ensemble**, led by Stephen Lange, performs its holiday concert at 7 p.m. Saturday. “Making Mary Music” is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students and is being performed at St. Pauls’ Episcopal Church, 218 W. Ottawa, Lansing. The concert features Mendelssohn’s “Magnificat,” and shorter works by Bob Cilcott, Morten Lauridsen, Hans Leo Hassler, Moses Hogan, Herbert Howells, Ola Gjeilo and Matthew Martin.

•**The Lansing Concert Band** holds its “Holiday Festival 2014” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State Street, Charlotte. Led by Gary Sullivan, it will feature MSU’s The Beaumont Brass Quintet and vocalist Teresa DuSell. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at [www.cpacpresents.com/boxoffice](http://www.cpacpresents.com/boxoffice) or (517) 541-5690.

•**Sistrum** is presenting its annual winter concert Dec. 20 and 21 at 3 p.m. The concerts will be held at Central United Methodist Church in Lansing. It’s the third annual “Bright & Gay Cabaret” that includes small ensemble performances and full chorus numbers. It also has an audience sing-along with refreshments served during intermission. The concert is \$12 in advance or a table seating 8 for \$90. Tickets at the door will be \$15. In advance they can be purchased from a chorus member or at <http://www.sistrum.org/events-tickets/>.

•**David Songer, Steve Amerson and Laurie Gayle Stephenson** will put on a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Monday at the Grand Ledge Opera House. The concert is free with a maximum of four tickets per person available in advance at the Opera House.

## Encore!

For three days this weekend, Holt High School will present the holiday classic, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Shows are 7 p.m. today, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. All shows are at the Holt Senior High School in the Margaret Livensparger Theater.

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