

# Countdown to First Night entertainment

10... The First Night/Birmingham celebration has been created just for you. We have put together an exciting night of entertaining performances and fun activities for people of all ages to enjoy — there is something for everyone.

9... This year's program is packed full of the excellent performances that First Night goes on to expect, plus we have added several new activities that will make this unique New Year's experience even more enjoyable.

8... We are thrilled to bring you three open dance events which feature the music you love to dance to — reggae, club music, and even country for the line dancer in you. Equally exciting is the addition of two outside events in Shain Park from 4-11:00 p.m. — storytelling within a Celtic Stone Circle, and the all-knowing Oracle (for entertainment purposes only).



Auld Lang Syne: Each year crowds gather in Shain Park beginning about 11:30 p.m. in anticipation of the special midnight ceremony which marks First Night/Birmingham.

7... Whatever you do at First Night, be sure to head to Shain Park after 11:30 p.m. for the fabulous midnight celebration, featuring the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band!

6... A little preplanning goes a long way toward making the most of the evening. Because there are so many performances to see and things to do, plotting out a tentative schedule allows you or your group to get to the venues where you would most like to be.

5... Food and refreshment are available at several First Night sites, which are indicated on the First Night map, and outside at Shain Park. Plus, WDOI is hosting the coffee house in the Celebration Center for the second year, where they will serve complimentary hot beverages (First Night button required). There are also restaurants in Birmingham that are open for New Year's Eve.

4... Admission:  
■ Except for children under 5 years of age, all First Night goes must have a First Night admission button — cost \$7 — to attend any of the performances.

- First Night buttons will be available the night of the event after 3 p.m. at the Celebration Center, Seasholm High School, Village Players, First Presbyterian Church Ice Arena, and First United Methodist Church.
- Performance tickets are available at four ticketing centers which you will find listed in the Performance Ticket Distribution Schedule on the following page.
- To receive a performance ticket, you must show a First Night button for every ticket you request.
- No food or drink is permissible in performance space.
- Emergency and first aid assistance is available. If an emergency occurs at a site, report the problem to the Site Manager.
- Lost and found center is located in City Hall.
- Free parking is available in city-owned parking garages from 3:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
- For more details and information please contact First Night/Birmingham, 540-6388.
- Have a great evening and a Happy and Joyous New Year!

## Thanks to the people who make it all happen

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- The PIPPH PUPPETS:**  
Traditional puppet theater at its best! This troupe of highly regarded puppet masters combines music, adventure, and surprises in their wintery

# Pick among a potpourri of performers

Use these sketches of the First Night performances to help decide which performances you'd most enjoy. Each description is followed by the performance location and a helpful hint that suggests the general audience appeal of each artist or group.

**SALLY ROGERS & HOWIE BURSSEN**  
With dynamic vocals and instrumental virtuosity, Sally and Howie have delighted family audiences from coast to coast since 1982. They gained national prominence through appearances on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" performing lullabies, songs, and storytelling. The Community House, Children/Family.

**WENDELL HARRISON ENSEMBLE FEATURING PAMELA WISE**  
When you bring two incredible jazz talents like this together, it can only add up to one thing — an unbelievable performance. Recording artist, composer and educator Harrison has over 30 years experience and 12 recordings to show for children of all ages. The Baldwin Library, Children/Family.

**JEFFREY ZOOK**  
Ridgeman, a Grand Rapids native, is a versatile pianist who captivates audiences with his rhythmic and early jazz repertoire. A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, he is a widely acclaimed recording artist and touring professional. St. James Episcopal Church, All.

**JERRY LACOVY**  
Some call him a classic storyteller. To some he's a comedian, and to others a motivator. We'll let you decide as you enjoy his family concert of pool, clean, hilarious fun. The Community House, Children.

**JACK AND THE BEAN STALK**  
"Big Laughs" version of this beloved classic fairy tale involves lots of audience participation, hysterical laughter, and two "cute guys" (their quote). The Community House, Children/Family.

**MOZART REVISITED: You'll know a lot more about the personalities and music of Mozart and Beethoven after seeing pianist Emmon Scott perform.**

**THE BRAINSTORMERS!**  
Experience Brainstormers! acclaimed creative writing show. It's a combination comedy club and classroom! Kids learn a lot! Parents laugh a lot! The Community House, Children/Family.

**THE DINOSAUR MAN**  
Bob Leamer, The Dinosaur Man, creates the magic of museums through his lively songs and fact-filled anecdotes on subjects ranging from dinosaurs to dinosaurs. The Baldwin Library, Children/Family.

**DETROIT BRASS SOCIETY**  
Highly touted brass quartet presents its brilliant sound, which runs the spectrum from fine chamber music to American classics. First Church of Christ, Scientist, All.

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## Here are the 'angels' behind each performance

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan** — Sally Rogers & Howie Bursen.  
**Chrysler Corporation Fund** — Country Line Dance.  
**Ford Motor Company** — Events at The Community House.  
**Jacobson's** — Michigan Opera Theatre.  
**Kelly Stores** — Francisco Mora's Nuevo Mundo Jazz Band.  
**Maple Grove Centers/Hearty Ford Health System** — The Winans.  
**Michigan National Bank** — Jeffrey Zook.  
**Morgan & Mary Cohen** — Wendell Harrison Ensemble featuring Pamela Wise.  
**Observer & Eccentric Newspapers** — Beethoven/Mozart.  
**SelectCare** — Midnight Celebration.
- The Johnson Foundation** — Pippin Puppets.  
**The Junior League of Birmingham** — All children's activities.  
**The Kroger Company** — "The Legend of the Firebird."  
**The Lynn Foundation, Inc.** — Outdoor performances in Shain Park.  
**Target Stores** — Ron Caden & Josh White Jr.  
**Village Women's Club Foundation** — Streetcorner.  
**Kathryn Wimshish, M.D.** — The Dinosaur Man.  
**WJBK TV-2** — Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band.  
**WDOI** — Coffee House at the Celebration Center.  
**WLTN** — The Big Picture.
- And a special thanks to the First Night First Bite Cookie Angel - The Townsend Bakery & to the organizations that sold these delectable delights.