

Jazz cornetist performs in Livonia

Jon-Erik Kellso, world class cornetist and a Dearborn native, will play American jazz of the 20s-40s from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.

JAZZ IT UP

What: Monaghan Council of Knights of Columbus presents a traditional jazz concert of the 20s, 30s, and 40s featuring world known cornetist Jon-Erik Kellso, and an eight-piece band of local veteran musicians

Where:

K of C Hall, Farmington Road, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

When: 3-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15

Tickets:

\$10 for Jazz Club members, others \$12. (248) 476-2674. Tickets will be mailed; send check upon receipt

Details: Light menu, beverages, table seating, door prizes. Room is non-smoking.



Kellso

The Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club is sponsoring the concert.

Kellso, 38, has made a life journey of music since he was a mere teenager, mastering Harry James' version of *Ciribiribi* and Bunny Berigan's solo from *Song of India*. Kellso is a regular cornetist with Jim DaPogny's Ann Arbor-based Chicago Jazz band, and his talent has been known nationally

and internationally. When Kellso's peers were busy being caught up in a "rockslide" style, he went with traditional jazz.

Kellso will be accompanied by some of his mentors and musical colleagues from his teen years, including an eight-piece jazz band led by Chuck Moss, trombonist and leader of the Paint Creek Jazz Society, Pee-Wee Matse

(clarinet), Paul Klinger (reeds), Chuck Shermetaro (piano), Pete Siers (drums), Paul Keller (bass), and Claudia Schmidt (vocals).

Kellso and his crew will be delighting his guests, their hearts and ears with his selection of music of yesteryear. Take a break and relax with the sounds of this talented musician.

— Staff writer Brenda Dominick

Golden Age of Radio returns to Second City for holidays

Feeling nostalgic?

Director-actor Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe and an ensemble cast will transport audiences to a 1940's New York style network radio studio, when they perform *It's a Wonderful Life* this month.

They'll re-create an old-time radio broadcast with minimal set and props at 2 p.m.

Saturday Dec. 7, 14, 21, Sunday, Dec. 8 and 22 and at 5 p.m. Dec. 15, in The Second City theater, in Detroit.

In *It's a Wonderful Life*, approximately 98 percent of all sound effects are performed live using the kinds of mechanical devices that were employed during the Golden Age of radio. For example, actors recreate footsteps, a half-size door on

wheels is used for door effects, bells are rung, a water tank is used for water effects and a wind machine recreates the wind.

The heartwarming classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, is co-produced by The Second City Theatre, Olympia Entertainment and Marty Bufalini Productions.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and students. They're available at The Second City box office or Ilokeytown Authentic, Big Beaver west of Dequindre, in Troy (without service charges) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Marshall Field's. To charge by phone, call the Second City box office at (313) 955-2222.

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needed. Santa visits 6-7:30 p.m. (800) 477-3172.

Camp Rotary of Wolcott Mill also offers a Snacks with Santa program 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Visitors can pose for a photograph with Santa, enjoy a snack and a hayride, make a craft and join a sing-along of holiday songs. Tickets are \$6 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call (586) 752-5932.

■ **Lunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus** includes lunch, a

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■ **Snacks with Santa** includes a snack, hayride and holiday song sing-along, at Kensington Metropark near Milford. The program runs

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