

First Night 2011 | **Artist & Activities**

Aardvark Malarkey

Sponsored by: Community National Bank

Unitarian Church Vestry, 8 pm

Imagine six Vermont teens, percolating with comic energy and acting out uninhibited imaginations. And channeling everything funny they've ever seen, from Charlie Chaplin to Monty Python, Tina Fey to Chris Farley, Steve Martin to Duck's Breath Mystery Theater. Aardvark Malarkey is just that. It's aard. And malarkey - plenty of it. You'll laugh.

After the Rodeo

Sponsored by: The Skinny Pancake

Trinity Church, 4 & 7 pm

After the Rodeo is comprised of D. Davis, Matt Schrag and Pat Melvin - some of Vermont's finest musicians. This is a special new trio highlighting musical interests and talents that aren't generally seen or heard in other projects. They blend Americana, jazz, classical and blues in original music and arranged pieces for a sound that is not to be missed.

Anaïs Mitchell in Concert

Sponsored by: Julio's Cantina

Montpelier High School, Smilie Auditorium, 4 pm

A phenomenal singer-songwriter, Anais Mitchell has emerged as a brilliant poet and playwright with her folk opera *Hadestown*, released on Righteous Babe records in 2010. Based on the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, *Hadestown* was written in collaboration with Michael Chorney and **Ben T. Matchstick**. Anaïs is also a regular collaborator with other First Night artists, appearing on albums by Gregory Douglass and **Myra Flynn**, and on **Diana Winn Levine's Re-Bop Records**. Welcome Anaïs back to Montpelier's First Night!

Ben T. Matchstick - Kamishibai

Sponsored by: Vermont College of Fine Arts

Bethany Church Fellowship Hall, 3:45-4:00 pm

Our favorite storyteller makes a cameo performance in the VCFA Underground Café. He will tell a Kamishibai story about *How the Years Got Their Names*. Kamishibai is a Japanese street-theater form that uses colorful story cards and dramatic dialogue.

Bread and Bones

Sponsored by: Main Street Family Dentistry

Christ Church, 6 & 8 pm

Bread and Bones is a Vermont-based acoustic trio performing original music with a strong traditional-roots foundation. Made up of Richard Ruane, Beth Duquette and Mitch Barron, their sound is characterized by imaginative two- and three-part harmonies over solid guitar and bass work. They were part of the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's 2009 Emerging Artist Showcase. Their CD *I Know Stories* was named Vermont's Best Traditional Album of 2008.

Burr Morse

Sponsored by: Bear Pond Books

Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 5 & 6 pm

Burr Morse is the real deal, what Vermonters might call "a piece of work" or "quoyte the rigg'in." Farmer, sugar maker, entrepreneur, and raconteur, Burr is a writer too. His Vermont classic, *Sweet Days & Beyond*, belongs in every deer camp and summer cottage in the state. You will want to hang out in the sugarhouse on a blustery March day, enveloped by the steamy warmth of Burr's stories.

Central Vermont Runners 5K Road Race

Sponsored by: Central Vermont Runners Club and Onion River Sports

Pavilion Building, 3 pm

The Central Vermont Runners Club organizes this "Last Race of The Year". Entry forms are available online: www.cvrunners.org; OR at Montpelier Alive, 39 Main Street in Montpelier, and at First in Fitness, both Berlin and Montpelier. Race day registration is located in the basement of the Pavilion Building starting at 1:45 pm.

City Center is First Night Center –

Food Court & Gateway to First Night!

Sponsored by: AAA Travel and The Drawing Board

City Center, all day, from noon until 8:45 pm

Your Gateway to First Night! Stop here first, or take a break and refresh! Buy a button! Get a schedule! Sign in to volunteer! Take a workshop! Make a lantern! Make a funky hat! Enjoy the Food Court - Eat, drink and be merry! Stop for hot chocolate! Get your face painted! Get your GLOW-INTHE-DARKS! Then come to the Parade & Disco Party!

Community Crostic Puzzle with Rick Winston

Sponsored by: Union Institute & University and The Times Argus

Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 3-4:30 pm

Ever wonder how those tricky double crostic puzzles are constructed? Rick Winston's twice-monthly puzzles have run in the Times Argus for the past four years. He will not only demystify the process, but will also lead a group collaboration, in which we'll all construct a puzzle from scratch.

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The Creative Writing Program

at Montpelier High School's Alumni Reading

Sponsored by: Vermont College of Fine Arts and Bear Pond Books

Bethany Church Fellowship Hall, 6-7 pm

Montpelier High School's Prodigal Poets and Writers return to Montpelier to join in the New Year's Eve celebration of Word & Music.

Cross Country Skiing at the Morse Farm Nordic Center

Sponsored by: Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks

Morse Farm, 1-3:30 pm

Morse Farm is a family-friendly cross-country touring center, with views of Camel's Hump and the Hunger Mountain range. Professionally designed scenic trails offer a diverse choice of terrain, through softwood forests, sugarbush, and across gently rolling open pastures and are suitable for all skill levels. Take a few minutes to tour the maple-sugaring works, taste maple sugar-on-snow, or just enjoy a cup of hot mulled cider or cocoa by the wood stove.

D. Davis – Classical Guitar

Sponsored by: Diamond & Robinson, P.C.

Unitarian Church Sanctuary, 3 pm

A trusted troubadour, D. Davis performs with Red Hot Juba, The Book-em Blues Band, Whiskey Bullet, The Faerie God Brothers, After The Rodeo, Erin McDermott's Band, and Mia Adams. He has also performed with The Dixie Red Delights, The Myra Flynn Band, The Starline Rhythm Boys, and The On The Rise Session Band. For First Night he performs a mellow set of solo instrumental, classical guitar & American Folk selections. D. Davis will masterfully blend gorgeous acoustic music that is not-to-be-missed!

Dana & Susan Robinson

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Montpelier

Bethany Church, 3 & 6 pm

Dana and Susan Robinson are two guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmonysinging interpreters of the American experience. Their unique blend of contemporary songwriting and traditional Appalachian music bring to their performances a deep understanding of America's musical heritage. The genius of a Dana and Susan Robinson performance lies in their ability to capture the imagination of their audience, evoking a transformative experience that touches on the deepest humanity. They can make the audience howl with laughter or hush with poignant reflection as they take them on a journey across America and convey the mystery and wonder of the places they visit.

Elisabeth von Trapp & The Blue Train

Sponsored by: State Farm Insurance - Dana Hock, Agent

Unitarian Church Sanctuary, 4 & 6 pm

Elisabeth von Trapp was born to a rich musical heritage. Granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enchanted audiences from European cathedrals to the Kennedy Center. Joining Elisabeth here are **Paul Asbell** and Peter Riley, two of Vermont's premier musicians. The trio blend beautifully on three-part harmonies, with instrumental work that is masterful and inventive yet tasteful, nothing lacking or overdone. Whether it's an original tune, a Ralph Stanley nugget, a Lennon-McCartney classic, or an old-time gospel hymn, Elisabeth Von Trapp & The Blue Train delivers ... Acoustic With A Traditional Ring... Good Music For All.

Erin McDermott Band

Sponsored by: Montpelier Kiwanis

Trinity Church, 5 & 8 pm

Erin McDermott writes and performs an original style of mysteriously familiar and boisterously catchy alt/grass/Americana. Capturing a style that is not only evocative, powerfully soulful, and uniquely her own, she is gaining the attention of established singer/songwriters and fans alike. Her new album, *Time to Go*, features luminaries such as Bryan Sutton, Stuart Duncan and Tim O'Brien and was produced by Brent Truitt, who has worked with the Dixie Chicks, Alison Krauss and Dolly Parton. Catch Erin with her band, including D. Davis, Matt Schrag and Pat Melvin, who also play in After the Rodeo.

Face Painting

Sponsored by: Artisans Hand Craft Gallery and The Drawing Board

City Center, 2-7 pm

Face Painting is always fun! Stop by City Center and get yourself decorated by artists from Artisans Hand Craft Gallery and Venus Tattoos. There is great food there, too, and fun stuff to make in the Hat and Lantern Workshops.

Family Contra Dance with Old Sam Peabody

Sponsored by: Onion River Sports, Onion River Kids & The Shoe Horn

Union School Gym, 7-9 pm

The Old Sam Peabody Band plays a lively mix of Celtic, Appalachian, and French Canadian dance tunes guaranteed to please a roomful of dancers. Together with caller, Delia Clark, they build community through dance, reaching out to new and experienced dancers alike, creating a wonderful evening for all.

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Geof Hewitt Writers' Workshop for All Ages

Sponsored by: The Times Argus and Bear Pond Books

Bethany Church Parlor, 3-4:15 pm

Poet, Teacher and Slam Champion Geof Hewitt will lead a workshop addressing IDEAS, HUMOR, POETIC FORMS, and of course SLAMMING. Exercises in metaphor, observation, rhythm, narrative and collaboration will stimulate the poet in everyone! Then join Geof in the Poetry SLAM from 4:15 – 5:45 pm.

Grand Opening at City Hall with Marko the Magician and a Celebrity Cast!

Sponsored by: National Life Group and The City of Montpelier

City Hall Arts Center, 1 pm

Come help us "Cut the Ribbon" for First Night 2011! Kick off your New Year's Eve Celebration in the City Hall Arts Center. Marko's magic show starts immediately following some celebrity introductions and roasts... And stick around for Wells & Woodhead's Vaudeville Revue, right after Marko!

Green Mountain Youth Symphony

Sponsored by: Union Mutual of Vermont

City Hall Arts Center, 5 pm

The Green Mountain Youth Symphony offers musical instruction at the highest level and encourages music making in a fun, engaging, and non-competitive environment. Under the direction of Robert Blais, GMYS presents music from Broadway and the cinema.

Hungry Rat Revue with Kris Gruen

Sponsored by: Vermont College of Fine Arts

Bethany Church Fellowship Hall, 7-9 pm

The Hungry Rat Revue is a collaborative effort between emerging poets and musicians to bring poetry beyond the page and into the audience by meshing words with music and sound effects. Poet and teacher Kerrin McCadden and singer/songwriter Kris Gruen mentor this project. Youth + poetry + music = Hungry Rat Revue.

Kerrin McCadden

Kerrin's poetry has appeared in *American Poetry Review*, *Hunger Mountain*, *RATTLE*, *Poet Lore*, and others. She was a finalist for the 2010 Ruth Stone Poetry Prize, a semi-finalist for the "Discovery"/*Boston Review* 2010 Poetry Contest, the 2010 Ralph Nading Hill Award and the 2009 *RATTLE* Poetry Prize. She was nominated for *Best New Poets* 2010. She teaches Creative Writing at Montpelier High School and at The New England Young Writers' Conference at Bread Loaf.

Kris Gruen

Kris Gruen is a Vermont-based singer-songwriter often compared to Andrew Bird, The Arcade Fire, and The Decemberists. His ethereal mix of acoustic guitar, beautiful melodies, and lush harmonies is an undercurrent to poetic lyrics that reach far beyond average songwriting. Gruen has toured the US, sharing the stage with Sean Lennon, The Avett Brothers, Bishop Allen, Jesse Malin, Nicole Atkins, Anais Mitchell, The Bowmans and more.

Ice Skating at the Civic Center

Sponsored by: Montpelier Department of Recreation

Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center, 1-3 pm

Skate for free with your First Night Button!

Justin Levinson

Sponsored by: Noyle W. Johnson Insurance and The Point FM

Bethany Church, 7 pm, and 8 pm with Myra Flynn

Singer/Songwriter Justin Levinson is making sweet melodic music that mixes Folk and Power-Pop. Warm acoustic arrangements and a talent for melody inform Justin's country-leaning songs and graceful Americana. Currently his song *Waiting For Someone To Love Me* is a chart-topping hit on Sirius Radio. Virgin Airlines featured *Losing You To Tennessee*, reaching 416,667 ears per month! And *Bandaid On A Bulletwound* was honorable mention in the Billboard Song Contest. This is an artist worth hearing! The 8 pm show is called *Sounds Like...Myra Flynn & Justin Levinson*.

Kerry Kaye Fire & Light

Sponsored by: Hunger Mountain Coop

Parade of Lights and Disco Party at City Hall Plaza, 9-10 pm

Kerry Kaye performs heart-stopping displays of fire and light using poi, hoop, staff, double staves, fire eating/contact fire, and fire breathing. Join Kerry and the giant party! Bring YOUR light to First Night!

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Lantern Making Workshop led by Ellen Bloom & Emily Dwyer

Sponsored by: Denis, Ricker & Brown, Inc.

City Center, 4-7 pm

Bring your light to First Night and be part of The Parade of Lights - OR make a lantern and bring it! Mother and daughter team Ellen & Emily will supply all the fun materials you need to light up the night at First Night. Come to City Center and have fun making stuff. Take a break and have a hot chocolate!

Lisa Piccirillo

Sponsored by: Denis, Ricker & Brown, Inc.

Union School Auditorium, 4 pm

Songwriter Lisa Piccirillo's debut album, *Momentum*, is nothing short of an emotional catharsis. The up-and-comer's first full-length CD chronicles poignant observations and personal experiences through a satisfying blend of folk and pop, allowing the r&b tendencies and technical intricacies of Piccirillo's vocals to truly shine through.

"...a vocal powerhouse – she defines vocal perfection the moment she opens her mouth. Evoking the passion of Sarah McLachlan and techniques of Patty Griffin & Christina Aguilera, Lisa's got it all . . ." - *Gregory Douglass, singer/songwriter*

"Lisa carries the gravity of an old soul through every crevice of a song--whether she's singing her own stuff or pumping blood, sweat and tears back into a well-loved classic. She's truly a singer's singer..." - *Syd, producer and singer/songwriter*

Lost Nation Theater Cabaret

Sponsored by: Artisans Hand Craft Gallery

Unitarian Church Sanctuary, 7 & 8 pm

Lost Nation Theater, named "One of the Best Regional Theaters in America" by the NYC Drama League, "Best of the Best" by *The Times Argus*, and "Best of Vermont" by *Vermont Magazine*, performs its "An Auld Lang Syne Revue", fun & heartwarming stories, skits, and songs of hope and renewal looking back at yesterday and imagining tomorrow. Performed by your favorite LNT company members.

Mark LeGrand

Sponsored by: Montpelier Pharmacy

Bethany Church, 4 pm

Mark LeGrand has been writing and performing music in Vermont since 1967. The people and landscape are the raw material for his songs. Armed with his trusty acoustic guitar and affable voice, he channels the ghosts of country music's past, as his brand of "Thinking Man's Honky Tonk" evokes the spirit of John Prine and Hank Williams.

"Imagine Lou Reed growing up in rural Vermont and writing country songs..." — *John Conquest, 3rd Coast Music*

"Real dark hillbilly stuff...very cool indeed..." — *John Beland, Flying Burrito Brothers*

Marko

Sponsored by: National Life Group

City Hall Arts Center, Magic Show – 1 pm

Hypnosis Show – 3:30-4:45 pm

Always a favorite at First Night, you can count on Marko to delight audiences with something magical for everyone. Both his magic and hypnosis shows bring all ages together in a common state of amazement and laughter. Be sure to come early to get a seat!

Miriam Bernardo & Jairo Sequeira

Sponsored by: World Publications, Inc. / The World

Christ Church, 4 & 7 pm

Miriam Bernardo and Jairo Sequeira play music from all over Latin America...from traditional regional Mexicano, Mariachi, bossas, samba, Afro-Peruvian and romantic love songs to anti-war anthems and funky rancheros. All sung in Spanish, of course.

Myra Flynn

Sponsored by: People's United Bank and The Point FM

Bethany Church, 5 pm, and 8 pm with Justin Levinson

Myra Flynn is a singer/songwriter hailing from central Vermont, recently nominated as "The New England Artist of the Month" by *Deli Magazine*, and "Best Up & Coming Performer" by *Seven Days*. Her live shows blend soulful vocals with an engaging stage presence. Myra's neo-soul vocal styling's have been compared to the likes of Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, Leela James, and Alicia Keys, and she counts Joni Mitchell among her lyrical influences. The 8 pm show is called *Sounds Like...Myra Flynn & Justin Levinson*. Then come to the disco...

Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band

Sponsored by: Washington Electric Co-op

City Hall Arts Center, 7-9 pm

Yiddish jazz! Dance to lively instrumentals from the Klezmer tradition and sweet, funny vocals from the Yiddish theater, all with Nisht Geferlach's own Vermont flavor. Dress for dancing, then dress up for partying in the outdoor plaza discotheque (glow necklaces and extra parka!).

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No Strings Marionette Company performs “Handsome and Gretel”

**Sponsored by: Onion River Sports, Onion River Kids & The Shoe Horn
Union School Gym, 3 & 5 pm**

With *Handsome and Gretel* No Strings Marionette Company serves up a scrumptious rendition of the fairy tale classic. A poor woodcutter and his family live at the edge of a deep forest. Sister Gretel works hard to help the family while brother Handsome has come to believe he can breeze through life on his good looks alone. Eventually lost in the forest, the children are sweetly lured to the candy cottage of a witch who has very poor eyesight. She is blind to Handsome's charms and places Gretel's life in mortal danger. A cast of fourteen hand-crafted whimsical marionettes leads this journey of never ending action, where the unexpected frolics in the familiar from the opening scene right on through to the last beat of music. Will Handsome discover his true potential in time to rescue his sister? Find out as you savor the tale of *Handsome and Gretel*.

Parade of Lights and Disco Party

Sponsored by: National Life Group / City of Montpelier

City Hall Plaza, 9-10 pm

Bring YOUR Light to First Night! “*This Little Light of Mine...I’m Gonna Let It Shine!*” at First Night! Join Janice Walrafen and the Puppets and the Dragons and Kerry Kaye and the Fire Spinners and the Taiko Drummers - and the Fire Organ! Get dressed up, get funky, and get down to DJ Don P and his dancehall dubbing sounds at the outdoor Discotheque. Our own version of Times Square on New Year's Eve in City Hall Plaza! And don't be surprised if we light up the night sky with lanterns. First Night ends at 10 pm, so you can enjoy the downtown music scene until the wee hours.

Paul Asbell: Steel-String Americana

**Sponsored by: Northfield Savings Bank and WDEV-AM & FM
Unitarian Church Sanctuary, 5 pm**

From his early years, playing blues on Chicago's South Side, to his present multi-faceted jazz and solo acoustic career in Vermont, Paul has worked with the likes of Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Howlin' Wolf, Lightnin' Hopkins, Otis Rush, Paul Butterfield, and Pops Staples. Since 1994, Asbell has been reconnecting with his original folk-based roots in enthusiastically received festival shows and solo concerts. His CD's, *Steel-String Americana* and *Roots and Branches*, received numerous rave reviews for highly individualized twists on blues and jazz.

Poetry SLAM for All Ages with Geof Hewitt

**Sponsored by: Vermont College of Fine Arts and Bear Pond Books
Bethany Church Fellowship Hall, 4:15-5:45 pm**

Poetry SLAM is a lighthearted competition that is open to everyone, and can incorporate elements of storytelling, hip-hop and stand-up comedy. Audience members chosen at random act as judges. Bring original writing that you can read or recite in three minutes or less. Our “slam-master,” Vermont slam champ Geof Hewitt, will provide modest prizes. *Hewitt's Guide to Slam Poetry and Poetry Slam* won the Mom's Choice award for poetry in 2008.

Re-Bop Records presents

The New Re-Bops Family Concert

**Sponsored by: Re-Bop Records and Rotary Club of Montpelier
Montpelier High School, Smilie Auditorium, 3 pm**

Rev up for a wild ride as the Re-Bops' latest line up of Colin McCaffrey, Max Bronstein-Paritz, Robinson Morse, and Christiana Usenza take you through an energetic array of classic hits and playful originals. Vermont's Re-Bop Records, rock 'n' rollin' since its A&M Records beginnings 20 years ago, hosts a celebration of its many talented young recording artists. In creating Re-Bop's catalog of 14 multi-award-winning CDs, Chief Re-Bop Diana Winn has devotedly brought together outstanding singer-songwriters and bands with an ever-revolving group of talented kids. The show opens with Gregory Douglass, and continues with a selection of other accomplished former Re-Boppers, who will be joined on stage by the latest crop of Re-Bop kids.

Re-Bop Records Young Alum Musicians Showcase

**Sponsored by: Miss Demeanor Music and Rotary Club of Montpelier
Montpelier High School, Smilie Auditorium, 6 pm**

Since 1989, Re-Bop Records has been bringing together scores of outstanding Vermont musicians with musically motivated kids, both on stage and in the studio. Several of those early child recording artists have gone on as young adults to their own impressive projects and careers in music. Re-Bop Records and Miss Demeanor Music proudly present Indie Bands with Re-Bop Roots. Performers include Max Bronstein-Paritz, Robinson Morse, Anneli Blume, Christiana Usenza, Jessamine Levine, and Heather Bartlett.

The ReStore Hat Making Workshop

**Sponsored by: AAA Travel
City Center, 3-6 pm**

One of the highlights of Montpelier's First Night celebration is The ReStore's annual hat making workshop. The ReStore will supply all the fun and funky recycled materials you need to make wild and wonderful creations. Great fun for all ages!

Rob Mermin's Soap Bubbles Circus

**Sponsored by: Vermont College of Fine Arts and The Drawing Board
Bethany Church Fellowship Hall, 3 pm**

All the performers are bubbles in this family show! Astonishing tightrope walking bubbles, juggling bubbles, carousels, acrobatic, pyramidal, and smoke-filled square-shaped sideshow bubbles. Good clean entertainment by Rob Mermin, founder of Circus Smirkus.

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Rusty Romance – acoustic and electric

Sponsored by: Cody Chevrolet & Cadillac

Trinity Church, 3 & 6 pm

Unplugged at 3 pm and electrified at 6 pm, Rusty Romance brings their unique brand of roots n' roll to First Night. Always a crowd pleaser, they blend country, Americana, western swing and good ol' twangy rock. The *Who Brought the Fun?* CD was named best Vermont country album of 2006.

Sarah Blair & Friends

Sponsored by: Hunger Mountain Coop and Vermont Public Radio

Union School Auditorium, 5 & 8 pm

Warm up with songs and tunes from the British Isles with Sarah - fiddle, Jim Curtin - flute/whistle, Dave Loney - guitar and Jennifer Curtin - vocals (formerly of the DC-based Clismaclaver). Dancing in the aisles is encouraged! "Sarah Blair is one of Vermont's finest fiddlers - her playing is a rare combination of heart and soul that balances with technique and an intimate knowledge of the culture behind the music." - Robert Resnik, *Vermont Public Radio*

Storywalk™

Sponsored by: Union Institute & University

Kellogg-Hubbard Library, noon-5 pm

Walk and read *Tracks in the Snow* by Wong Herbert Yee. In this delightfully illustrated book, tracks in the fresh snow lead a little girl on a walk through the forest to find out who or what left them behind. Begin at the front of the Kellogg Hubbard Library and follow the story pages completely around the building. The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Swim at First in Fitness!

Sponsored by: First in Fitness

First in Fitness Racquet & Swim Club – Berlin, 1-3:30 pm

First in Fitness is committed to being the premier health and recreation organization in Vermont, providing each member with a safe, friendly and professional environment in which to maintain a positive lifestyle.

Tammy Fletcher in Concert

Sponsored by: Capitol Grounds

Montpelier High School, Smilie Auditorium, 5 pm

Have you heard blue-collar soul? Tammy sings it, and Tammy Fletcher can sing...it's as simple as that. Her voice is extraordinary and she is truly an original soul singer. Deeply rooted in the American traditions, Fletcher is also a gospel singer in the vein of Mahalia Jackson and The Barrett Sisters. She has an uncanny ability to adapt to different genres and sing with ease, be it rock and roll or opera, country or the blues, she's done it all. For First Night Tammy presents a four piece acoustic group: Tammy on vocals, Dakota Foley on Mandolin and Guitar, Jim Pitman on Dobro, and Bob Hill on Guitar.

Vermont History Museum

Sponsored by: Vermont Historical Society

Pavilion Building, Museum open 10-4 pm, free with First Night Button

Noisemakers Make & Take Workshop, 1-3 pm

Historically, Americans have rung in the New Year with church bells, singing, and noisemaking devices of all kinds. Come visit the Museum, and have fun making noisemakers. Then take your creations to the 9 pm Parade of Lights and Disco Party at City Hall!

Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra

Sponsored by: AAA Travel

City Hall Arts Center, 6 pm

In their traditional First Night concert, the charismatic Lou Kosma conducts the Vermont Philharmonic in a lively program that features *The Entertainer* (Scott Joplin), Selections from *My Fair Lady*, *Georgia on My Mind*, *Pink Panther Theme*, *Colonel Bogey March*, *Take Five* and a *Sousa March* plus other selections.

Voices2

Sponsored by: Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

Christ Church, 5 pm

This female duo, who performed with contemporary a cappella band Random Association for nearly a decade, has moved into the local singer-songwriter music scene. With broad vocal ranges, Voices2 combines beautiful harmonies with piano and guitar instrumentation. They perform a combination of original music and covers from artists including Sara Bareilles, Missy Higgins, and Five for Fighting, creating a unique sound you won't want to miss.

Wells & Woodhead's Vaudeville Revue

Sponsored by: Sarducci's

City Hall Arts Center, 2-3:30 pm

Wells & Woodhead aka: The Sons of Vaudeville! Wells (of Denmark) and Woodhead (Charlotte, VT) are world-renowned vaudevillians who have performed their masterful tricks (Wells) and bumbling earnestness (Woodhead) for appreciative audiences on 6 continents. Wells, guest celebrity on Jay Leno, Comedy Central and *Prairie Home Companion*, and Woodhead, the star of four award-winning family videos, team up to host this special all-star revue, including the incomparable guitar blues of Paul Asbell, Marko the Magician, a Parade Dragon, Taiko Drummers and more!

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Willem Lange

Sponsored by: *Union Institute & University / Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC*

Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 7 & 8 pm

Willem Lange has lived in New England for over fifty years, working everywhere from the lumber woods in the Adirondacks and the coastal islands of Maine to the ivied halls of Dartmouth College. All through his travels he has picked up stories — hundreds of them — about this unique place and the complicated, reticent, dry-humored people we call Yankees.

The Wood's Tea Co.

Sponsored by: *Capitol Plaza Hotel & Conference Center*

Union School Auditorium, 6 & 7 pm

The Woods Tea Company is an acoustic group performing Celtic tunes, Novelty, French-Canadian, and American folk songs with equal ease and skill. The members, Patti Casey, Tom McKenzie and Howard Wooden, are fine vocalists, often leaving audiences thrilled by their wonderful harmonies. During a performance the band uses as many as a dozen different instruments.

ZUMBA!

Sponsored by: *First in Fitness*

First in Fitness – Montpelier, 4 & 5 pm

Don't let this year end without trying Zumba® and get a jump start on your fitness resolutions for the new year! Your friends are doing it, your colleagues are doing it - now try it for yourself, as we dance to hypnotic Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves while burning up to 700 calories in one hour! This one-of-a-kind fitness program will blow you away and keep you coming back for more!