

12.18 Delta Moon



Time: 8pm
Place: Blue 5 Restaurant, 312 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: FREE
Info: The dual

slide guitars of Delta Moon carry the listener deep into the heart of the American South, where sinuous Mississippi blues meets the gritty backwoods twang of Appalachia and winds around a rock-steady beat.

12.18 The Aliens



Time: 10pm
Place: Martin's Downtown Bar & Grill, 413 First Street SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: FREE

Info: You won't walk away from an Aliens show without hearing the world grooves of Reggae, Funk, Ska, Cumbia, Salsa and Island being bounced around inspired lyrics and powerful harmonies.

12.18 Home Alone (PG)



Time: Midnight
Place: Grandin Theatre, 1310 Grandin Road SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: \$6.50

Info: The highly successful and beloved family comedy about a young boy named Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) who is accidentally left behind when his family takes off for a vacation in France over the holiday season.

12.19 Star City Christmas Lights Bike Cruise



Time: 5:30pm
Place: Meet at 2049 Windsor Garages, Roanoke, VA
Price: FREE

Info: Start decorating your bikes now so they're lit up like a christmas tree and of course dressing as Santa, Mrs. Clause, or a reindeer or elf is highly recommended for this bike ride!

12.19 The Reverend Billy C. Wirtz



Time: 8pm
Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: \$15

Info: From the moment he sits down at the piano and lights into his Southern old-time gospel and blues with a twist, the "Rev" commands the stage and spreads the "gospel" like nobody's business.

12.19 Matt Walsh



Time: 8pm
Place: Blue 5 Restaurant, 312 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: FREE

Info: A 31 year old Blues musician from North Carolina who's primary sound is rooted in old school 1950s south-side Chicago Blues with musical detours that venture into Rockabilly, Jump Blues, and 50s Rock.

12.23 Barefoot West, Corey Hunley, and Pickin Buds



Time: 10pm
Place: Martin's, 413 First Street SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: FREE

Info: All good and all local... Barefoot West plays rock, soul, and reggae. Corey Hunley is an acoustic, folk rock singer songwriter. Pickin Buds stick to acoustic bluegrass and roots music.

12.25 The Pace Brothers & Friends Christmas Jam



Time: 8pm
Place: Blue 5 Restaurant, 312 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA
Price: FREE

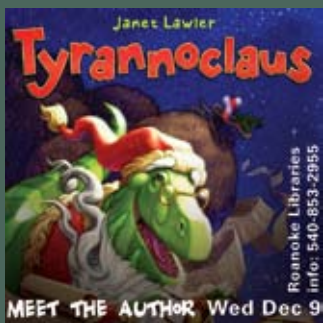
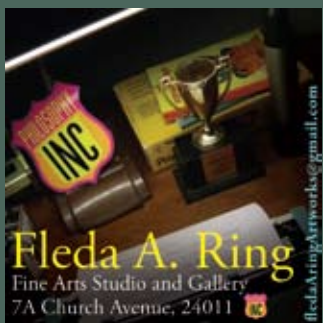
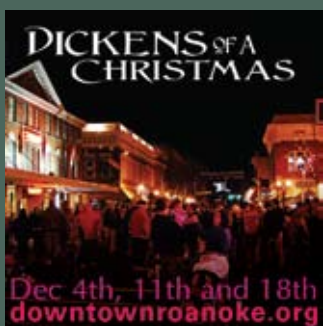
Info: Featuring Adam Clarke on drums, the Pace Brothers Organ Trio will bring on board several other local guest performers for a Roanoke Music family feel. Xmas Jazz, groove and beyond.

12.26 Bonkerz Comedy Series



Time: 8pm
Place: Holiday Inn Roanoke Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke, VA
Price: \$20

Info: Featuring Carmen Vallone as seen on "Last Comic Standing" & HBO with special guest Joe Fico. Carmen has a distinct perspective on a happily twisted version of everyday life.



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GLAMOUR
Just Dance
Preceptor Omicron's New Year's Eve Gala
Time: 7pm
Place: Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, VA
Price: \$160 per couple
Info: Featuring two live bands including the William Penn Quartet during dinner and The Kings for dancing afterward. A full buffet dinner plus a balloon drop and champagne for everyone at midnight!

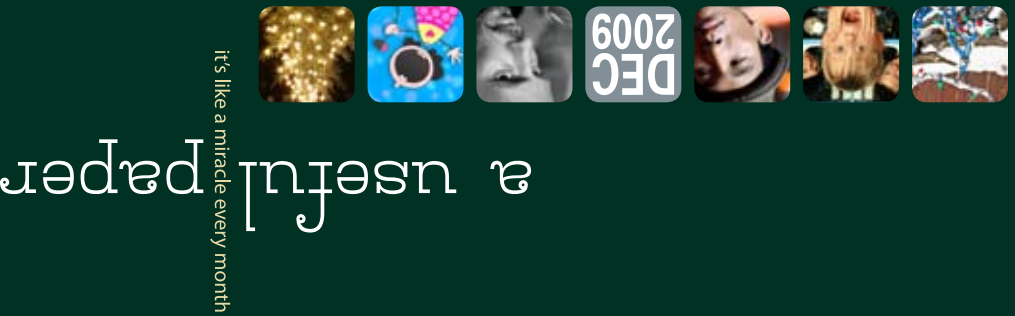
MUSIC
The Yams From Outer Space!
Place: Blue 5 Restaurant, 312 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA
Time/Price: Call for details 540-904-5338
Info: An extremely fun way to send out 2009 and welcome 2010! Enjoy award-winning food, then bring in the new year the right way - with a big ol crazy party! A Yams show typically features antics like helium-enhanced chipmunk vocals, vienna sausage and watermelon solos, and frequent audience participation to say the least.

THE 80S
I Love 80s
New Year's Eve Blast
Time: 7pm
Place: Roanoke Civic Center, 710 Williamson Rd NE, Roanoke, VA
Price: \$25 in advance!
Info: You know you heard the 80s! Dude, then ring in the new year with the most bitchin' party in Roanoke! 80z Enuff will be playing your favorite jams all night from The Bangles to Journey to Duran Duran. Reserve a table & get 8 tickets, a bottle of Champagne, party favors, and VIP access.

FAMILY
Sixth Annual Enchanted Eve
Time: 6pm
Place: Washington Avenue, Vinton, Virginia
Price: \$3-\$7
Info: Enchanted Eve is Roanoke County's alcohol-free, community inspired, New Year's Eve celebration from 6pm until midnight. This year, "travel through time." Downtown Vinton will be magically transported through 10 decades of fun and merriment with games, music, parades, food, live music and fireworks at midnight.

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Lenny Marcus Trio "Comfort and Joy" Holiday Special
December 8, 6pm-8pm, Roanoke Main Library, 706 S Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA, FREE. Lenny Marcus hails from DC, but has worked for many years in New Orleans. His band is a well schooled jazz group. "Their jazz is infectious!" JazzTimes magazine.

12.01 Kevin So
 Time: 8pm
 Place: Blue 5 Restaurant, 312 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: If Bruce Lee were alive today, quit acting and started singing, he would be Kevin So. Put James Taylor, Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, and Billy Joel all together... and you get Kevin So.

12.02-12.03 Paul Thorn with Corey Hunley
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$20
 Info: Paul Thorn is soulful, raw, melancholy, brazen, funky, circumspect, serene, and brooding, his voice expresses a range of human emotions, from forlorn grimness to incandescent optimism.

12.02-12.13 Miracle on 34th Street
 Time: 8pm Wed-Sat; 2pm Sun
 Place: Showtimers Theatre, 2067 McVitty Rd. SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$5-\$12
 Info: In this Christmas classic by Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder, Will Severin & John Vreeke, Macy's Department Store gets more than they expect when they hire Kris Kringle as the store's Santa Claus!

12.03-12.11 A Christmas Carol by the Young Actors Co-op of Floyd, VA
 Time: 7pm Th 12/3, Sa 12/5, Th 12/10, Fr 12/11; 6pm Su 12/6
 Place: Winter Sun Music Hall, 302 S. Locust Street, Floyd, VA
 Price: \$3-\$6
 Info: Based on the traditional story by Charles Dickens, it's a delightful holiday treat for the whole family!

12.03-12.06 Sesame Street Live! Elmos Green Thumb
 Time: 7pm Th; 10:30am/7pm Fr; 10:30am/2pm/5:30pm Sa; 1pm/4:30pm Su
 Place: Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA
 Price: \$12-\$25
 Info: Join all your favorite Sesame Street friends on an amazing adventure as they help Elmo find a new home for Sunny the sunflower.

12.03 "Broadway Studio: A Musical Revue"
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Upstairs Studio Theatre, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: Join the students from Hollins' Musical Theatre Performance Workshop for a showcase of solos, duets, and production numbers from your favorite Broadway musicals.

12.03-12.05 Scrooge, The Musical
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Roanoke Performing Arts Theater, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: The doors open one hour early for this annual free performance. Donations are welcome for Blue Ridge Women's Center. Plus there's a signed interpretation for the hearing impaired on Thursday.

12.03 Variety Shac!
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Hollins University, Talmadge Hall, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE to Hollins community, \$5 for guests
 Info: Variety Shac is live music, comedy, and short films performed by NYC's Chelsea Peretti, Andrea Rosen, Shonali Bhomwik, and Heather Lawless.

12.03 Author Talk: "On Dream Street" Dr. Melanie Almeder
 Time: 8:15pm
 Place: Green Drawing Room, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA
 Info: Almeder's first book of poems, "On Dream Street," was published in 2007 and won the Tupelo Press Editors' Prize. It was also among the final 25 books considered for the Walt Whitman Award.

12.04-12.05 Winterfest
 Time: 5pm-8pm Fr; 10am-5pm Sa
 Place: Jacksonville Center, 220 Parkway Lane S, Floyd, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: This year The Jacksonville Center will be celebrating their 15th annual Winterfest, sure to be filled with visitors enjoying art, crafts, music, kids' activities and tasty treats.

12.04 Winter Lights Festival, TubaChristmas & Holiday Parade
 Time: 4pm
 Place: Downtown Blacksburg, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: Tuba Christmas is joining in the 'Sounds of the Season' holiday festivities. The DT Merchants of B'burg, Lyric Theatre and Dept of Music at VT bring you a Merry TubaChristmas! Bring your tubas & euphoniums!

12.04-12.18 SunTrust Dickens of a Christmas
 Time: 5:30pm each Friday
 Place: Downtown Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: There will be carriage rides, live carolers, fire dancers, photos with Santa, and more! Don't miss the many fantastic seasonal vendors plus all the downtown shops that will be open extended holiday hours!

12.04 Friday Night Happy(ness)
 Hour
 Time: 7pm
 Place: Dharmapala Kadampa Buddhist Center, 1917 Franklin Rd, Roanoke, VA
 Info: A great time to meet and gather with your spiritual friends, have some refreshments, enjoy the meditation room and start your holidays off with a positive and happy mind.

12.04 Open Projector Night
 Audience Faves
 Time: 7pm
 Place: Taubman Museum of Art, 10 Salem Ave SE, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$6.50
 Info: The annual screening of the best of the best, audience favorites as voted throughout the entire year from the Grandin Theatre's exciting local film extravaganza, Open Projector night.

12.04 'A Kilted Christmas' with Coyote Run
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$10
 Info: An evening of family-friendly, holiday entertainment ranging from outrageous to poignant to sacred to "wow!" This popular Celtic band takes you on a holiday visit to the imagined seaside town of Inis Veil.

12.04 Robert Jospé and the Inner Rhythm Band
 Time: 8pm
 Place: Olin Theater, Roanoke College, Salem, VA
 Info: Jospé's band Inner Rhythm is a high energy jazz and world-beat ensemble, performing original compositions rooted in jazz, Latin, Afro-Cuban and contemporary fusion styles, as well as jazz classics.

12.04 StarBomb (SantaBomb)
 Time: 8:30pm
 Place: Meet at 2nd Street and Kirk Ave, Roanoke, VA
 Info: Mini-bikes + Mill Mountain + You in a Santa Suit = Awesome! Held on or near the full moon each month, Starbombers zoom down Mill Mtn. on pimped out mini bikes. So wear your holiday best, find the smallest bike your body will fit and join up!

12.05 Holiday Sing-Along
 Time: 11am
 Place: Taubman Museum of Art, 10 Salem Ave SE, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$12-\$15
 Info: Admission
 Info: As part of The Arts In Concert Family Series, bring the whole family for a fun holiday inspired sing-along with the talented and energetic RSO Maestro David Stewart Wiley.

12.05 Einstein's Monkey
 Time: 2pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$3 Kids; Parents FREE
 Info: What happens when three guys that grew up on Monty Python, Iggy Pop and Jolt Cola decide to start performing for kids... kids music even parents can enjoy, that's what!

12.05-12.06 Old Southwest Parlor Tour
 Time: 5-9pm Sa; 1-5pm Su
 Place: Old SW Neighborhood, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$15
 Info: Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Old Southwest Holiday Parlor Tour while visiting some fantastic homes in the Old Southwest Neighborhood, one of Virginia's premier historic districts.

12.05 Virginia Dare Flotilla for Toys Boat Parade of Lights
 Time: 7pm
 Place: VA Dare Cruises & Marina, Smith Mountain Lake, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: What's better than millions of twinkling lights reflecting down SML? Possibly that the VA Dare Flotilla for Toys helps make holidays possible for local children in need.

12.05 Celtibillies
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$10
 Info: "A masterful work of art that transcends all musical genres." Formed in 1994 as a contradance band, Celtibillies explore the deep connections between Celtic music and the music of their home, SWVA.

12.05 Kandinsky Trio
 Time: 8pm
 Place: Olin Theater, Roanoke College, Salem, VA
 Info: Featuring works of Tchaikovsky. The Kandinsky's missions is simple "to keep alive the performance of some of the greatest music ever written in a time when ... invasive popular culture threaten its existence."

12.06 Salem Museum's Holiday Homes Tour
 Time: 1-5pm
 Place: Fairway Forest Nhbhd, Salem, VA
 Price: \$12-\$15
 Info: Four delightfully decorated homes in Fairway Forest will be featured, including the fabulous Ridgewood mansion across from Lewis Gale and the Longwood Park Carriage House, hosting a Gingerbread House contest.

12.06 Jim Brickman: Beautiful World Christmas
 Time: 3pm
 Place: Roanoke Civic Center, 710 Williamson Rd., Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$31-\$51
 Info: Pianist Jim Brickman is creating a "Beautiful World" for audiences seeking an escape from the hectic holiday season, presenting an evening of dazzling solo piano and vibrant vocals.

12.06 RSO Presents: Messiah
 Time: 3pm
 Place: Jefferson Center, 541 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Info: Roanoke Symphony Chorus Members of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra along with Maestro David Stewart Wiley present an matinee performance of Handel's Messiah, Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus.

12.06 Infamous Stringdusters
 Time: 7pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$15
 Info: The Infamous Stringdusters are the new vanguard of acoustic music. Well crafted songs, vivid arrangements, instrumental virtuosity, stunning improvisation, unique individuality and complete harmony...

12.06 White Gift Service
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: duPont Chapel, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA
 Info: Hollins' annual service of Advent and Christmas choral music is a tradition dating to the nineteenth century, welcoming the holiday season with lessons and carols by the Hollins Concert Choir and Talmadge Singers.

12.07 Roanoke County's Christmas Tree Lighting
 Time: 6pm
 Place: Tanglewood Mall, 4420 Electric Rd, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: Join in for this festive holiday event... the Roanoke County's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Tanglewood Mall. Fun festivities, entertainment, refreshments, activities and plenty of good cheer.

12.08 Adam Steffey & Kym Warner
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$10
 Info: A special opportunity for an intimate evening of music from two premier mandolin players as they tour together as a duo for the very first time while their bands are on year-end hiatus.

12.08-12.13 Yes, Svetlana, There is a Grandfather Frost
 Time: 8pm Every Night
 Place: Studio Roanoke, 30 Campbell Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$12-\$15
 Info: At a State-run newspaper in Communist Russia, a cynical journalist is asked to defend the Soviet Santa.

12.08 Lunchbox Reading: UnXmas Story By Jeff Goode
 Time: 12:15pm
 Place: Studio Roanoke, 30 Campbell Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE, bring a lunch
 Info: "On a not-so-silent night, in a little town called Bethlehem, a greedy King and an irritable Shepherd, come to know the true meaning of UnXmas."

12.08 Ugly Sweater Gala
 Time: 6pm-9pm
 Place: Loft at 202 Market, 202 Market Street, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$10, \$5 w/ clothing donation
 Info: Get fugly with Ad2 Roanoke and Steve FM at the annual Ugly Sweater Gala. Themed drink and snackie specials available along with a special chance to take that perfect holiday photo.

12.09 The Waymores
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$16
 Info: Alt-Nashville Writers-in-the-Round Artists: Don Henry, Sally Barris and Tom Kimmel. The stories behind the songs. The heart behind the music. Way cool Nashville in an intimate setting.

12.10 Catie Curtis
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$20
 Info: Catie Curtis has been a fan favorite on the acoustic music scene for a number of years. Her well-deserved reputation as one of the very best singer/songwriters has followed her through 9 critically-acclaimed albums.

12.11 DecemBeer
 Time: 6pm
 Place: The Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$25-\$30
 Info: NewVa Connects' annual fundraiser has changed months but not it's mood, featuring bands My Radio, Jubeeus, and The Everyday Visuals with Roanoke Railhouse Track 1 & Blacksburger on tap as well as 3 cash bars for wine and spirits.

12.11 Roanoke Symphony Holiday Pops Spectacular!
 Time: 7pm
 Place: Salem Civic Center Arena, Salem, VA
 Price: \$20-\$34
 Info: Join the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra for their annual Holiday tradition with new twists... with RSO & Chorus, Salem Choral Society, Roanoke College Children's Choir, and more!

12.12 2009 Jingle Bell Run/Walk
 Time: 9am
 Place: Downtown Roanoke, VA
 Info: Get in the spirit this holiday season and be one of the thousands of runners and walkers who hit the nation's pavements, pathways and parks this winter to fight arthritis, the most common cause of disability, and wear a santa suit while you're at it!

12.12 Floyd Contra Dance
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Sun Theater at Winter Sun, 302 South Locust St., Floyd, VA
 Info: Beginner lessons at 7:35. Wear soft flexible shoes for dancing; callers teach each dance. Don't be shy, live music is good for listening, but great for dancing!

12.12 The Fat Daddy Band
 Time: 8pm
 Place: Blue 5 Restaurant, 312 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: This Award-Winning Band delivers some House-Rockin In-Your-Face Blues that you will not be able to Refuse! The Fat Daddy Band offer blues from The Blue Ridge of Virginia at it's finest!

12.13 The Roanoke College Children's Choir Christmas Concert
 Time: 1:30pm/4pm
 Place: Jefferson Center, 541 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$9-\$18
 Info: The Children's Choir resume includes a joint concert with the US Army Band and being chosen twice as the Official Choir of the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

12.15 Acoustic Lounge: Christmas Carol Edition
 Time: 8pm
 Place: Studio Roanoke, 30 Campbell Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$5
 Info: With host Chris Shepard, local singer/songwriters come together to share original music.

12.15 The Black Lillies & Folk Soul Revival
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Kirk Avenue Music Hall, 22 Kirk Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$10
 Info: The Black Lillies embody americana, country, and roots music. Folk Soul Revival is an upbeat, rootsy acoustic group straight from the mountains of Appalachia.

12.17 GroovaScape
 Time: 10pm
 Place: Martin's Downtown Bar & Grill, 413 First Street SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: FREE
 Info: "These guys are unbelievably creative," says Hash of Thievery Corporation fame. Groova Scape is one seriously hard working jam funk rock band who's opened for / jammed with many a super star.

12.18 Blue Highway - 15 Year Anniv Show
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: Jefferson Center, 541 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA
 Price: \$20-\$70
 Info: At the 15-year mark, Blue Highway is indisputably one of the most esteemed and influential groups in contemporary bluegrass.

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