

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!



Celebrate the Arts!

JOIN THE FUN AND CELEBRATE OUR 35TH NEW YEAR'S EVE TOGETHER. MAY ALL YOUR WISHES COME TRUE IN THE NEW YEAR!



HEADQUARTERS

584 Main Street

508-945-1122

www.firstnightchatham.com

The printed program was smaller, as in prior years, with a QR code for access to more details online.

The FNC 2026 online Schedule Grid, and Performers & Activities pages are preserved here following the 12-page printed program.



JOIN THE FUN!



Welcome to the 35th Annual First Night Chatham!

This year's fantastic lineup includes many of your returning favorites and a host of exciting new artists! First Night Chatham is made possible by hundreds of hours of community dedication and is produced by a proud non-profit, volunteer organization. It is entirely funded by button sales and contributions from local businesses, foundations and individuals who share our vision. Our mission is simple: to provide a vibrant, family-friendly, alcohol-free Celebration of the Arts every December 31st. We wish you an unforgettable day and thank you for your continued support.

Happy 2026!

FIRST NIGHT CHATHAM COMMITTEE

Paul Stuka <i>Chair</i>	Sarge Slicer <i>Treasurer</i>	Ann Hosmer <i>Secretary</i>
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Sally Fishback	Jessica Metzler	Pam Williams
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Mary & Peter Gruol	Don Morcone	Patti Young
Bette Hahner	Joanna & Robert Noonan	
Gaylene Heppe	Harriet Prout	

SPECIAL EVENTS

TOWN PHOTO

Come "Join the Fun!" at the Lighthouse for our annual Town Photo at Noon. Please use the front gate only. Town Photos available later at CVS. Thank you to Photographer Spencer Kennard.



CARNIVAL CAPER

A costumed road race, from the Chatham Squire to the Lighthouse and back, sponsored by the Chatham Squire. **Register outside the Squire starting at 2 pm; registration fee charged.** Costume judging at 2:30 pm; the race starts at 3 pm (a bit under 2 miles round-trip). You can't miss the gorilla in charge. Race registrants get a t-shirt and beef stew served at the Squire after the race! Spectators line Main Street to cheer on everyone parading down the road in costume - you can run, you can walk, you can hop, skip or jump!

NOISE PARADE & FIREWORKS

The Noise Parade will be led by the The Chatham Food Pantry! Meet at the corner of Cross and Main Streets at 6 pm and join the parade as it marches to Veterans Field all while making lots of noise! It's followed by a **FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR** for all to enjoy!

ON STREET FUN

The Cape Cod Sax Trio will be roaming Main Street. Playing an instrumental mix of funk, fusion, and New Orleans jazz, it's sure to get your feet moving ~ 1:15 - 2:30
Mr. Vinny The Bubble Guy ~ Come Join the Fun at this funny family entertainment experience outside the Chatham Community Center ~ 3

VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR STARS

Be sure to say "thank you" to the volunteers at the venues who are essential in making First Night Chatham happen!

Blue: New Artist

Green: Button Free Event

AFTERNOON**PROGRAM**

		Noon	1pm	2pm
DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET	ORPHEUM THEATER		Vocalist Dennis Flaherty & the Cape Cod Jazz Trio	Monica Rizzio & The Round-up <i>Americana Country</i>
	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		Community Handbell Ringers <i>Patriotic & Classic Songs</i>	Swing 440 <i>Gypsy Jazz Quartet</i>
	METHODIST CHURCH		New England Digital Orchestra	New England Digital Orchestra
	ST CHRISTOPHER'S SANCTUARY		Too Marvelous for Words <i>Words & music of Johnny Mercer</i>	Suede <i>"Like Adele meets Diana Krall meets Bette Midler"</i>
	ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH HALL		Tanglewood Marionettes <i>Cinderella</i>	
	TOWN HALL			
	UU MEETING HOUSE		Julie & Denya <i>Enchanting Shanties</i>	Julie & Denya <i>Enchanting Shanties</i>
	COMMUNITY CENTER 2ND FLOOR		Toe Jam Puppet Band <i>Ultimate Kids Variety Show</i>	Toe Jam Puppet Band <i>Ultimate Kids Variety Show</i>
	COMMUNITY CENTER GYM		Family Fun Center - Mini Golf (1 - 5:45)	
			Brewster Bayside Skippers <i>Jump Roping</i>	Brewster Bayside Skippers <i>Jump Roping</i>
COMMUNITY CTR AEROBICS ROOM		Bubble Wrap Stomp <i>Noisier than the Noise Parade! 1 'til done</i>		
CHATHAM DRAMA GUILD		Riptide <i>Cape Cod Cover Band</i>	Riptide <i>Cape Cod Cover Band</i>	
ST. MARTIN'S LODGE		The Grab Brothers <i>Acoustic Duo</i>	The Grab Brothers <i>Acoustic Duo</i>	
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM		Colum Gille Pipes & Drums <i>Pulsating Rhythm</i>	Horns Rock! <i>The Greatest Horn-Backed Pop Tunes of All Time!</i>	
		Old Exit 11 <i>A Foot-Tapping Good Time!</i>	Old Exit 11 <i>A Foot-Tapping Good Time!</i>	
MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM			IllusionQuest <i>featuring Illusionist David Garrity</i>	
MIDDLE SCHOOL LARGE GYM		Cirque du Jour		
MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GYM		Family Fun Center (12:30 - 5:30) Carnival Games & Giant Legos & Rock 'n Roll Racing Face Painting (12:30 - 3:30) Kids' Craft Studio (2-5)		
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA		Catfish <i>Teen Band</i>	Unusual Suspects <i>Teen Band</i>	

TOWN PHOTO AT THE LIGHTHOUSE AT NOON (Use front gate only)

All venues are handicapped accessible ~ Program is subject to change.

		3pm	4pm	5pm
	Monica Rizzio & The Round-up <i>Americana Country</i>	Zoë Lewis <i>Upbeat & Thoroughly Entertaining</i>	Zoë Lewis <i>Upbeat & Thoroughly Entertaining</i>	
	Swing 440 <i>Gypsy Jazz Quartet</i>	Áine Minogue <i>Irish Harp & Vocals</i>	Haley Labdon <i>The Best of Women Artists</i>	
	Ana Glig & James Rosenblum <i>Classical Piano Duo</i>	We Are The Men Presents <i>Male Voice Choir</i>	Tony Bennett Duets <i>Anthony Teixeira, Trish LaRose, Kate Parakis & Sara Sneed</i>	
	Suede <i>"Like Adele meets Diana Krall meets Bette Midler"</i>	Classic Jazz Visions <i>Music by the Classic Jazz & Swing Orchestra</i>	Classic Jazz Visions <i>Music by the Classic Jazz & Swing Orchestra</i>	
	Tanglewood Marionettes <i>Cinderella</i>		Tanglewood Marionettes <i>Cinderella</i>	
		UnHoly Mackerels <i>A Folk Rock Revival</i>	UnHoly Mackerels <i>A Folk Rock Revival</i>	
	The Drumma Queens <i>All Women's Percussion Ensemble</i>	Johnny Cash The Stories & Songs <i>Musician Matt York</i>	Willie Nelson The Stories & Songs <i>Musician Matt York</i>	
	Atwater~Donnelly <i>Traditional American and Celtic Folk Music and Dance</i>	Cape Cod Ukulele Club <i>Lots of Fun & Good Music</i>	Cape Cod Ukulele Club <i>Lots of Fun & Good Music</i>	
	Family Fun Center - Mini Golf (1 - 5:45)			
	Trevor Pearson <i>Juggler, Fun for the Whole Family</i>	Trevor Pearson <i>Juggler, Fun for the Whole Family</i>	Salty Boots <i>Line Dancing</i>	
	Salted Folk <i>Folk Duo</i>	Vanna Pacella <i>Singer / Songwriter</i>	Vanna Pacella <i>Singer / Songwriter</i>	
	Brown Dog Band <i>Re&B, Country & Southern Rock</i>	J Place & the Rockers <i>Blues to Soul to Rock 'n Roll</i>	J Place & the Rockers <i>Blues to Soul to Rock 'n Roll</i>	
	Horns Rock! <i>The Greatest Horn-Backed Pop Tunes of All Time!</i>	Sweet Home Chicago <i>The Blues Brothers Musical Review</i>	Sweet Home Chicago <i>The Blues Brothers Musical Review</i>	
	Larry & Vic <i>Light Rock & New Country Music</i>	Larry & Vic <i>Light Rock & New Country Music</i>	Curly & Rich <i>Blues, Folk, Bluegrass & More</i>	
		IllusionQuest <i>featuring Illusionist David Garrity</i>		
	Cirque du Jour		Cirque du Jour	
	Family Fun Center (12:30 - 5:30) Carnival Games & Giant Legos & Rock 'n Roll Racing Face Painting (12:30 - 3:30) Kids' Craft Studio (2-5)			
	Friendly Fowl <i>Jazz, Rock, and Blues</i>	Watch Your Step <i>High Energy Rock Band</i>	Max Calderbank & Friends <i>Musicals Through the Years!</i>	

All button sales are final.

NOISE PARADE at 6 pm—To Veterans Field for FIREWORKS!

EVENING PROGRAM

7pm

8pm

DOWNTOWN MAIN ST.	ORPHEUM THEATER	Luminous Being <i>A multisensory performance</i> <i>Violinist Audrey Wright & Artist Geoff Robertson</i>	Natalia Bonfina <i>Blues & Rock Singer / Songwriter</i>
	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	Haley Labdon <i>The Best of Women Artists</i>	The Marchio Family <i>Organ, Bagpipes, Piano & Guitar</i>
	METHODIST CHURCH	CrabGrass Bluegrass Band <i>Cape Cod's Premier Bluegrass</i>	Cape Cod Fiddlers <i>Since 1993 at First Night Chatham!</i>
	ST CHRISTOPHER'S SANCTUARY	TRIO <i>Celebrating of Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris</i>	Simply the Best <i>Starring Trish LaRose, Anthony Teixeira & Sara Sneed</i>
	ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH HALL	The Monomoy Seven (7-10) <i>American Hot Jazz</i>	
	TOWN HALL	Fred Clayton Blues Band (7 - 10)	
	HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH	The Clancy Tradition <i>Irish Music</i>	The Clancy Tradition <i>Irish Music</i>
	UU MEETING HOUSE	All Worn Out Jug Band <i>Classic Eclectic Jug Band</i>	All Worn Out Jug Band <i>Classic Eclectic Jug Band</i>
	COMMUNITY CENTER 2ND FLOOR	Cape Cod & Chatham Trivia <i>with Bill & Tilda Bystrom and Peter Gaines</i>	Bob Giannini & Bill Douglas <i>Comedians</i>
	COMMUNITY CENTER GYM	The Danny Gallagher Band (7 - 10)	
	CHATHAM DRAMA GUILD	Miss Julia Violet (7-10) <i>R&B / Pop Band</i>	
	ST. MARTIN'S LODGE	Sarah Burrill Band (7 - 10)	
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM	"Taylor Swift Dance Party" (7 - 10) <i>with Anna Daley Young and her Band</i>		

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SNACKS & DINING

9pm

Natalia Bonfina <i>Blues & Rock Singer / Songwriter</i>
Sue Keller <i>Ragtime Piano</i>
Cape Cod Fiddlers <i>Since 1993 at First Night Chatham!</i>
Simply the Best <i>Starring Trish LaRose, Anthony Teixeira & Sara Sneed</i>
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TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

- **Wicked Good Kettle Corn** ~ 12-8
- **Chatham Filling Station** ~ Caprese, Cuban, Turkey and Figgy Paninis plus Soup and Coffee ~ 12-6
- **Junior Betts BBQ** ~ Smoked BBQ meats, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Brisket Sandwich, BBQ Loaded Mac & Cheese, and Brisket Chili with Cornbread ~ 12-8
- **Dancing Spoons** ~ Sour Cherry BBQ Pulled Pork, Grilled Hotdog, Chili Cheese Dog, Pickled Dog, Triple Cheese Mac 'n Cheese with toppings, Vegetarian Chili, New England Clam Chowder, Sodas & Water ~ 12—6

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH KITCHEN

- Crock pots full of Stews and Chowder. Hot Chocolate and bottled water ~ 12 'til the food runs out!

CHATHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

- **Mom & Pops Burgers** ~ Burgers, Hotdogs, BLT Sandwiches, Grilled Cheese, Chili, Naked Fries and Beverages ~ 12-8
- **Red River BBQ** ~ Smoked Beef Brisket Sandwich with pickled Red Onion and Chips. Pulled Pork Sandwich with Carolina BBQ sauce on a Brioche Bun. Loaded Mac 'n Cheese with Pulled Pork and Carolina BBQ sauce ~ 12-8
- **Press Ahead Coffee** ~ Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Espresso Shots, Lattes, Hot Cider, Muffins and Cookies ~ 12-8
- **Deep Water Dogs** ~ Hotdogs, Sausages, Chips, Warm Beverages, Warm Sauerkraut and Chili Dogs, Italian Sausage, Canned Drinks, Hot Chocolate, Coffee ~ 12-8
- **Full Circle Donuts Cape Cod** ~ Fresh Baked Donuts~12-8

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- **Branches** ~ Pumpkin Beef Soup (GF), Hotdogs & Beans, Chicken Fingers, Jerk Wings, Rice & Peas, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Beverages ~ 12-8

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE

- From 12-3 ~ Hotdogs with all the fixings, Chips, Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider
- From 5-7 ~ Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Clam Chowder, Chili, Chips, Hot Chocolate, Cider
- Kids' Menu ~ Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese

MIDDLE SCHOOL ~ You can take your food inside to the warm cafeteria

- **Veterans Lunch Box** ~ Smash Burgers, Fried Tacos, Grilled Chicken, Hotdogs, Chicken Tenders, Walking Tacos, Mac & Cheese, Chili, BBQ Pulled Pork, Cheese Fries and Nachos, Homemade Potato Chips, Fried Dough, Beverages ~ 12-6
- **Encore** ~ Indian Butter Chicken, Peruvian Chili, Turkish Lentils, Hometown Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Soft Pretzels w/ Cheese, Cookies, Coffee, Cocoa, Cider ~ 12-6
- **Red River BBQ** ~ Same as above: RR BBQ at the CCC
- **Circus Treats** ~ Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Beverages ~ 12:30-6

CHATHAM DRAMA GUILD ~ Snacks and Beverages ~ 1-10

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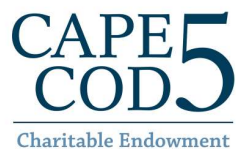
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Chatham Drama Guild
Chatham Orpheum Theater
First Congregational Church
First United Methodist Church of Chatham
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Unitarian Universalist Meeting House
Monomoy Schools - Middle School and Elementary School
St. Martin's Lodge

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Chatham Railroad Museum is having a special opening of the museum featuring two special displays: an "O" gauge train operated by museum volunteers and a special train-themed exhibit of all First Night Chatham buttons, from the earliest to the present. (1-4)



Frosty the **Snowman Scavenger Hunt** is for the young and the young at heart! Frosty needs your help! Pick up your scavenger hunt entry form at Headquarters at 584 Main Street to help find his six snowman friends scattered between the Orpheum Theater and the Mayflower Shop. Details are on the website. (1-4)



THANKS! ... For ALL THE "EXTRAS"

Sandy Wycoff of Chatham Clothing Bar and Chatham T Kids for space for First Night Chatham Headquarters.

East/West Event Services, Bourne, for bringing Main Street alive with the music and sounds of the talented performers at the churches.

Lawrence-Lynch Corporation, Falmouth for the use of portable lighting units at key locations around town.

Chatham Fire Department and Chief Justin Tavano for Tower Ladder 189 to hoist our photographer high above the Town Photo.

CVS, 12 Queen Anne Road, Chatham for Speedy Photo printing.

Dunkin' for donating food for our hard-working volunteers.

Shop Ahoy Liquors for donating a great variety of beverages to our Volunteer Thank You Party and to our Committee Holiday Party.

Creative Arts Center for the use of their facility for the Volunteer Thank You Party.

Roger Ling for his electrical assistance.

Chatham Squire for sponsoring the Carnival Caper Road Race and providing participants with warm nourishment.

Our Friends in the Media: *Chatham Chamber of Commerce, iHeart Media, Cape Cod Times, Cape Cod Life Magazine, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Chatham TV, MVY Radio and Cape Cod Broadcasting.*

The Cape Cod Chronicle for their advertising and publicity support.

Orpheum Theater for FNC Promos.

Mark and Brianna at ChathamTV for their support and video expertise.

Watermark, Inc of Chatham for graphic design and printing.

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Litchfield and Litchfield for "on call" legal advice.

Chatham Candy Manor for their donation to the Volunteer Thank You Party.

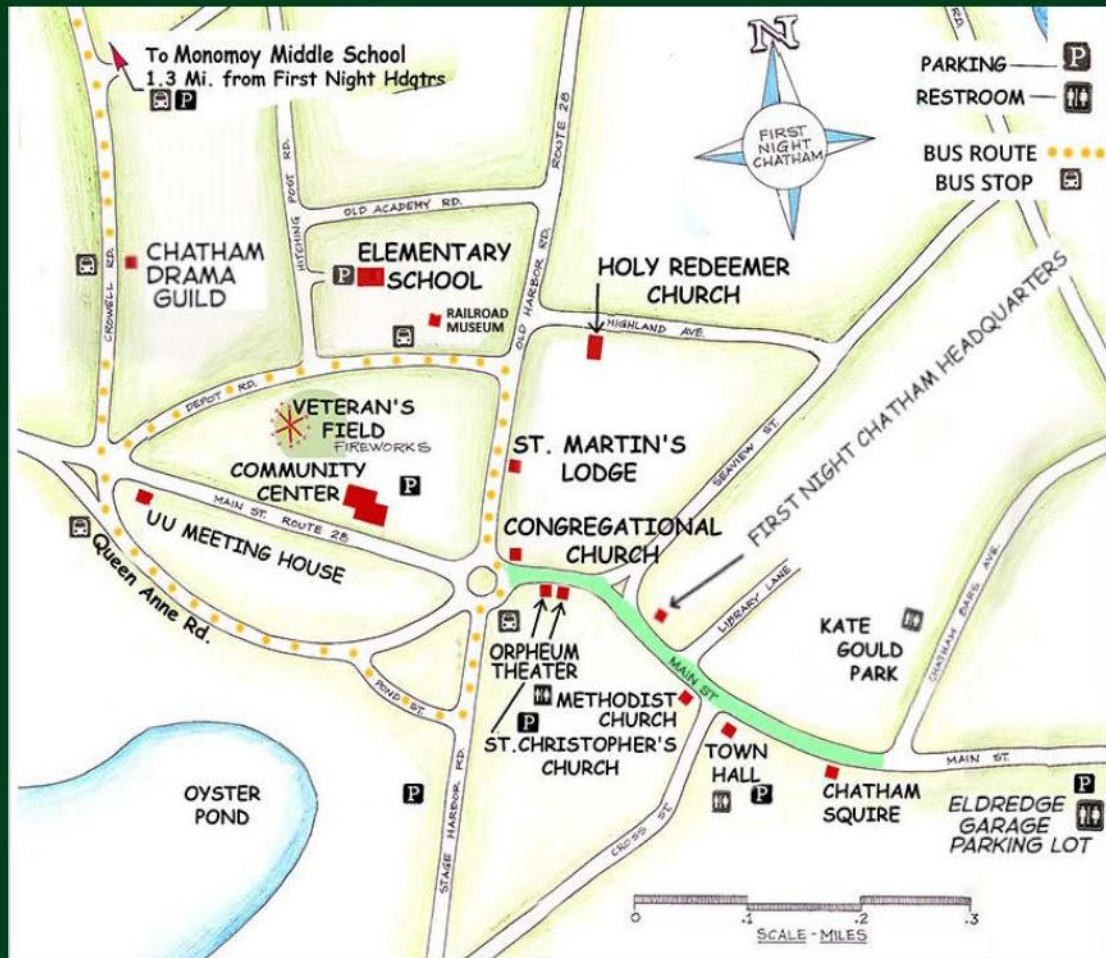
Chatham Marconi Maritime Center for the use of their space for our Committee Holiday Party.

Spencer Kennard of Kelsey-Kennard Photo Gallery, 450 Main Street, Chatham for taking the Town Photo and mega-pixel photos for the FNC website.

All the Crafters who made hundreds of Friendship Bracelets for our "Taylor Swift Dance Party."

Showing a lovely snowy view of
Main Street titled
"Remembering First Night Chatham,"
Peg Falconer prints are available at
First Night Chatham Headquarters. \$25





FREE SHUTTLE BUSES

Buses run from
noon until 10:30PM

Stops:


- Rotary
- Elementary School / Depot Street
- Monomoy Middle School / Crowell Road
- Chatham Drama Guild
- UU Meeting House

And back to the rotary.

One bus is handicapped accessible

First Night Chatham 2026 Afternoon Schedule

Legend:	New for 2026			No Button Needed		
Location / Venue	1-2 pm	2-3 pm	3-4 pm	4-5 pm	5-6 pm	6pm
Orpheum Theater	Dennis Flaherty & Cape Cod Jazz Trio	Monica Rizzio & The Round-Up <i>Americana Country</i>	Monica Rizzio & The Round-Up <i>Americana Country</i>	Zoë Lewis <i>Upbeat & Thoroughly Entertaining</i>	Zoë Lewis <i>Upbeat & Thoroughly Entertaining</i>	NOISE PARADE at 6:00 pm - to Veterans Field for fireworks
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St. Christopher's Parish Hall	Tanglewood Marionettes <i>Cinderella</i>		Tanglewood Marionettes <i>Cinderella</i>		Tanglewood Marionettes <i>Cinderella</i>	
UU Meeting House	Julie & Denya <i>Enchanting Shanties</i>	Julie & Denya <i>Enchanting Shanties</i>	The Drumma Queens <i>All-Women's Percussion Ensemble</i>	Johnny Cash Songs & Stories <i>Musician/Author Matt York</i>	Willie Nelson Songs & Stories <i>Musician/Author Matt York</i>	
Chatham Drama Guild	Riptide <i>Cape Cod Cover Band</i>	Riptide <i>Cape Cod Cover Band</i>	Salted Folk <i>Folk Duo</i>	Vanna Pacella <i>Singer / Songwriter</i>	Vanna Pacella	
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Town Hall - Downstairs				The UnHoly Mackerels <i>A folk rock revival!</i>	The UnHoly Mackerels <i>A folk rock revival!</i>	
Community Center 2nd Floor	Toe Jam Puppet Band <i>Ultimate Kids Variety Show</i>	Toe Jam Puppet Band <i>Ultimate Kids Variety Show</i>	Atwater-Donnelly <i>Traditional American and Celtic Folk Music and Dance</i>	Cape Cod Ukulele Club <i>Lots of Fun & Good Music</i>	Cape Cod Ukulele Club <i>Lots of Fun & Good Music</i>	

Community Center Gym (Family Fun Center)	9-Hole Miniature Golf (1 - 5:45)				
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Middle School Large Gym	Cirque du Jour <i>Everyone's Favorite Circus</i>		Cirque du Jour <i>Everyone's Favorite Circus</i>		Cirque du Jour <i>Everyone's Favorite Circus</i>
Middle School Small Gym (& nearby rooms)	Family Fun Center (12:30 to 5:30)				
	Rock N Roll Racing		Giant Legos & Carnival Games		
	Face Painting (12:30 to 3:30)		Kids' Craft Studio (2 to 5)		
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Chatham Railroad Museum	Chatham Railroad Museum Special Opening <i>Model trains running; FNC button exhibit</i>				
Outdoor Activities					
Lighthouse	 Town Photo (Noon)	(Town Photo available after 2 pm at Chatham CVS)			
Chatham Squire (Outside)		Carnival Caper <i>Costumed Road Race</i>			
Community Center Lawn			Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy <i>Giant Bubbles</i>		
Along Main St.	Cape Cod Sax Trio <i>Roaming from 1:15 to 2:30</i>				
	Snowmen Scavenger Hunt <i>Search for the First Night Chatham snowmen up and down Main Street</i>				

First Night Chatham 2026 Evening Schedule

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Location	6pm	7-8 pm	8-9 pm	9-10 pm
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Holy Redeemer Church		The Clancy Tradition <i>Irish Music</i>	The Clancy Tradition <i>Irish Music</i>	
Methodist Church		CrabGrass Bluegrass Band <i>Cape Cod's Premier Bluegrass</i>	Cape Cod Fiddlers <i>Since 1993 at First Night Chatham!</i>	Cape Cod Fiddlers <i>Since 1993 at First Night Chatham!</i>
St. Christopher's Church		TRIO <i>Celebrating Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton & Emmylou Harris</i>	Simply the Best <i>Vocalists Trish LaRose, Sara Sneed & Anthony Teixeira</i>	Simply the Best <i>Vocalists Trish LaRose, Sara Sneed & Anthony Teixeira</i>
St. Christopher's Parish Hall		The Monomoy Seven (7 - 10) <i>American Hot Jazz</i>		
UU Meeting House		All Worn Out Jug Band <i>Classic Eclectic Jug Band</i>	All Worn Out Jug Band <i>Classic Eclectic Jug Band</i>	
Chatham Drama Guild		Miss Julia Violet (7 - 10)		
Town Hall - Downstairs		Fred Clayton Blues Band (7 - 10)		
St. Martin's Lodge		Sarah Burrill Band (7 - 10)		
Community Center 2nd Floor		Cape Cod & Chatham Trivia <i>with Bill & Tilda Bystrom and Peter Gaines</i>	Bob Giannini & Bill Douglas <i>Comedians</i>	Bob Giannini & Bill Douglas <i>Comedians</i>
Community Center Gym		The Danny Gallagher Band (7 - 10)		
Elementary School Gym		"Taylor Swift Dance Party" (7 - 10) <i>with Anna Daley Young and her Band</i>		



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

All Worn Out Jug Band

Classic Eclectic Jug Band

The All Worn Out Jug Band is pleased to perform in the great folk tradition including selections from Guthrie, Seeger, Dylan, a smattering of jug band music and eclectic mix of blues and gospel.

The All Worn Out Jug Band Was founded in Chatham in 2000 and has graced the stage of many of the Cape's favorite venues.

Band members include Gregory Baird, Mark Van Bork, Kevin Howard, Mary Loebig and Edmund Robinson.

[Unitarian Universalist Meeting House](#) at 7:00 PM

[Unitarian Universalist Meeting House](#) at 8:00 PM



Photo by Janet Moscarello Photography

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Atwater-Donnelly

Traditional American and Celtic Folk Music and Dance

Award-winning duo, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly, presents delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs and percussive dance. Elwood and Aubrey blend gorgeous harmonies and play an astonishing array of instruments including guitar, Appalachian mountain dulcimer, mandolin, tin whistle, harmonica, banjo, limberjacks, and other surprises including a thrilling interpretation of freestyle Appalachian flatfoot clogging. Their performance is appealing to all ages, and with humor and audience participation, Aubrey and Elwood explain song origins to give more relevance to the material. Aubrey and Elwood have performed widely in the United States and beyond and their fourteen recordings are streamed worldwide.

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 3:00 PM



Tony Bennett Duets

Recreating his iconic duets of American Songbook classics

Anthony Teixeira hosts the show and shares many of Tony Bennett's famous duets with his co-stars Trish LaRose, Kate Pazakis and Sara Sneed, three of Cape Cod's favorite singers. Tony Bennett's career spanned more than 60 years and with the help of his son, he recreated himself bringing his music to a whole new audience. In 2006 to mark his 80th birthday, Tony released a duets album recorded with a collection of stars including Barbra Streisand, Elton John, Elvis Costello, Bono and Sting. The project proved to be such a success that he did another

celebratory album in 2011 for his 85th birthday. He followed up with albums in 2012, 2014, 2018 and his final duets album with Lady Gaga in 2021. Many of the songs that Anthony, Trish, Kate and Sara perform are standards that launched Tony Bennett's career that he later chose to re-record with multiple pop and jazz singers as duets. The cast is backed by the All-Star Band.

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

[Methodist Church](#) at 5:00 PM



Natalia Bonfini

Blues & Rock Singer/Songwriter

Natalia Bonfini is a blues and rock singer/songwriter born and raised in Eastham! She first picked up guitar at 7, musically inspired by her drummer father, and soon after was busking on Commercial Street in Provincetown. Those early years of street performing taught her how to quickly captivate any audience, no matter the stage.

A finalist on season 20 of American Idol, she auditioned with The Allman Brothers' "Whipping Post", and finished in the top 50 of over 100,000 contestants. She has since performed alongside tremendous national acts such as Allen Stone, Bruce Springsteen, David Cook, and Joe Lewis

Walker. An award winning songwriter, her single "Before" won the New England Songwriters Competition and received honorable mention in SongDoor's International Competition. Reinventing your favorite covers, Natalia mashes up genres from soul to pop to classic rock, but always finds a way back home to her blues roots. Backed by an incredible band who are all local to the Cape; guitarist Keb Hutchings, drummer Dave Ellis, bassist Pat McDonough, and special guest Dan Felix on Saxophone, the group comes alive on stage and is a must see!

Photo: Joe Navas

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 8:00 PM

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 9:00 PM



[Performer Facebook Page](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Brewster Bayside Skippers

Jump Roping

A local jump roping team who travels all around the country putting on performances and competing nationally! All the jumpers spend time perfecting their skills and using them to create a one of a kind routine! The goal is to share our knowledge and skills about the sport of jump rope, and inspire others to give it a try! We will be putting on a performance which shows all aspects of what these jumpers compete in.

[Community Center Gym](#) at 1:00 PM

[Community Center Gym](#) at 2:00 PM



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

CANCELLED Brown Dog Band

R&B, Country & Southern Rock

The Brown Dog Band consists of a cast of Cape Cod characters who collectively comprise hundreds of years experience playing Country, Western and Blues styles of music. Gathered together by drummer Dave Brown in 2023, the Band has released two albums of songs that range from old time blues and soul to modern country. The Brown Dog Band has been performing at concerts and festivals across Cape Cod. This year's performance at St. Martin's Lodge will feature selections from the albums with phenomenal vocalist Leslie Gage backed by Dave Brown, Don Barry,

Michael Paolucci, Sam Gutter, Marty Phillips, and Jerry Doherty.

Bubble Wrap Stomp

Noisier Than the Noise Parade



Photo: John Markus

A favorite activity of many parents, too! Watch the kids show joy as they break the bubbles and make lots of noise!

From 1PM until there's no more bubble wrap to stomp.

[Community Center Aerobics Room](#) at 1:00 to 3:00 PM (Button-free)



NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Sarah Burrill Band

Sarah brings to her music and performance a depth and passion that is nothing short of contagious. Whether she is belting out a blues, caressing the melody of a delicate love song, encouraging social consciousness and change or singing about her pajamas, it is an experience that inspires courage, strength and hope. She does all of this while creating atmosphere of playfulness and spontaneity that is disarming and uniquely Sarah. It

takes no time at all to understand she is here to have fun and brings her audience right along with her.

[St. Martin's Lodge](#) at 7:00 to 10:00 PM



NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Max Calderbank and Friends

Musicals, Through the Years!

Max Calderbank, Avila Rudd, and Adaline Birmingham, all juniors in high school, showcase "Musicals, through the years!", featuring a variety of songs from Broadway musicals from three different eras. These include *Golden Age*, *Post-Golden Age*, and *Contemporary* shows. Their performance includes tunes from *The Music Man*, *Chicago*, *Footloose*, and more! Max and his friends are ecstatic to share the music they all love!

They hope to see you in the audience!

[Monomoy Middle School Cafeteria](#) at 5:00 PM (Button-free)

[Artist Sample](#)



Photo by Richard Rahmlow

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)
[Artist Bio](#)

Cape Cod Fiddlers

Since 1993 at First Night Chatham!

Playing Fiddle Together Since 1989! Widely known for their energetic fiddle performances and two recordings on CD, the Cape Cod Fiddlers draw their repertoire from the Irish, Scottish, Shetland Isles, Scandinavian, Cape Breton, French Canadian and American fiddle traditions. Providing music for concerts festivals, dances, wedding, and parties, this fiddle group has become a tradition and an integral part of the community on Cape Cod. Our 32nd year together in Chatham for New Years Eve!

[Methodist Church](#) at 8:00 PM

[Methodist Church](#) at 9:00 PM



Photo by Joe Navas

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Dennis Flaherty & Cape Cod Jazz Trio

Swingin' Vocals + Long-time Favorite Trio

Dennis Flaherty sings in the swingin' style of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, and Nat King Cole. He appears on Cape Cod at restaurants, concerts, private events, and he performed at the Provincetown Jazz Festival. He is making his First Night Chatham debut.

The Cape Cod Jazz Trio (CCJT) is comprised of three of Cape Cod's top Jazz Musicians with Fred Boyle on piano from South Yarmouth, Ron Ormsby on bass from Centerville, and Bart Weisman on drums from Orleans. The CCJT has accompanied vocalists Dane Vannatter, Siobhan Magnus, Cassandre McKinley, Tish Adams, Leslie Boyle, Lori Colombo, and Krisanthi Pappas. Since 2009, the CCJT has appeared at concerts, events, and restaurants across Cape Cod, including the Provincetown Jazz Festival, and off Cape Cod in Providence (RI), Nantucket, Plymouth, and Boston.

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 1:00 PM



[Performer Facebook Page](#)

The Cape Cod Sax Trio

Three Types of Saxes

The Cape Cod Sax Trio returns to parade around Chatham center for First Night Chatham 2026! From 1:15PM to 2:30PM, they'll play an instrumental mix of funk, fusion, and New Orleans jazz that's sure to get your feet moving in the cold weather. They'll visit several spots around town, so feel free to visit them at one performance, or follow them around all over the place!

[Main Street](#) at 1:15 to 2:30 PM (Button-free)



Cape Cod & Chatham Trivia

With Bill & Tilda Bystrom and Peter Gaines

Hosted by Bill and Tilda Bystrom with musical assistance from Peter Gaines, this event will give Cape Codders and Cape & Chatham want-to-be's an opportunity to show off their knowledge of Cape Cod and Chatham, with the focus on the local community and Cape Cod in general.. It will also include trivia about the holiday season, and feature Peter Gaines doing

“name that tune “on the piano.

This trivia event will consist of two 1/2 hour trivia sessions,with different questions for each session. People may participate in both sessions or only one depending on upon their preference. Prizes will be given out randomly so everyone has a chance to win. This is a family-friendly event, already popular at Chatham Bars Inn and First Night Chatham, newly featuring surprise Chatham all star holiday fun helpers. Join the fun!

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 7:00 PM (Button-free)

Cape Cod Ukulele Club

Lots of Fun & Good Music

The Cape Cod Ukulele Club is a group of volunteers who practice weekly and perform around Cape Cod. The group is led by Cathy Hatch and was started about 10 years ago at her home. The group has upper and lower Cape practice locations and performs all summer on Hyannis Village Green on Magic Music Mondays at 5:30pm. The group hosts all players from beginners to intermediate levels.



[Performer Facebook Page](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 4:00 PM
[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 5:00 PM



Photo: Ron Snider

parading down the road in costume - you can run, you can walk, you can hop, skip or jump!

Carnival Caper

Costumed Road Race

A costumed road race, from the Chatham Squire to the Lighthouse and back, sponsored by the Chatham Squire. **Register outside the Squire starting at 2 pm; registration fee charged.** Costume judging at 2:30 pm; the race starts at 3 pm (a bit under 2 miles round-trip). You can't miss the gorilla in charge. Race registrants get a T-shirt, and beef stew served at the Squire after the race! Spectators line Main Street to cheer on everyone

[Outside the Squire](#) at 2:00 to 3:30 PM (Button-free)



Photo by Frank Walsh

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Johnny Cash - Songs and Stories

With musician/author Matt York

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950's to his passing in 2003. He'll discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950's, his marriage to June Carter, his time with the super group the Highwaymen and other career highlights. York has performed on the stages of Nashville, New York and beyond and his album *Bruisable Heart* was named one of the Boston Globe's best albums of the year. Matt will be joined by incredibly talented Angelica Vendetti on fiddle.



NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Catfish

Catfish are the Cape's freshest take on the teen hard rock band. Playing various rock and grunge tunes with a heavy emphasis on getting a crowd going.

Catfish band members are: Ellie Wester, vocals; Caidon Vasquez, guitar; Liam Barker, bass; and Brady Smith, drums.

[Monomoy Middle School Cafeteria](#) at 1:00 PM (Button-free)



Chatham Railroad Museum

With Special Displays

A special opening of The Chatham Railroad Museum for First Night Chatham features two special displays: museum volunteers are operating an "O" gauge train; and a special train themed exhibit of all First Night Chatham buttons, from the earliest to the present, are on display.

[Performer Website](#)

The Chatham Railroad Museum is located in the restored 1887 railroad depot that served Chatham for nearly fifty years. Enjoy the museum's many exhibits! Travel back to 1915 when the railroad was a hub of activity portrayed by the diorama of the railroad yard. Imagine riding the 1910 wood sided red caboose, located behind the Museum, which is also open.

[Chatham Railroad Museum](#) at 1:00 to 4:00 PM (Button-free)

Cirque du Jour

Everyone's Favorite Circus



[Performer Website](#)
[Performer Facebook Page](#)

Cirque du Jour is thrilled to return to First Night Chatham with an all-new circus spectacle that promises to dazzle audiences of all ages. This year's show combines breathtaking aerial performances, astonishing wire walkers, captivating artistry of rola bola, awe inspiring hand-balancing, and, of course, no circus experience is complete without the lovable antics of everyone's favorite clown, Bucky! Bursting with energy and humor, Bucky will take the stage and engage the audience with his playful charm and comedic routines, ensuring that laughter is a central part of the day's festivities. As Ringmaster Billy says ... We will see you at the Circus! Three performances this year.

[Monomoy Middle School Large Gym](#) at 1:00 PM

[Monomoy Middle School Large Gym](#) at 3:00 PM

[Monomoy Middle School Large Gym](#) at 5:00 PM



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)
[Artist Bio](#)

The Clancy Tradition

Irish Music

The Clancy Tradition plays energetic music from the Celtic genre. The group carries forward the music played by multiple generations of the Clancy Family with roots dating back to 1950s Ireland, where members of the Clancy family played at country dances and concerts throughout Ireland. The group features Rose Clancy on fiddle, Gene Clancy on vocals/guitar, Max Cohen on vocals/guitar, John Alden on vocals/upright bass and Alex Becrelis on Mandolin. The group pays tribute to its origins through a special blend of contemporary and traditional tunes and songs, infused with influences from Ireland, Scotland, Cape Breton and New

England. Sure to get your toes tapping!

[Holy Redeemer Church](#) at 7:00 PM

[Holy Redeemer Church](#) at 8:00 PM

NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Classic Jazz Visions

Classic Jazz & Swing Orchestra



[Artist Sample](#)

A unique, multi-media event that celebrates the friendship between jazz photographer Jack Bradley and Louis Armstrong. A non-stop blend of photo exhibition, music, and storytelling. Experience the life, the musical history and legacy, the very essence of THE greatest icon of American Jazz, “Pops,” “Satchmo,” “Louis” Armstrong in a truly multi-dimensional immersive experience that combines over 600 rare images taken by Bradley of Armstrong and many others, with music by the Classic Jazz & Swing Orchestra.

Cape Cod native Jack Bradley, lauded by none other than Louis Armstrong as “The Greatest Photo Taker” – a man Armstrong himself often called, “my son”, amassed thousands of candid images of the man that many credit with being the “father of jazz” as we know it today. Jazz musician and educator, Michael Persico created a team of top musicians, writers, multi-media editors, and friends to create an entertainment experience unlike any other.

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 4:00 PM

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 5:00 PM



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Fred Clayton Blues Band

Jazz and blues have been Fred Clayton's passion for the last 45 years. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Fred spent 20 years in Amherst, MA before moving to Paris, France, where he spent 15 years playing throughout Europe. He now lives on Cape Cod performing throughout the Cape and Massachusetts as the Fred Clayton Blues Band. He will be joined by Christian McCarthy on drums, Alex Pashoian on guitar, and Peter Man on piano. Fred is a singer, composer, producer and bassist, and for the past five years has been organizing the Summer Concert Series at Aselton Park in Hyannis.

[Town Hall \(downstairs\)](#) at 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Colum Cille

Pipes and Drums

Colum Cille Pipes and Drums, established in 2001 is proud to feature both experienced and student musicians in its performances. Clad in the red and black Cunningham tartan, a wide repertoire provides great music and



fun for everyone. Their seamless blending of traditional Celtic tunes and more modern music is sure to excite audiences and encourage future generations of players to give the pipes and drums a try.

[Elementary School Gym](#) at 1:00 PM

[Performer Website](#)
[Performer Facebook Page](#)
[Performer Instagram Page](#)
[Artist Sample](#)



Community Handbell Ringers

Patriotic, Folk and Classic Songs

A group of volunteer ringers from all over Cape Cod who love to ring English Handbells and make music together. We have 4 1/2 octaves of bells which play a variety of repertoire. We have been ringing for First Night Chatham for many years, and we will ring in the New Year playing patriotic, folk and classic songs. We practice at the First Congregational Church and welcome ringers who want to play together.

[Artist Sample](#)

[Congregational Church](#) at 1:00 PM



CrabGrass Bluegrass Band

Cape Cod's Premier Bluegrass

A First Night Chatham favorite, the CrabGrass Bluegrass Band performs a lively mix of old and new bluegrass music, featuring tight harmonies and driving rhythm. Always lively and incomparably entertaining for all ages, CrabGrass is comprised of Les Beavan - banjo, Chris Miner - mandolin, Dan Fortier - guitar, Ted Mello - bass, and Billy Hardy - fiddle.

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

[Methodist Church](#) at 7:00 PM

NEW for First Night Chatham 2026



[Artist Sample](#)

Curly & Rich

Blues, Folk, Bluegrass & More

Curly and Rich draw broadly from the range of acoustic music: blues, folk, bluegrass, some nuggets from the 1970's and 80's, a few recent popular songs, and one or two original compositions. Our set list includes songs originally performed by Bob Dylan, Reverend Gary Davis, the Grateful Dead, Bill Monroe, Leo Kottke, Blind Blake, Led Zeppelin (an instrumental version of "Goin' to California"), Graham Nash, and many others. Curly plays mandolin and harmonica, and he sings. Rich plays guitar and sings. Join us in an uplifting, enlivening musical journey!

[Elementary School Cafeteria](#) at 5:00 PM (Button-free)



[Performer Website](#)

[Artist Sample](#)

The Drumma Queens

All-Women's Percussion Ensemble

The Drumma Queens are an all-women's percussion ensemble that create an electrifying atmosphere filled with the rich, polyrhythmic sounds of traditional djembes, dunduns, and other percussion instruments. They embody the music through spirited singing and dancing that brings ancient rhythms to life. Audiences can expect to be swept up in the infectious energy as the intricate layering of rhythms builds and flows, creating moments of both thunderous intensity and gentle healing vibrations. Audiences are encouraged to clap, move, and feel the communal celebration of life, feeling uplifted and deeply connected to something larger than themselves. The combination of musicianship, creative expression and joy creates an unforgettable experience that resonates long after the final beat.

[Unitarian Universalist Meeting House](#) at 3:00 PM



Photo: Susan Karchmer

Face Painting by Punky-Doodles & Friends

Punky-Doodles is a professional face painter. She and three friends love putting smiles on peoples faces! They love seeing the smiles on the childrens' faces as they look in the mirror after painting.

[Monomoy Middle School Small Gym](#) at 12:30 to 3:30 PM (Button-free)



Photo: Stanlee Wetzel

[Activity Website](#)

Fireworks at Veterans Field

Spectacular Displays!

Spectacular fireworks after the Noise Parade will be presented for the whole family. March in the Noise Parade which ends at the Community Center. The fireworks show is at Veterans Field and viewing is from the parking lot and fields behind the Chatham Community Center.

This amazing and special fireworks show is presented by Northstar Fireworks of Vermont; they've been doing the First Night Chatham fireworks for many years.

Veterans Field at 6:30 PM (Button-free)



[Artist Sample](#)

Friendly Fowl

Jazz, Rock & Blues

Friendly Fowl is a local band blending the styles of Jazz, Rock, and Blues. Their music is primarily original and offers large amounts of improvisation. The bands instrumental range includes bass, drums, keys, guitar, and mandolin. Shows are filled with variety including tight electric performances and acoustic sets. They are currently in the studio working to release their debut album featuring original music, in the first half of the new year.

[Monomoy Middle School Cafeteria](#) at 3:00 PM (Button-free)



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[Performer Website](#)
[Performer Facebook Page](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

The Danny Gallagher Band

The Danny Gallagher Band is as diverse and eclectic as it is talented. Composed of members from the bands Sister Luck, Soulbox, The Movers, and The Sultans of Swing, the band brings together musical influences from across a large variety of genres. At any given show you may hear the band flow seamlessly from their own unique arrangements of rock classics into blues, soul, pop, and even traditional music. As one critic put it, they play everything “From Sinatra to Springsteen.” Their passion and commitment to the music and their sheer joy of performing with each other on stage is clearly evident in their live performances. This band is truly a rising presence on the local music scene and a must see live!! Members: Danny Gallagher - lead vocals, guitar; Matt Smith - keyboards, vocals; Dana Collins - bass, vocals; Gabriel Luxton - drums, vocals; Gregg Miller -

guitar.

[Community Center Gym](#) at 7:00 to 10:00 PM



NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Bob Giannini & Bill Douglas

Comedians

Bob and Bill will each do their individual comedy set during each of the two time slots.

A Cape Cod native, Bob Giannini performs all over New England. A regular at the Comedy Connection in Providence and Broadways in New York, he recently opened for Boston legends Lenny Clarke and Steve Sweeney. Bill Douglas has been performing comedy since 2018. He is a long time middle school science teacher, and much of his material comes from this. He has performed in Scotland, Finland, and in his quest to perform in all 50 states, he is currently at 37.

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 8:00 PM

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 9:00 PM

Ana Glig and James Rosenblum

Classical Piano



Husband and wife piano duo Ana Glig and James Rosenblum return to First Night Chatham, presenting an exciting program of four hand piano music to put you in a good mood for the New Year. Ana Glig and James Rosenblum are individually acclaimed classical pianists who have performed with the Cape Symphony and who are active performers on Cape Cod, praised for their “electrifying stage presence.” .

[Methodist Church](#) at 3:00 PM

[Performer Website](#)
[Performer Facebook Page](#)
[Artist Sample](#)
[Artist Bio](#)



The Grab Brothers Acoustic Duo

Cape Cod Favorites

The Grab Brothers play music that evokes the memories of when music captured your heart and guided you through life ... plus songs that make you sing-along to and fun music that makes you get up and dance. Acoustics, vocal harmonies and multiple instruments make these brothers a favorite on Cape Cod! Recently, the music of the brothers have been featured on Sirius XM Radio and is on rotation on JetBlue Airways!

[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

[St. Martin's Lodge](#) at 1:00 PM

[St. Martin's Lodge](#) at 2:00 PM



NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Horns Rock!

The Greatest Horn-Backed Pop Tunes of All Time!

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Horns Rock brings the greatest pop hits from the '60s to today to life – powered by a blazing horn section, great vocals and a stage full of energy. This electrifying musical revue brings together an all-star cast of singers

and musicians to celebrate the greatest pop hits of the past seven decades. Horns Rock! promises an unforgettable array of great hits from *Chicago, Michael Jackson, James Brown, Bruno Mars, Blood, Sweat and*

Tears, Natalie Cole, Steely Dan, Van Morrison, Stevie Wonder, Katrina & the Waves, Al Green, and KC & the Sunshine Band.

[Elementary School Gym](#) at 2:00 PM

[Elementary School Gym](#) at 3:00 PM



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

IllusionQuest

Featuring Illusionist David Garrity

“IllusionQuest” is an exciting, main-stage, magic and illusion spectacular! Illusionist David Garrity and his magic team appear, vanish, pass through solid objects and even float people from the audience! The performance also features audience participation, situational comedy and is set to a custom-edited musical score!

Highlights from the performance may include a comical illusion where David's assistant ends up all twisted up; David also teaches a volunteer from the audience how to cut his assistant in half; and “The World's Fastest Illusion” in which time seems to stand still! David Garrity uses these illusionary elements combined with music, pantomime, situation comedy and audience participation to entertain audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

[Monomoy Middle School Auditorium](#) at 2:00 PM

[Monomoy Middle School Auditorium](#) at 4:00 PM



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

J Place & the Rockers

Blues to Soul to Rock'n Roll

Those Cape Crusaders serve up a whole lotta blues, soul, & rock 'n roll, featuring front man singer/harmonicist, J Place's rockin' original tunes as well as brand new songs from their latest album. These venerable veterans have performed with many well-known groups on Cape and beyond. Jukin' J Place , lead vocal, harp, Robert Clinton, bass, Dave Armstrong, drums, Darren King , guitar.

Boogie in the New Year!!!!

[St. Martin's Lodge](#) at 3:00 to 6:00 PM



[Performer Website](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Julie & Denya

Enchanting Shanties

Julie Charland from Orleans, and Denya LeVine from Wellfleet, perform music from the 18th to 21st centuries, specializing in sea shanties and songs and ballads about our oceans and rivers. Their New Year's Eve performances will include Celtic, folk and Caribbean songs with a Seasonal flair plus a dollop for fiddling and a wedge of humor!

They play guitar, fiddle, Irish drum, and ukuleles, and their vocal harmonies sparkle with joyous energy.

Julie Charland is a Nashville recording artist, award-winning songwriter, and local folk and bluegrass musician with Toast and Jam. Denya LeVine has performed on Cape Cod and Southeastern MA with folk and ethnic bands for decades. This duo has a zest for life that is contagious!

[Unitarian Universalist Meeting House](#) at 1:00 PM

[Unitarian Universalist Meeting House](#) at 2:00 PM



Sue Keller

Ragtime Piano

Sue Keller is a renowned ragtime performer, having traveled the world playing in Tokyo, Australia, Germany, England and Scotland and many others. She has a degree in Theater and Music from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

She was the artistic director for the prestigious Scott Joplin Festival in Sedalia, MO, for seven years. Upon returning to the Cape in 2012, Sue has continued her theatrical work with Chatham, Provincetown, and Cotuit.

[Congregational Church](#) at 9:00 PM

Kids' Craft Studio



Get ready to make some noise at the 6 pm Noise Parade on Main St. Stop by the Kids' Craft Studio during the day. Have your child choose from 4 different designs that are kid friendly and fun to make with their own creative touches. Ages from Pre-K through Elementary.

[Monomoy Middle School Small Gym](#) at 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Button-free)



[Artist Sample](#)

Haley Labdon

The Best of Women Artists

A sophomore at the College of the Holy Cross, Haley is thrilled to be back home to ring in the new year at First Night Chatham. Her show, "The Best of Women Artists", highlights songs through the ages which showcase the creative mastery of female artists. She cannot wait to share some of her most favorite songs, and hopes to enchant audiences young and old with music that transcends generations.

[Congregational Church](#) at 5:00 PM

[Congregational Church](#) at 7:00 PM



[Performer Facebook Page](#)
[Artist Sample](#)

Larry & Vic

Vocals & Guitars

Returning to First Night Chatham for their fourth year, Larry Goodrich and Vic Roberts have performed at venues around Cape Cod, where they are both full-time residents. Larry & Vic blend vocal harmonies and amplified acoustic guitars to cover classic songs by such popular artists as the Eagles, America, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, and more. Stop by the elementary school cafeteria for a meal or snack, and enjoy some of your favorite hit tunes!

[Elementary School Cafeteria](#) at 3:00 PM (Button-free)

[Elementary School Cafeteria](#) at 4:00 PM (Button-free)



Giant Legos & Carnival Games

Big games - big fun - for all ages!

- Build with giant life-sized LEGOS! Create life sized structures like rainbows, robots, club houses, thrones, mazes, and more! Only limit is your imagination.
- Giant Hula Hoop Ring Toss Game. Try and throw 3 hula hoops to ring their high score and WIN! How many points do you think you can get?
- Inflatable Hose Hockey! This 12-foot-long interactive inflatable accommodates up to 6 players at a time and is sure to add excitement to your day! Gather your friends to play our newest game.
- And more!

[Monomoy Middle School Small Gym](#) at 12:30 to 5:30 PM



Zoë Lewis

Upbeat & Thoroughly Entertaining

Vagabond jazz, swing and gypsy grooves played on piano, ukulele, guitar and more! World traveler, storyteller, singer-songwriter, plate spinner, band in a body, her boundless energy is hard to ignore. Originally from the UK she has made Cape Cod her home for 30 years! Zoë has toured with the Indigo Girls, Judy Collins and most recently performed with Kate Pierson of the B52s who says “Zoë's music makes me tingle with joy!” Suitable for all ages!

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[Artist Bio](#)

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 4:00 PM

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 5:00 PM

NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Luminous Being

A Multisensory Performance of Art & Violin

Luminous Being is a multi sensory performance for solo violin and sound responsive light art created by violinist Audrey Wright and artist Geoff Robertson, interweaving classical repertoire spanning the 12th through 21st centuries with Wright's original music and arrangements for a magical, poetic, and playful exploration into the



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connections between sound, light, and technology. For the performance Wright adorns a bespoke garment of wearable light art created by Robertson, embodying a luminous being of colors, shapes, and sounds. Part solo recital, part installation, and part theater distilled into one unique and intimate space, *Luminous Being* is a collective experience that transports and illuminates. Please be advised that this performance contains moving lights and patterns, which may not be suitable for individuals sensitive to light effects.

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 7:00 PM



The Marchio Family

Joe Marchio, the First Congregational Church of Chatham music director and organist, is also the conductor of the Chatham Chorale. Joined by his wife Sarah on bagpipes and their sons Thomas, on guitar, and Christopher, on piano, they will present a musical feast of talent!

[Congregational Church](#) at 8:00 PM



Photo: John Markus

[Activity Website](#)
[Channel 18 Video](#)

Miniature Golf

Putt your way through a full nine holes on the mini golf course at the Community Center Gym – 1 to 5:45 PM! Fun for all ages, each of the unique golf holes is handcrafted and features classic mini golf obstacles. Who does not love mini-golf, especially in December!

[Community Center Gym](#) at 1:00 to 5:45 PM

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Áine Minogue

Irish harp & Vocals

Celebrate the New Year with Áine Minogue, an award-winning harpist, singer, and composer from County Tipperary, Ireland. Her luminous performances weave Celtic harp, traditional song, and poetry into a joyful welcome to the turning of the year. With music that is both festive and soulful, Áine invites audiences to share in the sparkle of Irish culture and the promise of spring's light. This First Night Chatham performance offers a rare chance to experience joy, reflection, and Celtic celebration in one unforgettable performance.

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[Congregational Church](#) at 4:00 PM



Monomoy Seven

American Hot Jazz

Jeff Hughes, leader of The Monomoy Seven

Our 25th year at First Night Chatham! *The Monomoy Seven* was formed by Chatham resident and clarinetist Dr. Paul Meymaris those many years ago, and has been a favorite of First Night Chatham audiences ever since. Our band features some of the best classic jazz and swing musicians in New England. Jeff Hughes (trumpet) leads the ensemble. John Clark (reeds), Mike Persico (trombone and vocals), Bob Barta (strings and vocals), Ross Petot (piano), Albie Bernard (brass bass), and Steve Taddeo (drums) comprise our band. Our repertoire includes tunes from the American songbook, jazz standards, stomps, ballads, and blues. A swinging time is guaranteed!

[St. Christopher's Parish Hall](#) at 7:00 to 10:00 PM (Button-free)

Willie Nelson - Songs and Stories

With musician/author Matt York

Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson. York will focus on Willie's long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades. York has written books about both the Highwaymen and Willie Nelson and will discuss those as well. In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and last year, his album,



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Gently Used, was named one of the top albums of 2023 by the Patriot Ledger. Matt will be joined by incredibly talented Angelica Vendetti on fiddle.

[Unitarian Universalist Meeting House](#) at 5:00 PM



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[Artist Bio](#)

New England Digital Orchestra

The most unique and versatile musical ensemble!

The New England Digital Orchestra, which is complemented by drums and features the vocal song stylings of recording artist, Leslie Alexandra (McMahon), is making its fifth appearance at First Night Chatham. Featuring 18 musicians representing four New England states, performing on synthesizers which happen to look and are played exactly like traditional accordions, the Orchestra is the only musical ensemble of its kind in the nation. It is capable of performing in the fashion of every type of musical ensemble in the field of music, making the Orchestra one of the most unique and versatile musical groups in the world today!

As a result of the synthesizer capabilities to produce nearly every musical instrument sound in existence, including voices, the Orchestra's concerts feature a “popular music smorgasbord” consisting of something to satisfy every musical taste - Classic Rock, Big Band, Disco, Country, Swing, Broadway, Hollywood, Ethnic, Mariachi, Dixieland, Patriotic, Classical, etc.

This year, the Orchestra will perform several new additions to its music library in addition to audience favorites from past performances!

For the lover of a broad range of musical styles and genres, a performance of the New England Digital Orchestra is the perfect match!

[Methodist Church](#) at 1:00 PM

[Methodist Church](#) at 2:00 PM



Photo: Ron Snider

[Channel 18 Video](#)

Noise Parade

Join the raucous fray! Make noise any way you want.

A police escort leads the parade and no one will be cited for too much noise. Great fun for kids and adults, who often wear silly hats. **Start at the corner of Cross and Main at 6 pm, walk to rotary, then continue on to the Chatham Community Center to see the fireworks at Veterans Field!**

Town Hall Corner (Main & Cross Streets) at 6:00 PM (Button-free)



Old Exit 11

A Foot-Tapping Good Time!

Join us for a great time of lively music, featuring the unique sounds of guitar, harmonica, banjo, and bass. Old Exit 11 brings the rich traditions of American music to life, blending folk, blues, and country for a foot-tapping good time. Whether you're a fan of classic Americana or just looking for a great time of lively music, Old Exit 11 promises to be a musical journey through the heart of American culture. Bring your friends, enjoy great tunes, and support local music! Old Exit 11 is a Chatham based trio consisting of Douglas Fields, Larry Palmerton and Marvin Dolinger.

[Elementary School Cafeteria](#) at 1:00 PM (Button-free)

[Elementary School Cafeteria](#) at 2:00 PM (Button-free)

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Vanna Pacella

Singer / Songwriter

Vanna Pacella is an 18-year-old Cape Cod native, singer, songwriter, producer, and multi-instrumentalist with a deep devotion for her craft, and a soaring career. She describes her music as “Ethereal Rock” - because it is a product of pure emotion, immersed with unfettered intention, bruised with the intensity of raw, distorted rock guitars, and it is bound with the lightweight, delicate, yet untouchable strength of grand pianos, sentimental

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vocals, reverb and honest, poetic lyricism. She is known for prioritizing crowd connection at her shows, leading each show to be intimate, memorable, engaging, and driven by love through music! She put out her transcendent debut album *Listen* on July 25th, which is quickly garnering a loyal following.

[Chatham Drama Guild](#) at 4:00 PM

[Chatham Drama Guild](#) at 5:00 PM



Photo: Lux Luminous

Trevor Pearson

Juggler

Trevor Pearson's interactive juggling show combines hilarious antics and visually spectacular, award-winning juggling skills with a message of self-empowerment. Fun for all ages! Trevor Pearson has been juggling professionally for over 25 years, performing and instructing throughout New England and beyond. He has entertained for a variety of events ... circus, stage, parties, corporate, fairs, weddings, memorials, libraries, hootenannies, glass jams, motorcycle rallies, and more! Trevor grew up in Brewster and it was there that he learned to juggle as a teen. Trevor has been inspiring and amusing First Night Chatham audiences for over a decade with the juggling of clubs, rings, balls, boxes, plates, hats, rubber chickens and audience-suggested objects to boot. He might even juggle boots!

[Community Center Gym](#) at 3:00 PM

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Riptide

Cape Cod Cover Band

Riptide is a high-energy dance band that performs an expansive list of classic and contemporary rock 'n roll hits throughout Cape Cod and the greater Boston area.

[Chatham Drama Guild](#) at 1:00 PM

[Chatham Drama Guild](#) at 2:00 PM

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[Artist Sample](#)



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[Artist Sample](#)

Monica Rizzio & The Round Up

Americana Country

Outlaw Country/Folk singer-songwriter raised in the Bible Belt of East Texas, Monica Rizzio has cultivated a love for vintage guitars and smooth tequila. A winner of the 2019 Grassy Hill Songwriting Competition, she has also earned nominations for a Boston Music Award and an Independent Music Award for Best Country Album. Monica is the founder of Vinegrass Music, a nonprofit dedicated to providing music scholarships, instruments for schools, and teacher grants. She is also the owner of Washashore Music, a vibrant instructional studio offering music lessons to students of all

ages.

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 2:00 PM

[Orpheum Theater](#) at 3:00 PM



Rock N Roll Racing

Rock N Roll Racing is a mini-Nascar race track where you drive a car from the side with a steering wheel and throttle.

[Monomoy Middle School Small Gym](#) at 12:30 to 5:30 PM



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Salted Folk

Folk Duo

Salted Folk is a Cape-based duo featuring the talents of songwriters Catie Flynn and Pat Croke. They specialize in putting their unique spin on familiar songs, transforming them into fresh interpretations that feel distinctly their own. Having graced stages from Boston to Nashville and

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Tahoe, their roots are steeped in rich melodies, salty humor, and big hearts.

[Chatham Drama Guild](#) at 3:00 PM



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Salty Boots

Line Dancing

Line dancing instructor Monique brings heart, rhythm and a touch of southern charm to everything she does! Come to learn, to practice, or to show off your moves. With a passion for music, movement, and community, Monique is proud to be a local Cape Cod country girl, U.S

Veteran, and mother to a beautiful daughter.

[Community Center Gym](#) at 5:00 PM



Snowmen Scavenger Hunt

Hiding in Plain Sight on Main St

Search for the First Night Chatham snowmen up and down Main Street, on Dec 31st, and win a little prize! Especially for the young ones and the young at heart! Start by getting an entry sheet at First Night Chatham Headquarters.

Frosty the Snowman is looking for his six snowmen friends who are scattered along Main St. Each snowman is holding stickers. When you find one, take a sticker and attach it to your snowmen scavenger hunt card. When you have collected all six stickers, return with your sheet to First Night Chatham Headquarters for your prize! **The Snowmen Scavenger Hunt Card can be viewed or downloaded or printed by clicking [here](#).**

[Main Street](#) at 1:00 to 5:00 PM (Button-free)

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Simply the Best

Vocalists Trish LaRose, Anthony Teixeira & Sara Sneed

Simply the Best! starring Trish LaRose, Anthony Teixeira and Sara Sneed!!!
Three of Cape Cod's greatest voices on one stage performing the music of Bette Midler, Tony Bennett, Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton, Whitney Houston, Tina Turner, Carol King, Billy Joel and so many more. Featuring the Piano Queen Misao Koyama with the All*Star Band!

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 8:00 PM

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 9:00 PM



Suede

Like Adele meets Diana Krall meets Bette Midler!

Dare her. She was Joan Rivers' opening act.
Joan Rivers said she's *"The rare real deal."*
Bea Arthur shouted from the audience: *"Thank you for the most incredible night of my life in an audience. You are to die for!"*
Come see why!

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Pop/Jazz Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Suede tours nationally and internationally filling venues like Birdland in NYC, Feinstein's in San Francisco, The Kennedy Center, Scullers in Boston and many more. Her DVD, *Live at Scullers Jazz Club* has aired on 54 PBS stations nationwide for fundraising support to keep PBS alive. She's raised 10's of thousands of dollars for Alzheimer's Research and many other causes near and dear to her heart.

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 2:00 PM

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 3:00 PM

Sweet Home Chicago

The Blues Brothers Musical Review

Sweet Home Chicago: The Blues Brothers Musical Revue features singers Alex Valentine (Jake) and Kevin Kenneally (Elwood) creating true to form renditions of all of the classic hits from the movie, including "Sweet



Home Chicago", "Soul Man", "Shake A Tailfeather", and "Minnie the Moocher". The All Star Band features a powerful rhythm section and six smokin' hot horns. Originated at Cotuit Theater, the Cape Cod Times said "a Rockin' Good Time! Catch this one while you can!"

[Elementary School Gym](#) at 4:00 PM

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Featuring Anna Daley Young & her band

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[Performer Instagram Page](#)

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Taylor Swift Dance Party

Calling All Swifties!

Ring in the New Year with sparkle, soul, and serious Tay Tay vibes at First Night Chatham's *Taylor Swift Dance Party*—a 3-hour celebration of all things Taylor, led by award-winning singer-songwriter Anna Daley Young and her powerhouse band! From “Love Story” to “Cruel Summer,” you'll sing, dance, and celebrate every lyric with fellow fans while Anna and her crew bring the magic to life with high-energy performances and heartfelt storytelling.

Snap a selfie in our glam photo corner, test your Swiftie smarts with trivia, and take home a friendship bracelet—because friendship never goes out of style.

Featuring Anna's core band: her father Michael Young on bass, Gabe Luxton on drums, and Nolan Driscoll on electric guitar, this show bridges generations with music that moves and connects.

Named Performer of the Year by the New England Music Awards, Anna's voice blends country grit, pop emotion, and cinematic depth—drawing inspiration from Taylor Swift, Lana Del Rey, Susan Tedeschi, and Etta James. Her sound is bold, timeless, and totally unforgettable.

Don't miss the party that'll keep your Swiftie heart glowing into 2026!

[Elementary School Gym](#) at 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Swing 440

Gypsy Jazz Quartet



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Swing 440 (previously known as “440”) brings the spirited tradition of Gypsy jazz to life, drawing inspiration from the legendary Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli. Their vibrant sound—rooted in the swing era of the 1930s and '40s—is infused with a contemporary flair that's sure to get toes tapping and audiences dancing. Led by violinist and arranger Tomoko Iwamoto, a Berklee College of Music graduate in Jazz Composition, Swing 440 offers fresh takes on classic Gypsy jazz tunes, adding inventive twists that keep the tradition both alive and evolving. The band's distinctive instrumentation—featuring violin and clarinet—creates a rich, nuanced blend that's as intricate as it is accessible. Tomoko also contributes original compositions that feel like timeless standards, seamlessly woven into the set.

[Congregational Church](#) at 2:00 PM

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Tanglewood Marionettes

Cinderella

Set in the 18th century and featuring a dozen lavishly costumed 30” marionettes, this production of *Cinderella* is a Tanglewood Marionettes showpiece. The story unfolds as the pages of a giant book open to reveal each beautifully painted setting – the village square, the rustic kitchen, the magnificent ballroom, plus many more. All your favorite characters are here, from gentle Cinderella to the bumptious Step-Sisters and the charming Prince, and each marionette is manipulated with precision and grace by our talented puppeteers. Our telling is based on the original

beloved tale, but we do offer a few new surprises: Cinderella's method of conveyance to the ball is NOT your traditional coach-and-four, and, when all hope seems lost, a clever little bluebird saves the day. A classic fairy tale told with wit and style, Tanglewood Marionettes' production of *Cinderella* is a treat for all ages.

[St. Christopher's Parish Hall](#) at 1:00 PM

[St. Christopher's Parish Hall](#) at 3:00 PM

[St. Christopher's Parish Hall](#) at 5:00 PM



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Toe Jam Puppet Band

Ultimate Kids Variety Show

The Toe Jam Puppet Band performances are very active, encouraging kids and parents to sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just plain old good fun.

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 1:00 PM

[Community Center 2nd Floor](#) at 2:00 PM



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[Performer Website](#)

[Performer Facebook Page](#)

Too Marvelous for Words

The words and music of Johnny Mercer

"Too Marvelous for Words", *The words and music of Johnny Mercer* will feature singer John Murelle, and pianist Brandon Santini in a concert celebrating the songs of Georgia born hit-maker Johnny Mercer.

Johnny Mercer wrote lyrics or music for more than 1,500 songs in a career spanning nearly 50 years, making him one of the most successful songwriters of the twentieth century. One of the most versatile lyricists ever, he penned catchy words for everything from bouncy numbers "Goody Goody" and mysterious mood setters "That Old Black Magic" to romantic love songs "Moon River". Mercer was once quoted as saying that his songwriting success was due to his "feeling for tunes, no matter where they come from." This "feeling" helped him forge effective partnerships with a wide variety of composers over the years, among them Hoagy Carmichael, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Henry Mancini, Rube Bloom, and Michel Legrand.

John Murelle, singer, teacher & historian brings together his love for singing and the American songbook in a program that explores the brilliance of Johnny Mercer. His care and passion for this truly American art form is evident in tight musical presentation and his careful and entertaining research. Much more than a program of song, John does a "deep dive" into the man who won four Academy Awards for the best song of the year, and countless nominations. His songs have been recorded by the who's who in American pop music.

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 1:00 PM



Photo: Spencer Kennard

Town Photo

Where It All Starts

Important! Please use front gate only !

Show up with your family and friends and pets to pose for the Town Photo. Start First Night Chatham with a wave at the camera and a smile on your face. The photo will be available at the Chatham CVS store for purchase. A panorama deep-zoom photo will also be posted on the First Night Chatham website. Have fun zooming in to see if you blinked, check out who was there, and just enjoy actually seeing your lovely smile up close.

[Chatham Lighthouse Grounds](#) at Noon (Button-free)



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TRIO

Celebrating Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton & Emmylou Harris

Celebrate the iconic harmonies and timeless songs of Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, and Linda Ronstadt, brought to life by Cape Cod favorites Sara Sneed, Sonia Schonning, and Marcia Wytrwal. Experience the soaring harmonies and heartfelt storytelling of Trio, with beloved tracks like

To Know Him Is to Love Him, Wildflowers, and Telling Me Lies; this show captures the magic of three powerhouse voices that redefined American roots music.

[St. Christopher's Church](#) at 7:00 PM



The UnHoly Mackerels

A folk rock revival!

Join The UnHoly Mackerels for a folk rock revival! The Macks, who have been covering your world since 2005, are bringing their unplugged line-up to First Night Chatham. Expect acoustic arrangements of popular folk, blues, rock, country, and pop tunes. The band's promise to the audience is that we will sing songs you know. You may even be inspired to sing along!

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[Town Hall \(downstairs\)](#) at 4:00 PM
[Town Hall \(downstairs\)](#) at 5:00 PM



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Unusual Suspects

Unusual Suspects are a Cape Cod based teen band that consists of six Juniors from Nauset Regional High School. They have played various venues around the Cape and impressed many with their modern interpretations of hits from the past six decades.

Unusual Suspects band members are: Lily Ellsasser, vocals; Cameron Long and Zoe Simmons, guitar; Mason Ellsasser, bass; Evan Melano, keyboard; and Brady Smith, drums.

[Monomoy Middle School Cafeteria](#) at 2:00 PM (Button-free)



Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy

Giant Bubbles

Using giant homemade bubble wands, a sound system full of music, and a lot of funny family entertainment experience, Mr. Vinny get kids and adults involved in bubble chasing games. The program is all about big beautiful bubbles, running-around, and . . . having FUN! Truly best for all ages.

[Community Center Outdoors](#) at 3:00 PM (Button-free)



NEW for First Night Chatham 2026

Miss Julia Violet

R&B / Pop Band

From the heart of the South Shore of Massachusetts comes a band bursting with soul, talent, and undeniable allure: Miss Julia Violet. Led by the unforgettable MJV, whose voice is a radiant force—fierce one moment,

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tender the next, and always brimming with joy, heart, and just the right amount of sparkle. Together, this band creates original music that feels both fresh and timeless. Their genre-blending sound moves effortlessly from new-soul to acoustic rock to progressive folk to a club classic, all tied together by the joy and spirit Julia brings to every lyric. The band features a tight lineup: Tyler Davis on drums, Andrew Bostrom on guitar; and Adam Smith on bass. Their chemistry on stage is undeniable and their passion is infectious, creating performances that connect deeply with both young and older audiences alike.

[Chatham Drama Guild](#) at 7:00 to 10:00 PM



[Artist Sample](#)

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Watch Your Step

High-Energy Rock Band

Watch Your Step is a high-energy rock band made up of four talented local kids—Trent Burritt on drums, Ali Long on vocals and bass, and guitarists Cam Long and Caidon Vasquez. From classic rock to alternative, they've got a song for everyone and are bringing fresh energy to the Outer Cape music scene! They have performed at events like the Wellfleet OysterFest, Wellfleet PorchFest, Port Summer Nights, the Eastham Windmill Weekend

Parade, the Town of Orleans Fourth of July Parade, benefit concerts, private parties, and other local events – always putting on a great show and creating fans of all ages!

[Monomoy Middle School Cafeteria](#) at 4:00 PM (Button-free)



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[Artist Sample](#)

We Are The Men

Male Voice Choir

Formed in 2008, the singers hail from many Cape towns. Their songs provide a rich mixture of American and International musical flavor, and they perform at various venues both on and off the Cape. In 2018 they were selected to perform in the London Welsh Festival of Male Voice Choirs as part of an 800 member chorus and performed to an audience of almost 6000.

[Methodist Church](#) at 4:00 PM