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Happy Holidays!

Welcome to our 9th Tosco Music Holiday Party! We're excited to continue the tradition of holiday songs and singalongs with family and friends and neighbors together at Knight Theater.

Born from intimate living room jam sessions more than 30 years ago, Tosco Music became a nonprofit organization in 1999. We're dedicated to helping people of all ages explore, develop, and share their passion for music in all its forms.

We've expanded to larger venues over the years and added new outreach programs like our open mic, music scholarships and music in the community for seniors and others. Our core values are the same — it's still all about music and community!

At each Tosco Music Party, nationally recognized acts share the stage with undiscovered artists and our audience members enthusiastically sing along. We offer discounts and ticket scholarships so that Tosco Music Parties can remain accessible to everyone.

Please support tonight's performers by buying their CDs, hiring them for your own event, and going to their shows.

Connect with us online to donate, volunteer or sign up for our e-newsletter. Give the gift of live music with tickets to our upcoming shows. Tickets are on sale now!

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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Sing Along "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU"

"I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" — Willow Dixon

"Big Band Bell Carol" — The Stardusters Big Band

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"

— Daniel Thrailkill & Jonah Horton

"It's a Ho-Ho-Ho Christmas" — Shana Blake

Sing Along "SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN" "WINTER WONDERLAND"

"Let It Snow" — Emanuel Wynter

"Black and Blue Christmas" — Chris Trapper

"It's Christmas Time" — Chris Trapper

"You Ain't Gettin' Diddly Squat" — Denver Bierman

"Sleigh Ride" — Denver Bierman

Sing Along "JINGLE BELL ROCK"

INTERMISSION — Refreshments and artists' CDs are available in the lobby.

Sing Along "HANUKKAH, OH HANUKKAH"

"Burrito Sabanero" — Café Amaretto

"Someday at Christmas"— Collins Jermaine

"The Christmas Song" — Leah Darling

"What Child is This" — Carolina Ridgeline

"This Christmas" — Michelle Renee

"Emmanuel" — Brighter Day Community Choir

Sing Along "FELIZ NAVIDAD" "WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Program and artists are subject to change. No flash photography.

Please don't disrupt others' views with cell phone cameras, and remain seated during each performance; only enter or exit between acts.

TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

Willow Dixon

Willow (8) is homeschooled and began performing at Tosco Music Open Mic this past year, first with her sister and then several times solo. She takes classes with Children's Theatre of Charlotte as well as Davidson Community Players which cast her as Sheldon in Finding Nemo, Jr. at Cain Center for the Arts on Jan. 30. She reads children's books on her YouTube channel [youtube.com/@sweetpotatobedtimestories](https://www.youtube.com/@sweetpotatobedtimestories)

The Stardusters Big Band

In 1998, after both Todd brothers had retired and returned to Gastonia, Ken (a drummer) suggested to Bill (a trombonist) that they organize a big band. Since then, The Stardusters Big Band have played concerts and dances performing music of the 1930s, 40s and 50s with a few wild cards thrown in for the enthusiastic folks of the North Carolina Piedmont region. [thinkswing.com](https://www.thinkswing.com)

Daniel Thraikill & Jonah Horton

Daniel Thraikill and Jonah Horton have been playing music together since 2015, forming the progressive bluegrass band, the Trailblazers in 2016. Each have been expanding in their own specific concentrations. Jonah recently recorded and released his debut solo album, *Let In The Light*, and currently is touring with The Kruger Brothers. Daniel has been busy touring and recording with his wife, Carley Arrowood, and rebinding Bibles and books when not on the road. [thetrailblazersmusic.com](https://www.thetrailblazersmusic.com)

Shana Blake

A powerhouse vocalist who has been part of the Tosco Music family for over 20 years, Shana is bringing her actual kin into the picture tonight with her debut performance of "It's a Ho-Ho-Ho Christmas", a swinging holiday tune that she co-wrote with her grandma. Dot Lorenz is an award-winning member of the Charlotte Folk Society, who turned 101 on December 15. The recording involves five generations of the family and is currently available to stream or download on all platforms. [instagram.com/blake.shana](https://www.instagram.com/blake.shana)

Emanuel Wynter

This classically trained violinist and songwriter hails from Charlotte and is taking ears and stages by storm with a distinctive sound and a lively, high-spirited stage presence that is infectious to everyone in the room. Influenced by artists such as Anthony Hamilton, Leon Bridges, and Gary Clark Jr., Emanuel's sound is a unique, vibrant, and expressive blend of R&B and rock that manages to be raw in emotion and sonically refined. [emanuelwynter.com](https://www.emmanuelwynter.com)

Chris Trapper

Grammy nominated artist Chris Trapper has traveled the world over, performing 150+ dates a year to a dedicated and ever growing fan base with nothing but his guitar and his songs. Raised on John Prine and Kris Kristofferson, he started out as frontman of the critically acclaimed alt-rock band The Push Stars (Capitol Records). He's a modern-day acoustic troubadour with a soulful tenor, sly humor and an uncanny knack for melody and storytelling. Chris has shared the stage with Colin Hay, Martin Sexton and even John Prine himself. The New York Times has called his work "classic pop perfection." [christrapper.com](https://www.christrapper.com)

Denver Bierman

After touring extensively nationwide and bringing their energetic big band sound to audiences of all ages, Denver & the Mile High Orchestra has serenaded their way to become a true holiday tradition. The band has released 17 albums, four of which are Christmas albums, that can be heard across various streaming platforms. [facebook.com/denvermho](https://www.facebook.com/denvermho)

Café Amaretto

With a sound created by diverse musical styles coming together, Café Amaretto formed in 2014 and is led by award-winning Colombian singer Ana Lucía Divins and Ecuadorian guitarist Carlos Crespo, featuring Carlos Baez (bass), and Edgar Marcano (percussion). They share smooth soulful Latin-American music, from jazzy romantic boleros to swingy tunes.

[cafeamarettomusic.com](https://www.cafeamarettomusic.com)

Collins Jermaine

A singer and educator who blends his passions for music and wellness, Collins currently performs with three bands — SoulJam, Opulence, and QC Charlotte — and runs his own sound therapy business, Freedom Frequency. A Winthrop University graduate, Collins studied family and consumer sciences and music, and then earned his master's degree in educational leadership from UNCC. [instagram.com/collinsjermaine](https://www.instagram.com/collinsjermaine)

Leah Darling

With decades of experience under their belts, Leah Darling effortlessly blends jazz, soul, blues and funk and brings a playful twist to timeless songs, making them perfect for all ages, corporate events, and personal celebrations. Catch them at Common Market Oakwold each month, every fourth Sunday. [instagram.com/leahdarlingband](https://www.instagram.com/leahdarlingband)

Carolina Ridgeline

Based in Charlotte NC, award-winning Carolina Ridgeline is a musically diverse group that covers many genres while maintaining a bluegrass core. They play traditional bluegrass, Americana, classic rock as well as original songs. This five-piece ensemble of fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, and bass, emphasizes crisp vocals and smooth harmonies.

[instagram.com/carolinaridgeline](https://www.instagram.com/carolinaridgeline)

Michelle Renee

An international singer-songwriter, Michelle released her self-titled CD both in Europe and the US with many original songs. She toured the world bringing her unique, sultry, breathy vocals and signature smooth style as a backup vocalist and keyboard player with SOS Band, Peabo Bryson and many more. She also performed on Soul Train, Solid Gold, Dancing to the Hits, and many BBC music shows.

[instagram.com/michellesmith3333](https://www.instagram.com/michellesmith3333)

Brighter Day Community Choir

Led by Zacch Estrada-Petersen who founded and directed Voices of Eden Gospel Choir at UNC Charlotte for 16 years, Brighter Day started in summer 2021 comprised largely of Voices of Eden alumni, with fellow church members, friends, friends of friends and community members rounding out the balance. Their goal is to foster faith, community and fellowship for the greater Charlotte community using the gift of music.

[instagram.com/brighterdaycommunitychoir_clt](https://www.instagram.com/brighterdaycommunitychoir_clt)

Sing Along

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

(Mariah Carey & Walter Afanasieff)

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
And I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree

I don't need to hang my stocking
There upon the fireplace
Santa Claus won't make me happy
With a toy on Christmas Day

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you, you, baby

Oh, I won't ask for much this Christmas
I won't even wish for snow
I'm just gonna keep on waiting
Underneath the mistletoe

I won't make a list and send it
To the North Pole for Saint Nick
I won't even stay awake to
Hear those magic reindeer click

'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so tight
What more can I do?
Baby, all I want for Christmas is you, you, baby

All the lights are shining
So brightly everywhere
And the sound of children's
Laughter fills the air

And everyone is singing
I hear those sleigh bells ringing
Santa, won't you bring me the one I really need?
Won't you please bring my baby to me?

I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for
I just want to see my baby
Standing right outside my door

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
Baby, all I want for Christmas is you, you, baby

All I want for Christmas is you, baby

TMP House Band & Singalong Choir

Matt Carter
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Kevin Jones

Mark Larson
Scott McLaughlin
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Kristin Randles
John Richards

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Dave Vergato
John Tosco

WINTER WONDERLAND

(Felix Bernard & Richard Bernhard Smith)

Sleigh bells ring are you listenin'?
In the lane snow is glistenin'
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walkin' in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the blue bird
Here to stay is the new bird
He sings a love song as we go along
Walkin' in a winter wonderland

**In the meadow we can build a snowman
And pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say are you married, we'll say no man
But you can do the job when you're in town**

Later on we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid the plans that we've made
Walkin' in a winter wonderland

Instrumental

**In the meadow we can build a snowman
And pretend that he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with Mr. Snowman
Until the other kiddies knock him down**

When it snows, ain't it thrillin'
Though your nose, gets a chillin'
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way
Walkin' in a winter wonderland
Walkin' in a winter wonderland
Walkin' in a winter wonderland

JINGLE BELL ROCK

(Joseph Carleton Beal & James Ross Boothe)

Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle Bells swing and Jingle Bells ring
Snowin', and blowin' up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle Bells chime in Jingle Bell time
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air

**What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle Bell time is a swell time
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh**

Giddy up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix and a mingle in a jinglin' beat
That's the Jingle Bell Rock

Instrumental

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To rock the night away
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That's the Jingle Bell
That's the Jingle Bell
That's the Jingle Bell Rock

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Our Nonprofit Mission & Impact

Tosco Music provides live music with a purpose throughout the Charlotte region.

As a nonprofit organization, we present a wide variety of music through performances and outreach programs, foster a sense of community among listeners and performers through inclusive participation; and connect professional and amateur musicians to share and inspire one another.

Your donations help us serve the community with four impact areas:



- * Bridging Cultures Through Music
- * Supporting Musicians of All Ages
- * Drawing Audiences to Charlotte
- * Cultivating Audiences Across Generations

SCAN TO GIVE

Thank you for your support!

Tonight's Raffles

Win a pair of tickets for each show.

Raffle A Elton John & Billy Joel Tribute - Knight Theater 1/4
Prince Tribute - Knight Theater 2/7

Raffle B Judy Collins - Knight Theater 2/19
John Denver & Johnny Cash Tribute - Knight Theater 4/11

Raffle C Taylor Swift Tribute - Middle C Jazz 12/22
Graham Nash - Knight Theater 4/1

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, or 15 for \$50.
Drawings are held before the closing singalong.
Must be present to win.

*Silent auction and raffle proceeds benefit
Tosco Music's nonprofit programs in the community.
Thank you for your support!*

Silent Auction - Bid to Win a New Guitar!

Win a brand new guitar with a hard-shell case by bidding in the online silent auction by Wednesday, December 18.

*Gibson Acoustic J-45 Standard - Vintage Sunburst with Case
(retail value \$3,000)*



Bid tonight using the QR code below:

32auctions.com/toscomusicholidayparty

**Online bidding ends
8pm Wednesday
December 18**



SCAN TO BID

HANUKKAH, OH HANUKKAH

(Traditional)

Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah
Come light the menorah
Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora
Gather round the table, we'll give you a treat
Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat

And while we are playing
The candles are burning low
One for each night, they shed a sweet light
To remind us of days long ago

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To remind us of days long ago

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FELIZ NAVIDAD

(José Feliciano)

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próspero año y felicidad

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

(Traditional)

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas
And a Happy New Year

CHORUS

Tosco Music Scholarships

Tosco Music has awarded more than \$51,000 since 2010 to 102 youth and adult music scholarship winners.

Applications for 2025 Tosco Music Scholarships are due January 15. See details at toscomusic.org/scholarship



Thank you!

Living Room Society

LRS is a giving circle of donors whose gifts of \$1,000 or more are paving the path forward for Tosco Music. LRS is named in the spirit of the original music parties when Tosco Music began with musicians and friends coming together to play and sing in the warmth of someone's home. LRS Gatherings now bring donors together in the same way.

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