



Saline Area Schools

Fiddlers ReStrung

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FIDDLE BEAT

*Fiddlers ReStrung's Holiday Hometown Concert
in Support of Toys for Tots on Sunday December 4th at 2 pm
Saline High School (Saline, Michigan)*

For the past four years, Fiddlers ReStrung has provided a great kickoff to the Saline Fire Department's Toys for Tots campaign drive. In another year when the local economy continues to struggle and more families need help, the ability to make a difference with a toy makes this concert all the more powerful. Fiddlers ReStrung has dedicated many performances to community service during these past few years and this concert provides a most fitting way to ring in the holiday season.



This year's Holiday Hometown Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the Ellen Ewing Performing Arts Center of Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway, Saline. The concert takes place on the Sunday after Saline's traditional annual holiday parade along Michigan Avenue.

ReStrung consists of students at Saline High School, all of whom share in producing a unique ensemble truly their own. Working alongside leadership, students craft their own arrangements and help make organizational decisions. This collaborative ownership grants ReStrung an authentic creative edge that is clearly visible from the striking energy they portray on stage. Students are chosen based not only on musical talent, but personal maturity as well. They balance a demanding performance schedule while maintaining high standards in other school activities, sports, and academics. The organization is officially sponsored and supported by Saline Area Schools.

**For Tickets, call (734) 224-8725
or visit Saline Community Education
Adults \$10; Students & Seniors \$7**

A New Look.....

Then

And Now



The Artistic Directors of the Fiddlers ReStrung group, Josh Herter and Cori Smith, wanted the group to have a casual-classy look and portray more professional image. They have instituted a new uniform as you see in the photo on the right. The new uniform will provide ample opportunities for students to accessorize and display their individual personalities while maintaining the cohesive look of the group. We hope you will like to see your favorite fiddle group in new garb!

Timeline of Toys for Tots

This is the fourth year for Fiddlers ReStrung to perform their Winter Hometown Concert to support the Toys for Tots Campaign. Here is a brief timeline how the Toys for Tots Campaign got its start:

1947 Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR founds Toys for Tots in Los Angeles, California. 5,000 toys collected during a campaign before Christmas 1947. The first toy is a handmade doll.

1948 The United States Marine Corps adopts Toys for Tots, and expands it into a nationwide community action project as the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program.

Walt Disney designs the now famous Toys for Tots train logo and creates the first national Toys for Tots poster.

1949 Major celebrities begin to endorse the program.

1956 Oscar winning songwriters Sammy Fain and Paul Webster compose the Toys for Tots theme, which was later recorded by Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee and Vic Damone.

1959 Toys for Tots goes international.

1960 KABC-TV of Los Angeles receives the highest non-military award possible from the Commandant of the Marine Corps for sponsoring a spectacular Toys for Tots Circus.

1962 New York Yankees sponsor first major sports event to benefit Toys for Tots

From 1947 through Christmas 1979, Marines collected and distributed both new and used toys. Reservists refurbished used toys on drill weekends during October, November and December.

1980 From Christmas 1980 onward, Marines collect and distribute only new toys.



Noteworthy Gigs Performed by FRS

**Music Teachers'
Conference @
Michigan State
University**



**Community Tour
of Mott Childrens
Hospital**

**Pittsfield Harvest
Festival @
Sutherland-Wilson
Farm**



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Hometown Concert in Support of Toys for Tots
December 4th, 2011

Friendship Ministries
Saline First United Methodist Church
December 13, 2011



Pancake Supper
February 26th , 2012
at Woodland Meadows
Elementary School,
Woodland Dr., Saline

For up to date information, visit our website:
www.fiddlersrestrung.com

Friends Of Fiddlers ReStrung

The Friends of Fiddlers ReStrung (FFRS) was recently set up as a 501(c)(3) non-profit group to provide funding to support the missions of Fiddlers ReStrung. All donations to FFRS are tax deductible and directly support Fiddlers ReStrung . FFRS invites you to attend their first PreGlow fundraiser prior to the Hometown concert on December 4th from 1 pm to 2 pm. The PreGlow event will take place in the Performing Arts balcony and includes appetizers and desserts provided by Chef Musto and the Saline High School Culinary Arts program along with a general admission ticket to the Hometown Concert for a minimum donation of \$50 (\$35 tax-deductible) . PreGlow event donations support the Fiddlers ReStrung Artistic Director Fund for artistic staff. Please contact Margaret Westfall (FRSFriends@aol.com or 734-663-6109) for further information. We look forward to seeing you at the PreGlow party!

Corinna Smith and Josh Herter,
Artistic Directors

For booking information contact us via email
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Your **tax-deductible donation** in support of the activities of these talented musicians would be greatly appreciated.

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