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Fiddlers ReStrung



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FIDDLE BEAT

Fiddlers ReStrung's Holiday Hometown Concert in Support of Toys for Tots

Sunday, December 2nd at 2 pm—Saline High School

For the past five years, Fiddlers ReStrung has provided a great kickoff to the Saline Fire Department's Toys for Tots campaign drive. Fiddlers ReStrung has helped the Saline Fire Department collect over one thousand toys in past years. In current economic conditions when 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. This concert provides a most fitting way to ring in the holiday season.

This year's Holiday Hometown Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 2:00 pm at 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.

This concert is also the first Hometown Concert for new Artistic Director Jimmy Whitman, who has been leading the group since this summer.

Also this concert will present a collage of local community talent including performances by 6th Grade and 7th & 8th Grade Fiddle Clubs, SHS Drumline and Varsity Blues. Thanks to these groups for graciously offering to donate their time and talent.



Jimmy Whitman,
FRS Artistic Director

For tickets, call (734) 663-8923
Or purchase online at Fiddlers ReStrung
website at www.fiddlersrestrung.com
Adults \$10 Students & Seniors \$5

History of Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major William L. Hendricks. William was inspired by his wife Diane when she tried to donate a homemade Raggedy Ann doll to a needy child but could find no organization to do so. At her suggestion he gathered a group of local Marine reservists, including Lieutenant Colonel John Hampton, who coordinated and collected some 5,000 toys for local children that year from collection bins placed outside of Warner Bros. movie theaters. Their efforts were so successful that, in 1948, Toys For Tots was launched as a national campaign. Hendricks used his position as director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio to enlist celebrity support, as well as have Walt Disney Studios design the red toy train logo.

Each donation counts! Over 98% of donations made to Toys for Tots go to the mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 2% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses - not one donated dollar goes to pay for salaries or any other manpower costs.

FIDDLERS RESTRUNG

About Fiddlers ReStrung

Fiddlers ReStrung is currently a 22 member group made up of students from Saline High School. Focused on generating a genuine live performance, the ensemble relies on the musical and personal maturity, improvisational skills and spontaneity of its students.

Fiddlers ReStrung portrays a diverse arrangement of styles; ranging from traditional bluegrass and Celtic fiddle to a newer, progressive acoustic sound. Students work alongside the artistic leadership to arrange new repertoire and share in crafting their ensemble. This collaborative ownership encourages the students to be themselves and share their own ideas while challenging them to be open to new musical experiences. Participation and improvisation are two key elements of Fiddlers ReStrung.

Fiddlers ReStrung has frequent performances at high visibility paid events such as fairs, private fundraisers, country music festivals and at pro bono events such as schools, senior centers and others.

Hats "n" Horses Summer Tour 2012

Fiddlers ReStrung members were "all aboard the bus" complete with gear, musical instruments and tons of enthusiasm to take their high energy entertainment on their annual summer tour on June 27th, 2012. This year's tour was labeled the "Hats 'N' Horses Tour" and took the group throughout the upper Midwest states, featuring a performance at Mount Rushmore. The group returned on July 9 upon completing ten performances during their visits to eight states. The trip also provided educational activities such as tours of Fort Abraham Lincoln, Black Hills Caverns and the Crazy Horse Memorial. There were also "downtime" excursions such as a visit to The Mall of America, the Corn Palace and a riverboat cruise.



This is what Mona said about the tour:

Last summer was my first tour, so it was pretty exciting! The best part about tour was being able to spend time with everyone and see really cool places together. There were a lot of good memories made during tour as well! My favorite places that we visited were Mall of America, Mount Rushmore and the Mandan Rodeo. Mall of America was just such a great time, and I bought so many things! Second, it was so cool playing in the amphitheater under Mount Rushmore. Also, watching the Mandan rodeo was a blast for me, especially since we got reserved seats and we got announced! The fireworks that night were also the best ones I had ever seen! I really can't wait for next summer to go on tour again, it was such an amazing experience!

Summer Tour Experience

'Twas the First Night of Tour

'Twas the first night of tour, when all through the hotel
Not a fiddler was stirring, not even a Marielle;
The Fiddlers were returning from their meeting with Jimbo,
It was late, so they all went on tiptoe;
The other patrons were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Mama Jim Jim with his beard, and Sean with his bass,
Decided to climb the stairs to their rooms with haste,
But there some, who were probably more lazy,
Who wanted to use the elevator; is that so crazy?
Away to the elevator they flew like a flash,
Pushed the magic button and threw up the sash.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But no movement at all, our cheer started to disappear!
And alas we were stuck, in this elevator of doom
We could only hope that we'd be rescued soon
It was smelly, and crowded, and cramped, and hot
Luckily going to the bathroom was not something I sought
We were trapped for more than an hour
And things inside had just begun to turn sour
When we heard voices coming from outside
Firemen were on their way, and they were going to get us outside!
More rapid than eagles their red trucks came,
And they whistled, and shouted, and called us by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the elevator! to the top of the elevator!
Now open the hatch! Open the hatch! Open the hatch!"
So through the hatch on the roof out we all climbed,
The firemen helped us, they were very kind
They then returned to their red truck and sounded a whistle,
And away they all drove like the down of a thistle.
And I heard them exclaim, ere they drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."



- By Mehul Kulkarni

Favorite Photos from summer gigs...



Ann Arbor Art Fair 2012

Kat Snips Fundraiser
Chelsea, Michigan



Saline Celtic Festival

Upcoming Gigs by FRS

Dearborn Heights Montessori School
Nov 30, 2012

Annual Holiday Hometown Concert
To benefit Toys for Tots
With performances by
6th Grade Fiddle Club
7th & 8th Grade Fiddle Club
Varsity Blues and SHS Drumline
December 2nd, 2012 at 2 pm

Friendship Ministry Christmas Celebration
at First United Methodist Church of Saline
Dec 11, 2012

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