

Free Singing Angels concert to keep people in holiday spirit

First, let me wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas!

I appreciate the privilege of sharing good news about you, your accomplishments and events going on in the Avon, Avon Lake and North Ridgeville communities. Thank you for keeping the information flowing.

And speaking of good news, the world-famous Singing Angels will present a special holiday concert on Wednesday in North Ridgeville.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 at St. Julie Billiard Church, 550 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville.

The best news is the concert is free.

"We are excited about bringing the Singing Angels to town for a special holiday concert," said **Rita Price**, director of the North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults. "Through the generosity of Center Ridge Nursing Home and LifeCare Centers of America, we are able to make this holiday performance an extra special gift by not having to charge an admittance fee."

The performance is presented by North Ridgeville Seniors Inc. and St. Julie Billiard Church.

The performers, ages 8-18, will sing and dance in this



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family oriented and entertaining concert. The repertoire includes holiday favorites and show tunes.

"The Singing Angels have a national reputation and have performed at the White House, the Vatican and around

the globe," said the Rev. **Richard Gonsler**, St. Julie pastor. "We are pleased to open our doors to this wonderful group of young people and the community so they can enjoy this special holiday concert."

A Chinese auction for gift baskets donated by First Federal of Lakewood will take place during intermission. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Senior Center. Tickets will be available during the concert.

A freewill offering will also be accepted during intermission.

More information on the event is available by calling Price at (440) 353-0856 or Gonsler at (440) 327-1978.

MORE HOLIDAY FUN — Looking for something a little different to do during the holiday season? How about riding in a festively decorated wagon drawn by Belgian horses?

Friends of the Avon Lake Public Library will sponsor sleigh rides at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday — weather permitting.

Top off the evening with hot chocolate and cookies at the library, 32649 Electric Blvd.

Tickets are \$7 for Friends members, \$9 for nonmembers. Tickets must be paid when making a reservation and all riders age 1 and older must have a ticket.

For more information, call the library at (440) 933-8128, but remember the library will be closed today for an all-staff furlough day, as well as Friday and Saturday for Christmas.

ON EXHIBIT — Four photographs by North Ridgeville photographer **Mark Madere** were accepted for exhibition in the University Hospitals Employee and Volunteer Juried Art Show. Only 86 of the 200 entries submitted were accepted for display.

The show is open through Jan. 7 at the University Hospitals Humphrey Atrium Gallery, 11100 Euclid Ave., Cleveland.

Madere is an ophthalmic photographer at UH and owner of SpectraLight Photography in North Ridgeville. His entries can be viewed online at spectralight.com/uh/.

Juror for the show was **Brent Kee Young**, the 1987 Cleveland Arts Prize recipient and an internationally recognized artist. He has been professor and chairman of the glass department at the Cleveland Institute of Art since 1973.

The exhibit, which takes place every two years, showcases the hidden talents of UH employees and volunteers.

For more information, call **Chad Tooker**, (216) 378-0884 or e-mail him at Chad.Tooker@Uhhospitals.org.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON — According to **Tissy Simon**, communications and marketing director for the North Ridgeville schools, Liberty Elementary School Student Council members did their part to ensure that needy families would have some nice toys for Christmas.

Students conducted a week-long drive and collected 125 toys, which were dropped off at North Ridgeville Community Care for the holiday toy shop.

Among those helping to prepare the toys for delivery were **Macie Haggerty**, **Emily Hoffman**, **Benjamin Gommel** and **Zack Chrosniak**, all fifth graders.

Further adding to the holiday spirit at Liberty were PTA members who volunteered to wrap gifts for staff members.

PTA president **Zoe Carter** and **Melissa Cumberland**

were among the volunteers who offered to wrap the gifts while staff members worked.

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