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 **Music and Neos Dance combine for ‘Home for the Holidays, A Big Band Christmas!”**

***Home for the Holidays, A Big Band Christmas***! will combine music and dance at Stocker Arts Center in Elyria on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.

With vocalist Kelly Knowlton and directed by bassist Paul Martin, the big band musicians from across northern Ohio will include pianist Theron Brown, saxophonist Tom Reed, percussionist Steve Berry, trumpeters Eric Gimble and Jeff Boyd, trombonist Eric Ferguson, and others.

Neos Dance Theatre co-founders Bobby and Brooke Wesner will add ballet and pointe, jazz, tap, and contemporary dance to the show. Their four daughters will also join in as the whole family sings together.

With a fresh take on the holidays, ***A Big Band Christmas*** will feature a song list rarely heard on mainstream radio, including *Cool Yule*, *What Are You Doing New Year’s Eve*, fresh arrangements of *Let It Snow*, *Man With the Bag*, and more. Unique and lively choreography created for Neos dancers Juliana Freude, Anna Trumbo, Kassandra Lee, Rebekah Mayfield, Ali LeBay, Brooke and Bobby Wesner, and Kaleb Reilly will also feature the Neos Youth Performance Ensemble.

“The real heart of the show for me are the beautiful hymns sung during Act 2,” says Brooke Wesner. “Although this is a show for everyone celebrating the holiday season, this section highlights the meaning of Christmas for me and my family.”

Tickets are $15 to $35, with special rates for students, seniors, and groups. They are available online at [www.lorainccc.edu/stocker](https://www.lorainccc.edu/stocker/) and N[eosdancetheatre.org](http://neosdancetheatre.org/), and at 440-366-4040

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