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“Ryan Humbert: Strung Out For The Holidays”

A Fundraiser for the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank

The Akron Civic Theatre
182 South Main Street - Akron, Ohio 44308
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009 - 7:30 PM

TICKET PRICES: \$20 Reserved / \$15 Group Reserved (10+) / \$15 General Admission

TICKET OUTLETS: Akron Civic Theatre Box Office M-F 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
all Ticketmaster outlets located in Macy’s and select Giant Eagle stores.

TO ORDER ONLINE VISIT: www.ticketmaster.com

CHARGE BY PHONE: Akron Civic Theatre Box Office at 330-253-2488

AKRON, OH - Join the Ryan Humbert Band for this special holiday-themed show to benefit the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank. Humbert and a 13-piece acoustic band will be performing Humbert’s original songs, seasonal classics as well as covers of songs by The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Elton John, INXS and more. Aside from members of his regular band, Humbert will have a percussionist, backup singers and a string quartet, led by violinist Michael Houff.

The show will take place on the historic stage at the Akron Civic Theatre, located at 182 South Main Street in downtown Akron.

“I think it’s every musician in Akron’s dream to play at The Akron Civic. Not only am I thrilled that we have this opportunity, but also thrilled we’ll be able to do so for such a great cause,” Humbert said. “The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank does fantastic work and I speak for the whole band when I say that we’re proud to support that.”

The Akron Canton Regional Foodbank will be celebrating the end of their annual “*Long Haul Against Hunger*” food drive by collecting non-perishable food, canned goods and financial contributions outside the Civic the day of show.

“It’s exciting for the Civic to be able to bring in local talent like Ryan, as well as give back to the Foodbank,” said Howard Parr, Executive Director of the Akron Civic. “Hosting an event like this is good for the community and everyone involved. Hopefully it will help shine an even brighter light on what the Foodbank does.”

“We appreciate the enthusiasm and support from Ryan and the Akron Civic as they put this event together,” said Dan Flowers, president and CEO of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. “Community involvement like this will help feed many hungry families this holiday season.”

The show is being sponsored by The Verge Building, located in lower downtown Akron. Special assistance provided by The Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce.

RYAN HUMBERT BIO:

Since 2004, pop/rock singer-songwriter Ryan Humbert has played over 450 shows throughout Ohio, opening for Chrissie Hynde, Elvis Costello, Matt Nathanson, Third Eye Blind, The Gin Blossoms, Foreigner, Josh Ritter, Dave Mason, Allen Toussaint, Alana Davis, Raul Malo, The Zac Brown Band, The Subdudes, Maia Sharp, Tim Easton, The Damnells, John Eddie and more.

Humbert, a graduate of Green High School and lifelong Akron-Canton native, recently spent over a year living in Nashville, TN recording on his new record, “Old Souls, New Shoes.” The 14-song album features a band made up of members of The Counting Crows, The Black Crowes, The Jayhawks, Third Eye Blind and more.

Of the album, *91.3 The Summit WAPS-FM* Music and Program Director Bill Gruber said: “(The song) Keeps Me Coming Back For More will make Rob Thomas jealous and may just be the best power-pop ballad I’ve heard from anybody all year.”

Humbert was also the featured artist at the ribbon cutting ceremony of *VegiTerreanean*, the Akron restaurant of Pretenders lead singer Chrissie Hynde in September of 2007.

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