

Fun, Without Leaving The Fireside

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“We were really hoping to spend new year’s eve with you, but unfortunately 2020 has had other plans,” he said. The band is planning a “high-energy set” to rock in the new year, with music that has strong roots in R& B, funk and New Orleans styles. Lariviere wished First Night Chatham revelers a happy and healthy new year, “and we hope you enjoy the show. See you next year.”

Look for other video previews from Jukin’ J and the Rockers – they’ll be playing a medley of party songs, blues, soul and rock – and vocalist and pianist Sue Keller, who shares a bluesy clip of Patsy Cline’s “Walkin’ After Midnight.” Keller’s well known for her “soulful inventive renditions of songs we only thought we knew,” according to her post.

Watch for a set from the Bert Jackson Quartet, whose blues music shows the influences of John McLaughlin, Wes Montgomery, Eric Clapton and Peter Green.

“I want to wish you all a very happy, and prosperous and safe new year in 2021,” Jackson said in his video preview. “I’m hoping that next year at this time we can all be together.”

Not all of the remote performances are musical. Kids – and kids at heart – will get a kick from Bucky and Gigi, the clowns who’ve delighted audiences at First Night’s Cirque du Jour for years. They’ll be sharing some “up close” comedy and magic, with plenty of virtual circus tricks.

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The prerecorded performances will be streamed on

New Year’s Eve at www.FirstNightChatham.com and on First Night Chatham’s YouTube channel.



Among the musicians sending First Night greetings by video clip is Jukin’ J and the Rockers. They’ll play a special New Year’s Eve set by video.