

# Media Release

**First Night® Columbia - New Year's Eve Celebration**  
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**573-874-7460**



In The District & Stephen's College Campus  
December 31, 2006  
Food Court opens at 5 pm at Stamper Commons.  
Doors open at 6 pm. Entertainment begins at 6:30 pm.

**Admission buttons can be purchased beginning December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

(Columbia, MO) – *Let's have a Ball!* at First Night Columbia - mid-Missouri's premiere New Year's Eve event! Celebrate with family & friends at this unique and innovative public celebration that marks the passage of time through the arts. Entertainment includes more than 70 performances, activities and art at 15 locations in downtown Columbia and on the Stephens College campus. New this year will be ballroom dancing at the historic Kimball Ballroom at Stephens College.

Event-goers will travel from one location to the next enjoying great entertainment such as magic, country, orchestra, swing, dancing (old-time, children's, Irish, Cajun, ballroom), rock, children's performers, bluegrass, storytelling, folk, film, rhythm & blues, fiddling, and much more. A venue is planned just for teens!

Make a mask, crown or noisemaker at the Children's Art Area, participate in the Boone Hospital 5K Run/Walk at 4pm, carry a giant puppet or shake a noisemaker in the Processions, or ride on a carriage through beautiful Downtown Columbia.

A Children's Procession at 9:15 pm will end with a bubblewrap jump, entertainment and fireworks display. At 11:30 pm, two People's Processions will lead revelers to the finale at the Boone County Courthouse Square with entertainment, a pyroball countdown and spectacular fireworks at midnight.

Admission buttons are **\$8 for those 8 years and older purchased prior to event** and are **\$10 the night of at Missouri Theater, Boone Cty Govt Ctr and Stamper Commons only**. 7 yrs and under are free. Buttons can be purchased online at [firstnight.missouri.org](http://firstnight.missouri.org) or at Columbia Parks and Recreation 1 S 7<sup>th</sup> (12/11-12/29) or the ARC, at Streetside Records or Gerbes stores (12/11-12/31 to 4pm). Call 573-874-7460 or visit [firstnight.missouri.org](http://firstnight.missouri.org) for information or for hotel accommodations.

Volunteers are needed and receive free admission. Call 874-7499 to volunteer.

First Night is sponsored by Boone Hospital Center, 102.3 BXR & KFRU 1400 Radio, City of Columbia, Columbia Convention and Visitor's Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, KOMU-TV8 & CW, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), Stephens College and U.S. Cellular.

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