



## Quick Reference

**Cabaret Event**  
Capitol Steps

**Date**  
Fri, Oct 28, 8:00 pm

**Place**  
Jorgensen Center  
for the Performing Arts  
2132 Hillside Road  
UConn campus, Storrs, CT

**Tickets**  
\$30-\$45

**Box Office**  
860.486.4226  
Mon–Fri, 10 am–5 pm

The Box Office window is also  
open for walk-up ticket sales  
90 minutes before showtime.

## For Immediate Release

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# CAPITOL STEPS COMEDY TROUPE LAMPOONS CANDIDATES WITH 'WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE ELECTING' AT JORGENSEN

**FRI, OCT 28, 2016 AT 8 PM / CABARET DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM**

With the wild-and-wooly 2016 Presidential race as backdrop, Washington DC-based comedy troupe The Capitol Steps will present a show based on songs from their satire-filled album *What to Expect When You're Electing* at UConn's Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on Friday evening, October 28. The group's unique blend of musical and political comedy promises to have both sides of the political spectrum howling with delight as the witty ensemble punctures the powerful and leaves no prominent politician unscathed as it puts the MOCK in Democracy. Doors to Jorgensen's trendy candle-lit cabaret will open at 7:00 pm, where beverages, deserts and cabaret fare will be available from a cash bar. Show begins at 8:00 pm.

Described as "sassy, brassy political satirists" by *Broadway World*, the Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to lampoon the very people and places that employed them. In the years that followed, many of the Steps ignored the conventional wisdom ("Don't quit your day job!"), and although not all of the current members of the Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of eighteen Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience. Since they began, the Capitol Steps have recorded over 35 albums, including their latest, *What to Expect When You're Electing*. They've been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC, and PBS, and can be heard twice a year on National Public Radio stations nationwide during their "Politics Takes a Holiday" radio specials.

The Capitol Steps were born in December, 1981, when some staffers for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Ronald Reagan was President when the Steps began; co-founders Elaina Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala figured that if entertainers could become politicians, then politicians could become entertainers. Their first idea was to stage a nativity play, but in the whole Congress they couldn't find three wise men or a virgin. So they decided to dig into the headlines of the day, and created song parodies and skits which conveyed a special brand of satirical humor that was as popular in Peoria as it was on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill; some for Democrats, some for Republicans, and others for politicians who firmly straddle the fence. "No matter who holds office, there's never a shortage of material," says the group's co-founder Elaina Newport.

"Typically, the Republicans goof up, and the Democrats party. Then the Democrats goof up, and the Republicans party. That's what we call the two-party system."

For more information on the The Capitol Steps please visit [www.capsteps.com](http://www.capsteps.com).

This year Jorgensen was voted Best College or University Performing Arts Center in the *Hartford Courant's* CTNow, as well as *Connecticut Magazine's* Best of Performing Arts Venues

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## CAPITOL STEPS, continued

(College) for 2016. Established in December of 1955, Jorgensen has grown to become the largest college-based presenting program in New England. Each season Jorgensen enriches the lives of students, faculty, staff, and area residents with 30 to 35 diverse performances from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming, and contemporary entertainment. Dedicated to University of Connecticut president Albert N. Jorgensen, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts continues to follow his vision of the University as the state's educational and cultural leader.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. Tickets are available now online. Prices are: Floor Table Seats - \$45; Floor Riser Seats - \$40; Mezzanine - \$35; Balcony - \$30; Students & Youth Under 18 - All seats \$20. For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events, or order online at [jorgensen.uconn.edu](http://jorgensen.uconn.edu). Convenient \$5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is available in Lots 9, F, and L. For a detailed parking map, go to [park.uconn.edu](http://park.uconn.edu).

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