

10,000 Maniacs To Play At Civic Center Jan. 3

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Tickets go on sale Tuesday for the 10,000 Maniacs annual benefit concert, which will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Reg Lenna Civic Center.

The concert, which will benefit the Civic Center and AIDS Coalition of Chautauqua County, will be the band's first in the area since the release of its new album.

"The Civic Center is home for us," said Dennis Drew, the band's keyboard player. "We have played and practiced in that space from our earliest days, and we are proud to help it continue to bring special events for kids and be a real active community center."

The 10,000 Maniacs will perform songs from their album, *Love Among the Ruins*, which was released June 17.

Since the album's release, the band has been touring the country.

Joining the band for its hometown performance will be the Steel Drum Band from the

Randolph Children's Home.

"People loved Howie Feldman and his Steel Drum Band two years ago when they played in our concert," said Steve Gustafson, a member of the 10,000 Maniacs. "We are thrilled to have them back with us for this hometown holiday tribute."

Phillip Morris, Civic Center executive director, said having a portion of the proceeds go to the AIDS Coalition is an important part of the event.

"We are totally supportive of the great work and growing needs of the AIDS Coalition and we thought it only appropriate to share some of the band's good will and love for this town," he said.

Tickets for the event are \$18 and \$25. The Civic Center Box office is open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Telephone orders can be made by calling 484-7070 during box office hours.