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AWARD-WINNER TIM GRIMM PERFORMS TO HELP NEEDY CHILDREN GET  
A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Pull up a couch and help underprivileged children get a good night's sleep while you enjoy the music of award-winning singer/songwriter/actor Tim Grimm on Saturday evening, January 17 at Newport Furnishings in Wixom. The performance is part of the monthly Comfy Couch Concert series, co-sponsored by Newport Furnishings and Michigan Folk Live. This month's performance will benefit Sweet Dreamzzz, a non-profit organization that educates needy children about the importance of healthy sleep habits and provides them with bedtime items like sleeping bags and stuffed animals.

Comfy Couch Concerts offer a casual, relaxed, family-friendly venue where people can gather to hear talented local musicians as well as regional and national acts. The 5500 square foot Newport Furnishings showroom is transformed into a giant living room where audience members are invited to settle into the comfortable furniture, put their feet up, and enjoy the show.

This month's performer, Tim Grimm, has won numerous awards for his Americana-style music, which borders between folk and country. His recording *The Back Fields* was named Best Americana Album in the 2006 Just Plain Folks Music Awards. He has appeared in several television shows and feature films, including *Clear and Present Danger* with Harrison Ford. His latest recording, *Holding Up the World*, was recently released on Corazong Records.

There will be a pre-concert potluck dinner in the lobby at 7:00 PM. Participants may bring a dish to share and the beverage of their choice; Newport Furnishings provides the paper goods and utensils. The performance begins at 8:00 PM.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, and \$15 at the door. Student tickets are available at the door for \$10. \$3.00 will be deducted from the price of each ticket in exchange for donations of toothpaste, child-sized toothbrushes, and warm socks, which will be given to the Sweet Dreamzzz organization to use in the “sleep kits” they provide to at-risk children.

“We’re thrilled that Newport Furnishings has chosen to work with us,” said Nancy Maxwell, Executive Director for Sweet Dreamzzz. “It’s a great way for people to get together in a really fun setting and bring awareness to the work we do to help underprivileged kids. Especially in these economic times, it’s wonderful that businesses like Newport are doing things like this to help those less fortunate.”

Newport Furnishings offers quality furniture and accessories in an extensive array of designs and fabrics to fit every lifestyle and budget. The unique warehouse-style environment allows custom service at affordable prices. The showroom is located in Wixom at 29240 Lyon Oaks Drive, which is north off Grand River, 1 ½ miles west of Napier Road. For more information, visit [www.comfycouchconcerts.com](http://www.comfycouchconcerts.com), or contact Lisa at Newport Furnishings (248-679-8910, [www.newportfurnishingsmi.com](http://www.newportfurnishingsmi.com)), or Steve Johnson at Michigan Folk Live (248-910-4941, [www.michiganfolklive.com](http://www.michiganfolklive.com)).

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