



The City Light Orchestra of Kansas City, featuring lead singer David Basse, who was raised in Norfolk, is scheduled to jazz it up in the David City Opera House Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Brawl amongst Thanksgiving foods creates chaotic disruption at peaceful holiday dinner

It's that time of year again. All over the nation turkeys and various other birds are beginning to suffer from hypertension and paranoia because they can't figure out why their buddies keep disappearing. Maybe one day they'll piece the whole conspiracy together and end up eating us on TV trays in front of the Thanksgiving Day game. But let's not let the plight of the turkeys spoil our fun.

Mark Holt

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. Not only does it provide us with an opportunity to eat more food in a day than Ethiopia has produced in this century, but it gives an ordinarily worthless vegetable, the pumpkin, something to do with itself. Next to okra, the pumpkin is quite possibly the most downtrodden, misunderstood piece of produce on the market. Often the victim of cruel abuse and callous pranks by the other more conventional vegetables, our round orange

friend is given a much-deserved chance to shine during November of each year.

This seems ideal on the surface, but all is not quiet on the buffet table. Since pumpkins are represented in pies, cranberries must also be given equal time. And they make their presence known very well in sauces. You see, unlike the unified food groups, the fruit and vegetable group has a wide party split that makes decision making difficult, if not impossible. Border skirmishes, for example, are becoming more and more common in produce aisles all over the country. The sweet potatoes are pushing for equal pay and lower tariffs, the berry section is lobbying for prayer on delivery trucks, tempers flare, and before the stockers can be called in, there are a lot of bruised, unsellable bananas.

Obviously, the capacity for a brawl or at least some nasty name calling will exist at many dinner tables this Thursday. Oh, it's safe not to expect anything as major as the situation in the Middle East with the warring leftist dates and kumquat guerrillas, but the fruits and vegetables are an unpredictable lot. Given to childish

displays of emotion, they can easily turn a quiet holiday meal into a juice bath. The pumpkin is usually very shy and reserved, but after being egged on by a bunch of frenzied, vicious cranberries, complete chaos could erupt.

Thanksgiving can be loads of fun, but nothing can put a damper on a good time faster than foods fighting with each other. Respect your produce. Love fruits and vegetables equally. But don't be afraid to bruise; they need to be handled firmly. Sit between the hostile parties if necessary, or force them to stand in the corner of the vegetable bin in the refrigerator. Just play it safe, for goodness sake, and have a good Thanksgiving.

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