

Jazz Gumbo Showcase

Monday, May 16 — Live Music 6:30–8:30 — No seating before 6 pm

The Nick Ayoub Trio with guest artist **Mike Lutley**

present

A Tribute to the Legendary Crooners of Yesteryear

Nick Ayoub at piano & vocals; **Chris Bookie** on drums
Patrick Handlin on bass; **Mike Lutley** on saxes and clarinet



Paying homage to such great crooners as Nat King Cole, Bobby Darrin, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and Sammy Davis Jr., to name just a few, opens the sheet music for some great renditions of wonderful jazz standards such as *Fly Me to the Moon*, *Luck Be a Lady*, *Night and Day* and of course Armstrong's great take on *What a Wonderful World*. You'll hear these and more from a group that has been performing together for over 15 years, after they got



together during their early college years.

Calling themselves "The Family Trio," they performed a weekly Friday evening gig at the Spinnaker Restaurant and Lounge at the Hilton Hotel from 1996 until 2003. They continue to perform regularly for weddings, corporate events, society functions and private parties. This will be their first appearance for WMJS, and we look forward to their presentation.

Dance — dine — and listen to great jazz at the Kopper Top Guest House

634 Stocking NW (one door south of Fourth Street) — Open Seating

\$8 members; \$5 students; \$12 non-members, free if they join WMJS at this event! — Admission includes bowl of Gumbo or Chili plus salad and crackers — Refills \$2 — Food Service from 6-7:30 — Cash bar

To: Jazz Society Members

Re: **Jazz at the Zoo 2011**

Our 11th season of our Jazz at the Zoo Concerts at John Ball Park begins on Monday, June 13th and continues for 10 weeks through Monday, August 15th. Once again we are asking for your help in covering the ever-growing expenses involved in presenting our most popular programs to our community. In addition to park rental, insurance, soundman and artist fees, we have now had to add parking attendants!

We need co-sponsors, contributors and patrons to assist us in paying these increased costs. The audience contributions when we "pass the hat" (buckets) at intermission are a great help, but they do not cover the \$1,500.00 per week that it is costing us to present these programs, which have become such a great success in our goal of "Keeping Jazz Alive." With over 500 members, we hope that many of you will want to sign on in one of the categories listed below.

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Summer Scholarships Awarded

The MSBOA District 10 Jazz Festival was held at both Caledonia and Byron Center High Schools on March 17th. Twenty-one middle and high school jazz bands from the West Michigan area performed. Judges included such well-known members of WMJS as Dr. Paul Brewer, Max Colley Jr., Max Colley III, Tim Froncek, Tom Lockwood and Steve Talaga. After the performances were judged, the participants took part in an instructional clinic given by the above musical artist/judges.

The two student/musicians recognized for their outstanding performances were Lindsey Parks of NorthPointe Christian H.S. and Brad Karas of Grandville H.S.

Each is receiving a \$150.00 scholarship from the Brad Karas



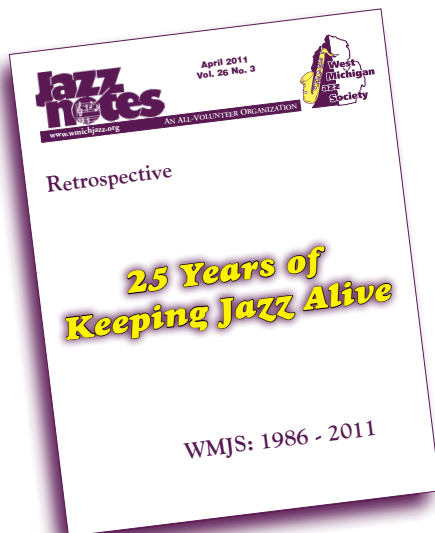
Lindsey Parks



WMJS to attend the Aquinas College Jazz Camp held June 12-17. This is the first time we have participated in this event and awarded camp scholarships, thanks to the involvement of our Education Committee chairman, James Sawyer.

Our regular annual scholarship award is available to area-wide students who plan to continue their studies in jazz music. Applicants should contact Betty Forrest at 458-0125 or orbforr@hotmail.com to obtain an application form. Our scholarship committee usually decides in June on the recipient of up to \$2,000 per year for the winner to attend the college of their choice, so applications should be sent by the end of May.

Begun as the Jimmy Forrest Scholarship Fund nearly 30 years ago, and taken over by the Society three years ago, we are proud to have assisted in the continuing education of over 25 recipients. Many of them have chosen to attend the excellent jazz studies programs at WMU in Kalamazoo. Last year we had three past and current winners performing in their highly rated jazz orchestra.



April 25th Anniversary Retrospective Issue available for \$3.00 per copy if picked up at the Jazz Gumbo in May, or (if still available) at a Jazz at the Zoo Concert in June. You may also contact Dona Raymer at 735-4744 or donamraymer@gmail.com.

The 25th Anniversary Party held on April 21st turned into a three-hour jam session. A dozen or more of our favorite jazz musicians who have entertained us over the years turned out to make this celebration a truly grand occasion.

Former Musician of the Year Tom Hagen led the quartet sup-

plying the base for the evening's music and performed as EmCee in calling up the various guest players in combinations to take their turn sitting in. Another former Musician of the Year, bassist Paul Keller, brought his wife and two children from Ann Arbor to join in the festivities. Others included John Shea, Elgin Vines,

A BLAST FOR THE PAST ★ S



Mike Hyde on guitar with Edye

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Pianist-vocalist Mark Kahny



*Above, Paul
Brewer adds
his trombone
to the party*



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his clari*

*Above,
Mary sings
backed by
Elgin Vines
on bass,
Mike Lutley
on tenor*



Tim Froncek, and Mary Rademacher (all former honorees). Special guest, introduced early by Tom, was Betty Forrest's friend Crystal Joy Albert, who is President of the Jazz Society of Pensacola. A professional pianist-vocalist, Crystal performed "Just in Time" for the overflow audience at Betty's request.

"Visiting artists" included Mark Kahny, Tom Lockwood, Fred Knapp, Randy Marsh, James Sawyer, Paul Brewer, John Gist, Mike Hyde, Robin Connell, and Edye Evans Hyde. What an array of talent!

SETS TONE FOR THE FUTURE



Emcee Tom Hagen picks up the baton



Cherie Hagen kicks that beat



Above, Betty's special guest, Crystal Joy Albert, President of the Jazz Society of Pensacola

Left, John Shea, piano – Paul Keller on bass – Tim Froncek on drums — three of our Musician of the Year recipients jamming for us!



WMJS Manager Betty Forrest with tenorman John Gist

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John Shea... piano and vocals

Mon. - Republic Bar 45 S. Division 8-11 PM

Thurs. - Gilly's at the BOB 6-9 PM

Fri. - Cobblestone on M37 at Caledonia 6:30 - 9:30

Steve Talaga with **Grupo Aye** at the Mariott Inn Fri.,
May 6 from 9 PM til 1 AM

Vocalist **Kathy LaMar** with pianist **Bob VanStee** at
Mangiamo's, Lake Drive east of Diamond; Thurs. May 21,
from 7-10 PM. Call 842-0600 for other performers.

Noto's - If it's Wednesday, it's time to go hear Rick Reuther
with the Hagens.

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2011 Schedule

Mondays at John Ball Park Bandshell 6:30 – 8:30

6/13 – River Rogues

6/20 – Doug Horn Quartet

6/29 – Paul Vornhagen Quartet

7/4 – Vocalist Kathy LaMar with Bob Van Stee Trio

7/11 – Mary Rademacher

7/18 – Steve Hilger Quartet

7/25 – Edye Evans Hyde with Quartet

8/1 – Rick Reuther with the Tom Hagen Septet

8/8 – Fred Knapp Quartet

8/15 – Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra

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