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WMJS continues
hosting Monday Nite
Jazz at Bobarinos,
located on the second
floor of the B.O.B.,
20 Monroe NW, Grand
Rapids MI.
6:30-8:30 pm.

Open seating. \$5.00 for
students and members,
\$10.00 for guests.

Some free parking
is available in the
lot adjacent to the
building.

Monday Night Jazz January 19th THE MARSHLAND TRIO

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Organissimo is not able to perform. However, we are excited to present the fabulous Marshland Trio. The members include piano virtuoso Terry Lower, Traverse City based Jack Dryden on upright bass and WMJS's 2013 Musician of the Year Randy Marsh on drums.

Lower studied composing/arranging and performance at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. He has become a favorite with WMJS's audiences while backing up Edye Evans Hyde. Lower has been active on the Jazz scene for over 30 years both here and abroad performing and/or recording with many Jazz greats including the Nelson Riddle and Jimmy Dorsey Orchestras.

Dryden also attended Berklee College of Music, and received a master degree in music from Wayne State University. Jack has performed with the Boston Pops, under the direction of John Williams, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction Eric Kunzel, as well as with Bob James, Pat Metheny, Buddy Rich, Doc Severenson,

Robert Goulet and a list is too long to mention.



Marsh is a third-generation musician, growing up in a jazz household, his mother a jazz singer and his father a Las Vegas based saxophonist. Randy has been professionally active for more than 40 years and has performed in a wide variety of music and entertainment settings. He has taught many a young musician his unique



style of drumming and continues to encourage young musicians by inviting them to sit in on his now 2 year old "Jazz Jam" at the Speak EZ.

This talented trio is bound to provide a wonderful and memorable evening of music. Don't miss it!



Monday Night Jazz October 27

Petra Van Nuis and the Andy Brown Trio (Andy on guitar, Joe Policastro on bass and Bob Rummage on drums) blessed us again with a visit from the Windy City.

This night, enabled by a very generous Jack and Mary Morrison, was smooth! It started with a Surrey (With the Fringe on Top) and ended Running Wild.

Petra - the comfortable, comely and tasteful chanteuse - was marvelously partnered with the band to share stories upbeat, loving or poignant. The program harkened back to earlier times and was a delight because it featured writers like Johnny Mercer and Cole Porter, therefore presenting romantic, intelligent and poetic lyrics that lovingly provoked both minds and hearts.

The club was filled. Kurt performed his usual magic with the sound system. Patrons were rapt whether the trio alone jumped through Basie's "The 9:20 Special" or special guest Tom Hagen lent his vast clarinetist skills to "Some Of

These Days" or Petra and Joe interplayed alone on "Night and Day" or the whole ensemble led us through "Interlude", "Stormy Weather" and "Take Me In Your Arms". Bob Rummage played "Everything I've Got Belongs To You" as if he created and owned it; and Andy and Joe skillfully played off each other all night, perhaps most noticeably with Henry Mancini's "The Shadows of Paris".

Come to think of it, it was better than smooth, more like a single malt kind of thing.

Pete Proli



Jazzy News!

Newsletter Editor Needed

WMJS wants a volunteer to produce and edit the JazzNotes newsletter. Typically, there are 8 editions per year, each one eight to twelve pages long and following our traditional format (subject to change, should the volunteer wish to create a different layout). The editor writes articles, solicits and edits content (articles and supporting photographs, musician schedules, paid advertising and membership news) from other volunteers, collaborates with our graphic artist for layout, and submits final PDFs to our printer for hard copy production and mailing, and to our Webmaster for inclusion and member emailing.

Ideally, the volunteer will have experience in producing and editing a newsletter, but any detail-oriented person with writing skill could fulfill the position. Most of the writing done or solicited by the editor will be performance recaps or short human-interest articles. The editor will work closely with other volunteers who gather jazz performance information, provide membership information, contribute photographs or write proposed articles.

The volunteer will serve in partnership with other members of the marketing/communications team and the board of directors. Interested volunteers should contact Donna Kahny at 745-5962 or grjazzzer@gmail.com.

The 2014 ArtPrize St. Cecilia Music Center's Jazz Music Award winner is...

Roger MacNaughton, with his original entry titled "5 Mile Mountain". "5 Mile Mountain" was composed by Roger in April 2014 to commemorate his move to the beautiful hills of Cannon Township in West Michigan. (the Jazz Award was sponsored by Otterbase Inc, Sue Tiggleman and anonymous)

CONGRATULATIONS ROGER!



Aquinas College's OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) has hired Robin Connell to teach a class entitled "The Great American Songbook Seasonal Favorites." The class will meet Tuesdays, Dec 2 & 9, from 9:30am-11:30am. Last I heard there were about 50 people enrolled & the class is being moved to a bigger room!

For more information-
http://www.aquinas.edu/olli/pdf/fall2_14.pdf



St Cecilia Music Center will hold auditions Jan 12, 4-7pm, for the after school music programs (orchestra, band, jazz). Paul Brewer and Robin Connell are the faculty for the two jazz classes (improvisation & ensemble).
<http://www.scmc-online.org/school-music/>

Monday Night Jazz November 17

Jim Cooper, vibraphone, marimba and percussion - Dave Hay, keyboards and acoustic bass - Mike VanLente, drums.... collectively known as CHV, brought their musical flame to downtown GR on the snowiest, blowiest, blusteriest night of the fledgling winter season. And they managed to heat things up convincingly! And why is it that the group that has the farthest to drive, gets the winter storm?

No worries.... CHV opened the evening with the Dave Hay composition "Designated Hitter", a hard-driving, multi-metered tune that had the joint jumpin'. The breezy "Javelina Nights" followed, a Cooper tune inspired by his time in Arizona that created a somewhat ironic contrast to sideways snow outside the backdrop stage window!

The remainder of first set featured some nice covers of Cole Porter's "I Love You" and Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies", both featuring the brilliant arco bowing of multi-instrumentalist Hay on upright bass. A word about Dave

Hay... one of the finest pianists anywhere... check. One of the most gifted bassists around... check. I've heard Dave on drums, too. Exceptional and... check. He is his own jazz trio!





photos by Bruce Robey

Included in set one was the funky jazz rocker "Yearning For Yen", a Cooper original that showed off the incredibly diverse and solid rhythmic styles of the anchor, drummer Mike VanLente.

Second set opened with the warm and soothing Chick Corea staple, "Sea Journey", featuring a lovely marimba intro from Jim. I am constantly in

awe of two comping instrumentalists (piano and mallets) that compliment, rather than trip over each other. The chemistry here between all players is spot on, subtle and always intensely listening, but yet not shying away from exploring the creative forces of each performer. Set two included one of my personal favorites, the colorful Dave Hay composition "Falling Star", a former ArtPrize entry, and from the group's only release so far, "Trio

Musik". Rounding out second set, Victor Feldman's "Too Blue" and a very charged "Cherokee", courtesy of Dave Hay's daring arranging finesse.

Clearly, a nice night to stay inside and take in a very rousing musical opus from these veteran jazzers!

Mark Kahny
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December Jazz Around Town

Monday, Dec 1

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Dec 2

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington,
7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

Mark Kahny w/ Diane Vandewater at Bar Divani, 7-10 pm

Wednesday, Dec 3

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's,
6:30 – 9:30 pm

Benje Daneman & Ashley Daneman, from New York at the
Book Nook & Java Shop in Montague, 7-9 pm

Freddy DeGennaro at Mangiamo! 7 pm

Thursday, Dec 4

Robin Connell at Lumber Baron Bar in Amway Grand
Hotel, 6-9 pm

Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites,
Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Mark Kahny at Mangiamo! 7-10 pm

Checkers Junior Jazz at the Book Nook & Java Shop,
Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover

Friday, Dec 5

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

The DB Three (Dave Bowen, Mike Lutley & Bill Huyge) at
Garden Court Lounge

in the Amway Grand Hotel, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Dec 6

Steve Hilger Trio at Riverstop Café, Newaygo, 7 pm

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

The DB Three (Dave Bowen, Mike Lutley & Bill Huyge) at
Garden Court Lounge

in the Amway Grand Hotel, 6-10 pm

Sunday, Dec 7

GR Jazz Orchestra at Founder's, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, w/ Terry Lower & Jack Dryden
7-10 pm

Monday, Dec 8

**WMJS Annual Holiday Party at Watermark Country
Club, 5500 Cascade Rd, 6:30 – 10 pm**

Monday, Dec 8

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Dec 9

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington,
7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

Mark Kahny w/ Rebekah Rhys at Bar Divani, 7-10 pm

Wednesday, Dec 10

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's,
6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, Dec 11

Robin Connell at Lumber Baron Bar in Amway Grand
Hotel, 6-9 pm

Karen Cameron Trio w/ Mark Kahny at the Book Nook in
Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover

Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites,
Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Friday, Dec 12

Tami Hjelm & Roger McNaughton at Mangiamo! 7 pm

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

The DB Three (Dave Bowen, Mike Lutley & Bill Huyge) at
Garden Court Lounge

in the Amway Grand Hotel, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Dec 13

Mark Kahny w/ Bobby T at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

The DB Three (Dave Bowen, Mike Lutley & Bill Huyge) at
Garden Court Lounge

in the Amway Grand Hotel, 6-10 pm

Sunday, Dec 14

Randy Marsh & Organissimo at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Monday, Dec 15

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Dec 16

Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark 920 Division,
Muskegon 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Mary Rademacher Reed & Tom Hagen at Bar Divani,
7-10 pm

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington,
7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

December Jazz Around Town

Wednesday, Dec 17

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's,
6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, Dec 18

Robin Connell at Lumber Baron Bar in Amway Grand
Hotel, 6-9 pm

Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites,
Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Brad Fritcher+Trois at the Book Nook & Java Shop,
Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover

Friday, Dec 19

Robin Connell & Paul Brewer at Mangiamo! 7 pm

Steve Hilger Trio at Grill 111, Rockford, 6 pm

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

The DB Three (Dave Bowen, Mike Lutley & Bill Huyge) at
Garden Court Lounge in the
Amway Grand Hotel, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Dec 20

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Kathy Lamar w/ Paul Lesinski at Mangiamo! 7 pm

Sunday, Dec 21

Randy Marsh w/ Tony Viviano & Jack Dryden at SpeakEZ,
7-10 pm

Monday, Dec 22

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Dec 23

Kathy Lamar & Steve Talaga at Bar Divani, 7-10 pm

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington,
7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

Wednesday, Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, Dec 26

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Dec 27

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Steve Hilger at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Sunday, Dec 28

Randy Marsh & Organissimo at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Monday, Dec 29

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Dec 30

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington, 7:30
– 10:30 pm, no cover

Wednesday, Dec 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Kathy Lamar w/ Bob Van Stee at Mangiamo! 7 pm

River City Jazz Band at Amway Grand Hotel, Pantlind
Ballroom, big band music & dancing
9pm-1:00 am, amwaygrand.com for pricing packages

John Shea at JW Marriott, 7-11 pm

The DB Three (Dave Bowen, Mike Lutley & Bill Huyge) at
Garden Court Lounge in the
Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-1 am



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the musician's websites

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Thursday, Jan 1

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand Hotel, 6-9 pm

Friday, Jan 2

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Jan 3

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
GRJO at Founder's 5:30-7:30 pm

Sunday, Jan 4

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Monday, Jan 5

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Jan 6

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

Wednesday, Jan 7

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 8

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand Hotel, 6-9 pm
Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm
Mark Kahny, Jazz at the Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 cover, \$5 cover

Friday, Jan 9

Mark Kahny, The Melting Pot, 4-7
John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Jan 10

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Sunday, Jan 11

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Monday, Jan 12

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Jan 13

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

Wednesday, Jan 14

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 15

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand Hotel, 6-9 pm
Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm
Michael Pierce & Friends, Jazz at the Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 cover, \$5 cover
Kathy Lamar and the Crew "One Trick Pony", 8-11

Friday, Jan 16

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Jan 17

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Sunday, Jan 18

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Monday, Jan 19

WMJS at the B.O.B. 6:30 – 9:30 pm - Marshland Trio
John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Jan 20

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover
Truth in Jazz at 920 Watermark, 920 Division, Muskegon, 7:30 – 9:30 pm. \$5 cover

Wednesday, Jan 21

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 22

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand Hotel, 6-9 pm
Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites,

January Jazz Around Town

Thursday, Jan 22

Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Jim Beegle & Friends, Jazz at the Book Nook & Java Shop,
Montague, 7-9 cover, \$5 cover

Fri, Jan 23

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Jan 24

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Sunday, Jan 25

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Monday, Jan 26

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Tuesday, Jan 27

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7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover

Wednesday, Jan 28

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6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 29

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand
Hotel, 6-9 pm
Brad Fritcher + Trois, Jazz at the Book Nook & Java Shop,
Montague, 7-9 cover, \$5 cover
Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites,
Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Friday, Jan 30

Mark Kahny, The Melting Pot, 4-7
John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Saturday, Jan 31

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

A hearty welcome to our new members!

And a HUGE thank you to our new lifetime members, donors and all those renewing their memberships.

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Jazz In The Sanctuary At Fountain Street Church

February 3, 2015 3:00 p.m.

Jazz in the Sanctuary seeks to explore the deep connection between jazz piano and bass in an acoustic setting.

The next concert will be held on 2/08/15, at 3pm, at Fountain Street Church, and will feature renowned jazz artists, Xavier Davis and Matt Brewer, with Grand Rapids musician, Robin Connell, as host.

The final concert in the 2014-15 series will be held at the church on 4/26/15 and will feature Grand Rapids jazz pianist, Steve Talaga.

XAVIER DAVIS - Piano



Grand Rapidian by birth, jazz pianist, Xavier Davis, recently joined the esteemed faculty of Michigan State University as Associate Professor of Jazz Piano. For six years prior, he taught at the Juilliard School in New York City.

Reviews for his debut CD as bandleader, 'Dance of Life', include:

"...the music exudes a mature, nonchalant ease and cozy empathy that make this... a rewarding listen" – Jazz Times

"Davis steps out with an accomplished debut" – Downbeat

Xavier Davis simply knows how to make every note on his instrument sing, and he invariably finds the richest area of the keyboard for voicing his chords - Bob Blumenthal, jazz critic/writer.

MATT BREWER - Bass



Bassist, Matt Brewer, was born in Oklahoma City, but grew up mostly in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He attended high school at Interlochen Arts Academy and college on full scholarship at the Juilliard School.

Matt has been an adjunct faculty member at the New School University and has taught several times at the Banff International Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music.

Mr. Brewer has established a foothold as one of the stalwart young bassists on the progressive jazz scene. – New York Times

ROBIN CONNELL - Host



Originally from Detroit, and a GVSU alum, jazz pianist/singer, Robin Connell, led her own jazz band and worked as a side-woman during the decade she lived in New York City. She taught jazz studies at the Interlochen Arts Camp for twenty summers where she met her husband, Dr. Paul Brewer. She moved with Paul to Grand Rapids in 1999 and currently teaches part time at GRCC and Aquinas College in addition to 'gigging'.

\$10 adults/\$5 students – concert only • \$20 – additional for reception– proceeds to benefit Heartside Ministry



Musician of the Year

N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

The West Michigan Jazz Society invites its membership to send in nominations for consideration for the 2015 WMJS Musician of the Year Award. The award was established in 2000 to honor outstanding local musicians and is given annually to recognize someone who has contributed over a period of time to the West Michigan scene in perpetuating a greater awareness of jazz. This year's recipient will be announced in January.

Please complete to the best of your knowledge submit the nomination form below by December 31, 2014. You must be a member in good standing to submit a nomination.

Mail to: WMJS, M.O.Y. Committee, P.O. Box 150307, Grand Rapids, MI 49515

Your Name

_____ First _____ Last

- Your Email Address _____
- _____
- Name of Nominee _____

_____ First _____ Last

- Nominee's Email Address _____
- Musical Affiliations of the Nominee (Music Teacher, Private Lessons, Local Choirs, etc.)

- In 100 words or less, please describe the musical impact the nominee has had on the community, and why you feel they deserve this honor.

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