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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.



The Tom Hagen Trio with Rick Reuther

Monday Night Jazz February 16th

The husband and wife team of Tom Hagen on keys and Cherie Lynn Hagen (drums, vocals), will be joined by the smooth crooning of vocalist Rick Reuther and Mike Lutley will add his magic on saxes and flute. This band can perform a wide variety of music, including jazz, pop, Broadway & big band, and they never fail to make a connection with their audience. The trio has one well received CD in release, titled "One". They perform for concerts, special events, night clubs and are a mainstay in the lounge at Notos in Grand Rapids, MI, performing every Wednesday evening.

Tom Hagen was voted West Michigan Jazz Society's Jazz Musician of the year in 2007. He has spent his life immersed in music, performing, recording, teaching, arranging and enjoying it all. He has played with Steve Allen, Buddy De Franco, the Grand Rapids

Symphony, The Lennon Bros., and much much more. Tom plays keyboards, guitar, bass, clarinet, tenor sax, alto sax, flute and more! Along with all that talent, and his great musical ear, he has a popular and busy recording studio in his home.

Cherie Lynn is one of the few female drummers in West Michigan, Cherie Lynn works steadily in the area with the Tom Hagen Trio and We Know Jack. She started out playing bass backing many musicians & vocalists in the area as well as celebrities that would come into Grand Rapids including Steve Allen, Kenny Loggins & Chaka Kahn to name a few. Cherie loves to write and has collaborated with Tom Hagen on three of the songs on her "Two for the Road" CD. Their original compositions are; "The Time I Spend With You", "You Make My Heart Dance" & "In Love With Love".

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Vocalist Rick Reuther delivers a song with feeling and authority, learned and earned in a career of performing that spans more than thirty years. Confidence, an extremely engaging stage manner and excellent vocal chops combine to make this singer one you won't want to miss. Rick has several recordings out, one with the popular Grand Rapids based Mary Rademacher. Rick also composes and has written several songs for his recordings.

Mike Lutley is one of the most in demand and first call sax men in West Michigan. He plays consistently with many area bands including the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra. Mike composes, arranges and in his day job he makes sure Grand Rapids school instruments are in fine shape. Mike recently released his first solo CD "Double of Nothing", recorded at Tom's studio.

This group is popular year after year!

- Donna Kahny



Coming to Monday Night at the BOB!



March 16th - My Thin Place

A self described jazz consort, the band performs original works as well as the music of other artists. Their passion lies with musical with structure, improvisation, open space and new sounds. The members include Ric Troll on drums, guitar and percussion; Dave Martin on vibraphone and percussion, Mike Dodge on guitar and Dave DeVos on bass.

April 20th - Tony Reynolds Trio

Tony has "the voice"! His smooth four-octave range, and his classy style adds elegance to his performance. He was on the road for seven years with Sir Tom Jones and had the privilege of singing back up with Sir Elton John at John's London home. Tony's gifted speaking voice propelled him to be a popular voice over artist in Las Vegas. He will be joined by Mark Kahny on keyboards and Mark Weymouth on drums.



Monday Night Jazz JANUARY 19, 2015



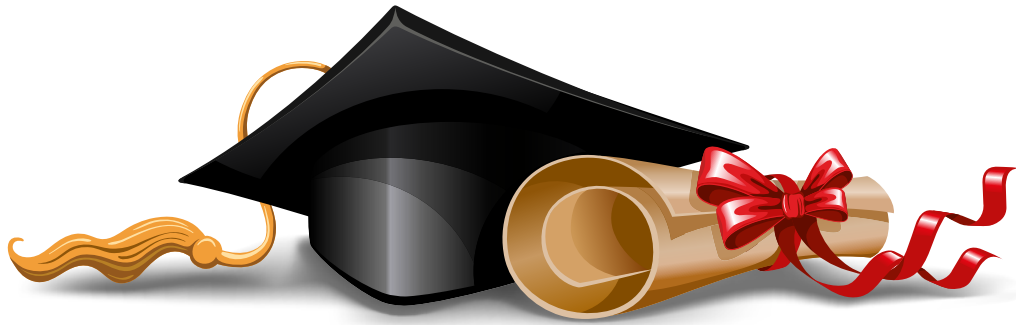
The Marshland Trio

The piano virtuoso Terry Lower, did an awesome job introducing the songs. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the history behind the music.

A woman in the audience was overheard saying "Count his fingers!" As to imply that he must have more than ten to achieve the sounds coming from the piano that night.

It was such a pleasure to hear Traverse City based, Jack Dryden's mastery of the bass again.

A hearty thank you to Randy Marsh for putting together this great trio. The B.O.B. was hopping that night and a great performance was enjoyed by all.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Each year, the West Michigan Jazz Society awards scholarships to deserving students to help with their continuing education in the field of jazz. We are currently taking applications for these scholarships. Our only requirement is that the student will be going to an accredited school or university and is pursuing a study of jazz music.

All applications must be received by April 15.

Download the application at: www.wmichjazz.org

Sat.,
Feb.
28

DeVos
Performance
Hall

Vanessa Williams

Symphony with SOUL

Vanessa Williams joins the GR Symphony to perform a selection of her greatest hits for the 14th annual celebration of African-American musical expression, bridging cultures through the shared language of music. Make it a star filled night by purchasing the dinner, concert and after party Celebration of Soul package.

The Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority's Community Inclusion Group is proud to welcome Symphony with Soul special guest artist Vanessa Williams to DeVos Performance Hall.

CALL 616.454.9451 x 4
GRSymphony.org

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David Lockington, Music Director





WMJS HOLIDAY PARTY

On a beautiful winter evening, the West Michigan Jazz Society held its annual holiday party. On what is believed to be the largest turn out ever, our members and guests filled the banquet room at Watermark Country Club. The room was aglow with holiday decorations, and the sounds of music filled the air. Special thanks go to Mike Lutley and his fellow musicians, Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson who, along with several guest performers, gave us an evening of dancing and listening pleasure. We had a silent auction which gave some attendees some early Christmas shopping bargains.



Perhaps I can quote from a note that we received from long time member, Bucky Love. "Great party! Thanks for your hard work in making it a huge success".



And thanks to Peni Reed and Linda Johnson for organizing and decorating the room for the holiday party.

John Miller



February Jazz Around Town

Sunday, Feb 1

Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra at Founder's, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Randy Marsh w/ Robin Connell & Jack Dryden at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Tuesday, Feb 3

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

Wednesday, Feb 4

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Steve Hilger & Trio Jazz at the B.O.B., 7-10 pm

Thursday, Feb 5

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 6-9 pm
Third Coast Ensemble at the Book Nook, Montague, 7-9 pm
Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Friday, Feb 6

Mark Kahny at the Melting Pot, Knapp's Corner, 5 pm

Saturday, Feb 7

Kathy Lamar with Paul Lesinski at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 7-11 pm
Robin Connell at Mangiamo!, 7-10 pm

Sunday, Feb 8

Robin Connell hosts Jazz at Sanctuary at Fountain St. Church @ 3pm
w/ Xavier Davis & Matt Brewer in an all-acoustic setting, Benefits Heartside ministries, tickets \$10/5 adult/student, \$20 for reception
Randy Marsh w/ Steve Talaga & Tom Lockwood at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm

Tuesday, Feb 10

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

Wednesday, Feb 11

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

Thursday, Feb 12

Robin Connell at the Lumber Baron Bar, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 6-9 pm
Karen Cameron Trio w/ Mark Kahny at The Book Nook in Montague, 7-9 pm
Randy Marsh with Jeff Haas Trio at Cambria Suites, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 14

Mark Kahny w/ Steve Hilger Jazz Band, 7 pm

Sunday, Feb 15

Randy Marsh w/ Organissimo at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm
Monday, Feb 16
WM JAZZ AT BOBARINO'S, Tom Hagen Trio with Mike Lutley, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb 17

Jazz Jam at The Grand, Grand Haven, 22 Washington, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, no cover
Truth in Jazz Orchestra at 920 Watermark, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7-9 pm
Mark Kahny at Fountain St. Church, downtown GR at 6 pm
Checkers Morton Mardi Gras at the Book Nook, Montague, 7-9 pm

Wednesday, Feb 18

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Steve Hilger Jazz Quintet at the B.O.B., 7-10 pm

February Jazz Around Town

Thursday, Feb 19

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

Forest Hills Northern HS Jazz Concert @ 7 pm

Mark Kahny at the Book Nook, Montague, 7-9 pm

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

Friday, Feb 20

Mark Kahny at Porto Bello, downtown Grand Haven, 7 pm

Sunday, Feb 22

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

Tuesday, Feb 24

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

Wednesday, Feb 25

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

Steve Hilger & the Mark Kahny Trio at HOME at the B.O.B., 7-10 pm

Thursday, Feb 26

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

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

Brad Fritcher + Trois at the Book Nook, Montague, 7-9 pm

Friday, Feb 27

Mark Kahny at Mangiamo!, 7 pm

Saturday, Feb 28

Kathy Lamar with Paul Lesinski at Riverstop Café, Newaygo, 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.

Our jazz concerts continue because of the support we receive from you!

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David Buck

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Lynn & Tom Dandridge

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Carl DiMaria

Carolyn Heines

Gary McCourry

George & Gretchen Zuiderveen

Be sure to check for additions and changes on our website, www.wmichjazz.org, WMJS's Facebook, the venues as well as the musician's websites



Musician of the Year 2015

**We are
pleased
to announce
that our
Musician
Of the Year
for 2015 is
saxophonist**



Mike Lutley

**Details of Mike's career will
appear in the next edition of
JazzNotes.**

Congratulations Mike!

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.

St. Cecilia Music Center Artists Receive Grammy Nominations

Jazz vocalist René Marie has just been nominated for her first Grammy Award for the album, "I Wanna Be Evil (With Love to Eartha Kitt.)"

Don't miss her Grand Rapids appearance as she closes the Spectacular Jazz series at SCMC on March 12, 2015 at 7:30.

For more information on Rene Marie, check <http://renemarie.com/>

For tickets, contact:
St. Cecilia Music Center
24 Ransom NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503,
Phone 616.459.2224

Chick Corea, who opened the SCMC's 2014-15 season remains one of the most Grammy nominated artists of all-time, picking up another two nominations this year - those mark his 62nd and 63rd!





Jazz with a Heart at Fountain Street Church

A concert full of heart for the Valentine's Day season -- Fountain Street Church's Jazz in the Sanctuary series continues with a fantastic lineup and a reception to benefit Heartside Ministry.

Robin Connell and Fountain Street's magnificent concert grand pianos host Matt Brewer and Xavier Davis – two favorite sons of Grand Rapids jazz. And we really mean favorite sons. Bassist Matt Brewer is the son of ace jazz trombonist Paul Brewer, while pianist Xavier Davis is the son of Duane Davis, one of West Michigan's premier vocal music teachers and conductors.

The concert will be followed by a reception to benefit Heartside Ministry. We'll have Valentine's Day treats and an opportunity to appreciate Heartside's unique focus on the creative life of their clients with a silent auction of art work and more music.

This is the second of three concerts in Fountain Street Church's Jazz in the Sanctuary series for the 2014-15 season.

How, when, where:

Fountain Street Church
24 Fountain Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

\$10/\$5 for students

\$30 for the benefit reception (includes concert ticket)

Advance tickets available at: <https://jazzinthesanctuary.eventbrite.com>. One more concert is planned for the 2014-2015 season on April 26. Robin Connell hosts the entire series.



More about Matt Brewer:

Matt was born in Oklahoma City but grew up mostly in Albuquerque, NM. He attended the Interlochen Arts Academy and college on full scholarship at the Juilliard School. He has toured and/or recorded with Greg Osby, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, David Sanchez, Terrence Blanchard, Vijay Iyer, Steve Coleman, Lee Konitz, Steve Lehman, Ambrose Akinmusurie, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Dave Binney, Antonio Sanchez, Aaron Parks, Logan Richardson, Lage Lund, Mike Moreno, Will Vinson, Adam Rogers and many others. Criss-Cross Records recently released his debut CD as a bandleader and composer: *Mythology*.

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

"Brewer uses the full range of his instrument...while projecting a room-filling resonant tone"

– Jazz Times

www.mattbrewerbass.com



More about Xavier Davis:

Grand Rapidsian 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. In addition to his performing and teaching talents, he is a gifted composer, arranger, and producer of music.

Xavier has performed and recorded with many of today's great jazz musicians including Betty Carter, Carl Allen, Tom Harrell, Regina Carter, Freddie Hubbard, Sonny Fortune, Abbey Lincoln, Joe Lovano, Donald Byrd, Bob Berg, Joe Chambers, Gary Bartz, John Faddis, Nat Adderley, Nicholas Payton, Wessell Anderson, Vincent Herring, Antonio Hart, Don Braden, The New Jazz Composer's Octet, Ron Blake, Vanessa Rubin, Russell Malone, The New York Voices, and Diahann Carroll, among others.

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.

www.xavierdavis.com

More about Dr. Robin Connell:



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 her performance schedule. Robin can be heard solo on Thursdays at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, with her band around Michigan, and as a 'sideman' with other bands.

<http://www.robinconnell.com>

More about Fountain Street Church:

Protestant in tradition and Baptist in history, Fountain Street is now liberal in defining faith and non denominational in expressing it. Its majestic sanctuary has a history of hosting brilliant music and notable musicians from Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald to Dave Brubeck, The Grateful Dead and Bono. Every week it also welcomes children, elders, young adults, homeless neighbors, and many who have been left out, cast out, or simply walked out of other religions. Part of no denomination, Fountain Street works in partnership with other houses of worship and charitable organizations to serve the poor, stand up for the oppressed, and create a world of "liberty and justice for all."

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