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WEST MICHGAN JA77 SOCIETY DRESENTS



MONDAY NIGHTS IN THE SUMMER 6:30 - 8:30

Ah-Nab-Awen Park

220 Front Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We proudly present our 16th season of free Monday night concerts Website: www.wmichjazz.org



Northview High School Jazz Band, June 6

June 6 – Northview High School Jazz Band - The Northview Jazz Ensemble from Grand Rapids, MI has received 1st division ratings at the MSBOA State Jazz Festival since 1975. They have won best band awards many times at many college invitationals, have performed at the Ford Detroit Jazz Festival over 19 times and Montreaux Switzerland Jazz Festival twice, the Mid-West Music Conference five times, the MAASP State Convention 6 times, and for President Bush. They performed at National Festivals in D.C., Savannah, and have had students win Down-Beat and NAJEA awards. They have performed with The U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors, Marcus Belgrave, George Benson, Big Organ Trio, Paul Brewer, Ron Carter,

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Max Colley III, Scott Cowan, Bruce Early, Kurt Ellenberger, Jon Faddis, Count Fisher, Jimmy Forrest, Tim Froncek, Jim Gallagher, Wycliff Gordon, Rob Hartman, Hip Pocket, Rick Holland, Steve Houghton, Edye Evans Hyde, Mike Jellic, Paul Keller Trio, Cary Kocher, Trent Kynaston, Mike Lutley, Frank Mantooth, Wynton Marsalis, Mike Michewicz, Minds Eye, John Montgomery, Andrew Rathbun, Eve René, River Rogues Jazz Band, Ellen Rowe, Bill Sears, John Shea Trio, "Sweet" Willie Singleton, Rob Smith, Jim Snidero, Steve Spiegle, Dave Spring, Steve Talaga, Bob Thompson, Turning Point, U of M Jazz Ensemble, Elgin Vines, Rodney Whitaker, Todd Williams, Dennis Wilson and John Wojciakowski.



Mike Frost, June 13

June 13 – Mike Frost – Mike Frost is a Chicago-born saxophonist, a working musician for 30 plus years. As a fairly recent transplant to Grand Rapids, he already has developed a large following. For 22 years, Mike was the Director of Entertainment for Premier Yachts

Inc. providing and creating all of the entertainment for their dinner cruise ships at Navy Pier in Chicago and the sister ships in Boston, Washington D.C. and New York.

June 20 - In the Tradition
Jazz - This African-American jazz hails from Detroit.
Whether you have heard them before or not, you don't want to miss this energetic performance. The 9 member band has played locally for Taste of Soul, at the Grand-JazzFest and in Muskegon for Black History month.

June 27 - Greenbrook - Led by saxist Robert Moore from Muskegon, this is smooth jazz a la Grover Washington and George Benson. Greenbrook has been in existence for 30 years and this group of



Greenbrook, June 27



Terry Lower Band, July 11

musicians has been together for over 20 years. They have been the opening act for Muskegon's Summer Celebration for several years. (Members are Terry Kimura, trombone, Davy Lazar, trumpet, Carl Cafagna, reeds/vocals, John Hammer, piano, Bill Bolle, bass,

and Bob Pinterich, drums). (no July 4th performance)

July 11 – Terry Lower – West Michigan Jazz Society's 2016 Musician of the Year! Pianist Lower plays with passion and expertise. He enjoys playing standards, straight ahead and swing jazz. Terry puts his own

twist and arrangements in the music and shares the fun with audiences. On stage with Terry will be jazz vocal stylist, and 2011 Musician of the Year recipient, Edye Evans Hyde, sax man Jim Hayward, and drummer Larry Ochiltree.

July 18 - Marge's Bar Band - is a traditional jazz ensemble based in the Detroit Eastside. Named in reference to the venue of their steady gig, the group is most often associated by Dixieland jazz fans with the legendary cornetist Tom Saunders. Saunders passed away in 2010 having fronted the band for many years, but the tradition has been kept alive to this day. Now celebrating its 46th anniversary, the Marge's Bar Band continues to deliver the early jazz style pioneered by the

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Marge's Bar Band, July 18

likes of Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet, and Bix Beiderbecke. Members are Terry Kimura (trombone), Davy Lazar (trumpet), Carl Cafagna (reeds/vocals), John Hammer (piano), Bill Bolle (bass), and Bob Pinterich (drums)

July 25 - Gustavo Cortiñas has a strong foundation in jazz which began at age 10 with the musical traditions of his native Mexico. His playing has been described as having a new and fresh sound. Gustavo is a graduate of Loyola University New Orleans and in 2013 he received a Master of Music degree from Northwestern University. He and his group have been performing regularly in Chicago, and touring throughout the USA, Latin America, Europe and

Asia. Gustavo is also a composer and educator.

August 1 - Mary Rademacher

Reed is a long time local favorite. She always pleases the audience with her singing and dancing, but her many talents also include acting and choreography. She works with many school play groups and with Civic Theater where she is working on "Cats" this season. Mary is an important part of the nationally touring performance group, the Boogie Woogie Babies. Mary was voted Jazz Musician of the year 2006.

August 8 - Checkers Morton -Described as "a venerable band

of brothers", this group has been playing music together for over forty years. They are a regular hit at the Book Nook in Montague MI. and will present their original work and free music. (Dave Collee, bass, Dan Giacobassi, saxes and flute, Jim Beegle - trumpet, flute and congas, Bob VanStee - keys, and 2004 WMJS Musician of the Year, more recently added to the group, Tim Froncek, drums).

August 15 – Grand Rapids Jazz

Orchestra - For more than 30 years, The Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra has been one of Michigan's premier jazz ensembles, featuring some of the finest musicians in the area playing swinging original compositions and arrangements as well as traditional favorites. The musicians that create

the live sounds are some of the area's best soloists and sidemen available. Many have jazz projects of their own, yet dedicate time to fostering the performance of live big band jazz. The band was founded in 1977 by the late Bruce Early, and has performed with many famous artists such as Clark Terry, Louis Bellson, Phil Woods, Pearl Bailey, Kenny Wheeler, Randy Brecker, Maria Schneider, Allen Vizutti, Phil Wilson, Bobby Shew, and has been enjoyed by thousands of people at concerts, dances, and festivals throughout the region. The GRJO performs at Founder's Brewery the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Visit the website GRJO. com for more information on live streaming, performances, and CD's.



Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, August 15



SATURDAY, JUNE 11

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm **Entourage** at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-11 pm



Boogie Woogie Babies, June 11 at the Reuther Pavilion

Boogie Woogie Babies at Reuther Pavilion in Canadian Lakes, 7-9:15 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 7-11 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Dave Schock, Jeff Beavan & Bill Huyge at New Harmony Hall, 401 Bridge St., 4-6 pm

John Shea at New Holland Brewing Co, in Holland, 6-9 pm

MONDAY, JUNE 13

WMJS AT THE PARK Presents **Mike Frost** at Ah Nab Awen Park, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Jazz Jam at the What Not Inn, Fennville, Open Mic, 6-9 pm

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm



Mary Rademacher Reed and Mark Kahny, June 14 on the Grand Lady Riverboat

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Jazz Jam at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Mary Rademacher Reed & Mark Kahny on the Grand Lady

Riverboat, Happy Hour

Cruise, 6-9 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15



Terry Lower Trio, June 10 at Clara's on the River

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

Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10 pm

JMM at SpeakEZ, Monroe NW, GR, 8-11 pm **THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

Entourage at Bud & Stanley's on the Patio, 7-10 pm **Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds** at Sandy Point Beach House, Holland, 7-10 pm



Jeff Haas Trio with Randy Marsh, June 16 at West Bay Beach, Holiday Inn

Jeff Haas Trio with Randy Marsh at West Bay Beach, Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10 pm

Mary Rademacher Reed with Mark Kahny & Tim Johnson, Rhythm on the River, Greenville, 7-9 pm Evan Heath at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 17



John Shea, June 17 at JW Marriott

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm free valet parking

Entourage at the Melting Pot, Celebration Cinema/North, 6-9 pm

Marshland Express, with Randy Marsh, Steve Talaga, Warren Jones, Caleb Elzinga – Happy Hour weekly at Waldron Public House (formerly Mc Fadden's) 6-8 pm Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian

Restaurant, Saugatuck, 7-11 pm

Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10 pm



Lansing Jazz Festival, at the Wharton Center, Lansing, GR Jazz Orchestra with Edye Evans Hyde at 6-7 pm, FREE

Laurie Sears on sax & flute & Peter Tolias, guitar at Pine Hill Garden Café, Torch Lake, 6:30-8:30 pm Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 7-11 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm



Mark Kahny, June 18, What Nott Inn

Mark Kahny at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-11 pm Entourage at Garden Court Lounge, in Amway Grand Hotel 7-11 pm

Lansing Jazz Festival, at the Wharton Center, Lansing, FREE

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 7-11 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 19



River Rogues, June 19 at New Harmony Hall

River Rogues at New Harmony Hall, 401 Bridge St., 2-4 pm

Entourage at Garden Court Lounge, in Amway Grand Hotel 7-11 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Bostwick Lake Inn, 5-9 pm

MONDAY, JUNE 20

WMJS at the Park with **In the Tradition**, at Ah Anab Awen Park, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm

Open Mic Jazz Jam at the What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9 pm



Randy Marsh, Laurie Sears and Jeff Haas, June 20 at Chateau Chantal

Celebrate Summer solstice Chateau Chantal, Traverse City with Randy Marsh, Laurie Sears & Jeff Haas 7-9:30 Pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Jazz Jam at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Salt & Pepper Grill, Holland, 6-9 pm



Truth in Jazz Orchestra, June 21 at 920 Watermark

Truth in Jazz Orchestra at 920 Watermark, Muskegon, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$5 cover

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

JMM Trio at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, 1642 S. Shore Dr., Holland, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10 pm



Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther, June 22, Noto's

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

Robin Connell & Aquinas Jazz Camp Faculty Recital, with Paul Brewer, Tim Froncek, Chris Lawrence, Bob Nixon, Tom Lockwood, Mike Hyde, & Matt Brewer at 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Rademacher Reed & Mark Kahny on the Grand Lady Riverboat, 6:15-9 pm

Jeff Haas Trio with Randy Marsh & Laurie Sears at Chantal Chateau Winery Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm

Terry Lower & the Jazz All Stars Band with Edye Evans Hyde at Elkhart Jazz Festival **Oak Daniels Trio** at the Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Entourage at Six One Six at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at the Melting Pot, Celebration Cinema, 6-9 pm

Marshland Express, with Randy Marsh, Steve Talaga, Warren Jones, Caleb Elzinga – Happy Hour weekly at Waldron Public House (formerly Mc Fadden's) 6-8 pm

Terry Lower & the Jazz All Stars Band with Edye Evans Hyde at Elkhart Jazz Festival

Laurie Sears on sax & flute & Peter Tolias, guitar at Pine Hill Garden Café, Torch Lake, 6:30-8:30 pm



Laurie Sears on sax and Peter Tolias on Guitar, June 17 at Pine Hill Garden Cafe

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Terry Lower & the Jazz All Stars Band with Edye Evans Hyde at Elkhart Jazz Festival

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 7-11 pm

Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Saugatuck, 7-11 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Dave Schock, Jeff Beavan & Bill Huyge at New Harmony Hall, 401 Bridge St., 4-6 pm

Terry Lower & the Jazz All Stars Band with Edye Evans Hyde at Elkhart Jazz Festival

Mark Kahny with Edye Evans Hyde at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-11 pm

John Shea at New Holland Brewing Co, in Holland, 6-9 pm

MONDAY, JUNE 27

WMJS AT THE PARK with **Greenbrook, Robert Moore**, of Muskegon, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Jazz Jam at the What Not Inn, Fennville, Open Mic, 6-9 pm

John Shea at Republic, 8-11 pm



John Shea, June 17 at Republic

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Jazz Jam at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7:30 – 10:30 pm



Robin Connell, June 28 at Fennville City Park

Robin Connell, at Fennville City Park, Fennville, 7-9 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Ada Music Series on the Lawn, 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick **Reuther** at Noto's, 6:30 - 9:30 pm **Terry Lower Trio** at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10 pm

Entourage at Grand Haven Waterfront, 7-9 pm Robin Connell Quintet in Baldwin, 7-9 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Mark Kahny at Morro's Italian Restaurant, Saugatuck, 7-11 pm

Checkers Morton at the Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7–9 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Sandy Point Beach House, Holland, 7-10 pm



Checkers Morton, June 30 at the Book Nook & Java Shop

Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10 pm

Randy Marsh & Jeff Haas Trio at Chantal Chateau Winery, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm



Terry Lower Trio, June 30 at Clara's on the River



"Jazz to me is a living music. It's a music that since its beginning has expressed the feelings, the dreams, hopes, of the people."

Dexter Gordon

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MONDAY NIGHTS IN THE SUMMER 6:30 - 8:30

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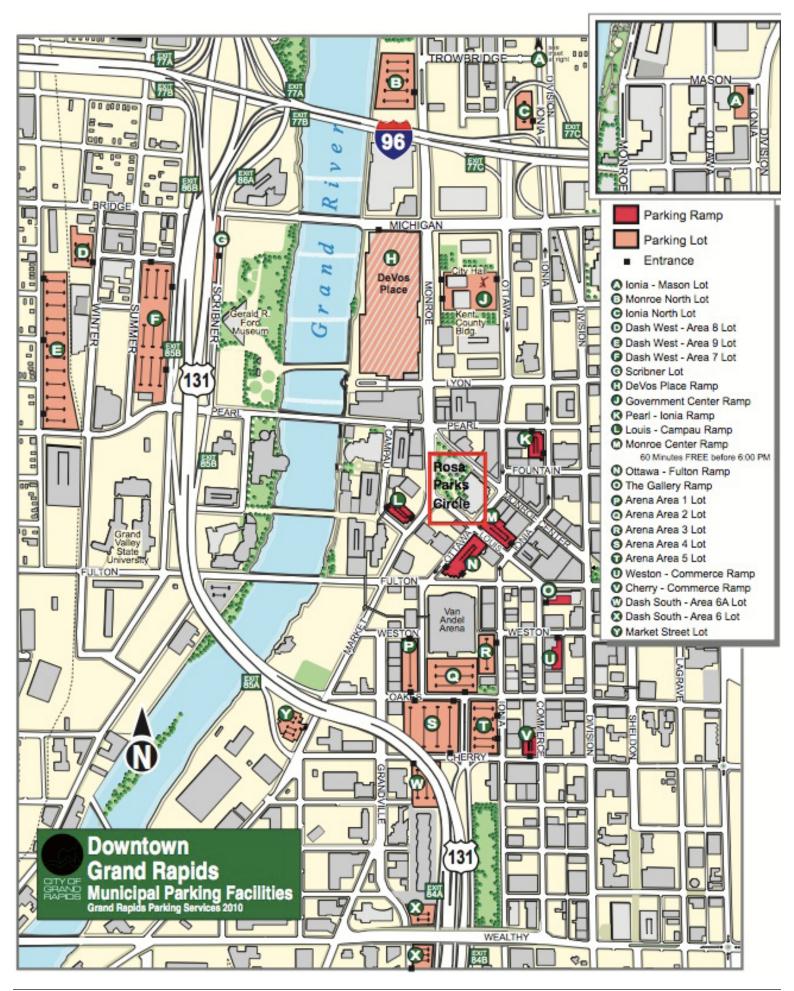
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Program Sponsors receive the opportunity for Spotlight in promotional materials for ALL of the remaining WMJS events in 2016 including:

- NEW Jazz Educator of the Year Award Reception honoring Max Colley Jr. at the Reserve on June 3rd at 5:00 PM
- Full page ad with prominent placement in our Jazz in the Park Summer Series Programs
- Social media, print, radio and any other media outlets for Jazz in the Park 2016
 - o Name recognition in press releases and reviews for every concert.
 - o Logo on event signage THROUGHOUT the 10 week concert series
 - o A designated reserved seating area for 8 people at each concert the near the WMJS sales tent.*

*Must pre-arrange with WMJS before each concert. If a concert date is canceled due to bad weather, we will continue to promote your company/organization at one of our fall concert dates.

Concert Sponsor

(10 available) — **\$200**

There are Ten Title Sponsor opportunities available for an investment of \$2,000 each. One Title Sponsor will be highlighted at each concert in the series.

Title Sponsors receive the opportunity for:

- Spotlight in promotional materials leading up to their concert
- Featured as an "Event Partner" throughout web and social media.
- Name recognition in press releases for their designated concert.
- Logo on event signage THROUGHOUT the 10 Week summer concert series.

- Half Page ad in Jazz in the Park Summer Series Program (New this year!)
- Corporate Logo on Jazz in the Park Stage Banner at throughout the Series
- Concert sponsors pick a concert to underwrite and will be the SOLE corporate presence at the event.
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*On your selected concert date your business presence is permitted. You may have a table with a tent. If the concert is canceled due to bad weather, we have set aside two rain dates which will be added to the end of our regularly scheduled series.

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- Placement of name/corporate logo on WMJS website
- Quarter Page Ad in the Jazz in the Park Summer Series Program (New this year!)

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• Business Card Size Ad in the Jazz in the Park Summer Series Program (New this year!)

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