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WE HAVE MONEY TO GIVE AWAY!

Part of WMJS's mission statement is to provide music scholarships for deserving students in pursuit of jazz education.

We are pleased to announce that the committee is ready to receive requests for 2017!

PLEASE help us get the word out, we encourage our members to share this scholarship opportunity with college age music majors! Form available at: www.wmichjazz.org, or contact any board member.



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2017 Musician of the Year Banquet

Honoring

Dr. Robin Connell

Monday May 15, 2017

Happy hour 6-7, Dinner at 7
dancing until 9:30pm

The Guest House

634 Stocking Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Featuring music by: Steve Talaga & Robin Connell (keys/vocals),
Paul Brewer (trombone/vocals), Laurie Sears (sax/flute),
Chris Kjorness (bass), Tim Froncek (drums)

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Reservations taken in advance only.

\$30.00 for members, \$40.00 for non members (can reserve tables for 8 if all monies are sent together, first come- first table choice basis)

Be an MOY EVENT SPONSOR for only for \$500! You get dinner tickets for up to 8 guests, 2 bottles of wine & your choice of table placement. Your name will appear in the next Jazz Notes newsletter and on the website.

For Music only tickets- \$5.00 members & 10.00 for nonmembers, admittance at 8:00, Cash bar.

MENU All entrees are served with Fresh Garden Salad with Romaine and Spring Greens Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Water.

(A) Oven roasted Prime Rib, Red Skin potatoes with
butter garlic glaze, fresh green beans

(B) Baked Whitefish with lemon butter sauce,
Red skin potatoes with butter garlic glaze,
fresh green beans

(C) Penne pasta in a cream sauce with fresh broccoli

Pick a choice of desert as well

(D1) Chocolate Almond Torte with raspberry sauce or **(D2)** Gourmet Gala cheese cake with orange rum sauce



The deadline to register is midnight on May 7, 2017!

Please print, fill out the form and mail along with your check to:

WMJS, M.O.Y. Reservation

P.O. Box 150307, Grand Rapids, MI 49515

Or Pay online at:

www.wmichjazz.org

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Number of Reservations _____ Total \$ _____

Dinner choices (please list quantity of each) _____ (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) and _____ (D1) _____ (D2)

Are you a WMJS member? ___Yes___No

(If you would like to become a member, please attach a membership form and mail it with a check and this form and receive the reduced ticket price.) You may also join on line at www.wmichjazz.org

Please list the guests you are paying for: (also, list who you would like to sit with, we will do our best)

Jazz
GUMBO
April 17th

"Last Gumbo of the season, don't miss it!!"



Kat Jones Quintet

The Kat Jones Quintet featuring Kathleen Jones vocals, percussionist Ian LeVine, Chris Kjørness, on bass, Steve Talaga, on piano, and Mike Lutley, saxes, flute & clarinet.

WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS

JAZZ IN THE PARK

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

WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY

Presents

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Ah-Nab-Awen Park

6:30-8:30 p.m.

We proudly present our 17th season of free
Monday night concerts*

Website: www.wmichjazz.org

June 12th– Northview High School Jazz Band - We are pleased to open our series with the multi-award winning Northview High School Jazz Band. This awesome multi-award winning band is led by Greg Wells. They have received 1st division ratings at the MSBOA State Jazz Festival since 1975. Northview has won “Best Band” awards at many college invitational, they have performed at the Ford Detroit Jazz Festival over 19 times and Montreux Switzerland Jazz Festival twice as well as at National Festivals in D.C., and Savannah. They are excited to present their 2017 program for us.



June 19th- The Mark Kahny Group Led by pianist, vocalist Mark Kahny, the group will feature Eddie Eicher on drums, Mike Hyde, guitar, James Sawyer on trumpet & Charlie Hoats on bass. With jazz standards they will throw in some of the classic gems they play from the Pat Metheny Group, Sting, Michael Buble and Dr. John. Mark has spent the winter months in Palm Springs, CA and has some new tunes to surprise you with!

June 26 Noel Webley & His Jazz Friends
Noel A. Webley II has been a band leader and



playing bass since the early 1970s. He is well known in the GR community for his work on the bass as well as his photography for Grand Rapids Press and his many years as an art teacher in the GR Public school system. Noel will take the stage playing bass and will be joined by keyboardist Blois “JR” Simmons, guitarist Rick Hicks, saxman John Gist, and drummer Paul E. Smith.



July 3 The Lakeshore Big Band, led by Brian and Karen Obits, has been entertaining audiences throughout West Michigan for over 25 years, developing into one of the area's finest concert and dance ensembles. Based in Spring Lake, MI, the LBB is a full-size (17 piece) traditional big band. The music they perform comes from a large library of tunes from the early days of jazz to present day, including great hits from the big band era by Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and more, as well as contemporary jazz, ballroom dance and popular music.

July 10 - Imer Santiago

July 17- Kevin Jones

July 24 - Jim Cooper & Organic Vibes

July 31- Metro Jazz Voices

August 7- Mary Rademacher Reed

August 14- Musician of the Year, Robin Connell

*Watch for the June/July issue of Jazz Notes (and on the website) to learn more about these groups and the rest of July-August's entertainment.

A HUGE thank you goes out to volunteer Jerry Scott, Program director for WMJS, for all his work in assembling this fine line up!



Monday Night Jazz in the Park is back for a new season of outdoor concerts that continue to draw record crowds to Grand Rapids! Now in its 17th year, The West Michigan Jazz Society has been producing jazz concerts that are a tradition on the summer events calendar and one of the most popular events in the city.

Concerts will be held downtown Grand Rapids at Ah-Nab-Awen Park. WMJS has secured a total of 10 event dates where the community and visitors alike, can come together and listen to the classic sounds of America's original genre of music....Jazz! Attendance for these concerts has ranged from 1,500 – 3,000 people. We have had successful community engagement over the years through WMJS's social media; faithful attendees who help us spread the word and our professional media partners. **A special thank you to WYCE, Blue Lake Radio and WGVU.**

2017 Program Sponsor (2 available) -- \$5,000

There are only TWO 2017 Program Sponsor opportunities available for an investment of \$5,000 each. Program Sponsors will receive the highest level of recognition among sponsors.

Program Sponsors receive the opportunity for Spotlight in promotional materials for ALL of the remaining WMJS events in 2017 including:

- Full page ad with prominent placement in our Jazz in the Park Summer Series Programs
- Social media, print, radio and all of our other media outlets
- Name recognition in press releases and reviews for every concert.
- Logo on event signage THROUGHOUT the 10 week concert series
- 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) -- \$2000

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
- Corporate Logo on Jazz in the Park Stage Banner throughout the Series
- Concert sponsors pick a concert to underwrite and will be the SOLE corporate presence at the event. Table, tent and other materials provided by the sponsor.

**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.*

FRIENDS OF JAZZ AT THE PARK: \$500

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

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS: \$250

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

PERSONAL DONATIONS SUPPORT FROM OUR MEMBERS /PERSONAL PATRONS

- \$1000 Benefactor
- \$500 Patron
- \$100 Friend

A gift of any amount will be recognized in our Jazz in the Park Series Program throughout the summer. Please consider a level of support that works for you. Members of the Jazz Society will be allowed to park FREE in the North lot of the Ford Museum by showing your WMJS membership card. West Michigan Jazz Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization and your contributions may be deductible as provided by the IRS code.

Yes! I want to support the West Michigan Jazz Society's 2017
Summer Concert Series at Ah-Nab-Awen Park!

Please indicate your preferred sponsoship level:

_____ Program Sponsor \$5,000

_____ Concert Sponsor \$2,000 per scheduled concert (Please indicate preferred month)_____

_____ Friends of Jazz in the Park \$500

_____ Business Card Ad \$250

Personal Donation: \$_____

From:_____

In Memory of:_____

Contact Information

Company Name: (As you wish it to appear in promotional materials:)_____

Website:_____

Social Media Tags:_____

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

Please email/mail this completed form with check to:

Shannan Denison at (616) 308-6611 via email at: shannan_denison@yahoo.com

Or online at www.wmichjazz.org



May 21, 2017 at 3 pm. New Day Church—on-the-Hill will host a fundraising jazz concert!

Featuring Edye Evans Hyde, Mark Kahny & Mark Weymouth. Light refreshments at intermission, \$20 at the door. 2965 Wycliffe Dr. SE (corners Cascade Road, Thorncrest, Wycliffe)

New Day wants to build a labyrinth* for the community as well as their members.

***If you don't know about Labyrinths, do a little research! They have been in use for over 4000 years. Their basic design is fundamental to nature and many cultures and religious traditions. Whatever one's religion...walking the labyrinth clears the mind and gives insight. It calms people in the throes of life's transitions.**

What a wonderful gift for us all. Please support this concert!



River Rouges February 20th

February's installment of Monday Night Jazz Gumbo was a Mardi Gras party complete with colorful decorations, party beads, gumbo and Dixieland jazz featuring The River Rogues. The room was filled with high energy New Orleans style music that had toes tapping and hands clapping.

David Wells not only played the trombone, but serenaded folks with tunes like "Mama Don't Allow No Music" while Jim Everhart was a blur on the keyboard. Tommy Davis kept the beat strong behind the drum kit while Dave Kadwell picked on banjo and guitar. David Schock on trumpet and Paul Keen on tuba brought on the brass while Ken Huisman filled things out on clarinet and sax. The highlight of the evening was a Mardi Gras parade that weaved its way through the full house with parasols, feather masks and boas. The evening ended with "Royal Garden Blues" which drew a standing ovation. The audience was all smiles!

-Kathleen Jones



THE UNDERGROUND SERIES

For tickets to the Underground Concert Series presented by Adventure Music at LaFontsee Galleries, 833 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, see www.adventuremusic.org. For directions to the venue (616) 451-9820.



Sunday, April 23, percussionist Adam Rudolph and Hamid Drake come together for their first tour as KARUNA.

The Hamid Drake and Adam Rudolph duet traces its beginning to a chance encounter between two 14-year-old aspiring percussionists in a downtown Chicago drum shop. Their shared love for rhythms and music of the world and music's relationship to matters of the spirit led to years of shared creative journeys. After over 40 years of music making together, this will be their first tour as a duet!

Adam Rudolph (hand drum set (kongos, djembe, tarija, zabumba) thumb pianos, sintir, multiphonic vocal, percussion)

Hamid Drake (drum kit, vocal, frame drums, udu drums, tabla, percussion)



Nick Ayoub and the Family March 20th



Spring was ushered in by a lively yet sentimental evening full of genre-spanning surprises with the Nick Ayoub Quartet. With the talented and charming Patrick Handlin on upright bass, and the rhythmically-gifted Chris Bookie on drums laying down the solid foundation and keeping the energy moving forward, Nick and his quartet took us on a rousing journey from coast to coast. We visited the east coast with Billy Joel's New York State of Mind, headed west through Kansas (and beyond) with "If I Only had a Brain" and "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and of course we took "Route 66" west from there. Then they really kicked it in to high gear with "Rock This Town" which had us all tightening our seat belts.

Nick's well-oiled and passionate voice is characterized by sincerity and versatility and we enjoyed his confident command of the keyboard. Mike Lutley never disappoints with his inspiring improvisation and artistic flourishes on reeds. He brought six instruments out that night showing his tremendous talent and versatility; flute, clarinet, and all four saxophones, including his baritone sax rightly named "Big Boomer," a horn with a rich history, having been subjected to the rigors of constant touring with Maynard Ferguson, that Mike purchased from the Yamaha Custom Shop and restored to its current, bawdy glory.

What a wonderful way to bring in Spring and drive away the cold!
-Amy Williams

*And a HUGE thank you to all of our new and renewing members!
Our jazz concerts continue because of the support we receive from you!*

PATRONS

Susan Morris
Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

NEW MEMBERS

David Bates & Cindy Beel Bates
Zack Grusell & Kristin Madendorp
Jeanne Hoin
Dick Jasinski

Kevin Jones
Don & Nancy Smith
Tom & Becky Taylor
John Townsend

RENEWING MEMBERS

Charlie Boylen
Jim Cooper
Monte & Nanci Czuhai

Thank You
Karl & Shirley Glass
James Johnson
Richard Klinkner
Richard & Jan Kutschinski
Andrew and Bonita MacFarland
Rick & Sandy Paggeot
Norm & Marge Tubbs
Bill Vits
David & Cheryl Wells



April Jazz Around Town

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 11 am
Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm

River Rogues at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge, 2-4 pm

GR Jazz Orchestra at Founders, 5:30-7:30 pm

Randy Marsh with Robin Connell & Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10 pm,
open Jam 8:30-10 pm

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand
Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern
SE, 6-9 pm

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

JMM Trio at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm

Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 7-11pm

John Shea at Knickerbocker Lounge at New Holland Brewery,
Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm

Third Coast Ensemble at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm

My Thin Place at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Dr.
West Olive, 6-9 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Steve Hilger at One Trick Pony, 8-11 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 11am
Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11am-2 pm

Hugye, Beavan, Schock Trio at New Harmony Hall, Stocking &
Bridge NW, 2-4 pm

GRJO at Founder's, 5:30-7:30 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 CONTINUED

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ with friends, 7-10 pm Open Jam
8:30-10 pm

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

MONDAY, APRIL 10

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11pm

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St.
Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at the Old Goat, 2434
Eastern SE, 6-9 pm

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

JMM Trio at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm

Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 7-11 pm

John Shea at Knickerbocker Lounge in New Holland Brewery,
Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm

My Thin Place at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Dr.
West Olive, 6-9 pm

Green on Blue Quartet Jazz at the Book Nook & Java Shop,
Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2pm

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott,
11 am

River Rogues at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge NW,
2-4 pm

Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, with Robin Connell & friends
7-10 pm, Open Jam 8:30-10 pm



April Jazz Around Town

MONDAY, APRIL 17

WMJS Jazz Gumbo, Kat Jones Quartet at the Guest House, Stocking NW 6:30-8:30 pm. Gumbo & Salad, Members \$10, Non-members, \$15; students with ID \$5 (does not include food)
John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
Open Mic Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm
Truth in Jazz Orchestra at 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$5 cover

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynold at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9 pm
Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm
Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at JD Reardon's, 6:30-9 pm
Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 7-11pm
John Shea at Knickerbocker Lounge at New Holland Brewery, Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm
Checkers Morton at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Blue Water Grill, 6-9 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Mary Rademacher Reed Duo at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm
Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 11 am
Hugye, Beavan, Schock Trio at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge NW, 2-4 pm
Karuna, at La Fontsee Galleries, 833 Lake Dr. SE, \$20, \$25 at door, \$10 Students with ID, 12 & under free, advance tickets only www.adventuremusic.org, at 3pm
Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, & Steve Hilger with friends, 7-10 pm, Open Jam 8:30-10 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 24

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
Open Mic Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Robin Connell at Forest Hills Learning Center cafe, 12-1pm
Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9 pm
Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
Steve Hilger Jazz Quartet at H.O.M.E. in the B.O.B., 7-10 pm
JMM Trio at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm
Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm
Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 7-11pm
John Shea at Knickerbocker Lounge at New Holland Brewery, Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm
First Edition Jazz Band at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Dee Dee Daniels Trio, with Matthew Kraemer, Conductor, Terry Lower, Tim Froncek & Jack Dryden, at the Frauenthal Theatre, downtown Muskegon, Star Tickets, 800-585-3737, \$21.75 to \$52.75 at 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Dee Dee Daniels Trio at The Block, downtown Muskegon, with Terry Lower, Tim Froncek & Jack Dryden, tickets www.theblockwestmichigan.org or 231-726-3231, \$25 and up, 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm
Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 11 am
Hugye, Beavan, Schock Trio at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge NW, 2-4 pm
Randy Marsh at SpeakEZ, with friends 7-10 pm, Open Jam 8:30-10 pm

BE SURE TO CHECK
www.wmichjazz.org,
& the *MUSICIAN'S WEBSITES*
for updates and changes
in the schedules!

May Jazz Around Town

MONDAY, MAY 1

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm

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

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

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

Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm

Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm

John Shea at Knickerbocker Zeppelin Lounge in New Holland Brewery, Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm

Big Band Nouveau at H.O.M.E. in the B.O.B. 8-10 pm

Third Coast Ensemble at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 5

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm

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

Walt Gutowski & the Bridge St. Band at New Harmony Hall, 8 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 6

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Mike Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 10 am to 1 pm

Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm

Robin Connell with Jim Cooper, Vibraphonist, Jazz in the Sanctuary, Fountain St. Church, 3 pm

GR Jazz Orchestra at Founders, 5:30-7:30 pm

Randy Marsh & Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, open Jam 8:30-10 pm

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

MONDAY, MAY 8

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm

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

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Mark Kahny, music at mid-day, Park Congregational Church, 10 E. Park Pl. 12:15-12:45 pm, Free Lunch available

11:15 – 1:15 pm, \$6.00

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Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Walt Gutowski & the Bridge St. Band at New Harmony Hall, 8 pm

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Blue Water Grill, Plainfield NE, 6-9 pm

Mark Kahny piano & vocals at Marro's Italian Restaurant, 147 Water St. Saugatuck, 6-10 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 13

John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

Kathy Lamar at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

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

Mark Kahny & Edye Evans Hyde w/GR Gay Men's Chorus, more on their website.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 9am to 12pm

Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm

Hugye, Beavan, Schock Trio at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge NW, 2-4 pm

Randy Marsh & Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, open Jam 8:30-10 pm

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

MONDAY, MAY 15

WMJS banquet honoring 2017 West Michigan Jazz Society's Musician of the Year, ROBIN CONNELL! By reservation only!

Tickets available online at www.wmichjazz.org or in the April edition of Jazz Notes newsletter get reservations in early. Will be held at the Guest House

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm

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

May Jazz Around Town

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Mark Kahny w/ Bruce Robey & Friends, music at mid-day, Park Congregational Church, 10 E. Park Pl. 12:15-12:45 pm, concert free, Lunch available 11:15- 1:15 pm, \$6.00
Truth in Jazz at 920 Watermark, 920 Division, in Muskegon, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$5 cover
Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9 pm
Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
Evidence Jazz Group at SpeakEZ, 600 Monroe NW, 8-11 pm
Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm
Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
John Shea at Knickerbocker Zeppelin Lounge at New Holland Brewery, Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm
Mary Rademacher Reed Trio with Mark Kahny at JD Reardon's, 6:30 -9 pm
My Thin Place at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Dr. West Olive, 6-9 pm
Checkers Morton at Book Nook & Java Shop, in Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 19

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Walt Gutowski & the Bridge St. Band at New Harmony Hall, 8 pm
Mark Kahny piano & vocals at Marro's Italian Restaurant, 147 Water St Saugatuck, 6-10 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Mary Rademacher Reed with Mark Kahny at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm
John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 10 am to 1 pm
Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm
River Rogues at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge, 2-4 pm
Mark Kahny, Edye Evans Hyde & Mark Weymouth at the New Day Church, 2965 Wycliffe Dr SE. A fundraising jazz concert to build a labyrinth for the GR community! Light refreshments at intermission, \$20 at door, 2965 Wycliffe Dr. SE, 3pm. Come support this project!
Randy Marsh & Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, open Jam 8:30-10 pm

MONDAY, MAY 22

John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
Open Mic Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
JMM at Black Sheep Baa in Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm
Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm
Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
John Shea at Knickerbocker Zeppelin Lounge in New Holland Brewery, Bridge St, 7:30-10:30 pm
First Edition at Book Nook & Java Shop, in Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 26

John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
Kathy Lamar Trio at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Blue Water Grill, Plainfield, 6-9 pm
Mark Kahny piano & vocals at Marro's Italian Restaurant, 147 Water St Saugatuck, 7-11 pm
Walt Gutowski & the Bridge St. Band at New Harmony Hall, 8 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Mike Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Portobello, Grand Haven, 7-11pm

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Mike Frost & Mike Hyde, Sunday Brunch series, JW Marriott, 10 am to 1pm
Jazz Brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 11 am-2 pm
Hugye, Beavan, Schock Trio at New Harmony Hall, Stocking & Bridge NW, 2-4 pm
Randy Marsh & Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, open Jam 8:30-10 pm
Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Beach Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 7-9:30 pm
Mark Kahny piano & vocals, Marro's Italian Restaurant, 147 Water St Saugatuck, 7-11 pm

MONDAY, MAY 29

Open Mic Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9 pm
Mark Kahny piano & vocals, Marro's Italian Restaurant, 147 Water St., Saugatuck, 7-11 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Wally Michaels & Tony Reynolds at Sandy Point Beach House, 6-9 pm
Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
Tavern House Jazz Band at Tavern & Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30 pm
Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

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