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FRED KNAPP

WMJS 2019 Musician of the Year



Congratulations to drummer Frederick Knapp on being selected West Michigan Jazz Society's 2019 Musician of the Year. Part of this honor is for the members of WMJS to get to know Fred on a more personal level!

Fred Knapp and Julie Versluys have been married for 15 years. Fred says Julie is a wonderful, music-loving wife who has been fully supportive of his music career. They have an eleven-year-old son Jaden who also enjoys playing music. One of Fred's hobbies is tennis. His love for racket sports also includes table tennis and competitive pickleball. Fred has enjoyed playing chess since high school but says, "I'm now trying to keep up with my son Jaden who beats me regularly!"

Fred's parents are Frederick Don Knapp and Linda LaDue Knapp. Unfortunately, Fred's father passed away early in his childhood. When asked about parental influences with his music, Fred answered, "One of my strongest memories of my dad was of us listening to Chuck Mangione's recording of *Feels So Good* on 8-track as he took me to school every morning. I wish he could have seen me when I had the chance to play with Chris Vadala, who was the saxophonist on *Feels So Good*! My Mom has always been super supportive of the myriad of things I've attempted, and music was no different. She was always happy to hear me play and attended my piano studio recitals and heaped on the praise." His mother played

piano in her youth and Fred recently learned that his father played trumpet, drums, guitar and flute. Fred remembers listening to a lot of music in the home ranging from classical to the Beatles.

Fred's twisting and turning musical journey began with only a year of piano in eighth grade because his passion for playing tennis took over until his senior year in high school. A friend shared a recording of Keith Jarrett's "Paris Concert" which renewed Fred's interest in the piano, and he resumed taking lessons as well as composing his own solo piano pieces.



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At Grand Rapids Community College, Fred studied voice and piano and took every music class offered over the next four years, including private lessons on piano, drums, and voice. The music department was closed on the weekends, but in his drive for daily practice, he got special permission from campus security to be allowed in on weekends.

While discussing a concert he'd recently attended with a friend, Fred realized how impressed he was by the drummer. This sparked his interest in learning to play drums. He learned quickly and focused on playing jazz, specifically with brushes. During his first year of learning drums his initial gigs were with the Tom Hagen Trio. "Playing with Tom and Cherie was the perfect start as they are great musicians, great people, and they challenged me with many different styles of music. Tom and Cherie could not have been more supportive over the years that I've known them."

Fred was a member of GRCC's vocal jazz group, Shades of Blue. The group was then directed by Duane Davis who Fred credits with being instrumental in his musical development. He was given the opportunity to sing, play piano, and arrange for Shades of Blue throughout his years at GRCC. He studied piano with Dr. Mary Scanlan and credits her with developing his piano skills to a degree high enough to allow his acceptance into Western Michigan University's music program as a classical and jazz piano major. After two years of intensive piano study, he changed his focus to the drums. Fred graduated with Bachelor of the Arts degree with a music major and a sociology minor.

Fred had the extraordinary opportunity to learn from such masters as Quincy Davis, Tim Froncek, Rupert Kettle and later with Billy Hart and Keith Hall. Fred's favorite drummers are Philly Joe Jones and Jimmy Cobb who both played with Miles Davis. Of the younger generation he has been most influenced by Bill Stewart, Greg Hutchinson, and Brian Blade.



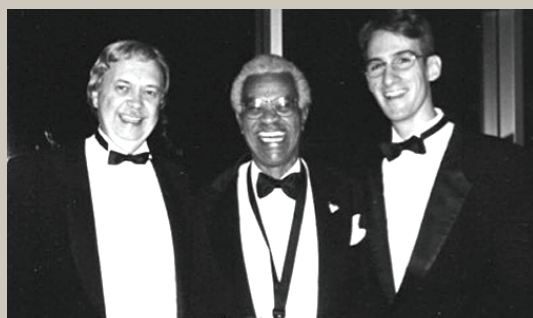
Fred with his parents, Frederick and Linda



Young Fred on piano



Hanging with my teacher, the legendary drummer, Billy Hart



Tom Hagen, Mel Dalton and Fred



Fred with Walter White

Fred's first jazz group, formed around 1994, was called Three as One and featured Fred on piano, Pat Handlin on bass, and Chris Bookie on drums. Fred was vocalist on his first CD, "Singin' that Bop!" featuring Xavier and Quincy Davis. When he began his first trio as a drummer around 1997, he hired great pianists including Dick Reynolds, Eric Thorne, Dave Hay, Kurt Ellenburger, and Rick Roe. His trio career includes those with Terry Lower, Tom Hagen, Robin Connell Jim Cooper and the Ron Brooks Trio featuring Tad Weed. He played gigs with the Mike Frost Project, one where they opened for the Yellow Jackets! He has been a member of Big Band Nouveau, the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, the Kalamazoo Big Band, the Beltline Big Band, and even played two gigs with the Glenn Miller Band when they toured Michigan. He co-led the jazz funk group Groove Merchant which featured John Gist, Paul Lesinski, and Michael Drost and won a WYCE Jammie Award for best jazz recording.

In 2000 Fred became a member of the award-winning jazz group Evidence, led by Michael Doyle. He says this group has been great at challenging him to bring his best to the bandstand. Evidence continues to perform with the same rhythm section of Steve Talaga and Tom Lockwood. Fred says he's had the pleasure of playing with some of the region's greatest vocalists including Edye Evans Hyde, Mary Rademacher Reed, Sunny Wilkinson, Betty Joplin, Kathy Lamar, Libby York, Rick Ruther, and Ginny Dusseau. Fred has performed and/or recorded with, Rodney Whitaker, Walter White, Chris Vadala, Conrad

Herwig, Randy Napoleon, Paul Keller, Diego Rivera, Randy Johnston, Sunny Wilkinson, Tom Knific, Rob Smith, Jeremy Siskind, Shawn "Thunder" Wallace, Kerry Strayer, and a who's who of local greats.

For the last few years he's had the pleasure of playing drums for the John Shea Trio. "John is a master musician and knows so much about jazz music and history. I've learned so many great tunes! We cycle through about 1,200 tunes that John has arranged. I'd also like to thank John for getting me back singing again. Thanks Maestro!" states Fred.

While at WMU he met pianist and vocalist Dave Proulx who along with bassist Dave Rosin have been mainstays for the Fred Knapp Trio for almost two decades. This trio "has been a great joy of my playing career. Both are consummate professionals and two of my best friends." The trio just released its seventh CD, "Song for Jaden". Their previous release, "How Deep is the Ocean" received an editor's choice award from CDBaby.com.

Fred continues working as a freelance musician and has a thriving teaching studio where he gives lessons in piano and drum set. "Thanks to you all for this great honor! I hope to be a great ambassador for the WMJS over the next year and years to come," said Fred.

- Donna Kahny



Fred, Jaden and Julie



April 15th

**Mary Rademacher Reed, Rick Reuther
with the Tom Hagen Quartet.**

We will be wrapping up our Monday Night Jazz Gumbo series for this season in style. Featuring vocalists Mary Rademacher Reed and Rick Reuther with the Tom Hagen Quartet. Musical director Tom Hagen will be playing piano, Elgin Vines will handle those bottom notes on bass while Cherie Lynn sets the tempo on drums and Mike Lutley adds solos and color with his arrangement of saxes and clarinets.

Affectionately called, **Mary Rad-Reed**, Mary is probably the most well-known local song stylist. She has spent her life singing, dancing, acting and entertaining in the Grand Rapids area. That's not to say she hasn't performed on the road, as her travels have taken her overseas and across the USA. She has performed with the USO, is part of the nationally touring performance group the Boogie Woogie Babies and has fronted countless local groups. Besides offering vocal and acting classes, she directs choreography for local high school productions.

Rick Reuther is a songwriter, guitarist, actor and voice-over artist. A graduate of Michigan State University, he has performed in clubs, hotels and resorts throughout the Midwest and the East Coast. He spent time in Los Angeles performing with the Astrid Cowan Trio, having acting stints on Unsolved Mysteries, as well appearances in a host of commercials. He opened for comedian Pat Paulson, the Four Freshman and has released five albums.

Band Leader **Tom Hagen** wears many hats. Besides piano he is an accomplished performer on clarinet, sax and guitar. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a retired high school band and choral director. Tom has worked professionally with many name acts including Steve Allen, Pearl Bailey, Vic Damone, the Four Freshman and Sally



Struthers. Tom is the 2007 West Michigan Jazz Society's Musician of the Year.

Cherie Lynn is an accomplished drummer, vocalist, bassist, guitarist and composer. She has worked professionally with many name acts and currently plays in the Tom Hagen Trio and the acoustic band "We Know Jack." Her well-received CDs, "Just You, Just Me" and "Two for the Road" were recently followed by the release of her newest project, "After Sundown".

Mike Lutley is proficient on saxes, flute and clarinet. His Master of Music in Woodwinds is from M.S.U. He performs with the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, the River City Jazz Ensemble, the Grand River Big Band, the Beer City Saxophone Ensemble and the West Michigan Symphony's Pops Series. Past performances include the Bruce Early Big Band with Lena Horne, Johnny Mathis, Bob Hope and The Temptations; also with the Grand Rapids Symphony with the Manhattan Transfer, Mel Torme, and Frank Sinatra Jr. Mike is West Michigan Jazz Society's 2015 Musician of the Year.

Elgin Vines leads his own group, Elgin Vines and Company, plays with many other groups and has recorded CDs with numerous local musicians. His illustrious past includes playing with a touring show group that made guest appearances on television programs including The Tonight Show, The Mike Douglas Show, the Ed Sullivan Show, and the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. He backed up performers including Martha & the Vandellas, Leslie Uggams, both Frank Sinatra Sr. and Jr., Ruth Brown, Gary U.S. Bonds, Connie Stevens, Jimmy Edwards, Bobby Darin, Eddie Daniels, Bobby Shew, and Hines, Hines, & Dad (Gregory, Maurice, and Maurice Sr.). Elgin is the 2005 Jazz Musician for WMJS.

- Donna Kahny

WMJS 2019 Membership Drive Party

WMJS held its first annual Membership Drive Party on February 5th at the Speak EZ Lounge, 600 Monroe Ave NW. The evening was made even more special when at 7:00 the 2019 Jazz Musician of the Year was announced. Congratulations to Fred Knapp!

The evening was an overall success. Speak EZ generously provided appetizers for us and the staff was attentive. Special music was provided by an all-star combo from St. Cecilia called GR Groove. Members of the band included Tim Grieme on saxophone, Steven Rothstein on guitar and Mitch Arganbright on drums. Thanks to Tim Froncek for arranging for them to play! Both Mary Rademacher-Reed and Fred Knapp sat in with the band adding to the fun. It's always such a pleasure to listen to young 'jazzers' carrying the music we love into the next generation.

Lots of gratitude was expressed by WMJS president, Shannan Denison. "On behalf of the West Michigan Jazz Society, I want to personally thank everyone who came out last night to the Speak EZ for our very first Membership Drive! Congrats to Fred Knapp on being selected as Musician of the Year! Thank you, Tim Froncek, for putting together the stellar group of student musicians. Thank you, Mary Rad, for performing with them. Thank you to Bruce Robey for taking pictures. Thank you, Calin Skidmore and staff at Speak EZ for allowing us to be there and treating us so well. Thank you to Jim and Peni Reed for processing all the renewals and a big thanks to Kat Jones for all your work and effort to help put this event together. Many thanks to all for a job well done!"



**Ladies and Gentlemen
be prepared to be thrilled!**

**Jazz at Millennium Park Meadows
1415 Maynard Ave. S.W.
Walker, MI. 49534**

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm

June 10 - East Kentwood Jazz Ensemble 1

**June 17 - Scott Veenstra
featuring Ramona Collins**

June 24 - Blue Monk

July 1 - Kat Jones and Company

July 8 - Starry Night Octet

July 15 - Evidence

July 22 - Mary Rademacher-Reed

July 29 - Gustavo Cortiñas

August 5 - Paul Keller

August 12 - Bob Nixon GRJO

WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS



As it turns out we couldn't return to Ah-Nab-Awen this summer because of forthcoming construction, so we secured an alternative.

Millennium Park (1415 Maynard Avenue, Walker) is a huge urban park that stretches almost all the way between Johnson Park to the southwest and John Ball Park to the northeast. It is only five miles away from the Butterworth Avenue end of John Ball Park, and easily accessed from that and other streets. It's totally different from any other county park: sparkling new and has modern amenities. Its location better allows us to reach out to the residents of all the neighboring towns. And it will provide us with something we have missed since our days at the Zoo—permanency in a beautiful setting, and greater opportunity for recognition in order to grow our membership.

Our chosen location within the park is the Grant Pavilion on the park's east end, which is separated from the more public areas of the park by Maynard Avenue. The huge pavilion itself can be used to house many of us in case of rain, but the adjacent gently sloping lawn will be our concert venue most days.

You've had to undergo several venue changes with West Michigan Jazz Society Concerts, and we're doing it once again. This time, we're moving the Summer Concert Series from downtown Grand Rapids at Ah-Nab-Awen Park to Millennium Park Meadows in Walker.

As exciting as it was to hear music on the revered bank of the Ford Museum with stirring central GR overlooking us, there were some problems with parking, costs and other inconveniences.





the park's trail system. No matter where you sit on the lawn, you will have an unobstructed view of the band. Because there are no trees on the lawn, consider bringing a hat, sunglasses and perhaps an umbrella as you will face southwest toward the stage. Bring a picnic along with your favorite adult beverages and blankets or lawn chairs to sit on. Food vendors will be nearby.

This location has paved parking for 265 vehicles plus overflow grass parking. Clean and spacious restrooms are about 150 feet away and the location is handicap-friendly. Playgrounds and other activities are available across Maynard Avenue and accessible via

Cheers for all of us in being able to continue to celebrate our lives together in communion with some great music.

- Pete Proli



June 10th - East Kentwood Jazz Ensemble 1 The East Kentwood Jazz Ensemble 1 is part of a comprehensive performing arts department at East Kentwood High School that serves the student population with four concert bands, two jazz ensembles, a jazz combo, the 240 member falcon marching band, four orchestras, and seven choral groups. Jazz Ensemble 1 has garnered outstanding jazz ensemble awards at Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, and Purdue University Jazz Festivals as well as Superior Division Ratings at the MSBOA State Jazz Festival since 1990. Over 35 members of Jazz Ensemble 1 have been honored to perform with the MSBOA MYAF Jazz Ensemble held at Western Michigan University in May of each year. Alumni of Jazz 1 have gone on to prestigious universities and are active performers/composers in New York, Los Angeles, and the Nashville music scenes.

February 18

Edye Evans Hyde Group



A Glamorous Woman

The other day I stumbled upon some advice from C. Joybell C., who is a popular and successful “philosophical essayist, cultural critic, counselor, mentor and author”. She said, “There are four things admirable for a woman to be, at any age!... It’s always wonderful to be elegant, it’s always fashionable to have grace, it’s always glamorous to be brave and it’s always important to own a delectable perfume”. She went on to describe elegance as a glowing inner peace, grace as an ability to give as well as receive and be thankful, mystery as a hidden laugh always ready to surface, and glamour as something that only radiates if there is a sublime courage and bravery within. (I’m not bright enough to make this up.)

Only four days after Valentine’s Day, we had a wonderful concert by a local glamorous woman, Edye Evans Hyde. I’ve known for some time that Edye has elegance, grace and glamour; and when I tried to get close enough to smell her perfume, she simply pushed me away and dismissed me with a smile. Nonetheless...

The concert experience was lovely: a mellow, intimate evening with three brilliant professionals. Michael Hyde offered a most pleasing inspired rhythm (as well as some wonderful solos) on guitar; Mike Frost provided stirring (often sensuous) renderings on tenor and soprano saxophones; and Edye Evans Hyde displayed her compelling charm as she and her partners “danced” with us through Antonio Carlos Jobim, Bill Withers, Dave Frishberg and parts of the Great American Songbook. For me, personally, a highlight was being introduced to Oscar Brown Jr.’s “Hazel’s Hips”. My goodness, she even gave us a Nancy Wilson-like rendition of an old Stroh’s beer commercial!

Of the many chanteuses we have in West Michigan, Edye is – I think – the dreamiest. One listens to her styling and vocal skills and finds themselves falling in love with the presentation. She is comfortable, assured, elegant, fashionable, graceful, thankful, has a not-always hidden laugh and sublime courage: a glamorous woman (as C.J.C. would have it) with the keys to unlock our hearts. And if that wasn’t the case for you, I am sorry. Me? I’m going to go peel her a grape.

- Pete Proli



Membership counts!

We have updated our membership procedure to help make the process more efficient and will be adding new benefits throughout the year to thank you for your commitment. Current benefits include:

1. Discounted admission to WMJS sponsored events.
2. Jazz Notes Newsletter.
3. Noto's Old World Italian Dining special. Just present your membership card when ordering your entree and receive a free appetizer!



You will be asked to present your card when attending our events to ensure you receive the discounted admission. Annual memberships will now be renewed each January and you will receive a more permanent card to keep for the remainder of your membership. Stickers will be sent out each January to update your card with the level of support you choose along with the current year. Membership costs have increased, so members will receive a mailing with the prorated amount should you choose to continue your membership at your current level. Cards will be mailed to you as soon as possible and we appreciate your patience as it will take some time to reach all of our members. Please contact Kathleen with any questions you have - katjonesjazz@gmail.com or 989-859-3539.

THE PROGRESSIONS JAZZ SERIES

March 5, 2019 River Rouges

The Progressions Jazz Concert was held on March 5th in Richard App's beautiful space, the Nomad Gallery on a very cold and blustery night. Those who attended the free event had a great time and enjoyed celebrating Mardi Gras in style with the River Rouges playing fun New Orleans Music!



March 18

Gayle Kolb and the Jim
Cooper Quartet



If you were lucky enough to attend this month's Jazz Gumbo, you were in for a rare treat!

Gayle Kolb is a polished Chicago-based vocalist with a warm, smooth and smoky voice. Gayle's luxurious, drawn-out phrasing promotes a wide range of emotion. The performance included solos by Rob Hartman on bass, Paul Brewer on piano and trombone, Tim Froncek on drums and the incomparable band leader, Jim Cooper on vibraphones.

Please tune in to the next newsletter for a thrilling account; true art cannot be rushed, much like some of Gayle's luxurious, drawn-out phrasing. And a closer look at the surprise filled off-stage antics of one zany drummer!

- Amy Williams



April Jazz Around West Michigan

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- John Shea at The Republic, 7-10pm
- Western Michigan Univ. Drum Choir at Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5pm, Free
- Monday Jazz and Gin with Travis Swanson Trio at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm
- Western Michigan Univ. Gold Company II at Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30pm, Free

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- Ninth Coast at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Hope College Jazz Faculty at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- Mike Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-12am
- In the Blue Jazz at 18th Amendment, Western Ave., Muskegon 8-11pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Mike Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-12am

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- Greg Miller with Sunday brunch series at JW Marriott 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2pm
- River Rogues Jazz Band at Harmony Hall, 2-4pm
- Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra at Founder's, 5:30-7:30pm
- Randy Marsh with Nick Calandro and Bill Heid at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- John Shea at The Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Jazz and Gin with In the Blue at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm
- WMU University Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30pm, Free

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- My Thin Place at Sandy Point, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Aedan Mc Cauley Trio at the Book and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- John Shea at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at Ludington Bay Brewery, Ludington, 6-9pm
- Entourage at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave, SE 6-9pm
- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Neil Gordon, Steve Talaga and Larry Ochiltree Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Lakeshore Big Band at the American Legion Hall in Grand Haven, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher Trio with Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Rendezvous in Amway Grand, 8-12

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde with Sunday brunch series at JW Marriott 10am-1pm
- Charlie Jordan Trio a Gastropub, Holland, 1-3 pm, brunch 11am-4pm
- River North Jazz brunch at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2pm
- Robin Connell Trio at Loutit Library in Grand Haven, 2pm, Free
- In the Blue with the GVSU Jazz Concert at Haas Center for Performing Arts in Allendale, 7:30pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- Monday Jazz and Gin with Travis Swanson Trio at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- **West Michigan Jazz Society Monday Night Jazz Gumbo** at Casino Club with Mary Rademacher Reed, Rick Reuther with Tom Hagen Quartet 6:30-8:30pm \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for students with ID
- John Shea at The Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Jazz and Gin with Travis Swanson Trio at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark 920, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- Robin Connell Trio at One Trick Pony, 8-11pm
- Steve Talaga Trio at Sandy Point Beach House, 6-9pm
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Checkers Morton at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave, SE 6-9pm
- Noelle Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-12am

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde with Sunday brunch series at JW Marriott 9am-noon, Greg Miller noon to 3pm
- River North Jazz brunch at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakeEZ, with Bill Johnston, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- Monday Jazz and Gin with In the Blue at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- John Shea at The Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Jazz and Gin with In the Blue at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- My Thin Place at Walldorff Brewpub and Bistro, Hastings, 4-5pm
- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Zoko 822, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- My Thin Place with Amy Young and Friends at Seasonal Grille,
- Thornapple Jazz Festival, Hastings, 11:30-1pm
- Checkers Morton at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Captain Caravan at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- My Thin Place with Amy Young and Friends at Seasonal Grille,
- Thornapple Jazz Festival, Hastings, 11:30-1pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Travis Swanson Trio at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave, SE 6-9pm
- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Jim Cooper Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at Rendezvous in Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-12am

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde with Sunday brunch series at JW Marriott 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2pm
- Alexander Harding's Organ Trio with J.D. Allen, sax; Jim Alfredson, organist, and Djallo Djakate on drums at LaFontsee Galleries, 833 Lake Dr., 3pm www.adventuremusic.org for tickets, (616) 451-9820 for directions
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakeEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- Monday Jazz and Gin with Travis Swanson Trio at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- John Shea at The Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm



Camp Costs:

- \$300- Day Camper-which includes all materials, classes, lunches, and camp T-shirt
- \$500-Over-Night Camper-which includes all the day camper benefits plus room and board.
- Registration closes Friday, May 31, 2019

Questions? Call us at (616) 632-2413 or email us at jazzcamp@aquinas.edu

To register www.aquinas.edu/jazz-camp

May Jazz Around West Michigan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Kenji Lee Trio at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Bier Distillery in Comstock Park, 7:30-10pm
- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Jim Cooper Trio at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Mike Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8 pm-12am
- Dean Allrick Jazz Piano at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10pm

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water Street Saugatuck, Piano bar 6-10pm
- Greg Miller with Sunday brunch series at JW Marriott 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2pm
- River Rogues Jazz Band at Harmony Hall, 2-4pm
- Jazz in the Sanctuary at Fountain St. Church with Robin Connell, Alain Sullivan and Elgin Vines at 3pm, tickets at fountainstreet.org/jazz
- Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra at Founder's, 5:30-7:30pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, MAY 6

- John Shea at the Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Jazz and Gin with Travis Swanson Trio at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- Mary Rademacher Reed and Mark Kahny at Gun Lake Casino, 2-6pm
- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- My Thin Place at Sandy Point, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Aedan Mc Cauley Trio at Book Nook and Java Shop, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water Street Saugatuck, Piano bar 7-11pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Dave Schock Trio at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water Street Saugatuck, Piano bar 7-11pm
- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave, SE 6-9pm
- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Neil Gordon, Steve Talaga and Larry Ochiltree Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Dean Allrick Jazz Piano at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10pm

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at JW Marriott, 9am-12pm Greg Miller, 12pm to 3pm
- Charlie Jordan Trio a Gastropub, Holland, 1-3pm, brunch 11am-4pm
- Big Band Nouveau at Creston Brewery, 1504 Plainfield NE, 4-6pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, MAY 13

- John Shea at the Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Jazz and Gin with In the Blue at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH PRESENTS THE SEASON FINALE OF

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ALAIN SULLIVAN
saxophone



ELGIN VINES
bass

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- **WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY'S Musician of the year**
Banquet, at Noto's honoring Fred Knapp, 6-9:30pm reservations required
- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Checkers Morton at Book Nook and Java Shop, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8 pm-12am
- JMM Jazz at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave, SE 6-9pm
- Steve Hilger Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Dean Allrick Jazz Piano at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10pm

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- Greg Miller at JW Marriott Brunch series, 10am-1pm
- River Rogues Jazz Band at Harmony Hall, 2-4pm
- Robin Connell and Paul Brewer conducting in St. Cecelia Music Center with the Youth Jazz Ensemble, 7pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, MAY 20

- John Shea at the Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Jazz and Gin with Travis Swanson Trio at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at 920 Watermark, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7:30-9:30pm, \$5 cover

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- Laura Bennet, Mark Kahny, Mark Weymouth, Venue 32, Art show 6-8pm
- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm

- Captain Caravan at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- The Blue Jazz Ensemble at Zoko 822, Grand Rapids, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water Street Saugatuck, Piano bar 7-11pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- John Shea at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Entourage at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm
- Galen Bundy Trio at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water Street Saugatuck, Piano bar 7-11pm
- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave, SE 6-9pm
- John Shea at Noto's Old World Italian, 7-10pm
- Randy Marsh Group at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Dean Allrick Jazz Piano at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10pm

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde with Sunday brunch series at JW Marriott 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10pm)

MONDAY, MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY

- Republic Closed
- Monday Jazz and Gin with In the Blue at Long Road Distillers, 8-11pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 28

- Michael Drost and Jordan Finn, The New Standard at Grand Seafood and Oyster Bar, Grand Haven, 7-10pm, Sit-ins welcome
- Jazz at Moriarity's, Lansing, 7-10pm, Jam at 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 2434 Eastern SE, 6-9pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima at Mizu Sushi, 8th St. Holland, 6:30-8:30pm
- Tavern House Jazz at Tavern and Tap, Lansing, 7:30-10:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at West Bay Holiday Inn, Traverse City, 6-8:30pm
- Josh Harlow Trio at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- The New Standard at Zoko 822, in Grand Rapids , 6-9pm

FRIDAY, MAY 31

- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water Street Saugatuck, Piano bar 7-11pm
- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Noelle Frost Trio at Rendezvous in Amway Hotel, 8pm-12am
- Captain Caravan Jazz at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

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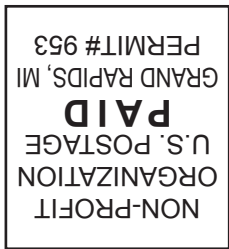
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