



An All-Volunteer  
Organization  
Since 1986

# Jazznotes

April/May 2020

Vol. 34 No.02 • 616-490-9506 • [www.wmichjazz.org](http://www.wmichjazz.org) • [info@wmichjazz.org](mailto:info@wmichjazz.org)



*Conducting at Aquinas 2019*

## WMJS 2020 MOY Musician Of the Year Dr. Paul Brewer

### IN THIS ISSUE

- 1-3 MOY Paul Brewer
- 4 Feb. Jazz Gumbo
- 5-6 April Music Schedule
- 7-8 May Music Schedules
- 9 Membership Party
- 11 Tributes

[facebook.com/wmichjazz](https://facebook.com/wmichjazz)  
[twitter.com/wmichjazz](https://twitter.com/wmichjazz)  
[instagram.com/wmichjazz](https://instagram.com/wmichjazz)



*Paul Brewer and Robin Connell*

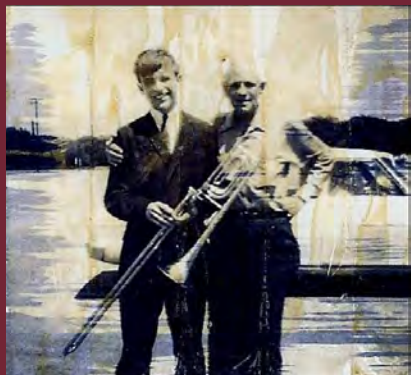
Musician and educator Dr. Paul Brewer is the West Michigan Jazz Society's chosen Musician of the Year 2020. The announcement was made at a special membership party held at SpeakeEZ on January 27th. After WMJS president Michelle Needham announced his selection, she then called Paul to the stage. "This is a profoundly meaningful award to me," he said. He acknowledged that he has been playing trombone for 57 years! His father, now 91, gave Paul his first trombone lessons, and gave him recordings of Tyree Glenn and Tommy Dorsey and told his young son, "Sound like that!" Paul's first band director was JB Rounds who was a 1935 member of Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra. Paul said that "having Round for three years made all the difference in the world to me as a jazz musician."

Paul's credentials include holding a Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Composition and Jazz Pedagogy from the University of Northern Colorado. Paul also holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Music Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, in his home state. His educational and musicianship backgrounds are often intertwined as he excels at and enjoys both. Paul is married to Robin Connell and has two sons, Matt and Benny Brewer.

His contributions to music education are varied and impressive. At Aquinas College he was Associate Professor and Director of Instrumental Music from August 1999 through August 2019. He was also the Director of Bands, both concert and jazz. Paul taught instrumental conducting, instrumentation and orchestration, jazz improvisation, studio trombone, History of Popular Music, jazz piano applications and techniques as well as band and orchestra literature and interpretation.

*continued on page 2*

*Age 15 with JB Rounds*



He directed the Aquinas College Jazz Camp (2000 to 2019) which takes place every June and has conducted the 'All-City' Youth Jazz Orchestra at St Cecilia Music Center in Grand Rapids. Paul has been called upon

each year to adjudicate jazz festivals in Michigan and to perform as a guest soloist at public school jazz band concerts.

In addition to his secondary school and college-level experiences as a music educator, Paul was on the jazz faculty at the Interlochen Summer Arts Camp for 22 summers (1990-2011). At Interlochen, he taught students from all over the world; among them, five-time Grammy Award winner Norah Jones and his own child prodigy son, Matt Brewer. Matt is one of the world's premier upright bassists who performs with top jazz groups world-wide and has toured with drummer/composer and Grammy award winner, Antonio Sanchez. Paul and Robin's son Benny was immersed in jazz from birth and was given lessons on bass from Matt. Benny plays saxophone as well and attends Michigan State University.

Paul was chosen three times to lecture at the prestigious International Association for Jazz Education's annual conference (twice in New York City and once in Toronto). Paul composed a method book, *The Jazz Trombone Soloist: Studies in Interpretation and Improvisation*, which was developed over the past 20 years of teaching jazz improvisation.



*Just 21 years old, 1973!*



*Paul and Norah Jones 2007*

Recently he was selected to present a clinic on jazz interpretation and improvisation studies for trombonists at the Jazz Education Network's annual conference held in Reno, Nevada in January 2019 and the International Trombone Festival held at Ball State University in July 2019.

He has been playing actively as a professional trombonist since 1970. While jazz is his main musical endeavor, Paul has also played in a variety of ensembles including everything from orchestral groups to rock and roll bands. His many years as a trombonist in musical theater productions gave him the opportunity to work with celebrities such as Mickey Rooney, Ann Miller, Richard Harris, Robert Goulet, Bob Hope, Lena Horne, and many others. As a jazz performer, Paul has performed with such greats as J.J. Johnson, Max Roach, Urbie Green, Mel Torme, Randy Brecker, The Temptations and Leon Russell to name a few.

Paul is also a member of the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra and the Connell-Brewer Quintet, a band he co-leads with his wife, singer-pianist, Dr. Robin Connell. They can both be heard playing and singing on Robin's CDs, *Travelin'* and *A Beautiful Friendship*, and on their collaborative CD, *Eddie's Here*.

In 2015 Paul submitted *Benevolence*, an original jazz composition to Artprize. The work was arranged on a recording for the 16-piece Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra (GRJO). This recording featured superb soloists on tenor sax (Greg Marsden), trombone (Paul Brewer), piano (Steve Talaga), and flugelhorn (Chris Lawrence). The voice of Dr. Robin Connell is also featured as she sings the melody along with flugelhorn and alto saxophone.



The West Michigan Jazz Society is privileged to honor such a gifted and accomplished musician/educator with our highest tribute—Musician of the Year 2020. Honoring Paul Brewer elevates us as an organization and inspires us as individuals. Thanks to Paul for lighting West Michigan's music scene with his competence and his heart!

▼ 2016 with the great trombonist Michael Dease

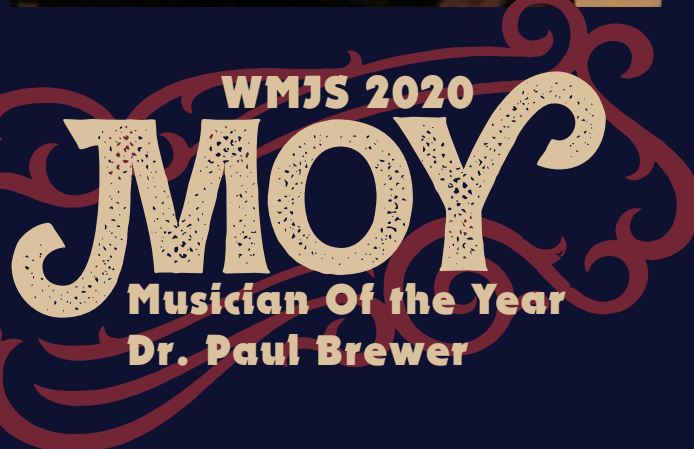


▲ Paul accepting the award

▼ Paul and Matt Brewer



*Paul and Robin, 1994 at University of Colorado  
where they received their doctorate degrees*







**Mardi Gras Party  
February 17  
KANOLA BAND with guest  
vocalist Ashley Daneman**





The West Michigan Jazz Society cares about our membership, musicians and everyone involved with our events. Considering the current situation in our country, we have made the decision to cancel our April Jazz Gumbo at the Casino Club in order to do our part in keeping our community safe. We will also be postponing the Musician of the Year event for now and reschedule as soon as we are able. We wish you all the best in these difficult times and will keep you updated on future events. Please stay safe!

We have deleted music events from April as we were notified of cancellations. The following haven't cancelled as of the publishing date. Please check our website for the most up to date schedules, and check with the venues before heading out! Stay safe, keep the music playing!

## April Jazz Around West Michigan

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Mary Rademacher, Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Robin Connell Trio with Carl Cafagna, woodwinds at the Listening Room, 7:30pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- Ninth Coast Jazz Ensemble at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- Jazz and dancing at D and W in Grand Haven to benefit the GH Salvation Army, 7-10pm
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, in the Frauenthal, Muskegon 8-10pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- John Shea at Noto's Old-World Italian Restaurant, 7-10pm

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- River Rogues Jazz Band at Harmony Hall, 2-4pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm
- WMU Drum Choir directed by Keith Hall, Dalton Center Recital Hall, Kalamazoo, Free, 5pm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Mary Rademacher, Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Gull Lake Jazz Orchestra with Terry Lower at Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-9:30pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover
- Randy Johnston at the Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher and Kevin Cavanaugh, One Trick Pony, 7:30-10:30
- Greg Scheer and Ed Dublis at Euro Bistro, 7-10pm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- Noelle Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight
- The Swing Operation at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- John Shea at Noto's Old-World Italian Restaurant, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm
- Owen James Jazz at Beard's, Petoskey, 6-9pm



**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant and Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

- Kenji Lee Trio at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover
- The New Standard at Sandy Point Beach House Grand Rapids, 822 Ottawa NW, 6-9pm
- Keith Hall and WMU Combo Night at the Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher and Friends, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St., 6-9pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

- River Rogues Jazz Band at Harmony Hall, 2-4pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark 920, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7:30-9:30pm, \$5 cover, \$2 students

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

- Mary Rademacher and Friends, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St., 6-9pm
- Robin Connell Trio at the Waldorff in Hastings, 11:30am-1:30pm
- In the Blue Jazz Ensemble at Sandy Point Beach House West Olive, 6-9pm
- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover
- Advanced Jazz Ensemble at the Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-10pm
- Greg Scheer and Ed Dublis at Euro Bistro, 7-10pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

- Noelle Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

- Kevin Jones Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

- Fred Knapp and Friends Jazz brunch, the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Robin Connell and Lisa Sung at Fountain St. Church, 3pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher, Park Street Congregational Church, Music at Mid-Day

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

- Ashley Daneman Quartet at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover
- Mary Rademacher and Friends, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St., 6-9pm

# May Jazz Around West Michigan

## FRIDAY, MAY 1

- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- The New Standard at Bier Distillery, 7:30-10pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight
- Fareed Haque and Tony Monaco at the Block, Muskegon, guitar and organ jazz, 7:30pm [www.westmichigansymphony.org](http://www.westmichigansymphony.org) tickets \$25, \$35, students \$12, 231-726-3231
- Jazz and dancing at D and W in Grand Haven to benefit GH's Salvation Army, 7-10pm

## SATURDAY, MAY 2

- Noelle Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

## SUNDAY, MAY 3

- Fred Knapp and Friends Jazz brunch, the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm

## MONDAY, MAY 4

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

## TUESDAY, MAY 5

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Trio at Fratelli's Kitchen and Bar, 6:30-8:30pm, open jam 2nd set
- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

- Ninth Coast Jazz Ensemble at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover
- Seth Ebersole at the Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher and Friends, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St., 6-9pm
- Greg Scheer and Ed Dublis at Euro Bistro, 7-10pm

## FRIDAY, MAY 8

- Mary Rademacher Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight
- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Water St., Saugatuck, solo piano and vocals, 7-11pm

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight
- Mark Kahny at Marro's, Water St., Saugatuck, solo piano and vocals, 7-11pm

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

- Fred Knapp and Friends Jazz brunch, the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm
- Owen James Jazz at Beard's, Petoskey, 6-9pm

## MONDAY, MAY 11

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Trio at Fratelli's Kitchen and Bar, 6:30-8:30pm, open jam 2nd set
- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30pm
- Gull Lake Jazz Orchestra with Terry Lower at Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-9:30pm

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Robin Connell Trio at One Trick Pony, 8-11pm
- Aiden McCauley Duo at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Brent Proseus Quintet at the Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher and Friends, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St., 6-9pm

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Noelle Frost Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm-midnight

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

- Mary Rademacher Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Mark Kahny at Marro's, Water St., Saugatuck, solo piano and vocals, 7-11pm

### **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

- Fred Knapp and Friends Jazz brunch, the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- River Rogues Jazz Band at Harmony Hall, 2-4pm
- Robin Connell with the St. Cecelia youth jazz orchestras, St. Cecelia Center, 6pm
- Randy Marsh and Friends at SpeakeEZ, 7-10pm, jam 8-10pm
- Dean Allrick at What Not Inn, Fennville, 7-10pm

### **MONDAY, MAY 18**

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm
- Jazz at the Gallery, Jimmy and the Organ Nuts, Jim Cooper, Clif Metcalf, and Fred Knapp, Holland Arts Council, 150 E. 8th St., Holland, \$10 at 7:30pm

### **TUESDAY, MAY 19**

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Trio at Fratelli's Kitchen and Bar, 6:30-8:30pm, open jam 2nd set
- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark 920, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7:30-9:30pm, \$5 cover, \$2 students

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 21**

- In the Blue Jazz Ensemble at Sandy Point Beach House Grand Rapids, 822 Ottawa NW, 6-9pm
- Galen Bundy Trio at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9, \$5 cover
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St, 6-9 pm
- Greg Scheer and Ed Dublis at Euro Bistro, 7-10pm

### **FRIDAY, MAY 22**

- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight
- The Swing Operation at 18th Amendment, Muskegon, 8-11pm

### **SATURDAY, MAY 23**

- JMM Jazz at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight
- Mark Kahny at Marro's, Saugatuck, solo piano and vocals, 7-11pm

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

- Mark Kahny at Marro's, Saugatuck, solo piano and vocals 7-11pm

### **MONDAY, MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY**

- Rockwell Republic closed
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9pm

### **TUESDAY, MAY 26**

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Trio at Fratelli's Kitchen and Bar, 6:30-8:30pm, open jam 2nd set
- The New Standard at the Dee-lite Restaurant & Bar, Grand Haven, open jam 7-10pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's in Lansing, 7-10pm

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 28**

- Third Coast Gypsy Jazz at Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Kalamazoo Trumpet Summit III the Union Cabaret and Grille, Kalamazoo, 7-10pm
- Mary Rademacher and Friends, Ganders in Doubletree Hilton, 28th St., 6-9pm

### **FRIDAY, MAY 29**

- John Shea Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Edye Evans Hyde Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

### **SATURDAY, MAY 30**

- Noelle Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10pm
- Entourage at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand Hotel, 8pm to midnight

### **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

- Robin Connell Trio with Paul Brewer at the Listening Room, 7:30pm
- Bob Thompson and Mark Kahny at What Not Inn, Saugatuck, 6-9pm

### **New members 2020**

#### **Individuals**

**Atalaya and Timothy Hollis**

**Patrick and Junie Parish**

**Douglas Reed**

#### **Bands**

**Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra**

**In The Blue Jazz Ensemble**

#### **Musicians**

**Bob Thompson Jr.**

**Jake Vanderheyden - (In The Blue Jazz Ensemble)**

**Keith Walker (Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra)**



## WMJS Membership Party

The membership party held January 27th was a great success. The board feels this was a “signature event” and that it should be repeated yearly. The SpeakEZ Lounge, which kindly donated their space, was packed with people. They also provided free appetizers, but it was very late in the night and they said their kitchen was so overwhelmed with orders that they forgot to make them! The musical band entertainment was provided by In the Blue, composed of Andrew Witter on drums, Steve Rothstein on guitar, Carl Kaczmariski on bass and Jarrett Holtslag on keys.

The highlight of the evening was the reveal of the 2020 Musician of the Year, Dr. Paul Brewer. He gave a short acceptance speech, and then joined the band to play and sing. The first tune was “The Days of Wine and Roses”. As the evening progressed, Jarrett took a break from the keys and Robin Connell took over while Paul again joined the band.

Many people renewed their memberships for the year, and new members also signed up. It was announced that WMJS now offers new categories of membership for both individual musicians and bands. It was a busy night at SpeakEZ, and people had a lot of great comments about the event. Toward the end of the evening it became a jam session with other musicians sitting in with the band which added to the fun!



## WMJS now offers these NEW annual membership levels for Musicians, groups and venues!!

- **Individual Jazz Musician**  
(\$35 or \$20 for students)
  - o Premium jazz notes gig listing periodically
  - o Premium web listing for gigs periodically
  - o Artist bio added online and featured social media post after joining
  - o Added to WMJS referral list (posted online)
- **Jazz Band** (2-4 members) (\$100)
  - o Premium jazz notes gig listing periodically
  - o Premium web listing for gigs periodically
  - o Band bio added online and featured social media post after joining
  - o Added to WMJS referral list (posted online)
  - o Each band member will be covered as a member (Up to 4)
  - o This would be registered to the director of the group or four members of the group only if the band exceeds four members (for a group such as a big band)
- **Featured Jazz Venue**  
(\$250 or equivalent product donation)
  - o Listed as an official WMJS partner venue
  - o 1/3-page ad in jazz notes annually
  - o Premium web listing annually
  - o Social media post after joining
  - o Must host jazz events on a minimum quarterly basis for consideration
  - o Recommended to offer a benefit to WMJS members (such as a free appetizer)
  - o These same benefits could be offered, but could also include the underwriter benefit if the venue donated at the benefactor level (\$500+)
- **Sponsor** (\$500 minimum donation or equivalent product donation)
  - o Listed as an official WMJS sponsor
  - o 1/2-page ad in jazz notes annually
  - o Premium web listing annually
  - o Social media post after joining
  - o Underwriter level sponsor for 1 event per year included (first come, first served. Ex: WMJS Jazz Gumbo presented by “XYZ corporation”). They could also receive verbal recognition to the audience at an event for supporting WMJS.

## NEXT ON THE AGENDA: *some time to relax*



At Homewood Suites by Hilton®, we're not your forever home, but with extras such as our grocery shopping service, you may never want to leave.

- Spacious suites with full kitchens
- Free full hot breakfast every morning
- Complimentary evening social Mon-Thurs\*\*
- Free Wi-Fi

We know there's no place like home. But with comforts and conveniences like this, you can still feel at home even when you're on the road.

\* Guest pays for groceries. Other restrictions apply.

\*\* Service of alcohol subject to state and local laws. Must be of legal drinking age.



HOMESWOOD SUITES BY HILTON GRAND RAPIDS DOWNTOWN  
161 OTTAWA AVE NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503  
(616)451-2300 / GRRDO\_HOMESWOOD@HILTON.COM

## Jazz at the Gallery

Jazz at the Gallery is a new series curated by Jordan VanHemert (Hope College Jazz Studies Professor) that will be based at the Holland Area Arts Council. Jazz at the Gallery's mission is to promote live jazz on the lake shore in an intimate, listening room setting focusing on presenting concerts of creative music for an engaged audience. The beautiful Padnos Gallery is transformed into an intimate venue that encourages creativity. Rather than a side item competing with televisions, musicians create upon the canvas of the gallery's backdrop of beautiful artistic masterpieces. Each concert has a \$10 cover to support the mission of Jazz at the Gallery and the performing artists directly. Libations will be brought in by local breweries, so one can have a drink and listen to these special creative projects presented by local and regionally touring musicians. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Holland Area Arts Council is located at 150 E. 8th St. Holland, MI 49423.





## We said goodbye to many musicians in 2019, here's a look at three big ones.

---



**Doris Day**, born **Doris Mary Anne Kappelhoff**, was born on April 3, 1922 and succumbed to Pneumonia on May 13, 2019. She was an American actress, singer, and animal welfare activist. She began her career as a big band singer in 1939, achieving commercial success in 1945 with two No. 1 recordings, "Sentimental Journey" and "My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time" with Les Brown & His Band of Renown which also appeared on Bob Hope's weekly radio show. Les Brown said, "As a singer Doris belongs in the company of Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra."

In her solo career she recorded more than 650 songs from 1947 to 1967 and starred in many movies and musicals. Her last film was *Young at Heart* in 1955 with Frank Sinatra, after which she chose not to renew her contract with Warner Brothers.



**Malcolm John Rebennack Jr.**, a six-time Grammy winner, was born on November 20, 1941 and died of a heart attack on June 6, 2019. He was better known by his stage name, **Dr. John, the Night Tripper**.

An American singer, songwriter, producer, performer and pianist, his music was known for combining blues, pop, jazz, boogie-woogie, and rock and roll. His career began in the 1950's in New Orleans and he remained an active session player his whole life recording with such varied artists as Eric Clapton, Van Morrison, Ringo Starr, Joe Walsh and the Rolling Stones. He typically performed a lively, theatrical stage show inspired by medicine shows, Mardi Gras costumes, and voodoo ceremonies. Rebennack recorded thirty studio albums and nine live albums, as well as contributing to thousands of other musicians' recordings. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by singer John Legend in March 2011.



Arthur **Lanon Neville**, a three-time Grammy winner, was born December 17, 1937 and passed away on July 22, 2019 after years of declining health. He was an American singer, songwriter and keyboardist and was a staple of the New Orleans music scene for over five decades. He was the founder of the funk band The Meters whose musical style set the tone of New Orleans funk. He received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 as a member of The Meters.

Neville was a co-founder of the rock-soul-jazz band The Neville Brothers. Music critic Stephen Holden wrote "the Neville Brothers' style of soul music combines funk, doo-wop, reggae and salsa under the banner of New Orleans rhythm and blues". Neville performed on many recordings by notable artists from New Orleans and elsewhere, including Labelle, Paul McCartney, Lee Dorsey, Robert Palmer, Dr. John and Professor Longhair.

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI  
PERMIT # 953



# Jazznotes

Newsletter for members of the West Michigan Jazz Society

**April/May 2020**

If you would like your jazz event included  
in our media publications please send your  
schedules to [jlbasham@i2k.com](mailto:jlbasham@i2k.com)  
by the **10th** of the month.

## West Michigan Jazz Society Board Members

Board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:00 pm, Cooper's Landing.

WMJS main number . . . 616-490-9506

Email . . . [info@wmichjazz.org](mailto:info@wmichjazz.org)

**Michelle Needham – President**

**Jim Reed – Treasurer**

Tim Froncek

John Miller

Mary Rademacher

**Dan Ohlman – Vice President**

**Jake Vanderheyden – Secretary**

Peni Reed

Jerry Scott

## REMINDER: ALL MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE FOR RENEWAL ON JANUARY 1, 2020

- Students** \$20 ☐
- Student Musician** \$20 ☐
- Single** \$35 ☐
- Individual Jazz Musician** \$35 ☐
- Couple** \$50 ☐
- Donor** \$100 ☐
- Jazz Band** (2-4 members) \$100 ☐
- Patron** \$250 ☐
- Featured Jazz Venue** \$250 ☐  
(\$250 or equivalent product donation)
- Benefactor** \$500 ☐
- Sponsor** \$500 ☐  
(\$500 minimum donation  
or equivalent product donation)
- Donation Only** \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐

If a dual membership, BOTH names must be listed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteering? ☐

Receive JazzNotes by e-mail ☐ or by mail ☐

Detach and mail with check made payable to

**West Michigan Jazz Society**

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

616-490-9506

(or join online)

[www.wmichjazz.org](http://www.wmichjazz.org)

This April/May 2020  
edition of Jazz Notes  
was produced by:

Editor: Donna Kahny

Staff: Jan Basham,  
Nancy Reahm

Photography: Bruce  
Robey,

Writers: Donna Kahny,

LK Creative Design,  
Graphic Design and  
Production

Printed by Storr Printing

Website Design and  
Maintenance by Van  
Wyk Technology  
Consulting LLC.

APR/MAY 2020