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## Save the Date

**West Michigan Jazz Society will hold a MOY/Holiday Party on December 6, 2021. Make your reservation now! Form on page 11.**

**This Event will take place at the Watermark Country Club located at 5500 Cascade Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.**

**Music by Robin Connell Trio  
Robin Connell on piano, Benny Brewer on bass, Randy Marsh on drums.**

**Let's get creative and generous! Silent Auction donations are gratefully accepted for our MOY/Holiday party! Please contact Shannan Denison  
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## RIDIN' THE TRANE

Our first Gumbo night brought out a very appreciative, albeit smaller crowd for the **Lauren Elliott Quartet**. It was an evening filled with nods to the greats: Monk (Epistrophy), Ellington (In a Sentimental Mood - which seems to be made for the bari), Clifford Brown (Daahoud) and Lee Morgan (Speedball); but especially to the legendary saxman, John Coltrane (1926-1967) for Coltrane Week. The famous bebop saxophonist,

composer and bandleader helped make modern jazz popular around the world with his interpretations of My Favorite Things and Moment's Notice, which the group included.

Elliott is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University in Music Therapy and Jazz Studies, and is an up and coming bari saxophonist with a smooth, warm tone. Contributing strongly were **pianist Aris Chadin, bassist Owen Cramer** and on **drums, Joe Miller**.






Elliott's songwriting skills were impressive as well, sprinkling her originals throughout, with And Then I Saw You, Isn't It Easy, a beautiful, soulfully played ballad; The Ticket (for Joe) - an upbeat burner written after an encounter with saxman Joe Lovano in 2019. Lauren explains: "I met him after his concert; asked him to sign my ticket stub and he did, along with a short rhythmic figure that I used in the last 4 bars of the melody".

Tasty gumbo, hot dogs and salad were a-plenty - and Jennifer graciously offered free meals to the band and crowd, after having an abundance leftover.

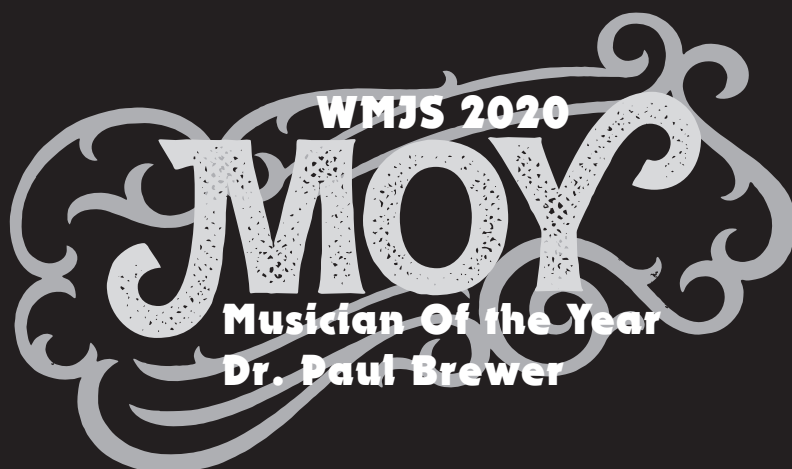
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*Conducting at Aquinas 2019*



*Paul Brewer and Robin Connell*

We finally are able to gather to honor Paul since WMJS did not have a chance to do so in 2020. Here is a reprint of his bio.

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 SpeakEZ 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.



*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 with 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.

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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*



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

## Letter from the President

Greetings!

It's been an exciting start to the fall for the West Michigan Jazz Society! First of all, we kicked off the Jazz Gumbo series with Lauren Elliott Quartet which honored John Coltrane as well as performing some of her beautiful original music. The gumbo made by Jennifer Idema of Coney Girl was a hit! I also want to do a shout out to Lauren to thank her for playing happy birthday for my dad's 84th birthday. It made his day! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Jazz Gumbos!



We were also thrilled to be a part of ArtPrize this year. Jazz Jam Sessions have been held at the Grand Rapids Center for Community Transformation every Sunday afternoon. The 1st Sunday we had the Lisa Sung Trio who played fantastic music. By the 2nd Sunday, word was spread more about the great event. We had beautiful weather, and the Nathan Borton Trio performed great music. We had some musicians jump in to play, and jazz tap dancers come "use their instruments" to perform with the band. The crowd loved it! We are looking forward to the final week and hope to see many people there!

Remember to look at our website and social media for updates on all the events coming up. Thank you and see you soon!

-Michelle Needham



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# Introducing the 2021-2022 Jazz Gumbo Series

Greetings!

My name is Jordan VanHemert, and I am the new Programming Committee Chair for the West Michigan Jazz Society. I am taking over for the wonderful Jerry Scott, who will still be working with the committee as a volunteer. I would like to begin by thanking Jerry for his tireless service over many years. He has put together so many excellent programs of music, and we will miss having him as a fulltime board member.

It is my mission as Programming Committee chair to honor and build on Jerry's legacy of putting together amazing concerts. In doing this, I hope to honor the mission of the Jazz Society, which is "The mission of the WMJS is to advance, uphold, and sustain live jazz in West Michigan through promotion, performance and education." In order to do this, I have a few goals:

Building on our goals of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice and hiring in more equitable ways from the standpoint of ethnicity, gender, and other elements.

The Jazz Society is committed to empowering our diverse community of artists by instituting inclusive hiring practices. We have many great artists in the state of Michigan who come from diverse backgrounds, and as the Jazz Society, we are committed to demonstrating our support of marginalized communities by reflecting that support in our hiring practices.

50% bandleaders of color.

62% women-led or co-led groups.



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We hope that these hiring practices are just one small part of how we can do our part to support our mission of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Bringing in new talent from across our great state of Michigan.

We are working to bring the best jazz musicians from all over the state to our home turf in Grand Rapids. For this series, we have notable artists from Kalamazoo, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit, and of course, our hometown artists in West Michigan.

Supporting emerging artists.

There are many young musicians who the jazz society needs to support. The West Michigan Jazz society has previously done well supporting established artists, but there is a great tradition in jazz of established musicians such as Miles Davis, Art Blakey, and many others going out of their way

to invest in the future generation of musicians. In doing this, we are working to highlight artists who are up and coming to give them the performance experience they need to be successful.

Now, this does not mean that we won't have performances from our standbys--our incredible artists and jazz society favorites. However, we will be building our artist base with new artists who will provide exciting musical offerings in our new season of Jazz Gumbos and Jazz in the Park to advance our vision for jazz in West Michigan.

We thank you for your ongoing support during our Jazz in the Park Series, and we humbly ask for your support in this new endeavor as we continue to seek to build on the legacy of the jazz society.

Peace, Love, and Harmony,

Dr. Jordan VanHemert

Programming Chair, West Michigan Jazz Society



**October 18**

**Ivan Akansiima**

Ivan Akansiima is a multi-instrumentalist, a Christian by faith, worship leader, Jazz musician, composer, arranger, producer, instructor, and researcher from Uganda East Africa. He holds a BA in music from Hope College and a Masters in jazz studies from Western Michigan University. His music is rooted in Ugandan folk music traditions, Jazz, Gospel, classical, Caribbean, Afro fusion music etc. He has performed professionally for over 15 years in 40 countries, including a national tour across the USA and Canada. Ivan will be featuring the music of Art Blakey tonight with a quartet.



**November 15**

**Kathy Lamar Quartet**

Vocalist Kathy Lamar says her shows are like a blind date — because you never know what you're going to get. She sings a diverse blend of jazz, R&B, soul, and pop hits pulled from many decades. One minute, you might hear a Sting or Bob Marley tune, and the next, an Ella Fitzgerald or Billy Holiday song. Her powerful voice and infectious laugh keeps audiences coming back for more.



**January 17**

**Clifton Metcalf Trio**

Clifton (Clif) Metcalf attends Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where he studies with Artist-In-Residence and jazz organ monster, Tony Monaco. Clif is focusing on Jazz Organ Performance at Hope College, which is believed to be the first and only institution in the U.S. to offer such a program. In the fall of 2016, he participated in the 1st annual Jazz Organ Summit, a gathering of prominent artists and enthusiasts from around the United States. Clif is no stranger to the professional Jazz scene as he's been working out for several years.



## 2021-2022 Jazz Gumbo Schedule Save the Dates!

**October 18** - Ivan Akansiima Trio

**November 15** - Kathy Lamar Quartet

**January 17** - Clifton Metcalf Trio

**February 21** - Gayelynn McKinney Quartet

**March 21** - Yuriana Sobrino Garcia Trio

**April 18** - Andrew Bishop/Ellen Rowe Duo

**May 16** - Keith Hall Trio

## October Jazz Around West Michigan

### FRIDAY, OCT 1

- Debra Alexander Quartet at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations

### SATURDAY, OCT 2

- Koji Cassette Quartet at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm

### SUNDAY, OCT 3

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave, 11am-2pm
- Art Prize Jazz Jam at GR Community Transformation Ctr, with Robin Connell Trio at 1530 Madison SE, 2-5pm
- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakeEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm

### MONDAY, OCT 4

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

### TUESDAY, OCT 5

- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 7-10pm  
With Meg Brennan, Joshua Catania, Aiden Cafferty and David Alvarez
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- University Jazz Lab Band with Prof. John Hebert at Dalton Ctr Recital Hall, Kalamazoo, 7:30pm, Free admission

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 6

- Eric Wendland Quartet, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- The Hagen's and Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6-9pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

### THURSDAY, OCT 7

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- The New Standard at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Steve Talaga Trio at the Book Nook in Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing hosted weekly by drummer Jeff Shoup with Seth Ebersole, Andre Crawford, Aiden Cafferty

### FRIDAY, OCT 8

- Keith Hall Quartet at GR Noir, 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, in Frauenthal, Muskegon, 7-9pm

### SATURDAY, OCT 9

- Nate Winn Quartet at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm

### SUNDAY, OCT 10

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave, 11am-2pm
- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakeEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm
- Owen James, solo guitar at Beard's Brewery, Petoskey, 6pm

### MONDAY, OCT 11

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

### TUESDAY, OCT 12

- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark, Washington and Division, Muskegon, 7-9:30pm, \$5 cover
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, with Jordan Anderson and Reuben Stump, 7-10pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 13

- Yuriana Garcia-Sobrino Trio with John Webber at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- Eric Wendland Quartet, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

### THURSDAY, OCT 14

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- Jazz at the Book Nook in Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- In the Blue at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, in Frauenthal, Muskegon, 7-9pm



**FRIDAY, OCT 15**

- Michelle Covington Quartet at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, in Frauenthal, Muskegon, 7-9pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

**SATURDAY, OCT 16**

- Matt Fries Trio at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm

**SUNDAY, OCT 17**

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave, 11am-2pm
- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm

**MONDAY, OCT 18**

- WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY with Ivan Akansiima at Casino Club, 3260 Salerno Dr., 6:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

**TUESDAY, OCT 19**

- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark, Muskegon, 7:30pm, \$5 cover
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-10pm, pending musicians
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 20**

- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm
- Eric Wendland Quartet, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- Ivan Akansiima Quartet with Svetlana Stone at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- PHD's Jazz Trio at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

**THURSDAY, OCT 21**

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, in Frauenthal, Muskegon, 7-9pm
- Jim Beegle and Dan Giacobassi at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- PHD's Jazz Trio at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

**FRIDAY, OCT 22**

- "JR" Simmons Trio with Elgin Vines at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations

**SATURDAY, OCT 23**

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm
- Kathy Lamar Trio at GR Noir with Paul Lesinski and Kevin Dalton Jones 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- Owen James Trio at Beard's Brewery, Petoskey, 6pm

**SUNDAY, OCT 24**

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave, 11am-2pm
- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm

**MONDAY, OCT 25**

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

**TUESDAY, OCT 26**

- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, with Altin Sencalar, CD Release party, 7-10pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 27**

- Eric Wendland Quartet, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- Paul Smith Trio at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

**THURSDAY, OCT 28**

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, in Frauenthal, Muskegon, 7-9pm
- Max Colley Quartet at the Book Nook in Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- JMM Jazz at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

**FRIDAY, OCT 29**

- Robbie Smith Quartet at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- Keith Hall and Gold Company Jazz at Dalton Ctr Hall, 8pm, tickets \$10 (Seniors \$12/Students \$5) at 269-387-2300 or 800-228-9858 or at door

**SATURDAY, OCT 30**

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm
- Jazz at GR Noir 7:30pm and 8:45pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 31**

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave, 11am-2pm
- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME!**

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workers and more!

# November Jazz Around West Michigan

## MONDAY, NOV 1

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

## TUESDAY, NOV 2

- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 7-10pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 3

- Eric Wendlandt Trio, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

## THURSDAY, NOV 4

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- The New Standard at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Jazz at the Book Nook in Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

## FRIDAY, NOV 5

- WMU Jazz Masters Series, Dalton Ctr Recital Hall, 8pm. Tickets in advance \$15, (seniors \$8, Students \$5) at 269-387-2300 or 800-228-9858 or at door

## SATURDAY, NOV 6

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian , 6:30-9:30pm

## SUNDAY, NOV 7

- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm

## MONDAY, NOV 8

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

## TUESDAY, NOV 9

- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-10pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 10

- Steve Talaga at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Eric Wendlandt Trio, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

## THURSDAY, NOV 11

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- In the Blue at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Steve Talaga Trio at the Book Nook in Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, Muskegon, lower Frauenthal, 7-9pm

## SATURDAY, NOV 13

- Robin Connell Trio at GR Noir, 2-5pm, 616-791-1191 for reservations
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian , 6:30-9:30pm
- Owen James Trio at Beard's Brewery, Petoskey, 6pm

## SUNDAY, NOV 14

- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm
- Owen James, solo guitar at Beard's Brewery, Petoskey, 6pm

## MONDAY, NOV 15

- WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY with Kathy Lamar Quartet at Casino Club, 3260 Salerno Dr., 6:30-8:30pm

## MONDAY, NOV 15

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

## TUESDAY, NOV 16

- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Watermark, Muskegon, 7:30pm, \$5 cover
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-10pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 17

- Eric Wendlandt Trio, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

## THURSDAY, NOV 18

- Scheer Bliss Trio at Euro Bistro, 28th St. 6-9pm
- PHD's Jazz Trio at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Jim Beegle and Dan Giacobassi at the Book Nook in Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- The New Standard at Smash Wine Bar, Muskegon, lower Frauenthal, 7-9pm

## FRIDAY, NOV 19

- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm
- Steve Talaga Duo at Saugatuck Brewing Co., 7pm

## SATURDAY, NOV 20

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian , 6:30-9:30pm
- Eclectic Jazz at the Block, 360 W. Western Ave, Muskegon 7:30pm tickets theblockwestmichigan.org
- University Jazz Lab Band at WMU, with Prof. John Hebert, Tickets \$10 (Seniors/Students \$5) at 269-387-2300 or 800-228-9858 or at the door

## SUNDAY, NOV 21

- Randy Marsh and friends at SpeakEZ, 7-10pm, Sit-ins at 8pm

## MONDAY, NOV 22

- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

## TUESDAY, NOV 23

- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm
- Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-10pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 24

- Eric Wendlandt Trio, at Gun Lake Casino, featuring Kathy Lamar, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio live streaming on Facebook, 7-9:30pm

## SATURDAY, NOV 27

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian , 6:30-9:30pm

## SUNDAY, NOV 28

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- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm





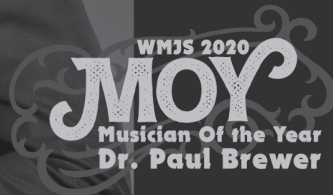
## Musician of the Year/Holiday Party

**Monday December 6, 2021**

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

### **Watermark Country Club**

5500 Cascade Road SE • Grand Rapids, MI 49546



**Music by Robin Connell Trio**  
**Robin Connell on piano, Benny Brewer**  
**on base, Randy Marsh on drums.**

#### **Reservations taken in advance only.**

\$40.00 for members, \$45.00 for non members (can reserve tables for 8 if all monies are sent together, first come- first table choice basis) Here's your chance to be an event sponsor! For \$800 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- \$15.00 for admittance after 8:00, Cash bar.

#### **MENU**

**(A)** Herb Grilled Mahi Mahi (GF) Served with roasted vegetable tapenade & romanesco sauce

**(B)** 10 oz. NY strip (GF) with wild mushroom demi glacé.

The above served with Red Water signature salad, roasted potatoes and candied carrots

**(C)** Risotto (V/GF) Arborio rice with a medley of sautéed tomatoes onion, mushrooms & herbs.

All entrees are served with salad, seasonal vegetable, potatoes & rolls, Coffee, Water.

**The deadline to register is midnight on Tuesday, November 30th!**



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Dinner choices (please list quantity of each) \_\_\_\_\_ **(A)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(B)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(C)**

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## October/November 2021

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### West Michigan Jazz Society Board Members

Board meetings are now held virtually on Zoom. 4th Saturday of each month, 9:30 am

If anyone wants to view them they can ask for the link

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