

WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS



AUGUST 1 – Kevin Brewster Group

The Kevin Brewster Quartet first became a group in 2020, playing/touring around West Michigan at different venues. The group released their debut EP this past summer called "For the Culture". The idea of this project was for Kevin to choose different songs that he felt represent black culture and his upbringings in church. The point of this group is to continue to spread love, justice, and peace through their music because a way to bring all people together is through music. Also, they all attend Michigan State University studying under world-renowned faculty such as Rodney Whitaker, Randy "Uncle G" Gillespie, Diego Rivera, Michael Dease, Xavier Davis, Randy Napoleon, and Anthony Stanco.

AUGUST 8 – Doug Horn

Well versed in the musical styles of bebop, swing, latin, blues, and ballads, Doug has been performing for 41 years in Michigan and around various parts of the world. His style reflects influences from such jazz giants as Charlie Parker, Cannonball Adderley, Phil Woods, Dexter Gordon, and Stan Getz. Though known for his love of hard-swinging bebop, he is also a gifted balladeer. His solos are emotional and harmonically lush, and often laced with musical quotes from other songs. Doug's array of instruments include alto, tenor, and soprano saxes, flute, alto flute, and piccolo. Among the notable musicians he has performed with are Phil Woods, Jimmy Forest, Clare Fisher, Claude Black, Eddie Russ, Clark Terry, Marcus Belgrave, Jack McDuff, Bill Watrous, Don Menza and Dizzy Gillespie. Doug's group is available in several formats, including duo, trio, quartet, quintet, and six piece mini-big band. Doug has been featured at the Detroit Montreaux Jazz Festival, Kalamazoo Wine Festival, Paw Paw Wine Festival, Northport Wine Festival, Allegan Jazz Festival, Petoskey Festival of the Arts, Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, and WEMU Fundraiser Parties.



Thank you to Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park! They donated 50 tickets for Arturo Sandoval with the Grand Rapids Symphony at Frederik Meijer Gardens Amphitheater to the West Michigan Jazz Society. We were thrilled to promote this event and to share 25 pairs of tickets with our lucky winners at the Jazz in the Parks and our online winners. They were so thankful for the opportunity to see this fantastic concert. We look forward to more opportunities to collaborate with Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and other organizations in the future!

Letter from the President

Hello, everyone! Wow! This summer is going fast!

We have one more month to go of our Jazz in the Park summer concert series. We started out rough with a few weeks due to weather cancellations, but we have been fortunate enough to have the rest of the weeks. It has been wonderful seeing people who we have not seen in a while. We have heard some fantastic music! If you have not attended yet, please come to one of the concerts in August to experience it. Please spread the word to friends, family, coworkers, etc. We need your help to make these a success! If you are on social media, you can do a lot of things to help us spread the word. Like and share the events and posts. Tag the West Michigan Jazz Society in your posts.



We are so happy to this special person this year. Kurt Ehinger will be our first ever recipient of the Betty Forrest Jazz Ambassador Award. He has been an integral part of the Jazz in the Park series since they started back at the zoo. He is the sound technician extraordinaire who makes everything sound fantastic for our crowds to enjoy. Musicians have raved about Kurt over the years and told us how fortunate we were to have such fantastic sound for an outdoor event. He also is the person that makes all of the announcements and lets people know about the bucket brigade coming around with what some people call his “radio announcer” voice. We know how fortunate we are to have him and want to honor him for all that he has done for the West Michigan Jazz Society.

Be a part of the exciting things happening in the West Michigan Jazz Society! Become a member, attend our events, donate your time and talents by becoming a volunteer, and promote and support our organization in other ways. We have a small group of people that tries to do everything, but it is a lot of work to put on all of the events and to raise the funds to pay for everything we do. We are also looking for people to help on committees. Any assistance is truly appreciated!

Thank you for your attendance and support! We will have more to come on the Jazz Gumbo concert series and on our Awards event coming in September. Save the dates on your calendars and make sure and support these events!

-Michelle Needham

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WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS

JAZZ IN THE PARK



AUGUST 15 – GRJO with Edye Evans Hyde

For 45 years, The Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra has been one of Michigan's premier jazz ensembles, featuring some of the finest musicians in the area playing swinging original compositions and arrangements as well as traditional favorites.

The musicians that create the live sounds are some of the area's best soloists, sidemen, and educators available. Many have jazz projects of their own, yet they dedicate time to fostering the performance of live big band jazz.

The band was founded in 1976 by the late Bruce Early, and has performed with many famous artists such as Clark Terry, Louis Bellson, Phil Woods, Pearl Bailey, Kenny Wheeler, Randy Brecker, Maria Schneider, Allen Vizutti, Phil Wilson, Bobby Shew, and has been enjoyed by thousands of people



at concerts, dances, and festivals throughout the region.

Visit the website GRJO.com for more information on live streaming, performances, and CD's.

AUGUST 22 - Mary Rademacher, Rick Reuther & The Tom Hagen Quartet

Get ready for an evening of vocal standards reminiscent of Steve & Eydie, Jackie & Roy, Ella and Louis and more, along with medleys and great musicianship from a group of musicians who have been friends and colleagues for over 35 years! This group has been a favorite that has entertained at WMJS holiday parties and various events around Michigan.

Rademacher is a versatile and interpretive singer, dancer, actor, theatre director and choreographer who is energetic, engaging and entertaining. Her career has spanned the globe with a USO Tour to The Far East, across the states and more. WMJS Musician of the Year 2006.

Rick Reuther, a talented singer/songwriter and recording artist. **Tom Hagen**, piano. **Cherie Lynn** on drums. **Denis Shebukov** will be on bass. Saxophonist/Flutist, **Mike Lutley**.



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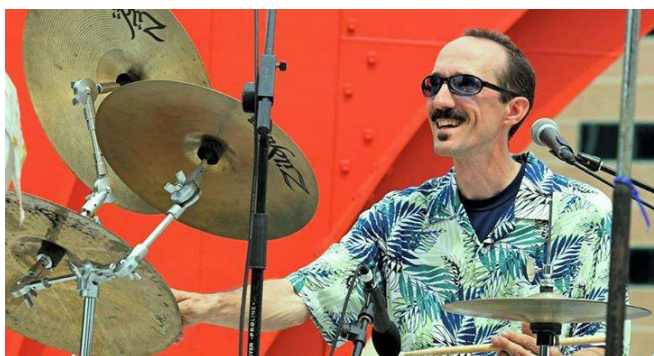
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Ready for a night of stellar and soulful jazz that's both entertaining and contemplative? The Steve Anzivino Jazz Project with special guest Mary Rademacher on August 18!

With a musical career that flourished in the greater Boston area, and continues in West Michigan, **Steve Anzivino** has been leading bands from behind the drums for over 35 years. Described as a "dynamic, driving and musical", Anzivino manifests a pallet of exciting sounds and textures that elevates the players and the music around him. The Jazz Project combines the international talent of Ugandan pianist **Ivan Akansiima**, the improvisational prowess of Chicago's **Ben Schmidt-Swartz** on sax and West Michigan's own time machine, **Dave Collee** on bass. Joined by masterful vocalist **Mary Rademacher**, the group will take you on a unique musical journey that will leave you smiling ear to ear!

The Listening Room, 7pm show. Tickets \$20
123 Ionia Ave, SW at Studio Park.
www.listeningroomgr.com/shows-events/detail/The-Steve-Anzivino-Jazz-Project



Remember to notify Kathleen Jones wmjsmembership@gmail.com of any change of address by the first of the month BEFORE the change will take place so you don't miss out on any issues of Jazz Notes!

Save the Date

September 4, 5:30-7:30, 2nd floor
GRJO is hosting a triple treat! Vocalists Edye Evans Hyde, Rick Reuther and Mary Rademacher will be featured with them at Creston Brewery. (NO Cover)



2022 Betty Forrest Jazz Ambassador Award Dinner Event!

We will be having more to come on the Award Dinner event at Noto's Old World Italian Dining 6600 28th Street Grand Rapids, MI 49546. It will be held on **September 26, 2022**. More to come in the next newsletter and on our website!



Kurt Ehinger, recipient of the Betty Forrest Jazz Ambassador Award.

Get Ready for Jazz Gumbos!

Concerts will be held at the Casino Club, 3260 Salerno Drive NE, just off Plainfield exit on I-96. No need for reservations. The parking is free and there is open seating. The Jennifer Idema Family (Coney Girl) will again be preparing the food choices, gumbo or hot dogs served with salad and bread! The meal will be cafeteria style and included in the cost of your ticket. The Casino Club bartenders will offer concert attendees the Casino Club's member drink prices! Doors open at 6, concert times will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Concerts are on the third Monday of the month. You may notice that we do not have a January and February concert. Our board made the decision to skip these months due to low attendance and the financial loss it causes for the West Michigan Jazz Society.

September 19, 2022 • October 17, 2022 • November 21, 2022 • March 20, 2023 • April 17, 2023



LISTEN IN TO WYCE 88.1 OR Live Streaming GR LIVE Radio Remote Show on THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 AT NOON. The Tom Hagen Band with Mary Rademacher and Rick Reuther will be one of a two acts featured live in the studio. It is also open to the public to see the show in person at The Listening Room. We will be promoting the August 22nd Jazz in the Park. WMJS will be making announcements for the Fall Programs!



In Memoriam

Paul Byron Smith, aged 69, passed away peacefully on Tuesday May 31, 2022. An avid cyclist, he loved spending time on his "road sofa". He was a gifted jazz drummer and a staple in the jazz community. He loved photography. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Pierson Smith and Madie Ruth Smith; and his sister, Mary Lou Smith. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his life partner of thirty years. Sonja Beverly. His three daughters. Michelle Smith of Grand Rapids, MI, Ruth (Mark) Kuyers of West Olive, MI, and Simone (Mike) Politz of Big Rapids, MI. His four granddaughters. Desiree, Georgia, Brinley and Juniper. His three stepchildren. Terry "TJ" Beverly of Grand Rapids, MI, LaTori Metzger of Byron Center, MI, Brandy Rice of Ypsilanti, MI and step grandchildren. Along with many cousins and a host of friends.

August Jazz Around West Michigan

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

- WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY AT MILLENIUM PARK, Kevin Brewster Group, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Night Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

- Jeff Shoup Jazz Jam at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-9pm
- Terry Lower and Dr Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at the Northport Union, Northport, 7-9:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, 6-9pm
- John Shea Trio at the Beacon Corner Bar, 6:30-9:30pm
- The New Standard at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 5-8pm
- Rick Hick's Band at Bella Maria Restaurant, 513 W. Pontaluna, Muskegon, 6:30-9:30pm
- Aedan McCauley and Donovan Meeusen at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at Chateau Chantal winery, Traverse City, 7-9:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- Third Coast Swing at Electric Cheetah Cascade, 6450 28th SE, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mike Frost Trio with Edye Evans Hyde at Rendezvous, in the Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm
- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9pm
- Mike Frost Trio featuring Mary Rademacher at Rendezvous, Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Tim Johnson and Big Daddy Fox at Portobello's, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave. SE, 11am-2pm
- Mark Kahny and Francesca Amari at Beacon Corner Bar, for brunch, 38 W. Fulton, 12-2pm
- Mark Kahny and Bob Thompson at the What Not Inn, Fennville, 6:30-9:30pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY AT MILLENIUM PARK, Doug Horn, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Night Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9:30pm
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at Workshop Brewery Co. Traverse City, 6-8:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- John Shea Trio with Max Colley III at Ford Museum, 303 Pearl St., GR, 7-9pm Free
- Jeff Shoup Jazz Jam at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-9pm
- Terry Lower and Dr Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- John Gist at GR Noir, 7:30pm, call for reservations 616-791-1191
- Tim Froncek and Friends at the Block, 360 W. Western Ave., Muskegon, \$15, 7:30-9:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Lakeshore Big Band at the waterfront, Grand Haven, listening and dancing, FREE 6:30-8:30pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at the Northport Union, Northport, 7-9:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, 6-9pm
- John Shea Trio at the Beacon Corner Bar, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 5-8pm
- In The Blue Ensemble at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Rick Hick's Band at Bella Maria Restaurant, 513 W. Pontaluna, Muskegon, 6:30-9:30pm
- Aedan Mc Cauley and Donovan Meeusen at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at Chateau Chantal winery, Traverse City, 7-9:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- Third Coast Swing at Electric Cheetah Cascade, 6450 28th SE, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mike Frost Trio featuring Edye Evans Hyde at Rendezvous, Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm
- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9pm
- Mike Frost Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Mark Kahny and Bobby T at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6:30-9:30pm
- Tim Johnson at Portobello's, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave. SE, 11am-2pm
- Mark Kahny and Mary Rademacher at Beacon Corner Bar, for brunch, 12-2pm
- Jim Cooper Trio at Harbor Light Brewery, South Haven, featuring Lynne Gorman, 4-6pm
- Dean Alrick, Piano at the What Not Inn, Fennville, 5-7pm
- Mark Kahny at Macatawa Golf Club on the deck, Holland, 4-7pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

- WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY AT MILLENIUM PARK, Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra with Edye Evans Hyde, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Night Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- Jeff Shoup Jazz Jam at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-9pm
- Terry Lower and Dr Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St Band at Bostwick Lake Inn, 6-9pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at the Northport Union, Northport, 7-9:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, 6-9pm
- John Shea Trio at the Beacon Corner Bar, 6:30-9:30pm
- Steve Anzivino Quartet with Mary Rademacher at the The Listening Room, 7pm show. Tickets \$20 ,123 Ionia Ave, SW at Studio Park
Listeningroomgr.com for tickets
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon CC, 5-8pm
- The PHD's Jazz Trio at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Rick Hick's Band at Bella Maria Restaurant, 513 W. Pontaluna, Muskegon, 6:30-9:30pm
- Aedan McCauley and Donovan Meeusen at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at Chateau Chantal winery, Traverse City, 7-9:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- Third Coast Swing at Electric Cheetah Cascade, 6450 28th SE, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 5-8pm
- Mike Frost Trio with Edye Evans Hyde at Rendezvous, in the Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm
- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9pm
- Mike Frost Trio featuring Mary Rademacher at Rendezvous, Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Mark Kahny at Morro's Restaurant, Saugatuck, 7-10pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave. SE, 11am-2pm
- Mark Kahny and Mary Rademacher at Beacon Corner Bar, for brunch, 12-2pm
- Mark Kahny and Bob Thompson, at the What Not Inn, Fennville, 6:30-9:30pm
- Eat It Up with Sean Perlmutter at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY AT MILLENIUM PARK, with Tom Hagen Quartet, Mary Rademacher and Rick Reuther, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Night Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9:30pm
- Randy Marsh and Jeff Haas Trio at Workshop Brewery Co. Traverse City, 6-8:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- Jeff Shoup Jazz Jam at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-9pm
- Terry Lower and Dr Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at the Northport Union, Northport, 7-9:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, 6-9pm
- John Shea Trio at the Beacon Corner Bar, 6:30-9:30pm
- JMM Jazz at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Rick Hick's Band at Bella Maria Restaurant, 513 W. Pontaluna, Muskegon, 6:30-9:30pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at Chateau Chantal winery, Traverse City, 7-9:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

- Robin Connell at GR Noir, 7:30pm, call for reservations 616-791-1191
- Third Coast Swing at Electric Cheetah Cascade, 6450 28th SE, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mike Frost Trio with Edye Evans Hyde at Rendezvous, in the Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Mark Kahny and Tim Johnson at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon CC, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian, 6:30-9:30pm
- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9pm
- Mike Frost Trio featuring Noelle Michaels Frost at Rendezvous, Amway Hotel, 8-11pm
- Jim Cooper Quartet at Harbor Light Brewery, South Haven, 6-9pm
- Mark Kahny and Bobby Thompson at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6:30-9:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

- Fred Knapp Trio at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave. SE, 11am-2pm
- Mark Kahny and Mary Rademacher at Beacon Corner Bar, for brunch, 12-2pm
- Dean Alrick, Piano at the What Not Inn, Fennville, 5-7pm
- Mark Kahny at Macatawa Golf Club on the patio, Holland, 4-7pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Monday Night Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-9:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

- Jeff Shoup Jazz Jam at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7-9pm
- Terry Lower and Dr Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, 6-10pm
- Jeff Haas Trio with Laurie Sears at the Northport Union, Northport, 7-9:30pm

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West Michigan Jazz Society Board Members

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