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June  
3rd

## Byron Center Jazz Orchestra

The students showed a high level of talent, musical versatility and showmanship. It was a beautiful night for a concert.



WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS



### Jazz in the Park 2024 Band Line-up!

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm

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

July 1

BYE WEEK FOR 4TH OF JULY

July 8

Ivan Akansiima

July 15

Lisa Sung Group

July 22

[Bill and Laurie] Sears

and Sears Quintet

July 29

Jeff Shoup Group featuring singer,

Freddie Cunningham

August 5

BYE WEEK FOR PRIVATE EVENT

August 12

Keller/Kocher Quartet with

Mary Rademacher

August 19

Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra

August 26

Rain Date



## Letter from the Board

The Board of Directors had our annual meeting and selected our new board member roles. The term of our President, Michelle Needham, ended after 6 years of service. On behalf of the board and our members, we wanted to recognize and thank Michelle for her dedicated service to the mission of WMJS. Through many challenges of the pandemic, WMJS has not only persisted, but has grown during her term as President. New events, new technology, new awards, and many new jazz lovers have all flourished in our WMJS community.

Here is an excerpt from her final Letter from the President in Jazz Notes: "Writing this letter is bittersweet. West Michigan Jazz Society Board Directors serve no more than two consecutive three year terms of office which means that in June we will have a new president, and I will no longer be on the board. I will still be involved with the West Michigan Jazz Society and assisting at events. I am proud of what we have accomplished as an organization the last six years.

There have been many challenges, including the pandemic, but we found a way to pivot and continue on thru these tough times. Right now, we just wrapped up our Monday Night Jazz, and we are ramping up work on the Jazz in the Park concert series at Millenium Park starting June 3rd and the Fundraiser Event which will be held again at the magical home of Kent and Susan Riddle on September 21, 2024."

As she ended her letter: "See you at the park!"

Also, A big Thank You to Mary Rademacher Reed, she has ended her 2nd term for the 3rd round as a Director- participating since 1998. Also to member Jan Basham, for her many years of diligence and organization of our Jazz Around Town section. Her hard work and support kept us all up to date! Donna Kahny will be the new contact.



*Thank you*

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CHRIS TABACZYNSKI AND THE WOLVERINES  
SKY COVINGTON & CLUB CRESCENDO  
MARK LIPSON AND THE DCC UNITY OCTET  
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DAVE BENNETT QUARTET  
KIMMIE HORNE & FRIENDS  
THIRD COAST SWING  
J ROWE / JORDAN SCHUG SEXTET  
PAXTON/SPANGLER  
**BAND**  
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UMPH BAND  
OLIVIA VAN GOOR  
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**J MICHIGAN Jazz FESTIVAL**

**IT'S OUT!**  
**2024 MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
**LINEUP**  
**JULY 21**  
**SCHOOLCRAFT**

STEVE WOOD QUARTET  
RUSS MACKLEM QUINTET  
TERRY LOWER TRIO WITH VOCALIST  
EYDE EVANS HYDE  
ANTHONY STANCO QUINTET  
LOUIS JONES QUARTET  
**AGUANKO**  
BILL CESSNA  
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TERRY LOWER  
JACOB HART  
RUSS MILLER & THE JAZZ ORCHESTRA  
MJF ALL-STAR  
H.S. JAZZ BAND  
PAUL KELLER JAZZ ORCHESTRA  
**CSO**  
JEFF TRUDELL JAZZ ORCHESTRA



### Dave Bennett Quartet

Dave Bennett and Co. were eclectic, electric and so musically entertaining - covering classic Benny Goodman styles to some of Dave's originals, reminiscent of that cool California surf groove.







June  
24th

### Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra directed by Dr. James Sawyer

Dr. James Sawyer led a terrific concert with the Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra to the delight of the enthusiastic crowd!







WMJS was asked to choose the musical entertainment for Camp Blodgett's Summer Concert fundraiser.

The camp is located on the shore of Lake Michigan. We invited 4 very talented young musicians to form the band. They were Sam Guewa - sax, Charlotte Best - bass, Chris Corey - drums, and Forrester Day - keyboard.

The audience was thrilled by their talent and enthusiasm. It was a beautiful event at Lake Michigan's Camp Blodgett. There were 5 board members present and many WMJS members.



## Lilley Mansion Presents **Jazz on the Patio Concert Series\***

### **July 12, 2024**

Kicking off their summer season will be the incredibly talented Randy Napolean and feature bassist and vocalist Reuben Stump along with the great Walter Blanding on tenor Saxophone.

### **August 15, 2024**

The critically acclaimed vocalist Libby York will be headlining this concert along with Tom Vaitzas and bassist Rodney Whitaker.

### **September 10, 2024**

The performing duo of Edye Evans Hyde and Mike Hyde will feature saxophonist Mike Frost for the final concert of the series.

**\*ALL performances are \$49 per person//Seating is limited!**

Doors open at 6:30, concert begins promptly at 7:30.

Come early, choose your seat! Chef Patrick's appetizer menu and bar offerings will be available for purchase.

Lilley Mansion, 113 S. Division Spring Lake, MI 49456



## Ivan Akansiima Trio

Ivan Akansiima is a Christian and a Ugandan born Jazz pianist with a BA in music performance from Hope College Holland MI, and a Master's Degree in Jazz Performance. He is a multi-instrumentalist, a composer, music arranger, worship leader, biblical teacher, and music instructor. His music style draws from biblical spirituality and faith and combines indigenous Ugandan and African rhythms with Jazz music traits that are historically rooted in African music traditions.



## Lisa Sung Group

Ms. Sung holds a Bachelor of Jazz piano performance from Temple University, Philadelphia, performed in the top band under trumpeter Terrell Stafford.

She also holds a Master of Jazz Performance from New York University. She studied composition with Ron McClure, Dave Schroeder and studied jazz piano with Thomas Lawton, Don Friedman and Don Glanden.

She has performed with bassist Ron McClure, drummer Jeff Brillanger, and saxophonist Patrick Wolf. She has also performed a weekly duo with bassist/vocalist Gerald Benson in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and in New York. Coming to Grand Rapids, Ms. Sung has been serving as the music director for the Calvin University Gospel Choir and teaches jazz piano at Hope College and

Calvin University. Ms. Sung also has been a regular member at the Central Michigan University jazz faculty concert series.



## [Bill and Laurie] Sears and Sears Quintet

The saxophone stylings of Bill and Laurie Sears have been electrifying jazz audiences

in Northern Michigan and throughout the state since their move to Traverse City in 1987. Each has forged individual careers, but it is when they combine their unique and individual musical voices in the Sears and Sears Quintet that their chemistry shines. Collectively they have graced the stage with a veritable "Who's Who" of jazz and popular music including Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, Bob James, Nancy Wilson, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, The Temptations and countless others. Laurie can be heard regularly as the featured saxophonist with the Jeff Haas Trio appearing at Chateau Chantal Winery, The Union in Northport and most recently the newly opened Alluvion in Traverse City, in addition to leading her own groups. Bill can be heard Wednesday's at the Workshop Brewing Company in Traverse City, occasionally joining Laurie with Jeff Haas, and leading a quartet at various venues in and around the Traverse City region. Both are charter members of the Traverse Symphony Jazz Orchestra and perform often with the Grand Rapids Symphony.



Bill Sears-Tenor Saxophone, Laurie Sears-Alto and Tenor Saxophones, Flute, Matthew Fries-Piano  
Jack Dryden-Bass, Keith Hall-Drums.





## Jeff Shoup Group featuring singer, Freddie Cunningham

Jeff Shoup is a drummer and music educator based in Lansing, MI, and is the host of the weekly music series Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub. Joining Jeff in the trio we have Hammond organist Jim Alfredson, who is well-known internationally for his highly successful band organissimo, and the great Detroit guitarist Ralph Tope.

Vocalist Freddie Cunningham is the driving force behind the legendary Michigan-based blues band Root Doctor. After (mostly) retiring from touring with Root Doctor, Mr. Cunningham has enjoyed putting his own bluesy stamp on the jazz standard song book.



## Keller/Kocher Quartet with Mary Rademacher

Each year, West Michigan Vocalist and Entertainer Mary Rademacher\* thinks long and hard about the group she puts together for her very special Jazz in the Park date. Quality, variety, musical friendship and showmanship are vying factors.

This year presented an opportunity to put together some of her favorite and long time friends - The Keller Kosher Quartet.

GR natives transplanted to Ann Arbor are bassist Paul Keller\* and vibes/drummer/singer Cary Kosher, who have played together since EGR high school days.

Keller is a well-respected master of his instrument; he is a prolific composer and an outstanding arranger of music for small and large ensembles; he is an educator, an entertainer and impresario; he is a lover of, a student of, and a proponent of The Great American Songbook; he is a successful bandleader of several different groups and he is an in-demand sideman who has recorded and performed all over the world with a myriad of jazz luminaries, including Diana Krall, Eddie Higgins and John Pizzarelli.

Kocher has a classical pedigree, playing regularly with the symphony; he teaches percussion at the University of Michigan, and fronts the local Ann Arbor favorite salsa band Los Gatos.

Mary and Paul recently put together an album, along with Detroit area pianist Adam Mosley, a young prodigy who is highly in-demand.

The album, Three is a Magic Number; songs about all things 3, was recorded in Ann Arbor and to be released on streaming platforms. CDs may be available the day of the concert.

Selections such as the title song; along with Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps, You and the Night and the Music, 3 Coins in The Fountain, My Echo, My Shadow & Me from the album may be a part of this wonderfully entertaining concert, along with great vocal and instrumental arrangements by Keller and Kosher. The talented local drummer and singer, Fred Knapp\* will be joining, as well. Strap in - you're in for a treat!



\*WMJS Musician of the Year recipients.

## Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra

For over 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 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.

Bob Nixon, Jim Hayward Alto Sax, Mike Lutley Alto Sax, Greg Marsden Tenor Sax, Craig Hribek Tenor Sax, Gary McCourry Bari Sax, Nate VanderWerf Trumpet, Matt Sumner Trumpet, Ted Craig Trumpet, Jim Sawyer Trumpet, Mark Wells Trombone, Paul Brewer Trombone, Dave Collee Trombone, Paul Keen Trombone, Steve Talaga Piano, Tom Lockwood Bass, Eddie Eicher Drums.

## July Jazz Around West Michigan

### Monday, July 1

- NO WMJS Monday Night Jazz this week
- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 45 Division Ave, S., 7-10pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 2434 Eastern, SE, 5:30-8:30pm
- Edye Evans and Mike Hyde at Red Rock Grille, Macatawa Country Club, 4600 Macatawa Legends Blvd., Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, July 2

- Laura Bennett and Mark Kahny, Cork Wine and Grille at Watermark CC, 1600 Galbraith, SE, 5:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, July 3

- Mike Drost, Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, 133 Columbus, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 455 Bridge St. NW, 7pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 2801 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, 5:30-8:30pm

### Thursday, July 4

- Tim Johnson and Mark Kahny, Porto Bello, 41 Washington, Grand Haven, 6-10pm
- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, 8744 Ferry St., Montague, 7-9pm (\$5 cover)
- Lewis Russ at Reds, Thousand Oaks C.C. off 5 Mile, 5:30-8:30pm
- Tony Reynolds Duo, Boatwerks, 216 Van Raalte Ave, Holland, 5:30-8:00pm
- Michael Drost at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Drive, West Olive 6-9pm

### Friday, July 5

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Tim Johnson and Mark Kahny, Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6-10pm
- Edye Evans and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C. C., Muskegon, 5:30-8:30pm

### Saturday July 6

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6600 28th St, SE., 6:30-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, 147 Water St., Saugatuck, 7-10pm

### Sunday, July 7

- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles, 526 Stocking, 5-8pm
- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 1504 Plainfield, NE, 11:00-1:30pm
- Mark Kahny at Boatwerks, Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Monday, July 8

- **WMJS Monday Night Jazz in the Park, presents The Ivan Akansiima and his Band, Millennium Park Meadows, 1415 Maynard Ave. S.W., Walker, MI. 49534, 6:30-8:30pm**
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- GRJO, 8350 Byron Ave., 6:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jim Cooper Duo at Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, July 9

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- GRJO, The Woodchopper's Ball, D Baker and sons Lumber, 720 Pennoyer, Grand Haven, 7-9 pm

### Wednesday, July 10

- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, 133 Columbus, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Thursday, July 11

- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, (\$5 cover)
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny Testa Rosa Italian Ristorante, 1017 Wealthy St., SE 5:30-8:30pm
- Kevin Murphy at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive 6-9pm



### Friday, July 12

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at Blythfield CC, 4801 Northfield Dr. NE, Belmont, 5-8pm
- Edey Evans and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Saturday, July 13

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at Rush Creek Bistro, 624 Port Sheldon St., SE, Sunnybrook CC, Grandville, 5:30-8:30pm

### Sunday, July 14

- Big Band Nouveau featuring Mary Rademacher, The Stray, 5-7pm
- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 11:00-1:30pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles, 5-8pm

### Monday, July 15

- **WMJS Monday Night Jazz in the Park, presents the Lisa Sung Group, 6:30-8:30pm**
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Mike Hyde at Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, July 16

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, July 17

- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Mark Kahny at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon CC., 5:30-8:30pm
- Lew Russ, Boatwerks, Holland, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm

### Thursday, July 18

- Rick Ruether and Chris Corey, Testa Rosa Italian Ristorante, 5:30-8:30pm
- Francesca Amari, Mary Rademacher, "Double Trouble", Kevin Cavanaugh on keys, Tip Top Deluxe, 760 Butterworth St. SW, 7-9pm
- GRJO, at the Green Space, (next to P.O.), in the heart of Byron Center, 6:30-8:30pm
- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5
- BPM Jazz at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive 6-9pm

### Friday, July 19

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mary Rademacher Trio with Wright McCarger on keys, JW Marriott, 6-10pm
- Tim Johnson and Mark Kahny, Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6-10:pm
- Edey Evans and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Saturday, July 20

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at The Butler, 40 Butler St., Saugatuck, 5:30-8:30pm

### Sunday, July 21

- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 1404 Plainfield NE, 11am-1:30pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles, 5-8pm
- Fred Knapp Trio and Friends at the Old Goat

### Monday, July 22

- **WMJS Monday Night Jazz at Millenium Park, presents The Bill and Laurie Sears Quintet, 6:30-8:30pm**
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, July 23

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, July 24

- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Thursday, July 25

- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny, Testa Rosa Italian Ristorante 5:30-8:30pm

### Friday, July 26

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at Marro's Italian Restaurant, Saugatuck, 7-10pm
- Edey and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm
- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Ruether, Grand Lady Riverboat, 825 Taylor St., Jenison, 6:30-8:30pm

### Saturday, July 27

- Rick Ruether at Rush Creek Bistro, Sunnybrook CC, Grandville, 5:30-8:30pm
- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Bobby Thompson, Chris Corey and Kathy Lamar, What Not Inn, 2405 68th St., Fennville, 6:30-9:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Francesca Amari at The Butler, Saugatuck, 5:30-8:30pm

### Sunday, July 28

- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 11am-1:30pm
- Fred Knapp Trio and Friends at the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles, 5-8pm
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny at The Butler, Saugatuck, 5:30-8:30pm

### Monday, July 29

- **WMJS Monday Night Jazz at Millenium Park, presents Jeff Jeff Shoup Group featuring vocalist, Freddie Cunningham, 6:30-8:30pm**
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm

### Tuesday, July 30

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, July 31

- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

## August Jazz Around West Michigan

### Thursday, Aug 1

- Edey Evans and Mike Hyde Rush Creek Bistro, Sunnybrook CC, Grandville, 5:30-8:30
- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny at The Butler, Saugatuck, 5:30-8:30
- Michael Drost at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive 6-9pm

### Friday, Aug 2

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, 6-9:30pm
- River Rouges Jazz Band at Horrock's Market, 4455 Breton, SE, Kentwood, 6-9pm
- Edey and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Saturday, Aug 3

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny at JW Marriott, Margaux Lounge, 6-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm

### Sunday, Aug 4

- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 11am-1:30pm
- Fred Knapp Trio and Friends at the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles 5-8pm
- Mark Kahny at Boatwerks, Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Monday, Aug 5

#### No WMJS Jazz in the Park This week

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Edye Evans and Mike Hyde, Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, Aug 6

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, Aug 7

- Mary Rademacher Duo, Testa Rossa 5:30-8:30pm
- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Edye and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm
- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Band at Bostwick Lake Inn, Rockford 6:30-9:30pm

### Thursday, Aug 8

- Evidence Jazz Group, Horrocks Market, Kentwood, 6PM to 9pm
- Mark Kahny at Rush Creek Bistro, Sunnybrook CC, Grandville, 5:30-8:30pm
- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Kevin Murphy at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive 6-9pm

### Friday, Aug 9

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30

### Saturday, Aug 10

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny at Rush Creek Bistro, Sunnybrook CC, Grandville, 5:30-8:30

### Sunday, Aug 11

- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 11am-1:30pm
- Fred Knapp Trio and Friends at the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles, 5-8pm
- Tim Johnson Duo, Boatwerks, Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Monday, Aug 12

- **WMJS Monday Night Jazz at Millenium Park, presents Mary Rademacher Quartet featuring Paul Keller, 6:30-8:30pm**
- GRJO, at The Green Space, in the heart of Byron Center, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Jim Cooper Duo, Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, Aug 13

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, Aug 14

- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm

### Thursday, Aug 15

- Big Band Nouveau at Horrock's, Kentwood, 6-9pm
- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Band at Bostwick JW Marriot, 6-10 pm

### Friday, Aug 16

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny, Blythfield Country Club, 7-9pm
- Edye Evans and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Saturday, Aug 17

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Tom and Cherie Hagen Band featuring Mary Rademacher, JW Marriot, Margaux Lounge, 6-10pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mark Kahny at The Butler, Saugatuck, 5:30-8:30pm

### Sunday, Aug 18

- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 11am-1:30pm
- Fred Knapp Trio and Friends at the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Big Band Nouveau featuring Mary Rademacher, The Stray, 5-7pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles 5-8pm

### Monday, Aug 19

- **WMJS Monday Night Jazz at Millenium Park, presents the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, 6:30-8:30**
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Mike Hyde at Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., Holland, 5:30-8:30pm
- Grand Rapids Circle Theater, "Jazz: Now and Then", Monday Night Cabaret Series, Cast of 14, inc. Mary Rademacher, 7pm

### Tuesday, Aug 20

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, Aug 21

- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Thursday, Aug 22

- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny at Testa Rossa Ristorante 5:30-8:30
- Rick Ruether at Rush Creek Bistro, Caledonia, 5:30-8:30
- Book Nook Trio at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover

### Friday, Aug 23

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Edye Evans and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, C.C., 5:30-8:30pm

### Saturday, Aug 24

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Tim Johnson and Mark Kahny, Porto Bello in Grand Haven, 6-10pm

### Sunday, Aug 25

- Lafayette Gunther at Creston Brewery, 11am-1:30pm
- Fred Knapp Trio and Friends at the Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Jazz Open Mic Jam at Turnstiles, 5-8pm
- Laura Bennett and Mark Kahny at Boatwerks, Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Monday, Aug 26

- **Rain date for Jazz in the Park, Check the website!**
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Rockwell Republic, 7-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Red Rock Grille, Macatawa C.C., Holland, 5:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, Aug 27

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Rick Ruether at Cork Wine and Grill, 5:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday, Aug 28

- Mike Drost and Dr. Jason Werkema at Lucy's, Grand Haven, 7-9pm
- John Webber Duo at Drip Drop Lounge, 7pm
- Rick Ruether at Rush Street Bistro, Caledonia, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde, Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C.C., 5:30-8:30pm
- Mary Rademacher, Tim Johnson, Mike Lutley and Mark Kahny at the Wenger Pavilion, Baldwin, 7-9pm



#### Thursday, Aug 29

- Book at the Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, 7-9pm, \$5 cover
- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Band at Bostwick JW Marriot, 6-10 pm

#### Friday, Aug 30

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Edye Evans and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon C. C., 5:30-8:30 pm  
Lew Russ, Boatwerks, Holland, 5:30-8:30pm
- BPM Jazz at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive 6-9pm

#### Saturday, Aug 31

- Third Coast Swing at the Old Goat, Eastern Ave SE, 6-9:30pm
- Mary Rademacher Trio, Amway Grand Plaza, Rendezvous Lounge, 8:30-11:30pm
- Bobby Thompson and Mark Kahny, What Not Inn, Fennville, 6:30-9:30
- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30.

For your convenience, the venue's address given 1st time it is listed

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#### FARTHER AFIELD:

Terry Lower, keys and Barry Ross, violin, **EVERY Tuesday**, at Martell's Restaurant, 350 Greenleaf Blvd, **KALAMAZOO**, rain or shine, 5:30-7:30pm

AND **EVERY Wednesday**, Thursday and Friday, catch the Terry Lower Trio with various guest artists each night at Clara's on the River, 44 McCamly St. **BATTLE CREEK** Clara's.com/events for schedule (no music if inclement weather), 6-10pm

**EVERY Tuesday**, Jeff Shoup hosts at Moriarity's: 7/2-Dylan Sherman Band; 7/9-Jordan Van Hemert; 7/16-Corey Allen and Robbie Smith; 7/23-Paul Keller, Sarah D'Angelo and Ralph Tope; 7/30-Freddie Cunningham; 8/6- Tom Knific and Lisa Sung; 8/13-Anthony Stanco; 8/20-Kazuki Takemura and Randy Napoleon; 8/27-Sam Corey, 802 E. Michigan Ave., **LANSING**, 7-10pm

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### Tim Scully's "Up North" 2024 Music series season began June 14, in Traverse City and will go through Wednesday, September 3, in Ludington.

This is Tim's 30th year of presenting these free concerts!!!

The **WEDNESDAY** Jazz performances in Baldwin at Wenger Pavilion, 7-9:15

Wed July 3 "Funky Uncle", electric funk and modern groove

Wed July 10 "Jazz Deluxe", Dr's Robin Connell and Paul Brewer's Quintet

Wed July 17 "Jim Cooper Quartet", vibes and virtuosity

Wed August 21 "The General Assembly Big Band" jazz and swing

Wed Aug 28 Mary Rademacher's "RadPack"

#### The TOURING weekly line-up:

**Metro Soul Band**, Motown, jazz, and more

Mon- July 1 Elberta / Waterfront Park Amphitheater

Tues- July 2 Manistee / 1st St., Beach

Wed- July 3 Ludington / Waterfront Park

Thurs- July 4 Cadillac / Rotary Arts Pavilion

Fri- July 5 Reed City / Rambadt Park

Sat- July 6- Baldwin / Wenger Pavilion

Sun- July 7 -Pentwater / Gull Landing (5:30-9pm)

**Anthony Stanco Quartet**, Golden Era of swing, bop, blues and jazz

July 8 Elberta / Waterfront Park Amphitheater

July 9 Manistee / 1st St., Beach

July 10 Ludington / Waterfront Park

July 11 Cadillac / Rotary Arts Pavilion

July 12 Reed City / Rambadt Park

July 13 Baldwin / Wenger Pavilion

July 14 Pentwater / Gull Landing (5:30-9pm)

**Marshland Express**, The Randy Marsh Quartet

July 15 Elberta / Waterfront Park Amphitheater

July 16 Manistee / 1st St., Beach

July 17 Ludington / Waterfront Park

July 18 Cadillac / Rotary Arts Pavilion

July 19 Reed City / Rambadt Park

July 20 Baldwin / Wenger Pavilion

July 14 Pentwater / Gull Landing (5:30-9pm)

**Dawn Campbell and the Bohemians**, popular combo that mixes it up

July 29 Elberta / Waterfront Park Amphitheater

July 30 Manistee / 1st St., Beach

July 31 Ludington / Waterfront Park

Aug 1 Cadillac / Rotary Arts Pavilion

Aug 2 Reed City / Rambadt Park

Aug 3 Baldwin / Wenger Pavilion

Aug 4 Pentwater / Gull Landing (5:30-9pm)

Jeff Haas's "**Big Fun Electric Band**", jazz, funk and fusion

July 12 Elberta / Waterfront Park Amphitheater

July 13 Manistee / Waterfront Park

July 14 Ludington / Waterfront Park

July 15 Cadillac / Rotary Arts Pavilion

Aug 16 Reed City / Rambadt Park

Aug 17 Baldwin / Wenger Pavilion

Aug 18-Pentwater / Gull Landing (5:30-9pm)

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## July/August 2024

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 in our media publications please send your  
 schedules to Donna Kahny,  
 Grjazz@pmail.com  
 by the **15th** of the month.

### West Michigan Jazz Society Board Members

Board meetings are now held virtually on Google Meet. 4th Saturday  
 of each month, 9:30 am, if anyone wants to view them they can ask for the link  
 WMJS main number . . . 616-490-9506  
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