

WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY Proudly Presents it's 2023 summer concert series

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Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm, June 12–August 21

WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS



**August 7th - Mary Rademacher & The RadPack
featuring Mark Kahny**

August 14th - Emma Wilburn Quartet

August 21st - Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra



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Mary Rademacher-vocals
Mark Kahny- keys/vocals
Tim Johnson -drums/vocals
Mike Lutley- reeds/flute
Bass- TBA

Mary Rademacher is probably the most well-known singer/entertainer in our area. Besides her vocal talent, she is a choreographer, director and costumer at Kenowa Hills High School for their Drama Program. She is a dancer, an actor, educator, voice talent and is always a bundle of fun! Mary began her vocal career while working at Tootsie VanKelly's in downtown Grand Rapids and has since fronted so many bands it is impossible to keep track!

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August 14th - Emma Wilburn Quartet

Pablo Muller - Trombone
Max Gage - Piano
Emma Wilburn - Bass
Will Crandell - Drums
Emma Wilburn was born in Seoul, South Korea but raised in Sacramento, California. She had recently this year graduated from Michigan State University receiving her degree in Jazz

Studies studying under Rodney Whitaker, bass professor, and head director of the Jazz Program at Michigan State University. She attended Woodcreek High School in Roseville California studying under the direction of former band director Brad North. Beginning at the age of 11 playing bass previously studied with bassists Geri Pineda, Molly Redfield, and saxophonist Patrick Langham. Emma has played with jazz musicians such as Helen Sung, Dwight Adams, John Clayton, Vanessa Rubin, Carl Allen, Steve Wilson, Lewis Nash, Mark Armstrong, Marion Hayden, and Patrick Langham. Emma's plans in the next coming years are to continue with school to receive her master's in jazz bass at Michigan State University. Her main bassist influences include Ron Carter, Oscar Pettiford, and Linda Oh.



Letter from the President

Hello, everyone! Wow! We are more than halfway through the summer!

There is one more month of our Jazz in the Park summer concert series. This year has been a great year so far! Our goal this year is to reach over one thousand attendees at Jazz in the Park. 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 reach our goal! If you are on social media, you can do a lot of things to help us spread the word:

1. Like and share the events and posts.
2. Tag the West Michigan Jazz Society in your posts.

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. Save the dates on your calendars and make sure and support these events!

-Michelle Needham

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If you have some time and talents you can share with us, please contact us! We are looking for people to help with the upcoming Jazz in the Park as well as assisting with some of the behind the scenes work which needs to be done. We need parking attendants, people to work at the table, and people to tear down.

Mary Rademacher & The RadPack featuring Mark Kahny continued

Mary toured to the Far East and S. Pacific with the USO, performs regionally & nationally in jazz festivals and clubs and has headlined in dozens of area theatre productions. She was a proud member of the fabulous Boogie Woogie Babies, which was a nationally touring performance group known for its tight harmonies for over 25 yrs.
@maryradsings

Pianist, vocalist and left-hand bass player Mark S. Kahny is also a gifted accompanist, a skill which

makes him a favorite with singers both in Michigan and California. He spends winters in Palm Springs, where Mark plays at the iconic Purple Room Supper Club, among others. Kahny was classically trained at the University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music, but has become proficient in playing most any style of music.
@Markkahnymusic

The RadPack has been working together for over 30 years and treasures their friendships, on and off the bandstand.

August 21st - 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.

JAZZIN' IT UP

fundraiser recap



On June 1st 218 members and guests of the West Michigan Jazz Society enjoyed a Magical Evening celebrating our Musician of the Year, James Sawyer, and our Jazz Ambassador of the Year, Eddie Tadlock at the enchanting home of Kent and Susan Riddle. With the help of **B Our Guest** events, the Jazz Society raised \$8746 in our first annual awards fundraiser.

A big thanks is owed to our committee members and those volunteers that helped out the night of the event with set up, clean up and parking.

We look forward to next year's award fundraiser. We hope you do too!

-Shannan Denison

Kevin Brewster's quartet entertained in the "new museum" (antique car collection from the 20th century) and guests enjoyed the catering delights of Briez of Jennifer Idema in the "old museum" (antique cars and such from the 19th century).



A few adventurous attendees made it to the chapel where Steve Zaagman, founder of the Grand Rapids Swing Society, taught some stellar dance moves to a handful of willing and able students.

Meanwhile, former MOYs (musician of the year) Robin Connell and Paul Brewer entertained guests and showed how everyone can improvise jazz music. Robin graciously allowed guests to join her on the piano and Paul explained how to keep in the key by just playing the black keys, etc. Our own Sylvia and Elsa Fierens played several bars of music creating their own unique sound. A few lucky souls heard Juan Daniel Castro belt out a particularly passionate Besame Mucho.





Photo/Myrna Jacobs

Trumpet player James Sawyer: West Michigan Jazz Society's 2023 Musician of the Year

by Katie Rosendale, Local Spins

When James Sawyer was in the sixth grade, he signed up for band and decided to play the trumpet.

"I brought it home, and I said, 'Mom, I got the trumpet!'" Sawyer said. "And I pulled it out, and I put the mouthpiece in, and I just started [attempting to play] — and I said, 'Oh, Mom, there must be something wrong with it. I think it's broken!'"

Luckily, his skills improved dramatically from there.

Now, in 2023, Sawyer — both a veteran performer and an accomplished instructor — is being honored as the West Michigan Jazz Society's Musician of the Year.

Sawyer, 69, has been a member of the West Michigan Jazz Society for years. During his time on the board, he was instrumental in connecting local high school jazz programs to events hosted by the society.

"When you try to explain it, it's hard to explain," Sawyer said of receiving the Musician of the Year title. He cited past honorees such as singers Edye Evans Hyde and Mary Rademacher, and saxophonist Mel Dalton: "To be in that number [is like] — OMG! This is great."

Despite an imperfect start as a youngster, Sawyer continued to play trumpet through high school. In his senior year, he had his first encounter with jazz.

"Back in those days, they didn't call it jazz band. They called it stage band," Sawyer said. "From what I understand, stage band was a way of smoothing out the way people thought of jazz."

Then, Sawyer attended Louisiana's Grambling College and ultimately earned a bachelor of music

education from Chicago's VanderCook College of Music.

While he was a student, Sawyer played "a lot of rhythm and blues" in night clubs. "When I first went to college, my original goal — don't laugh at me — [was] to be a trumpet player for James Brown," he said. "That's why I got into the rhythm and blues scene."

At the same time, he juggled working at a local music store, where he gave private lessons. There, Sawyer discovered the magic of teaching: that sudden moment "when a student gets it and goes, 'oh!'"

"The first time you get a kid to say 'oh' is like — yes!" he said. "It was just a great feeling to know you had connected with a kid."

DEDICATED TO PASSING ON JAZZ MUSIC 'TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'



With a passion for both teaching and performing, Sawyer went on to earn a master of music in trumpet performance from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in music education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Since then, Sawyer has had a long and illustrious career in both areas. As a trumpeter, he's played with The Temptations, Shirley Jones, The Lawrence Welk All-Stars and The Manhattans.

Currently, Sawyer plays in the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra and Muskegon's Truth in Jazz Orchestra, on top of conducting the Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra.

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Sawyer also has taught at various schools, including Aquinas College and East Kentwood High School, and jazz camps such as the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. As an instructor at Grand Valley State University, Sawyer originated a class called Techniques of Jazz Instruction.

“It was an opportunity for me to create something,” he said. “Students freak out when they hear jazz, [but] it’s not difficult. You just have to get them to open up their ears and open up their minds.”

In fact, some of his proudest moments have sprung from his teaching career. A few years ago, Sawyer conducted the West Michigan Homeschool Fine Arts Association’s jazz band. He fondly recounted taking the band to compete in a local jazz band festival, where they soared to victory.

“They went in and they nailed it. It was really fantastic,” Sawyer said. “And we won. I was like, ‘Wow.’ I was shocked.”

For Sawyer, it’s essential that the younger generation knows and appreciates jazz.

“What I’ve been dedicated to doing is passing on this music to the young people as much as I possibly can,” he said. “This is the music that people used to dance to back in the ’20s and ’30s. That was the Beyoncé and the Taylor Swift (at the time). It is really fantastic, just being able to pass on these legendary styles of music and legendary artists.”

Thanks to John Sinkevicz from Local Spins for this reprint.

Eddie Tadlock Betty Ford Jazz Ambassador

Eddie Tadlock may not be responsible for booking performers for public shows, but if a group wants some music for its meetings, he’s got a Rolodex at the ready.

Moreover, if there’s a jazz show in town, he’s likely in the audience or involved in some way. Maybe both.

Tadlock has served on numerous cultural and city boards and committees. A partial list: the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Festival of the Arts, Grand JAZZFEST, the City of Grand Rapids Ad Hoc Art Advisory Committee, Kendall College Equity Council, Rosa Parks/Ecliptic Conservancy Board, Confluence Steering Committee, Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, the American Red Cross and the West Michigan Jazz Society. He’s emceed events and remote broadcasts and while he gave up playing music (trumpet and cornet) after high school, he maintains his fandom to this day.

Prior to Grand Rapids, he worked in Orlando and Seattle, where he was able to hear and, in many cases, meet some of his favorite performers. He is a self-described jazz junky, orchid lover, art collector, Kulture Vulture blogger and bibliophile.

While he has had professional opportunities to work in larger cities, such as Detroit, Chicago and Irving, Texas, Tadlock is comfortable where he’s at. “I like it here. I’m involved with so many groups,” he says.

He spoke with Ross Boissoneau of Local Spins about some of the music that inspired him and some he’s (still) listening to today. “This all goes back to 1978 when I got my first stereo, a Pioneer with a turntable and cassette deck,” he says. “I’ve still got it and still use it.”



-Ross Boissoneau, Local Spins

June 19 - Juneteenth Celebration - Houston Patton



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July 10 - Big Band Nouveau







Tony Bennett Lives On

RIP-Singer Tony Bennett, the internationally famous singer whose voice epitomized the Great American Songbook, has died at the age of 96. He was born Anthony Dominick Benedetto on August 3, 1926 in New York, NY.

Bennett amassed many accolades throughout his career, including 20 Grammy Awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award, and two Primetime Emmy Awards. He was named an NEA Jazz Master and a Kennedy Center Honoree, and was the founder of the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in Astoria, Queens, New York. Bennett sold more than 50 million records worldwide.

He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016, but his condition didn't stop him from occasionally performing live or releasing new music. He reached the Billboard Top 10 at age 95 in 2021 thanks to his second duet album with Lady Gaga, *Love For Sale*, and celebrated his retirement the same year with two touching nights at Radio City Music Hall.

Bennett hit the scene as a suave crooner in the 1950s and quickly established himself as one of radio's most popular hit-makers.

He was a showman, with an intimate nightclub sensibility. He wore that persona everywhere. It was like his tailored suits: age appropriate, yet timelessly cool. His demo of "The Boulevard Of Broken Dreams" made it to producer Mitch Miller at Columbia Records, and Bennett was signed in 1950. In short order, he sold millions of records, and a 10-year string of hits followed.

Bennett made a name for himself as a crooner, but he loved jazz. He wasn't sure he could pull it off.

"He always says, 'I'm not a jazz singer,' but he has a great feel for a beat," Bennett's accompanist and arranger for more than 50 years, Ralph Sharon, told NPR in 1998. Sharon added that the likes of Duke Ellington and Miles Davis appreciated the jazz sensibility that Bennett brought to pop music. "I think that's why musicians love to play with Tony, and also like to listen to him," Sharon noted. And because he liked listening to them, Bennett wanted to sing with them. He leveraged his pop stardom to record jazz albums with Art Blakey and the Count Basie Orchestra. He told NPR in 2011 that music was his life and the secret to his longevity.

"I love life," he said. "I wish I could communicate to the whole planet what a gift it is to be alive."



Being alive, for Tony Bennett, meant following his passions, which included not only music, but painting landscapes and portraits.

- Antonio Benedetto

Thank you, Mr. Bennett, for the music of our lives.

- Mary Rademacher.

Excerpts above from NPR, and various online sources. For the full NPR article, visit <https://mobile-webview.gmail.com/-1208110243/-4825064147504842081>

A Story from The Green Room....

Ms. Edye Evans Hyde, a successful Jazz singer from GR, had the sheer delight of meeting Tony Bennett in the mid-90's in LA.

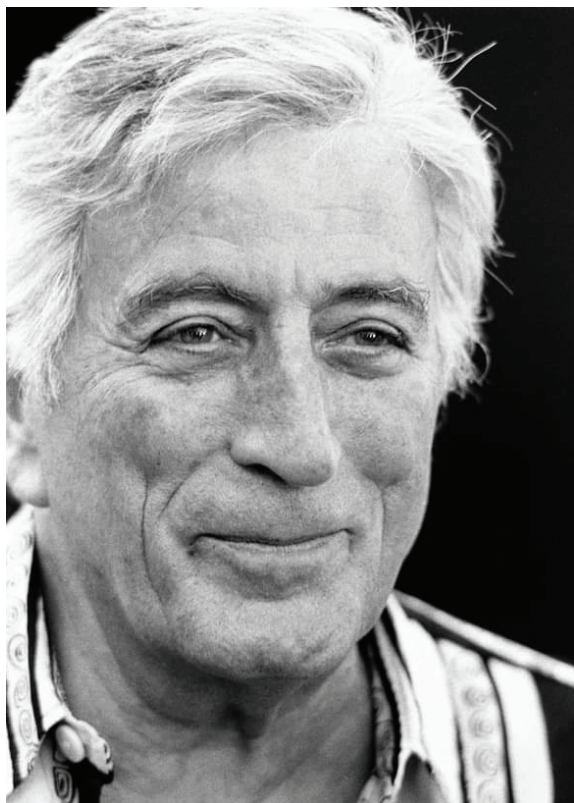
"Many years ago I went to the Grammy Awards, via a friend who gave me a pass to pose as Annie Lennox's hairdresser. As I sat in the Green Room, waiting during rehearsals, Seal and Joni Mitchell walked in and sat on either side of me, chatting about their upcoming performance and some vocal issues they were experiencing. (First thrill of the day!).

After the Awards, I made my way into a party on-siteI told THIS man that I really adored him. He kinda liked that and insisted that my partner in crime take a photo of us.

I'll never forget it.

RIP Tony Bennett. You were a wonderful and talented person to the end. You made me feel very special for those few minutes."

- Edye Evans Hyde



"If you follow your passion, you'll never work a day in your life."

- Tony Bennett

August Jazz Around West Michigan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Mary Rademacher and Mark Kahny at Cork Wine and Grille, at Watermark Club, 6-9pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant in Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, with the Rumprollers, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, Bridge St., 6-8:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, outside patio, 6-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon Country Club, 5-8pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- In the Blue at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, outside patio, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Tim Johnson and Big Daddy Fox at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- Turnstiles Jazz Brunch, Open Mic at 526 Stocking NW, 2-5pm, no cover
- Lafayette Gunter and friends at Switchback Gear Exchange, 2166 Plainfield NE, 4-7pm
- Acana performing Latin Jazz with Tom Knific, Steve Talaga, Rob Mulligan, Tom Lockwood and Oscar Gonzalez at Jungle Bird Kalamazoo, 155 W. Michigan Ave. 6-9pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

- **WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY** with Mary Rademacher Quintet at Millennium Park, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, with Olivia Van Goor, 7pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant in Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, Bridge St., 6-8:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, 5-8pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- The Family Band with Mike Drost at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Michael Drost, Jason Werkema and Terry O'Brien at JW Marriott, 7-11pm
- Tim Johnson and Paul Lesinski at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- LaJoye Quartet at Seasonal Grille, 150 E. State St, Hastings, 269-948-9222 for reservations 6-8pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- Turnstiles Jazz Brunch, Open Mic at 526 Stocking NW, 2-5pm, no cover
- Lafayette Gunter and friends at Switchback Gear Exchange, 2166 Plainfield NE, 4-7pm
- Big Band Nouveau at the Stray, with Mary Rademacher, 4253 S. Division, 5-7pm, no cover

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

- **WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY** with Emma Wilburn Quartet at Millennium Park, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, with Greg Vadnais, 7pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Waterland Distillery, Lakeside, Muskegon, 7-9:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Bostwick Lake Inn, 6-9pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, 5-8pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- BPM Jazz at Sandy point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, outside patio, 6-10pm
Neil Gordon Trio with Emma Rey at Amway Hotel Rendezvous at 8:30-11:30pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Tim Johnson and Scott Bell at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- Turnstiles Jazz Brunch, Open Mic at 526 Stocking NW, 2-5pm, no cover
- Lafayette Gunter and friends at Switchback Gear Exchange, 2166 Plainfield NE, 4-7pm
- Acana performing Latin Jazz with Tom Knific, Steve Talaga, Rob Mulligan, Tom Lockwood and Oscar Gonzalez at Jungle Bird Kalamazoo, 155 W. Michigan Ave. 6-9pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- **WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY** with Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra
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- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- Jeff Shoup, Ron Newman and Ed Fedewa at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, Bridge St., 6-8:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, outside patio, 6-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, 5-8pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Wally Michaels and Dakota Lee at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Jim Cooper with Bari's Back in Town, and Ted Hogarth at Harbor Lights Brewery,
- South Haven, you may bring your own food. Parking in rear, no cover 7-10pm
- Libby York Trio with Rodney Whittaker and Randy Napoleon at the Lilley Mansion, Spring Lake, 113. S. Division, 616-414-7344, tickets \$45, 7:30pm
- Michael Drost, Jason Werkema and Terry O'Brien at JW Marriott, 7-11pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Robin Connell Trio with Rob Hartman and Eddie Eicher at The Northport Union, Northport, 7-9:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- Turnstiles Jazz Brunch, Open Mic at 526 Stocking NW, 2-5pm, no cover
- Lafayette Gunter and friends at Switchback Gear Exchange, 2166 Plainfield NE, 4-7pm
- Rick Reuther, Mary Rademacher and Tom Hagen Quartet at Canadian Lakes, 7-9pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- **WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY** in the Park with Andrew Rathbun group at Millennium Park, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, with Randy Gelispie, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- Walt Gutowski and the Bridge St. Band at Fratelli's, Bridge St., 6-8:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, 5-8pm

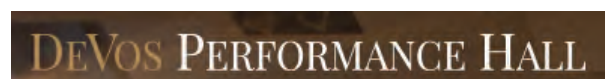
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- Mary Rademacher and Kevin Cavanaugh at Rush Creek Bistro, Grandville, Standards and variety on the patio, 5-8pm
- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Kevin Murphy at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

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- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Boatwerks, Holland, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Tim Johnson and Mark Kahny at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm
- Michael Drost, Jason Werkema and Terry O'Brien at JW Marriott, 7-11pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Tim Johnson and Big Daddy Fox at Porto Bello, Grand Haven, 6:30-10:30pm
- Neil Gordon Trio with Emma Rey at Amway Hotel Rendezvous, 8:30-11:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Fred Knapp Trio at The Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11am-2pm
- Turnstiles Jazz Brunch, Open Mic at 526 Stocking NW, 2-5pm, no cover
- Lafayette Gunter and friends at Switchback Gear Exchange, 2166 Plainfield NE, 4-7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- **WEST MICHIGAN JAZZ SOCIETY** with Randy Napoleon Quartet At the Casino Club, 6:30-8:30pm
- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at Waterland Distillery, Lakeside, Muskegon, 7-9:30pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, with Steve Talaga and Nick Calandro, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Boatwerks, Holland, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- BPM Jazz at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Michael Drost, Jason Werkema and Tom Stansell at JW Marriott, 7-11pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Amy Young and Eastown Swing at Seasonal Grille, 150 E. State St., Hastings, 269-948-9222 for reservations, 6-8pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Fred Knapp Trio at The Old Goat, 11am-2pm
- Turnstiles Jazz Brunch, Open Mic, 2-5pm, no cover
- Lafayette Gunter and friends at Switchback Gear Exchange, 4-7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- John Shea Trio at Republic, 7-10pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Robin Connell at The Old Goat, 5:30-8:30pm
- Terry Lower and Dr. Barry Ross at Martell's Restaurant, Kalamazoo, 5:30-7:30pm
- Jazz at Moriarty's Pub, Lansing, with Paul Keller, Cary Kocher, Ralph Tope and Matt LoRusso, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Lake Bluff Grille, Muskegon, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- John Shea Trio at Brick Yard Tavern, Monroe NW, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mike Frost and Mike Hyde at Boatwerks, Holland, 5-8pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm
- Wally Michaels and Dakota Lee at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- Michael Drost, Jason Werkema and Terry O'Brien at JW Marriott, 7-11pm
- Neil Gordon Trio with Emma Rey at Amway Hotel Rendezvous, 8:30-11:30pm
- Terry Lower Trio at Clara's on the River, Battle Creek, patio, 6-10pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- John Shea Trio at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant, 6:30-9:30pm
- Mary Rademacher on the Grand Lady Riverboat Cruise, 4-6:30pm
tickets: <https://www.grandlady.info/events/2023maryrademacher930/>

Monday Night Jazz



Our first concert will be September 18

Randy Napoleon Trio

Randy Napoleon is an American jazz guitarist, composer, and arranger who tours nationally and internationally. He is an associate professor in the College of Music at Michigan State University and has done master classes at universities and music schools throughout the United States and Canada. During a 2023 tour of Japan, he taught at several colleges throughout the country. Randy has also toured with the Freddy Cole Quartet, Benny Green, the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra led by John Clayton, Jeff Clayton, and Jeff Hamilton, Rene Marie, and with Michael Bublé.

Concerts will still 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. 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.



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