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WMJS's Monday Night Jazz "Gumbo" series began on September 18th. These concerts will continue on the 3rd Monday of each month through April 2108 with the exception of December when the annual holiday party will take place. (This year at Noto's!)

We are excited to present this year's "Gumbo" series in the Knickerbocker at New Holland Brewing 417 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids where you can order from the restaurant menu or get a Gumbo for \$5.00. Drinks specials presented each month.

The concert is from 6:30-8:30 pm and admission is only \$5 for members & \$10 for non-members!

We are pleased to offer free parking for our members! The lot directly behind the Knickerbocker will be available after 5 as well as Swift Printing's parking lot (be sure to thank Walt Gutowski for this privilege!) directly across the street from New Holland Brewing. There will be attendants at both lots. If you haven't gotten a parking pass by mail, please let us know. There is also some street parking free after 5.



**September's Monday Night Jazz
at the Knickerbocker a success!**



Monday Night Jazz Gumbo line up!!

October 16th	Petra van Nuis w/ Andy Brown, Paul Keller and Pete Siers
November 20	Patty Gayle & Co
January 15	Walt Gutowski's "Bridge Street" band
February 19	A Marti Gras Party!! Featuring music by The Creole Kitchen
March 19	Fred Knapp Trio
April 16	JMM Jazz



2017-2018 Monday Night Jazz Series

OCTOBER 16th will feature Chicago based duo husband and wife **Petra van Nuis** and **Andy Brown**, along with Michigan natives **Paul Keller** and **Pete Siers**. Germany's Jazzpodium Magazine hails Petra and Andy's eighteen year musical collaboration as "a magical musical dialogue, which can only partially be described as blind understanding."



Vocalist **Petra van Nuis** is a protégé of Chicago's "First Lady of Jazz," pianist/singer Judy Roberts. Petra has studied jazz in the old-fashioned way, at the feet of the masters. Regionally, Petra's performance highlights include the Chicago Jazz Festival, the Chautauqua Jazz Party, the Roswell Jazz Festival, and the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival. Internationally, Petra's highlights include the Yardbird Suite (Edmonton, Canada), the Gorinchem Jazz Festival (the Netherlands' oldest jazz festival), and the Jazzhaus Heidelberg (Heidelberg, Germany). Petra has recorded four CDs and her 2009 release "Far Away Places" was re-issued in Japan on the Japanese label Muzak.

Mentored by the late guitar legends Cal Collins and Kenny Poole, **Andy Brown** has been playing professionally for over twenty years. A top-call sideman, Andy has backed internationally known players Harry Allen, Howard Alden, Ken Peplowski, John-Erik Kellso, Warren Vache, Anat Cohen, Kurt Elling and many others! His accompanying skills have made him a favorite with vocalists, most notably Barbra Streisand with whom he played in a jazz quartet on the Oprah Winfrey show. With his own trio, Andy has played for US Presidents including Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. His Delmark CD with NYC guitarist Howard Alden received a 4 star rating in Downbeat Magazine and his latest Delmark release "Soloist," is receiving many accolades as well.

Paul Keller is one of the busiest bassists in the Detroit area, earning the nickname "The House Bass Player for the State of Michigan." Since 1989, Paul has led the 15-piece Paul Keller Orchestra, which plays original, obscure and classic big band material from all periods of jazz history. They perform every Monday night at the Zal Gaz Grotto in Ann Arbor. Paul also plays in the popular Keller/Kocher Quartet and in The Paul Keller Ensemble, a three-horn sextet that features creative arrangements by Keller and his band mates. Paul has been recognized internationally for his association with pianist/singer Diana Krall and guitarist Russell Malone.

Pete Siers can be heard performing in groups throughout the region, including the Latin group Los Gatos and his own trio and quartet. Siers is an original member of the award winning Paul Keller Orchestra. He also performs and has recorded with Bess Bonnier, Mr. B, guitarist Ray Kamalay and his Red Hot Peppers, The Easy Street Jazz Band, The Motor City Classic Jazz Band with Marcus Belgrave, The Ron Brooks Trio, The Tad Weed Freedom Ensemble, and James Dapogny & his Chicago Jazz Band.

WE THANK SPONSOR **JACK MORRISON** FOR MAKING THIS PERFORMANCE POSSIBLE!

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NOVEMBER 20 *Patty Gayle & Co.* Vocalist Ms Gayle will be backed up by some fine Grand Rapids based musicians. The first time Patty performed for us it was a sell out! She really packs the house and we welcome her back.

Patty Gayle is a lifelong Grand Rapids resident, but a world traveler! She is a graduate of Interlocken performing Arts Academy, and the University of Miami as a theatre major. Patty has traveled overseas while performing with the USO. She has performed in numerous local musical theater productions and is a two-time Grand Award nominee from the Grand Rapids Guild. She performs her own unique style of Jazz, Blues and American Standards with a touch of soulful light rock and country which will make the evening a night to remember!

Robert “Bobby T” Thompson will be on drums. Bob is a local favorite with his unique playing style and never ending antics. Always with a smile on stage, Bob continues to play his vintage 1950 drum kit with enjoyment.

Piano will be under the very capable fingers ***Bob VanStee***. “Gus” is well known to all Grand Rapids’s music followers and has been with the popular Checkers Morton band since its inception.

Gumbo 2018! January 15 - *Walt Gutowski and the Bridge Street Band*

The street- Bridge Street-is near and dear to Walt’s heart. He is owner of Swift Printing right across from the Knickerbocker, and named his band to reflect that sentiment. “I’ve always wanted to say Bridge Street Band playing on Bridge Street & now I can. I’ve been working on my vision for Bridge Street (the street) since the eighties & that’s why I changed the name of the band to Bridge Street.” Mark Weymouth will be on drums, John Gist on sax, J. R. Blois Simmons on keyboards, Charlie Hoats on bass & Paul Keen on trombone. Walt will be introducing female vocalists Jess Slaydon & Victoria Dale as well as couple of guest artists.

February 19 - A Marti Gras Party!! Featured will be ***The Creole Kitchen with Carl Cafagna***. These strolling musicians will keep the party going! Creole Kitchen is dedicated to preserving the traditional sounds of New Orleans, ala the famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band, which is their inspiration. They will also feature some selections which introduce elements of Zydeco and Jump Swing, to add some extra spice.

March 19 - *Fred Knapp Trio* will feature Dave Proulx on piano/vocals and David Rosin on bass, and Fred Knapp on drum set. Their repertoire consists of new arrangements of song book standards and originals from each member of the group. The Trio captivates with their high level of group interaction and dynamics. The Trio has released eight CD’s.

April 16 - *JMM Jazz* provides an experience you’ll not soon forget. Singers Diana VandeWater and Diego along with the band will make you want to listen, dance & sing along. They promise many comical moments on stage to make you laugh as well!

WMJS 2017 Scholarship Recipients



Logan Vanderlaan is a 5th year music education student at Grand Valley University. He plays lead trombone in the GVSU jazz band and is in the top combo as well, he studies with Dr. Paul Brewer. Logan has formed his own quartet, named "Four on the Floor". They have played for the dancers at Lions and Rabbit's Art studio. Logan also plays in a swing dance band "501 Swing Street". When asked what his future plans are, Logan answered, "I aspire to go to graduate school for jazz performance and either play professionally or run a jazz program at a university."



Brenden Hoekstra actively pursues jazz outside of his responsibilities as a student at GVSU. He regularly dances and DJ's for his local swing dancing scene, the Rapid Rhythms. He attends local jazz jams in West Michigan such as The Grand in Grand Haven. His love for swing music and dancing has led Brenden to his most recent endeavor, starting his own jazz band, "501 Swing Street". The octet focuses on swing arrangements from the likes of Benny Goodman, Charlie Christian, Ella Fitzgerald and more. Not only the band's leader Brenden, produces, arranges and plays trumpet. As a student at GVSU he has played in the big bands and multiple small combos. Brenden would like to thank the greater West Michigan jazz scene for their support!



I grew up in Rockford Michigan, my parents are Michelle and Chris Corey and I have a little brother named Chris Jr.. I am attending MSU, majoring in Jazz Studies (Jazz Saxophone Performance). I grew up playing all kinds of music with my Dad (piano) and little brother (drums). I was in my High School's Jazz Band by the 8th grade and in the 10th 11th and 12th grade I was selected to be in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) Honors Jazz band. As a junior and a senior in high school I was also the recipient of the Louis be jazz award. (2 years) I wouldn't be where I am without the guidance of my family and my director Cullen McCarthy. I am Very Thankful for this honor of being chosen for this scholarship and also very blessed to be supported by so many to pursue my passion.

- Sam Cory

Details for December's
Holiday party coming soon!

ORGANIC VIBES

Jim Cooper and ORGANIC VIBES got down to the nitty-gritty earthiness of which the name evokes. The combination of Cooper (Saugatuck, MI) on Vibraphone, Jim Alfredson (Lansing, MI) on Hammond B-3 Organ and Jeff Shoup (Lansing, MI) on drums held tight and made the music feel right from the get-go.

Out of the gate was the upbeat swinger, Jean de Fleur, a Grant Green special with lots of unison to start and kicky hits by Shoup, accenting and filling the repeated melodic theme throughout.

Jakey was some good stuff! The synchronization of vibes and organ was outstanding. The talents of this trio were continually challenged and exceeded on this burning tune. Jim Alfredson gave tribute to organ great, Big John Patton, and lead the way with this great groove. This tune is featured on a new album of Alfredson's, as well.

Cooper's magic on vibes was spun with I Wish You Love, giving it beautiful treatment: emotional, haunting; a nice change of pace in the evening. Taking us on a musical ride jiving with the river flowing behind, Somewhere in the Night gave way with an easy going swing - really pleasing to the ears, like the call of the Osprey above, snatching a big fish during Cooper's solo!

String Bean contained complicated harmonics, highlighting the nimble hands of Cooper on vibes, while Alfredson showed what a master he was of his instrument. Shoup held each groove steady, versatile on the drums with tasty fills and tricky riffs.

Let em Roll, another Big John Patton special, took us out of the park - literally- as the last tune. This blues moved with cool chord progressions, stop time and showcased each of these highly talented, seasoned and traveled musicians, making for a special night of a not so typical combination that felt just right on a summer night.

-Mary Rademacher Reed



July 31st Concert

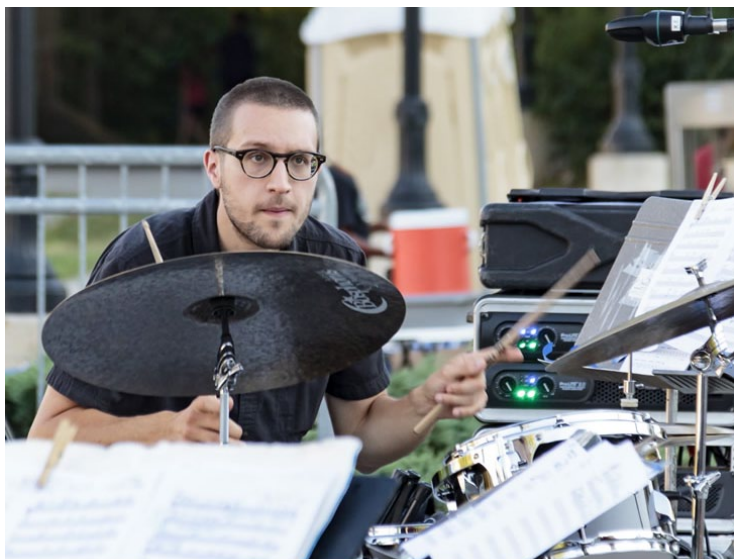


METRO JAZZ VOICES

July was ushered out by “Metro Jazz Voices”, a 4 part harmony vocal jazz group backed by an excellent trio. Carl Calfagna directs, writes, arranges and sings tenor, the marvelously bright coloratura Trish Shandor and the sultry, rich voice of Mari Slaven alternated on soprano and alto to produce different sounds, and the original founder Jeremy St. Martin reunited with the group for the night to sing baritone. The band was comprised of well-known Detroit pianist Scott Gwinell, Bassist Shannon Wade and Steven Boegehold on percussion, who is shortly bound for NYC.

This concert was something really special, highlighting an art form that is near and dear to my heart and is way more complex that it might seem—but of course they made it look effortless. They shared their fruits of their labor and love whilst playing homage to the greats of vocal jazz just as Lambert Hendricks and Ross, New York Voices, Manhattan Transfer, Rare Silk, and of course the late great Steve Zegree, former WMU faculty and accomplished arranger of vocal jazz—a profound loss that came too soon, though he left his indelible mark in the genre for all to enjoy.

The night was filled with many fun surprises including Carl’s logic-defying and lightning fast vocalese solos, many of which he wrote himself, his equally skillful sax solos, wonderful solos by all three others, and band members. Highlights of the evening included “My Funny Valentine,” Zegree’s arrangement of “I Wish you Love,” and “Drifting on a Reed” a song full of witty vocalese banter about the merits and drawbacks of saxophone reeds, all to the tune of Coltrane’s sax solo, and written by Carl Calfagna. The genius of this group did not escape those who were watching closely—and the rest I trust had a great time.



-Amy Williams

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- Terms are for three years, with a two-term limit. (Note: A past Board member may return after a one-year layoff). Current members are expected to solicit new board members when necessary
- Members must be available to attend monthly meetings, currently held on the last Thursday of each month (except December)
- Members are expected to serve on at least one committee, such as Program, Publicity, Education, etc
- Members should be willing to share their particular areas of expertise toward achieving objectives, and to support decisions made by the majority of the Board. One must be well-informed of the Society's purpose, programs, and objectives
- All business affairs of the Society are managed and directed by the Board. The Board establishes any required rules and regulations
- Board members may not receive any compensation greater than actual expenses incurred on behalf of the Society or its activities
- Members should be available to promote, attend, and assist at the majority of Society events, which currently include the following:
 1. Ten Jazz in the Park concerts, staged on Monday evenings throughout the summer
 2. Seven Jazz Fall/Winter concerts, held on the third Monday of each month beginning September and ending in April (none in Dec.)
 3. New Vintage Jazz (5 concerts)
 4. The annual Musician of the Year event, usually held in May
 5. The annual Holiday Party banquet and concert, held in early December

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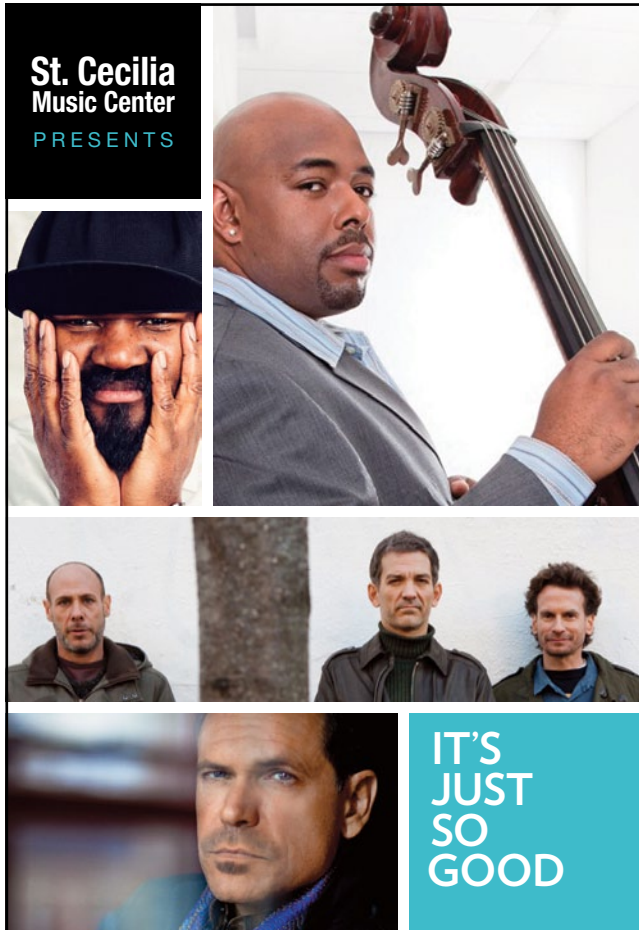
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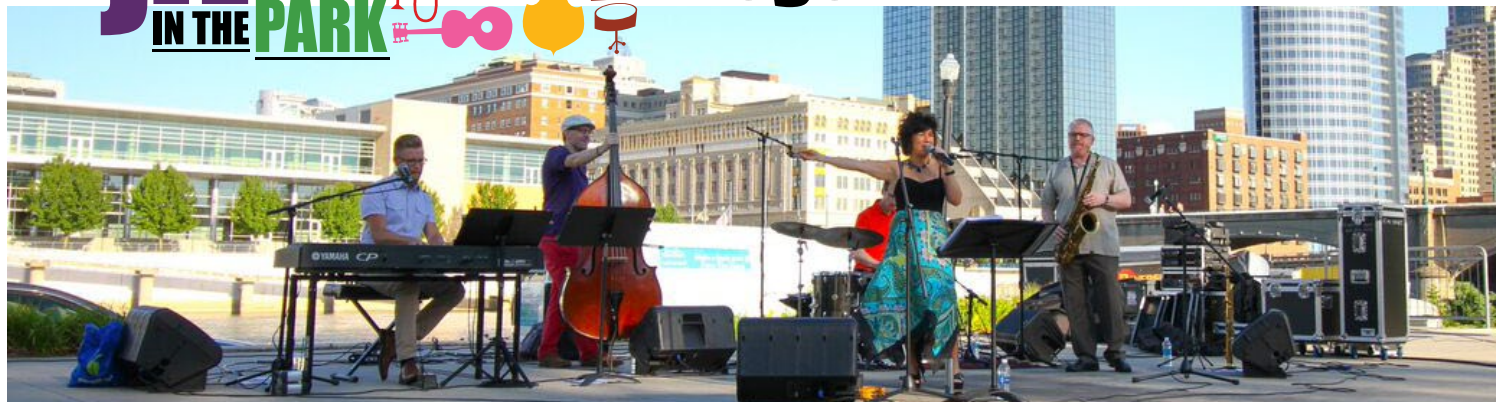
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August 7th Concert



MARY RADEMACHER REED WITH THE FRED KNAPP QUARTET

This year, Jazz in the Park has been one fabulous performance after another. Just when you think that you knew what you were going to hear - WOW! Mary Rademacher Reed has been a local favorite for a long time and if you think you knew Mary, Monday August 7 must have blown you away. Mary, with the Fred Knapp Quartet (outstanding on their own) put together what turned out to be one amazing, surprising, fun show.

The combination of Mary (vocals), Fred Knapp (drums), Dave Proulx (keys and vocals), Mike Frost (saxes) and Dave Rosin (stand up bass) was genius. The Fred Knapp Quartet is a tight, well rehearsed working ensemble. If you play in front of an audience every week, you get real good, real fast. That's what the Fred Knapp Quartet is, real good. They play not as four soloists, but as a cohesive unit. That is not to say they are not soloists, they are each top tier players who use their talent to support each other. A lot of musicians operate under the belief that the more notes you play, the better you are, even when the notes obscure the song to the point it is unrecognizable. This Quartet

plays just as many notes as anyone else, but they never lose track of the melody. I like that.

What can you say about Mary that hasn't already been said? She is one of the area's top female entertainers and always puts on a great show. This time it was even more special than usual as she reached deep into her repertoire and incorporated new material from the pop charts. Taking classic songs from the likes of Cole Porter's "I Get a Kick out Of You", Fats Waller's "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" and making them fresh, to fun works like David Frishberg's "Let's Eat Home". Playful duets with Dave Proulx like "Making Whoopee" (with a little bit of Ella and a 'lil bit of Mary), and "City of Stars" from LaLa Land, was sheer entertainment. They ended with a "pop" hit from the group Crowded House and ending the show with Amy Winehouse's "Valerie". It was Mary Rademacher Reed and the Fred Knapp Quartet at their best. Trading solos with the band and vocals with Dave Proulx, if you didn't know better, you would have thought they played together all the time. There really is something about Mary. And yes. The Fred Knapp Quartet too.

- Chuck Piccard



JAZZ IN THE PARK

August 14th Concert



THE ROBIN CONNELL QUINTET

The final 2017 installment of Jazz in the Park featured WMJS Musician of the Year 2017 Robin Connell and her quintet performing a wonderful balance of inspired original compositions and tested and true jazz standards and crowd pleasers. Joining Robin, fellow musical colleague and life partner Dr. Paul Brewer on trombone (celebrating his birthday!), Greg Marsden on tenor sax, Chris Kjorness on upright bass and the effervescent Eddie Eicher on drums. The theme was tasteful swing and moody vocals as the first set showcased some iconic compositions by Jobim, the Crusaders and Hoagy Carmichael. A high point of the set was a reading of Dr. Paul's original composition and ArtPrize entry "Benevolence" which showcased a beautiful vocalese from Robin, quietly evoking the haunting Brazilian melodies of Flora Purim. Two J.J. Johnson offerings, the classic "Side By Side" transcribed to bone and tenor by Robin, and the swirling "Turnpike" featuring a dynamic, spot-on drum solo from Eddie. Great vocal performances by Robin on her signature tune "I'm Old Fashioned", and Paul on "Hallelujah, I Just Love Her So" rounded out the set.

One of this year's WMJS college scholarship recipients, saxophonist Sam Corey, started second set with a tune that showcased his very capable chops on tenor. Other highlights from set two, the vocal duet of Robin and Paul on "I Won't Dance" and the haunting Chet Baker-esque vocal from Paul on Johnny Mandel's "The Shadow of Your Smile". Sparkling solos all night long from Robin, Greg, Paul, Chris and Eddie were top-shelf and inspired.

A fitting closure to a fabulous summer of live jazz on the Grand!

-Mark Kahny



October Jazz Around Town

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Sunday Brunch series, with Mike Frost & Mike Hyde at JW Marriott, 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch with Robin Connell at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11am-2pm
- River Rogues Dixieland Jazz Band at New Harmony Hall, Bridge St., 2-4 pm
- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- GR Jazz Orchestra at Founder's, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin featuring Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, on Leonard 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, 22 Washington St. Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm, 16 YEARS RUNNING!!
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 6-9 pm
- Noel Webley & Paul B. Smith at the African American Archives, 87 Monroe NW, 6 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm 269-384-6756

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- MoodSwings at JD Reardon's Bar & Grill, 940 Monroe NW, 6:30-9 pm
- Third Coast Ensemble at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Mark Kahny Trio at Rendezvous, front lobby, Amway Grand Plaza 7-11pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Mark Kahny Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand Plaza 7-11pm
- Mike Frost Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- Sunday Brunch series, with Greg Miller at JW Marriott, 10 am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- Hugye, Beavan, Schock Jazz Trio at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Mark Kahny w/ Mary Rademacher & Mark Weymouth- concert at New Day Church-on-the-Hill, 2965 Wycliffe Dr. SE, light refreshments, 3pm FREE
- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, Leonard Ave, 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at 920 Watermark, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7-9, \$5 cover

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano, Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Robin Connell Trio with Jim Cooper & Jeff Shoup at One Trick Pony, 8-11 pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at JD Reardon's, 6:30-9 pm
- Green on Blue at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover
- My Thin Place at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Dr. West Olive, 6-9 pm
- JMM Jazz at Black Sheep Baa & Grill in Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand, 7-11 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Mary Rademacher w/ Mark Kahny at Rendezvous, Amway Grand 7-11pm
- Noel Webley at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm
- Robin Connell & Jim Cooper at Holland Arts Council, 7 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Sunday Brunch series, with Mike Frost & Mike Hyde at JW Marriott, 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- River Rogues Dixieland Jazz Band at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)
- Mark Kahny Trio, What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm
- Robin Connell Rockford Arts Improvisation Workshop, check her website

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

- WMJS at the Knickerbocker in New Holland Brewing 412 Bridge St. with Petra Van Nuis, Andy Brown, Paul Keller & Pete Siers 6:30-8:30 pm. Free parking at Swift Printing across the street & behind brewery, with member pass. Members \$5, Non-members \$10
- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin featuring Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, Leonard Ave 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm
- Robin Connell at St. Cecelia auditions for the Youth Jazz Ensembles, 4:30-6 pm
- Noel Webley and Paul B. Smith at Rendezvous, Amway Grand at 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano, Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Beer City Saxes in H.O.M.E. at the B.O.B., 8-11 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Mark Kahny w/ the Boogie Woogie Babies at One Trick Pony 8-11pm
- Tony Reynolds at JD Reardon's, 6:30-9 pm
- Checkers Morton at Book Nook & Java Shop, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Mike Frost Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand 7-11pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Mike Frost Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand 7-11pm
- Kathy Lamar Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Sunday Brunch series, with Greg Miller at JW Marriott, 10 am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- Hugye, Beavan, Schock Jazz Trio at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Adam Rudolph Septet at La Fontsee Galleries, 833 Lake Dr. SE, 3 pm, Tickets-\$20 advance, or \$25 at door, students \$10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh, Mark Kahny & Carlos Melendez 5 year anniversary! at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, Leonard Ave 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm
- Mark Kahny- Park Churches' Music at Mid-day, (Mark's farewell concert, he's leaving for Palm Springs, CA on the 25th!) 30 minute free concert 12:15pm. Lunch is available both before and after the concert, 11:15 am -1:15 pm, \$6.00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano, at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Steve Talaga at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm
- Checkers Morton at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9 pm
- JMM Jazz at Black Sheep Baa & Grill in Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Noel Webley Trio at Rendezvous, the Amway Grand 7-11pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Noel Webley Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand 7-11pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Sunday Brunch Series with Mike Frost & Mike Hyde at JW Marriott, 10 am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ; 7-10 pm (Jam 8:30-10 pm)
- Edye Evans Hyde at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm
- West Michigan Concert Winds at Frauenthal Theatre in Muskegon, featuring Dave Bennett & Ensemble, \$12 Adults, under 18, free with ticketed adult, 4 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm
- Jazz & Gin-Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, on Leonard Ave 8-11 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm



November Jazz Around Town

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm 269-384-6756
- JMM Jazz at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- Big Band Nouveau at H.O.M.E. in the B.O.B. 8-10 pm, NO Cover
- Third Coast Ensemble at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Noelle Frost Trio at Rendezvous in the Amway Grand lobby 7-11 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10
- Noelle Frost Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand 7-11 pm
- Mike Frost Trio, JW Marriot, 7-10pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Sunday Brunch series, with Greg Miller at JW Marriott, 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 11-2 pm
- River Rogues Dixieland Jazz Band at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Brad Fritcher Trio at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- GR Jazz Orchestra at Founder's, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin featuring Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, on Leonard Ave 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 2434 Eastern Ave. SE, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm 269-384-6756

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Sidewinders Quintet at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover
- My Thin Place at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Dr. West Olive, 6-9 pm
- JMM Jazz at Black Sheep Baa & Grill in Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Fred Knapp Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand 7-11 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Fred Knapp Trio at Rendezvous, Amway Grand, 7-11 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Sunday Brunch series, with Mike Frost & Mike Hyde at JW Marriott, 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- Hugye, Beavan, Schock Jazz Trio at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Brad Fritcher Trio at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)
- Fred Knapp Trio, John Proulx & Dave Rosin at Rendezvous, Amway Grand, 7-11 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin featuring Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, Leonard Ave 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm
- Truth in Jazz Orchestra at 920 Watermark, 920 Washington, Muskegon, 7-9, \$5 cover

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm
- JMM JAZZ at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- Checkers Morton at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm, \$5 cover
- My Thin Place at Sandy Point Beach House, 7175 Lakeshore Dr. West Olive, 6-9 pm
- Christian Mc Bride at St. Cecelia's 616-459-2224 for tickets or scmc-online.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed at Rendezvous, Amway Grand, 7-11 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Steve Hilger Trio, Eddie Eicher & Steve Talaga at JW Marriott, 7-11 pm
- Mary Rademacher Reed at Rendezvous, Amway Grand, 7-11 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- Sunday Brunch series, with Greg Miller at JW Marriott, 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- River Rogues Dixieland Jazz Band at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Brad Fritcher Trio at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- WMJS at the Knickerbocker in New Holland Brewing, 412 Bridge St. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free parking across the street at Swift Printing & behind brewery with member pass, Members \$5, Non-members \$10
- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin- Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, on Leonard Ave 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at the Old Goat, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee solo piano at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Thanksgiving Day

- Thanksgiving Brunch with Mike Frost Duo, JW Marriot 9am-3 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- John Shea at JW Marriott, 6-10 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- John Shea at Noto's, 7-10 pm
- Kathy Lamar Trio at JW Marriott, 7-10 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Sunday Brunch series, with Mike Frost & Mike Hyde at JW Marriott, 10am-1pm
- River North Jazz brunch at the Old Goat, 11-2 pm
- River Rogues Dixieland Jazz Band at New Harmony Hall, 2-4 pm
- Brad Fritcher Trio at Derby Station, 4-6 pm
- Randy Marsh & Friends at Speak EZ, 7-10 pm (Jazz Jam 8:30-10)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- John Shea at Rockwell Republic, 8-11 pm
- Jazz & Gin-Brad Fritcher's Moods at Long Road Distillers, on Leonard Ave 8-11 pm
- Jazz Jam at What Not Inn, Fennville, 6-10 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- Take Three Jazz Ensemble, at the Grand, Grand Haven, 7-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther at Noto's, 6:30-9:30 pm
- River North Jazz at Old Goat, 6-9 pm
- Bob Van Stee piano solo, on the patio at the Flat River Grill, Lowell, 7-9 pm
- Jazz Mix Night at Union Cabaret & Grille, Kalamazoo, 8-11 pm
- JMM Jazz at Black Sheep Baa & Grill, Holland, 7:30-10:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- Green on Blue Quartet at Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, 7-9 pm
- Checkers Morton at Sandy Point Beach House, West Olive, 6-9 pm

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