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## June Groups

**June 4th** — In our ongoing commitment to promote and support young jazz musicians, we proudly present The Jazz Bands of East Kentwood High School. They have won many awards, both as groups and as individuals.

There are two bands and a jazz combo that will share the stage. The conductor for Jazz Band I is Jim Ross, and Jazz Band II's conductor is James Sawyer.

These well rehearsed bands are comprised of a total of 51 students who rehearse outside of regular classroom time, gathering at 6:30 in the morning, four to five days a week! The WMJS will be presenting the band program with a donation to help further their music program as our appreciation for these young people sharing their talents with us.



**June 11th** — The Beltline Big Band This band was formed in 1999 by Marilyn and Steve Tyree and is comprised of 20 some members. The group consists of six saxophones, four trombones, four trumpets, bass piano, drums, and vocalists who sing in three part harmony. Marilyn manages the group, and the accomplished pianist, Dr. Jack Kimmel, writes their arrangements. Jack's career has included not only being a professional musician and composer, but a long time theater musical director and college professor. His expertise has helped polish this group with his interesting and complex arrangements. The Beltline Big Band's latest CD, "That Ol' Jack Magic" is dedicated to Jack and will be available for purchase at the concert. Be sure to

visit their website at [www.beltlinebigband.com](http://www.beltlinebigband.com) for their schedule and more information.

As well as playing jazz chart hits, the BLBB is well known for their wide variety of dance music. So dancers, come on up front and strut your stuff!



**June 18th** — Groupo Aye Is an Afro-

Caribbean band that performs Puerto Rican and Cuban salsa and Latin Jazz. The group proudly presents their own original compositions and also performs music by Latin greats such as Tito Puente, Celia Cruz, and Eddie Palmieri among others.

Robert Mulligan is the conga playing band leader. Robert has traveled perfecting his Latin style of drumming. He has played in Latin America, Cuba and Spain. His extensive travels have not only enhanced his musical and cultural knowledge, but have contributed to his fluency in the Spanish language. Because he is totally bilingual, many musical doors have been open for him to perform and record with some of Latin's finest musicians. Cuban born Oscar Gonzalez is the lead singer. Oscar immigrated to Miami then spent years playing and singing in New York. His career there as lead singer, percussionist and backup vocalist took him all the way to the stages of Celia Cruz, Tito Puente and Paquito Rivera. How lucky for us he landed in Grand Rapids! Other members of the band include the excellent pianist, Steve Talaga, bass player Jordan

Richards, James Rodriquez on timbales, and Carlos Cruz playing bongos. The brass section will consist of Brad Fowler and Andy Stanco both on trumpets, Peter Nelson on trombone and Tom Lockwood on sax. Don't miss this performance, it promises to be a great one! Find out more about them at [groupoaye.com](http://groupoaye.com).

**On June 25th** — we'll be featuring Rick Reuther and the Tom Hagen Sextet

They have chosen the theme "Swingin' at Sunset" for their performance. Rick Reuther is a composer and guitarist and also the group's lead singer. His Sinatra styling and commanding stage presence remains a crowd favorite every year. The songs they will be performing will be mostly a swinging mix, many of them have been on their wish list for sometime and they will debut some of those for us at this concert. Many of the musicians in this line up are very capable of playing a plethora of musical instruments. Tom Hagen, master multi-instrumentalist, will play keyboard, but you never know what Tom may surprise us with. Cherie Lynn Hagen will play bass (not drums tonight) and add her sweet voice on vocals. Other outstanding musicians enhancing this group will be Max Colley III on drums and trumpet and Mike Lutley on saxes, flute and clarinet. Grand Rapids symphony musicians joining the line up are Chris Martin on violin and Bill Vitts on Vibes and percussion.

Does it get any better than that? Yes. The group has agreed to have our two WMJS 2012 scholarship winners, bass trombonist Austin Muusse and drummer Matthew Smalligan sit in for a number or two. They will also be presented with their awards this evening.



## 2012 Scholarship Recipients

Austin John Muusse, a graduate of Grandville High School will be attending Western Michigan University this fall majoring in classical and jazz trombone performance. His impressive high school career included being a member of the top wind and jazz bands and marching band, all four years. As a member of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony he played under the direction of John Varineau. He was a member of the 2012 Michigan All-State Band and a participant in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

AJ received honorable mention in the George Roberts Bass Trombone competition in the International Trombone Association (ITA). As a senior he received 6th place in the same category as students from Julliard, University of Texas, and The Royal Academy of Music in London. AJ was the only high school student entered in the elite competition and the only HS student to be mentioned in his category.

Eduardo Garcia was his HS band director; AJ's private teacher was Dan Mattson, Assistant Principle Trombonist for the GR Symphony. During his senior year, AJ was an honorary member of WMU's trombone choir, and studied privately with Professor Dr. Steven Wolfenbarger of WMU.

Austin says that music is his true passion and is thrilled to be able to study and master his musical talent to use in his life's career. He feels blessed to be able to do something he truly loves.



AJ Muusse



Matthew J. Smalligan

Matthew J. Smalligan, a graduate of Byron Center High School will be attending Western Michigan University's School of Music. Matt has studied percussion for 5 years; his instructor for the past 3 years has been the prestigious Western Michigan University Professor, Dr. Keith Hall.

Matthew has had a very active high school musical career which has included not only performing in the jazz band and the jazz orchestra, but BCHS's winter drum line and wind ensemble as well. He was a member of several smaller jazz combos and percussion ensembles and played in the pit band for three of the school's musicals.

Matt says he fell in love with the drums, because he enjoys having the power, the feel and tempo of the band at his fingertips. He wants to make the music dance and people to feel good. He plans to spend the rest of his life playing and spreading the love of music around the world.

## July Groups



**July 2nd** — The Boogie Woogie Babies with the Mark Kahny Group

These babies are all grown up now and will get you ready to celebrate Independence Day with this tribute performance. The "1940's" show has been a popular revue performed throughout Michigan and around the country. The present group consists of vocalists Mary Rademacher Reed, Barb Wisse and Carol Black. The group has several other themed shows in their repertoire, but the "1940's" show remains their most popular. The girls will be accompanied by keyboardist Mark

popular in the WWII era, but they will spice it up with some patriotic favorites and sing-alongs. The 1940's show has received rave reviews and standing ovations wherever it has been presented and they have enjoyed a growing, avid fan base due to their tight interwoven harmonies, interesting narratives on the music, and a most entertaining presentation.

**July 9th** — Petra Van Nuis Quartet featuring guitarist Andy Brown

Petra van Nuis (pronounced Paytra van Nouse) is a jazz vocalist who has been based in Chicago since 2004.

Kahny (WMJS's Musician of the Year 2012) and Bobby Thompson, Jr. on drums, and Mike Lutley on reeds and brass.

Many of the songs they will perform were

Petra's swinging delivery of the timeless Great American songbook has an emphasis on feeling. Her approach is simple and without affectation, relying on her deep belief in the music. Petra is a true romantic and the timeless music of the Great American Songbook is what inspires her creatively. Andy Brown was an aspiring blues guitarist, but veered toward jazz under the influence of Cincinnati jazz guitar masters Cal Collins and Kenny Poole." We don't

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seem to need elaborate arrangements,” says Brown about their music, “because we often anticipate the next move in the moment. We know each other so well musically and personally that a lot of times we’re thinking the same thing at the same time.” Rounding out the quartet will be Joe Policastro on bass and Bob Rummage on drums. This outstanding quartet has delighted audiences around the world. We are delighted to have them in our line up.



**July 16th** — The Mid Town Horns & Rhythm with Mary Rademacher.

Mary, always a dynamic performer, will charm you with great Standards including “Almost like Being in Love”, “Let the Good Times Roll”, “Don’t talk to Strangers”, “Day In and Day Out”, “My One and Only Love”, and “Besame Mucho”, as well as original tunes written and arranged by Bob Taylor. One of his compilations, “Jubilation”, was written especially for the Festival of the Arts.

It’s a small band with a BIG sound! Bob Taylor directs his group, writes the arrangements and plays trombone. Bob is a permanent member of the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra and is a Spanish professor at GRCC. The group consists of Eric Thorne on piano; bassist Elgin Vines; Steve Anzivino keeping time on the drum set; Dan Dykstra on alto sax and Bob Nixon on tenor sax. Max Colley III will play trumpet.

The Group has played together for

many years at private parties, corporate events, Festival of the Arts, GR Museum and Many New Years Eve parties at the Amway Grand Hotel. The last time they played for us at the zoo was in 2002!

Mary recently released a new CD “Whoopie” a fun and nostalgic compilation of songs from the 1920’s, done “Mary” style! Be sure to get your copy at this concert.

**July 23rd** — Edye Evans Hyde and the Terry Lower Quartet returns two days before the attendance record breaking year anniversary of their last performance at the zoo. Edye, our 2010 Musician of the Year will be featuring songs from her new 2012 CD “Magic in His Eyes”. Edye’s bluesy voice never fails to capture the audience’s full attention. You’ll be treated to hearing the songs “What is this thing called love?”, “Willow Weep for Me” and “You Don’t Know What Love Is”, to name a few. John Sinkevics of the GR Press in his review of her CD, suggested an alternate title, “Magic in Her Voice”, and states the she is indeed “one of the regions vocal treasures.” She mesmerizes and astounds listeners not only with her singing and scatting, but also has the uncanny ability to blend her voice in like it is another instrument in the band.

Terry Lower attended Berklee College of Music in Boston where he studied composing and arranging. He then returned to Michigan and has been actively performing in the jazz world for over 30 years. Terry has performed both here and abroad including performances at the Michigan Jazz Festival and the renowned Detroit/Montreux International Jazz Festival. He toured Europe twice, the last time in 2008 with the Edye Evans Hyde. Evan Hyde on



drums, Charlie Hoats on bass and guitarist Michael Hyde will round out this phenomenal group. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar!



**July 30th** — Evidence and Orquesta Tradicion will be joining forces to bring us a night of hot Latin Jazz. The group, Evidence, was started by saxophonist Michael Doyle when he moved from New York to west Michigan. Many of the state’s best jazz performers have been a part of Evidence. The group has made appearances at the annual Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Jazz Festival, the Lansing Old Town Jazz Festival and the Grand Rapids Jazz and Blues Festival. They have performed in live broadcasts for local jazz radio and even opened a show for Bill Cosby. Chris Lawrence plays trumpet and flugelhorn for the group, Steve Talaga covers the ivories, the acoustic bass is played by multi-instrumentalist Tom Lockwood and Fred Knapp sets the groove on drums. Michael is bringing his other group, Orquesta Tradicion to complete this concert of Latin Jazz at its finest. Joining Michael on stage will be three members of the group who all sing vocals and play percussion; they are Xavier Rosario, Bryan Rosario and Luis “Wiso” Rosario Sr. Other members of the group include Luis “Luisita El Pianista” Rosario Jr. who will play piano and also join in on vocals while Victor DeJesus plays Guiro and Carlos Cruz provides more percussion sounds. This will be a fun-filled evening of high energy Latin jazz.

# WOULD YOU??

Would you like to have fun, make new friends and help our community continue to enjoy jazz? We need volunteers!

Your WMJS has grown, and to keep our organization alive and functioning well, we need your help. There are many things you could do; some only require a small amount of your time.

PLEASE, READ ON!

## Jazz at the Zoo

(June 4- August 13th)

Could you:

- Bring cold bottled water for our performing musicians?
- Help to direct cars in for parking?
- Sit at our merchandise table and sell our products?
- Sell CD's for the musicians?



## Computer Work

Many other varied clerical duties, if you can use a computer, we'll find something for you to do!

## Education

One or more people who would be a liaison between us and high school and college Jazz programs. We need students to be more involved in our society. Inform them of our programs! Let us know their needs and/or upcoming events. Ideas and contact information for interaction with schools greatly appreciated, but we need someone who will implement those ideas.

## Jazz Notes

Do you love music? Like to write? Take pictures? We love diversity and are always looking for people to review our events & submit content or pictures for our newsletters.

## GRand Jazz Fest

(August 18th)

We will have a table with our merchandise for sale, our membership brochures and the like. We will need volunteers to sit at the table with one of our board members in shifts for a couple of hours. Would you be one of those people?

Contact Sharon Nyenhuis at: [sharon.aj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharon.aj@sbcglobal.net) phone #616-466-6639

Or Pete Johnson at: [my.mustang66@comcast.net](mailto:my.mustang66@comcast.net) phone #616-498-1482

We also need your help in getting more sponsors for our Jazz at the Zoo series! Would you be willing to give our sponsorship letter to your employer, friends, or anyone who you think may be willing to help? We give advertising and recognition to those individuals or organizations that sponsor the series. And its tax deductible! Please help us keep the music playing by passing out a few of these forms! They are available to print on our website at [www.wmichjazz.org](http://www.wmichjazz.org).



## Upcoming Events:

June 17th

Father's Day!

Tom and Cherie Hagen will be performing on the Father's Day Picnic Cruise on the Grand Lady Riverboat 1:00 - 3:00. Board at 12:30, bring your own picnic and purchase drinks on board. Steamboat Landing, 775 Taylor St., Jenson (616.457.4837) [www.grandlady.info](http://www.grandlady.info)



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## “Let us introduce”... board member Mary Rademacher Reed.



Having been in the public eye for 30 some years, we don't have to 'introduce' her, but maybe there are things you don't know.

Mary's school athletics included being on both the

swim and track teams. Cheerleading began in the 7th grade and culminated for 2 years at MSU (she bumped into Magic Johnson's belly one day during practice!) Mary competed in bodybuilding contests from age 25-37 and holds the titles of Ms. West Michigan, Ms. Grand Rapids and ranked 4th in Ms. Michigan, lightweight, of course!

Mary's first solo was at age 10, and at 12 she began playing guitar.

She has been delivering Grand Rapids Singing telegrams for 28 years. In 1991 she placed 2nd in the regional Star Search contest.

Theater involvement began in high school and continued until 1995 when she decided to make singing and arts her full time career. She has been teaching drama, song and dance at GR Civic theater school for 15 years. From 2003-08, Mary worked with Very Special Arts working with Special needs kids. She has also choreographed many theater productions and directed after school drama programs. In 2009 she won a Grand Award for directing "Forbidden Broadway" a musical at Aquinas.

Mary has traveled around the world, only to meet and marry the boy next door. Ed Reed has added two step sons to Mary's life and together they share 5 cats and a dog. She was elected musician of the year in 2006. Now Mary is adding another "slice" of music to her life. She is again playing guitar and is the newest member of The Lazy Blue Tunas, an eclectic guitar group where she'll also play percussion, ukulele and sing...naturally!

## GRandJazzFest announces six acts – full day of free performances!

GRandJazzFest, presented by DTE Energy Foundation, comes to Grand Rapids' Rosa Parks Circle on Saturday, Aug. 18, for an entire day and evening of free performances featuring major jazz artists who are Michigan-based. We are pleased to announce our six performance acts:

**Renowned guitarist Tim Bowman** of Detroit will headline GRandJazzFest. Bowman, an extraordinary contemporary jazz guitarist who headlined the 2007 Guitars and Saxes Tour, was named Billboard's 2009 Top 10 Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year and, at the Dubai International Jazz Festival, was named Best Guitarist of 2010.

**Saxophonist Phil Denny** is another major performer announced as part of the GRandJazzFest lineup. Denny, of Lansing, was a featured performer at the 2012 Dubai International Jazz Festival.

**Walt Gutowski & The Bridge Street Band** also will perform Aug. 18. Grand Rapids' very own Gutowski and his band played at GRandJazzFest's April press conference, giving attendees a taste of the jazz fest to come.

**The Steve Hilger Jazz Quintet** of Grand Rapids will play versions of jazz standards as well as original works. Steve, who heads up the band, has been a singer-songwriter since the mid-1970s; he's joined by John Gist, Steve Talaga, Tom Lockwood, Randy Marsh, Deborah Richmond and Charlie Hoats.

**The Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra** is yet another performing group at GRandJazzFest. For more than 35 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. Well-known vocalist Edye Evans Hyde will delight audiences of all ages.

**Grupo Ayé**, formed by percussionist Robert Mulligan, rounds out the event with Latin jazz and more. Grupo Ayé specializes in Afro-Cuban music, which blends salsa, Latin jazz, bachata and merengue. The group's experience spans performances with such noted artists as Pat Metheny, Tito Puente, Wynton Marsalis, Celia Cruz, Aretha Franklin, Harry Chapin, Jr., Englebert Humperdink and Paquito Rivera.

Come down and spend the day! Music begins at noon and goes until 10pm. Bring your family and friends! Enjoy music, support local businesses and visit other Grand Rapids attractions. [www.grandjazzfest.org](http://www.grandjazzfest.org).

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Tom Hagen Trio featuring Rick Reuther

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**FOUNDERS** 235 Grandville Ave. SW,  
5:30-7:30pm  
1st & 3rd Sundays each month features  
The Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra  
June 3 w/ Edye Evans Hyde

**OTTAWA TAVERN** 151 Ottawa Ave. @  
Pearl St.  
W&T 6-9pm, F&S 8-12pm  
June 7-Evidence  
June 9-Dave Collee Quartet w/  
Ginny Dousseau  
June 30-Steve Talaga w/ Josh Quinlan  
July 26-Evidence

**HENNESSEY'S** 885 Jefferson @ Clay Ave,  
Muskegon  
June 15 Checkers Morton (Dave Collee,  
Bob Van Stee, Jim Beegle, Dan Giacobassi,  
Tim Froncek)  
9 pm to 1 am

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**WHAT NOT INN** M89, Fennville,  
Sat & Sun 7-11:00pm  
Monday nights are Jazz Jam @ 6:00  
June 2, 24, July 29- Christy & Velvet

June 3, 30, July 22- Mary Rademacher Reed  
July 28- Edye Evans Hyde w/ Mark Kahny

**MANGIAMO'S** 1033 Lake Drive SE,  
Wed-Sat 7-10pm  
June 6, 14, 29 July 7, 20, 27- Mark Kahny  
June 8, 21 July 11-Steve Talaga  
July 5, 13-Robin Connell  
July 6, 21, 28-Kathy LaMar/ Bob VanStee  
July 12, 19, 26-Greg Miller  
July 14-Stephanie Sallie  
July 18-Christopher Cory  
July 25-Bill Davidson

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The Republic, 45 S. Division, Mondays. 8-11pm  
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Toulouse (Saugatuck Saturdays @ 6-9pm  
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**Mary Rademacher** (maryrad.com)  
June 2 One Trick Pony w/ The New  
Lazy Blue Tunas – 8-11 pm

**Steve Talaga**  
June 1- FESTIVAL- Steve Hilger  
2:15 Circle Stage- Mind's Eye 8:15 Calder  
June 2 FESTIVAL- Evidence  
1:15 Clock Tower Stage  
Steve Hilger 2:30 City Stage-GRJO  
7:00 Caulder  
June 3-w/ Grupo Aye @ the park (Rock-  
ford), June 9-the Lansing Jazz Festival,  
16-Pyramid Scheme & July 10-Meijer Gardens  
June 13-Aquinas Jazz Camp faculty @

Aquinas College  
July 12-13 Steve Talaga Trio @ Cansbrg  
GR Symp. Picnic Pops  
July 14-Zing! (Douglas) w/ Libby York  
July 9- Steve Hilger band @ the Lowell  
Showboat

**Mark Kahny** (markkahny.blogspot.com)  
June 1-Clara's on the River (Battle Creek)  
w/ Edye Hyde  
June 1-FESTIVAL- Anzivino Acoustic Band  
12:30 Clock Tower Stage  
June 3-FESTIVAL-Divas Du Jour-  
2:15 Clock Tower Stage,  
Anzivino Dixie Group-  
5:15 Clock Tower Stage  
June 8-Boogie Woogie Babies (Dowagiac)  
& July 4 (Manistee)  
June 8, 15-Shepard's Grill & Tavern,  
6246 28th St. SE, 7-11  
June 19-24-World Class Jazz Tour  
(worldclassjazz.org)  
June 28-(Greenville) w/ the Rad Pack  
July 6, 21-Zing! (Douglas) w/ Libby York  
July 24-Cent. Meth. Church w/ Libby York,  
(Pentwater)

**Edye Evans Hyde** (edyeevanshyde.com)  
June 1, 7-8, 28-29, July 5-6, 12-13, 26-27-  
Clara's on the River (Battle Creek)  
June 3-FESTIVAL-10:45-11:45 Caulder  
June 22-24-Elkhart Jazz Festival w/ GLJO  
June 30-Kazoo Institute of Art w/  
Fred Knapp & Terry Lower  
July 14-Douglas Art & Jazz Earlie Braggs  
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July 15-Detroit Jazz Festival w/ Terry Lower

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