Monday, May 16  —  Live Music 6:30–8:30  —  No seating before 6 pm

The Nick Ayoub Trio with guest artist Mike Lutley present

A Tribute to the Legendary Crooners of Yesteryear

Nick Ayoub at piano & vocals; Chris Bookie on drums
Patrick Handlin on bass; Mike Lutley on saxes and clarinet

Paying homage to such great crooners as Nat King Cole, Bobby Darrin, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and Sammy Davis Jr., to name just a few, opens the sheet music for some great renditions of wonderful jazz standards such as Fly Me to the Moon, Luck Be a Lady, Night and Day and of course Armstrong’s great take on What a Wonderful World. You’ll hear these and more from a group that has been performing together for over 15 years, after they got together during their early college years.

Calling themselves “The Family Trio,” they performed a weekly Friday evening gig at the Spinnaker Restaurant and Lounge at the Hilton Hotel from 1996 until 2003. They continue to perform regularly for weddings, corporate events, society functions and private parties. This will be their first appearance for WMJS, and we look forward to their presentation.

Dance — dine — and listen to great jazz at the Kopper Top Guest House
634 Stocking NW (one door south of Fourth Street) — Open Seating

$8 members; $5 students; $12 non-members, free if they join WMJS at this event! — Admission includes bowl of Gumbo or Chili plus salad and crackers — Refills $2 — Food Service from 6-7:30 — Cash bar
To: Jazz Society Members

Re: **Jazz at the Zoo 2011**

Our 11th season of our Jazz at the Zoo Concerts at John Ball Park begins on Monday, June 13th and continues for 10 weeks through Monday, August 15th. Once again we are asking for your help in covering the ever-growing expenses involved in presenting our most popular programs to our community. In addition to park rental, insurance, soundman and artist fees, we have now had to add parking attendants!

We need co-sponsors, contributors and patrons to assist us in paying these increased costs. The audience contributions when we “pass the hat” (buckets) at intermission are a great help, but they do not cover the $1,500.00 per week that it is costing us to present these programs, which have become such a great success in our goal of “Keeping Jazz Alive.” With over 500 members, we hope that many of you will want to sign on in one of the categories listed below.

Co-Sponsor $300.00 • Highlighted on our program covers, with logo if desired
• Recognition in Jazz Notes and on our Web page
• Names announced from stage each performance

Contributor $100.00 • Large line listing your name and/or dedication in each program

Patron $50.00 • Smaller line listing your name and/or dedication in each program

See schedule on page 7

Name ___________________________  @ ___________________________
Address __________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _________  ZIP ______________
Sponsor Level ______________________  Amount Enclosed ______________________
Phone ___________________ Fax ___________________ Email ______________________

Mail to: West Michigan Jazz Society, 4144 Bulrush NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534

2  •  May-June 2011  •  JAZZ NOTES
Summer Scholarships Awarded

The MSBOA District 10 Jazz Festival was held at both Caledonia and Byron Center High Schools on March 17th. Twenty-one middle and high school jazz bands from the West Michigan area performed. Judges included such well-known members of WMJS as Dr. Paul Brewer, Max Colley Jr., Max Colley III, Tim Froncek, Tom Lockwood and Steve Talaga. After the performances were judged, the participants took part in an instructional clinic given by the above musical artist/judges.

The two student/musicians recognized for their outstanding performances were Lindsey Parks of NorthPointe Christian H.S. and Brad Karas of Grandville H.S.

Each is receiving a $150.00 scholarship from the

WMJS to attend the Aquinas College Jazz Camp held June 12-17. This is the first time we have participated in this event and awarded camp scholarships, thanks to the involvement of our Education Committee chairman, James Sawyer.

Our regular annual scholarship award is available to area-wide students who plan to continue their studies in jazz music. Applicants should contact Betty Forrest at 458-0125 orbforr@hotmail.com to obtain an application form. Our scholarship committee usually decides in June on the recipient of up to $2,000 per year for the winner to attend the college of their choice, so applications should be sent by the end of May.

Begun as the Jimmy Forrest Scholarship Fund nearly 30 years ago, and taken over by the Society three years ago, we are proud to have assisted in the continuing education of over 25 recipients. Many of them have chosen to attend the excellent jazz studies programs at WMU in Kalamazoo. Last year we had three past and current winners performing in their highly rated jazz orchestra.

April 25th Anniversary Retrospective Issue available for $3.00 per copy if picked up at the Jazz Gumbo in May, or (if still available) at a Jazz at the Zoo Concert in June. You may also contact Dona Raymer at 735-4744 or donamraymer@gmail.com.
The 25th Anniversary Party held on April 21st turned into a three-hour jam session. A dozen or more of our favorite jazz musicians who have entertained us over the years turned out to make this celebration a truly grand occasion.

Former Musician of the Year Tom Hagen led the quartet supplying the base for the evening’s music and performed as EmCee in calling up the various guest players in combinations to take their turn sitting in. Another former Musician of the Year, bassist Paul Keller, brought his wife and two children from Ann Arbor to join in the festivities. Others included John Shea, Elgin Vines,

Photos by Wende Clark of Clark Art Studio and John Miller

Pianist-vocalist Mark Kahny

Above, Paul Brewer adds his trombone to the party

Right, Emcee Tom Hagen picks up his clarinet

Above, Mary sings backed by Elgin Vines on bass, Mike Lutley on tenor

Mike Hyde on guitar with Edye
Tim Froncek, and Mary Rademacher (all former honorees). Special guest, introduced early by Tom, was Betty Forrest’s friend Crystal Joy Albert, who is President of the Jazz Society of Pensacola. A professional pianist-vocalist, Crystal performed “Just in Time” for the overflow audience at Betty’s request.

“Visiting artists” included Mark Kahny, Tom Lockwood, Fred Knapp, Randy Marsh, James Sawyer, Paul Brewer, John Gist, Mike Hyde, Robin Connell, and Edye Evans Hyde. What an array of talent!

Emcee Tom Hagen picks up the beat

Cherie Hagen kicks that beat

Above, Betty’s special guest, Crystal Joy Albert, President of the Jazz Society of Pensacola

Left, John Shea, piano – Paul Keller on bass – Tim Froncek on drums — three of our Musician of the Year recipients jamming for us!

WMJS Manager Betty Forrest with tenorman John Gist
presents

Grand Jazz

West Michigan

The Van Andel Arena Grand Rapids, MI

May 14th • 6 - 9pm

A True Jazz Lovers Concert Event

Support Local Artist!

Music & Dancing

Tickets only $10 available at Ticketmaster.com • 800-653-8000

Exhibit booths & ad space available. Call 616.813.9397

6 • May -June 2011 • JAZZ NOTES
Support Local Jazz Venues!

What Not Inn: Live music 6-10 PM on Sat. and Sun.
May 7 - Mike Raleigh & The Bluestars
May 8 - Patty & the What Not Band
May 14 - Diego
May 15 - Tony Reynolds
May 21 - Entourage
May 22 - Gary Gramer

John Shea... piano and vocals
Mon. - Republic Bar 45 S. Division 8-11 PM
Thurs. - Gilly's at the BOB 6-9 PM
Fri. - Cobblestone on M37 at Caledonia 6:30 - 9:30

Steve Talaga with Grupo Aye at the Mariott Inn Fri., May 6 from 9 PM til 1 AM

Vocalist Kathy LaMar with pianist Bob VanStee at Mangiamo's, Lake Drive east of Diamond; Thurs. May 21, from 7-10 PM. Call 842-0600 for other performers.

Noto’s - If it’s Wednesday, it’s time to go hear Rick Reuther with the Hagens.

MEMBERSHIP

New
Mark VandenBerge
Kenny Hoesch
John & Mary Hyatt
Bob & Shirley Kirk
Tom & Lori Patton
Molly Virkstis
James Hallberg
Terry & Sandra O’Rourke
Kathleen & Herman Saettler
Joel Burke
Pat & Kurt Johnson
Robert and Kim Robuck
Jeanette Harter
David Rosin and Melanie Stich

Renewals
Pat & Marcia Bell, Patron
Mike & Jan Bennett, Donor
Alicia Despres
Lois Feichtenbiner
Meegan Holland
Marilyn Holmes

Jack & Pat Krause, Donor
Anthony & Alma Prince
Jim & Joyce Rogers
Jim & Terri Sloma
John Townsend & Janet Solberg, Donor
Bill & Stacey Vitts
Bob & Barbara Vos
Tom Winchell
David & Janice Bennett
Frank Bozek
Monte & Namci Czuhai
Bob & Jan Dildine
Robert Drieborg
Dale & Fae Ewait
Jack & Marge Highfield, Donor
Don & Marie McWatters
Marc Nyhuys
Eddie Tadlock, Patron
Gerald & Joyce Thompson
Clade & Vicki Travis
Jim James
Larry and Linda Blovits
Rafael Diaz
Dave and Martha Gabrielse

Check out our Web Page: www.wmichjazz.org

JAZZ AT THE ZOO
2011 Schedule
Mondays at John Ball Park Bandshell 6:30 – 8:30
6/13 – River Rogues
6/20 – Doug Horn Quartet
6/29 – Paul Vornhagen Quartet

7/4 – Vocalist Kathy LaMar with Bob Van Stee Trio
7/11 – Mary Rademacher
7/18 – Steve Hilger Quartet
7/25 – Edye Evans Hyde with Quartet

8/1 – Rick Reuther with the Tom Hagen Septet
8/8 – Fred Knapp Quartet
8/15 – Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra
JAZZ NOTES is sent to all members of the West Michigan Jazz Society to inform members of area jazz and to promote jazz in general.

Your contribution to the West Michigan Jazz Society is Tax Deductible.

JAZZ NOTES is designed and produced by Chuck Neller of Positive Images, under the conceptual and editorial direction of Betty Forrest.