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LIVING LEGENDS GEORGE BENSON



Editor's note: At our last GDJS concert, we were treated to the jazz stylings of George Benson and vocalist Barbara Ware. Many of you were also in attendance at Jerry McKenzie's "Just Jazz" concert which paired trumpeter Dave Tatrow and George – to rave reviews. Here's a little more info about the legendary George Benson.

George Benson's playing career began with a "C" melody saxophone at the age of eleven. When his father saw that he was interested, he bought George an alto saxophone. George played sax in both the junior and senior high school bands. He also learned to play the clarinet and the bassoon in school bands.

George played his first professional job at age sixteen with a big band at the *Granada*

Theater. Due to his young age, his father had to sign for him to enter the musicians union in order to work that job.

George played various clubs around Detroit and Ohio until he was drafted into the army. George was married two months before he went into the service. After being drafted, George joined the *264th Army Band* stationed in Hawaii. George also played bassoon in the All Service Band. He returned to Detroit after an honorable discharge from the service and continued to work in clubs in Windsor and Detroit.

George was the leader of the house band at the famous *Flame Show Bar* during its last year. George continued his musical career as both a leader and a sought after sideman. Throughout the decade of the 1960's, George was a vital part of many of the Motown recordings.

Academically inclined, George Benson is well known as a teacher of Jazz improvisation and theory. He has written a book titled "*Jazz Etudes Over Classic Jazz Changes*" published by Houston Publishing, Inc., and exclusively distributed by the prestigious Hal Leonard.

In 1988, George received the "*National Association of Jazz Educator's Outstanding Service to Jazz Education*" Award.

George's performance credits, too numerous to mention here, range from **Louis Armstrong to Lena Horne, Stevie Wonder to Lionel Hampton, Ella Fitzgerald to Milton Berle**. He is often seen with many Detroit contemporaries including **Marcus Belgrave, Cliff Monear and Barbara Ware**, and in years past with the late **J.C. Heard, Bess Bonnier and Matt Michaels**. George has several CDs to his credit and has continued to spend the major years of his life developing the intricacies of a master musician. George has loyally remained in the Detroit area and raised a family.

For more information about George including the extensive list of those he has performed with and his recordings, please visit: www.GeorgeBensonMusic.com ■

GDJS Annual Member Picnic

The date is August 12, 2012, from 1 p.m. to dusk at the home of Nancy Blake. Her address is 15845 17 Mile Road in Clinton Township, 48038. This is 1/2 mile between Hayes and Garfield.

This will be the fourth year that member Nancy Blake has invited musicians and GDJS members to her home for a day-long jazz extravaganza of culinary delights, libations and hot jazz! The picnic is free to all members and immediate family, and all musicians and spouses (musicians and spouses are free, of course). Non-members are also welcome, paying \$10 at the door, or joining the club for \$10.

We ask that everyone bring a dish to pass (if you're not a cook, store-bought will be acceptable or please make a donation to the picnic). If you are bringing food, plan to arrive *no later than* 2 p.m. – dinner will be served at that time. The GDJS will provide hot dogs and buns, beer, water, pop, ice, cups, coffee, plates and silverware. We'll provide the tents and chairs. Other than beer, please B.Y.O.B. The air conditioning will be on that day in Nancy's spacious home in the event the temperatures are again "up."

Chuck Moss will organize the music of the day. Fliers are available with a map and more information, please call Nancy on 586-610-9871 for clarification or Sally if you'd like a map e-mailed to you. We are so grateful to Nancy for hosting this fun, annual event. It's a huge undertaking for her. As always, we count on our volunteers to make this day a success. If you are interested in volunteering for an assignment that day, please give Nancy a call. We need people to help set up before the event, assist with tasks during and clean up afterward. We hope to see you there!! ■

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Grugelfest

The Ralph Grugel Memorial Jazz Festival

"Traditional Jazz is Good – Taste Some Every Day!"

Featuring an All-Star Line Up:

Cakewalkin' Jass Band
Toledo, Ohio
featuring **Duke Heitger, trumpet**

Rosie O'Grady's
Good Time Jazz Band
Orlando, Florida

The Sunset Stomp Jazz Band
Indianapolis, Indiana
featuring **Robin Hopkins and Kathleen Miller**

Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band
Cincinnati, Ohio

Easy Street Jazz Band
Ann Arbor, Michigan
featuring **Nicole Heitger, vocals**

Solo Pianists: Jim Dapogny, Bob Milne,
Sister Jean the Ragtime Queen

Friday-Sunday September 14-16, 2012

Location: **Park Inn by Radisson**

101 North Summit Street
(at Monroe Street)

Toledo, Ohio, 43604

Phone 419-241-3000

Web Site: <http://grugelfest.com/>



There's a new "old" festival in the works for this fall. The *EARLYJAS Festival* (formerly held in Strongsville, Ohio) has been replaced by the *Grugelfest* in Toledo, Ohio. "Ragtime Rick" Grafing volunteered to co-chair this favorite event of many of our members after the financial "bottom line" didn't measure up to expectations last year (sadly, a story we are hearing often).

GRUGELFEST, named for the late **Ralph Grugel** (leader of the *Eagle Jazz Band*) will be held at the **Park Inn by Radisson Hotel**. It was a bumpy start but the undaunted Rick says, "After a series of delays beyond our control (simple things; our charity went out of business, a major sponsor dropped out at the last minute, and the hotel was sold to the Chinese, for example) we are moving FULL SPEED AHEAD with the *Grugelfest!*"

Five great bands will be featured over three days (see complete list at left). There will be two venues, Ballroom and Lounge, plus an additional stage for piano players and small groups.

In addition to the two primary stages, Rick is working on a third venue with *Craig's Pianos and Keyboards* (Toledo's only real piano store). We plan to feature piano players and smaller groups there, in a more intimate setting -- and so far has **Bob Milne, Jim Dapogny, and Sister Jean the Ragtime Queen** lined up as headliners.

For those who prefer an outdoor setting, nearby Perrysburg, Ohio will feature hot jazz on Saturday for their annual *Harrison Rally Day* celebration. On Sunday, a Dixieland worship service will be held at *Bethel Lutheran Church*. (It's only 7 minutes away from the hotel.) After the service, they'll be serving a chicken dinner for anyone who cares to stay for it -- and **Bob Milne** will provide the entertainment.

Tickets are \$40 per session or \$120 for all sessions (there are four sessions -- Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m.). If you order by August 1, you'll receive the Early Bird Special of \$100. A limited quantity of **Patron Tickets** are available; priced at \$150 which include reserved seating, your name listed in the program, a Saturday morning **Patron Breakfast**, and free, secure parking in the **Seagate Centre Parking Garage** (which is attached to the **Park Inn Hotel**).

Tickets are now on sale. They can be purchased in person or by phone from the **Seagate Convention Centre Box Office** at 419-321-5007, or from **Ticketmaster** at www.ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000 (although they charge an additional service fee).

The *Greater Detroit Jazz Society* will be a sponsor of *Grugelfest* and we will not be having a Jazz at Shield's concert that weekend. I am looking for volunteers to work a table at the event. We'll be passing out information about our concerts and organization.

If the above is not everything you ever wanted to know, please call "Ragtime Rick" Grafing, home phone 419-389-9070 or cell 419-481-3438. ■

SUMMER JAZZ

Birmingham Community House “Jazzy Nights on the Terrace”

Under the direction of **Ron Kischuk**.

Music every **Thursday** at 6 p.m., \$10 cover, small plate menu and alcoholic beverages available for purchase, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (in case of rain will be held inside).
248-644-5832, www.tchserves.org

7-26 – **Ron Kischuk and the Masters of Music Quartet**
(Ron Kischuk, Judie Cochill, Jeff Halsey and Gary Schunk)

8-2 – **Randy Scott Quartet** (smooth jazz)

8-9 – **Dwight Adams Quartet**

8-16 – **Marion Hayden and Straight Ahead**

Rec Bowl – “Jazzin’ With Some Barbeque”

Every Tuesday night and some big band weekend dates. Join the jazz lovers and dancers in this beautiful new outdoor covered area with a dance floor. Barbeque chicken and ribs, casual menu and cash bar from 5-10 p.m., Music and dancing from 6:30-9:30 p.m., no cover charge. 40 Crocker Boulevard at First Street, 48043. 586-468-7746. www.RecBowl.com

7-20, Friday – **Leo Rea’s “Rea Deal” Big Band** featuring vocalists **Gary Sacco and Steffi Roche**.

7-22, Sunday – “**Swing Shift Orchestra**” featuring vocalists **Diane Trombley and Gary Sacco** (in conjunction with Italian Festival in Mt. Clemens. All-you-can-eat original Luigis pasta dinner 4-8 p.m. for \$10, big band music 5-8 p.m.

7-24, Tuesday – **Tom Brown/George Benson Quartet** featuring **Judie Cochill** on vocals

7-27, Friday – **Gary Greenfelder Orchestra (GGO)** featuring vocalists **Jennifer Jones and Peter Tocco**.

7-31, Tuesday – **Jerry McKenzie and “Just Jazz”** featuring **Meri Slavin** on vocals, **Pat Cronley** on piano and **Dan Jordan** on bass

8-7, Tuesday – **Marge’s Bar Band** with **Jim Wyse, Johnny Trudell, Chuck Moss, John Hammer, Bill Bolle and Bob Pinterich**

8-14, Tuesday – **Dave Tatrow Quartet**

8-21, Tuesday – **The Millionaires** featuring **Garfield Angove** on vocals

8-28, Tuesday – **The Paul Keller Quartet**

9-4, Tuesday – **Jerry McKenzie and “Just Jazz”**

Southfield Gazebo Concert Series 2012

Every Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Snacks and refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m., www.cityofsouthfield.com

July 24 – **Straight Ahead Trio**

July 31 – **Ron Kischuk’s “Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band”**

August 7 – **Southfield Jazz Orchestra**

August 14 – **Metro Jazz Voices**

The Gandy Dancer Series, 401 Depot Street, in Ann Arbor again presents the Courtyard Jazz Series every **Wednesday** at 6 p.m. 401 Depot Street (in the old train station). For more information, please contact **Ingrid Racine**, 734-218-1477 or e-mail ingridracine@gmail.com

7-25 – **Pat Prouty**

8-1 – **Vincent York**

8-8 – **Tumbao Bravo**

8-15 – **Al Hill**

8-22 – **Dobbins, Krahnke & Weed**

8-29 – **Ingrid Racine Quartet**

9-5 – **The Brother’s Groove**

9-12 – **James Dapogny**

Dues and E-mail Update

We would again like to thank those members who have paid their dues for 2012, which were payable in January. We would especially like to welcome our many new members and patrons who have joined and are bringing new life and enthusiasm to our concerts. We are experiencing outstanding attendance and support, and we’re very grateful.

If you are a member who currently receives a hard copy in the mail and would prefer to receive your newsletter digitally (and earlier!) – please call **Sally Bolle** on 248-813-0328 to advise. This assumes that you have a viable e-mail address, and please remember that it is your responsibility to notify us if that address changes. I still have many e-mails bouncing back, either because you’ve changed your address or your mailbox is full. We really do want you to receive your e-mails! ■

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*We’re grateful to the friends and musicians who contribute articles, artwork and photos for our newsletter. We thank you for your time and expertise. If you’re interested in providing an article or have questions regarding the club, please give me a call at 248-813-0328 or e-mail me at:
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Jazz at Shield's

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Saturday, July 21, 2012

The Millionaires

Featuring Garfield Angove on vocals

Mark Your Calendar

come and enjoy an afternoon of the Detroit area's finest classic jazz, dixieland and swing musicians!

2012 Schedule – Jazz at Shield's

AUGUST 4 – NO CONCERT!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

**GDJS MEMBER PICNIC
ALL MUSICIANS WELCOME
NON-MEMBERS \$10
NANCY BLAKE'S HOUSE**

AUGUST 18

JAMES DAPOGNY'S JAZZ BAND

SEPTEMBER 1

**CHUCK MOSS
PAINT CREEK JAZZ BAND**

**SEPTEMBER 15 – NO GDJS CONCERT
GRUEGELFEST – TOLEDO, OHIO**

OCTOBER 6

CARL CAFAGNA AND CREOLE KITCHEN

OCTOBER 20

**RAY HEITGER AND
CAKEWALKIN' JASS BAND**

NOVEMBER 3

MARGE'S BAR BAND

NOVEMBER 17

**R.J. SPANGLER AND
PLANET D NONET**

DECEMBER 1

DAVE BENNETT QUARTET

DECEMBER 15

DAVE TATROW AND FRIENDS

SHIELD'S OF SOUTHFIELD

1-4 P.M. – GREAT FOOD, CASH BAR

25101 TELEGRAPH ROAD (AT 10 MILE), SOUTHFIELD, 48033, 248-356-2720

\$10 COVER - FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT EMILY LAURA AT 248-855-1342 OR SALLY BOLLE 248-813-0328

WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS AND PATRONS WHO MAKE THESE CONCERTS POSSIBLE!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2012 PATRONS: ROBERT AND DOROTHY AMIS, CHUCK AND MARY BONTEN, DR. CHESTER COCCIA, ROGER DeMEYERE, DIXIEBELLE, JUNE EVERETT, DAVE FALVAY, CAROL FOSSEE, JUDITH FULKERSON (FULKERSON SPEAKER REBUILDERS), LINDA GATES, DON GOSS, ROD GOODYEAR, GARY GREENFELDER AND ALEKSANDRA MIZIOLEK, BOB HILTON, SUE SHEPANEK, KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE, MARCO KNAPP AND JIM STERN, WALLY AND ROSEMARY LUBZIK, PAT MacCARROLL, MARGE'S BAR, LINDA MARSHALL, JACK MOLLOY, JEFF MYERS, CLIFF AND AILEEN MORRIS, BRIAN NEWSOM, ELLIE AND GEORGE NOSKY, GARY AND JOYCE OWEN, BRIAN AND LISA PELTON, BOB AND JEAN PETTIGREW, KERRY PRICE, TOM RODGERS, NANCY SALDEN, GEORGE SINNOTT, JOHN SOTIR, ARTHUR STONE, CATHY AND DAVE TATROW, PEGGY AND SAM TUNDO, AL AND BARBARA VIRZI, CHRISTINE WHITTEMORE and CLEM WALDMANN.

In loving memory of Patrons Doug Jacobs and Tom Saunders.

Steinway Jazz Café

8-22, Wednesday, *Steinway Jazz Cafe* presents the jazz artistry of vocalist *Kelly Broadway* with *Cliff Monear, Paul Keller and Scott Kretzer*.

Showtime is 7-9 p.m., cover is \$12, and includes refreshments. *Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit* is at 2700 E. West Maple Road (at the SE corner of M-5 and Maple), Commerce Twp., MI 48390. For reservations call Cathy @ 248-560-9200 or e-mail RSVP to cloudon@steinwaydetroit.com. Visit: www.steinwaydetroit.com

Grosse Pointe "Music on the Plaza"

St. John Hospital and Medical Center
presents the 25th Annual

Music on the Plaza – Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Free outdoor jazz concert series. Bring the family, lawn chairs and picnic baskets to The Village Festival Plaza at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in Towntown Grosse Pointe.

July 26 – NO CONCERT

August 2 – *The Marge's Bar Band (Detroit All-Stars)*
Featuring *Jim Wyse, Johnny Trudell, Chuck Moss,*
John Hammer, Bill Bolle and Bob Pinterich

For more information call 313-886-7474
or visit www.thevillagegp.com

Taylor Conservatory Summer Concert Series

If you are a music lover who happens to love gardens as well, this is a music series you will not want to miss! For \$5 cover, you can support the *Taylor Conservatory*, a beautiful gem of a venue with a mini-version of the Belle Isle Conservatory loaded with unusual varieties of flowers. Don't forget to visit the chocolate garden and the two unique living walls.

Bar and minimal food opens at 5 p.m., music from 6-8 p.m. in the gardens. Limited seating, but lawn chairs and blankets are welcomed. 888-383-4108.

The address is: 22314 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48080. For more info visit www.taylorconservatory.org or e-mail info@taylorconservatory.org, or phone 888-383-4108. A rain-out location picked nearby just in case of bad weather so the show will go on at Taylor Lanes, 24800 Eureka Road, Taylor.

July 25 – *Randy Napoleon, jazz guitarist*

August 1 – *Penny Wells, contemporary R&B/jazz vocalist*

August 8 – *Paul Keller Quartet featuring Sarah D'Angelo*

August 15 – *The Dave Bennett Trio*

August 22 – *The Shelia Landis Quartet*

August 29 – *Jerry McKenzie's "Just Jazz" Trio featuring*
Dave Tatrow on trumpet and George Benson on sax.

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

8-31, Friday (Jazz Fest Friday), *Marcus and Joan Belgrave* perform at the *Bakers Keyboard Lounge* with *Bill Meyer on piano, Marion Hayden on bass, Gayelynn McKinney on drums and Vincent Bowens on vocals (tenor)*, "Joan Belgrave sings Dinah" with a special Baker's tribute to Teddy Harris and special surprise guests. 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., 20510 Livernois Avenue, Detroit, 48221. 313-345-6300.

Sugar House

Alex Beljab on guitar and Dave Kosmyna on cornet.

Every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m., 2130 Michigan Avenue, Detroit. 313-962-0123 – www.sugarhouse.com

Northern Lights Lounge

Every Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Dennis Coffey Jazz Trio*, 660 W. Baltimore, Detroit. 313-873-1739. *Dennis Coffey on guitar, Nate Winn on drums, and Damon Warmack on bass.*
Great jazz, great food, no cover, and free lighted parking.

Jazz on the Lawn at St. Augustine St. Monica Church

8-19, Sunday, 4151 Seminole, Detroit 48214. One block north of Mack, two blocks east of Van Dyke). Noon-7 p.m., Featuring: *Gabriel Brass Band, Bill Meyer featuring scat diva Audrey Northington, Marion Hayden Quartet, Steve Hunter Quintet, Craig Cullers Group, Taslimah Bey Quartet, Ben's Friends Orchestra and Jazz Development Workshop Youth Choir.*
313-921-4107.

Howell Eagles Aerie #3607

8-19, Sunday, and third Sunday of every month, *The Blue Notes*, under the direction of *Thomas Halm*, playing music of the 40s and 50s big band era and later. 3-7 p.m., \$50 cover, open to the public, dinner and sandwich specials available. Howell Eagles Aerie #3607, 141 Schroeder Park Drive, Howell, MI 48843. 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313.

North Oakland Dixieland Band

8-26, Sunday, *Dragon Festival*, Broadway Street, Lake Orion, Noon-2 p.m.

8-28, Tuesday, *Orion Township Amphitheater*,
Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, 8:30 p.m.

Terrace Inn Jazz Weekends 2012-2013 Schedule

Call now to reserve your room for this *always* sold-out event co-sponsored by the Greater Detroit Jazz Society.

Fall Weekend – September 7-9

features Ray Heitger's *Cakewalkin' Jass Band* (featuring *Nicole Heitger on vocals*) and the *Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Jazz Band* (please note, due to a scheduling conflict, the Dave Bennett Quartet cannot perform this weekend.) *Chuck's band will feature Chuck on trombone, Dave Tatrow on trumpet, Tom Bogardus on clarinet, "Ragtime" Rick Grafing on piano, Bill Bolle on bass and Doug Cobb on drums.*

The Historic Terrace Inn, Bay View, Michigan (near Traverse City)
1-800-530-9898 www.TerraceInn.com

Spring 2013 Mother's Day Weekend booking now! – May 10-12, 2013 features *Dave Tatrow and Friends* with *Dave Tatrow on trumpet, Dave Bennett on clarinet, Cody Henry on trombone, Doug Cobb on drums, Frank Steed on bass and Jeff Kressler on piano.*

WHERE'S THE JAZZ?

Some weekly events often change dates, please give the venue a call before driving a long distance! For more extensive schedules including out-of-town concerts, please visit the musicians' respective web sites. Don't forget to check the *Jazz at Shield's* schedule on another page of this newsletter to see many of these fine musicians playing for our GDJS concerts. If you would like to be included in our daily e-mail jazz blasts, call Sally at (248) 813-0328.

Radio Jazz Don't forget while you're home to listen to WRJC – Classical radio by day, jazz by night. 90.9 WRJC-FM is Detroit's premier public radio source for classical and jazz music. Visit www.wrcj909fm.org for programming.

Blue Pointe Restaurant

Every Saturday, **Hans Muer Jazz Trio** at the **Blue Pointe**, **Hans Muer on drums, various other musicians every Saturday**. 17131 E. Warren Avenue at Cadieux, Detroit 48224-2228. 7-10 p.m., great food, no cover, complimentary parking attendant. Dinner for two special: \$40 two dinners and bottle of wine or two drinks. Call for reservations: 313-882-3653. Also can e-mail: hmuer@chartet.net

Cliff Bell's

2030 Park Avenue at W. Adams, Detroit, Phone 313-961-6422. Various jazz groups in a beautifully-restored martini bar. For more information visit www.CliffBells.com

Dirty Dog Jazz Café

Every Wednesday-Saturday, 97 Kerchival, Grosse Pointe Farms, 313-882-JAZZ (5299). \$10 cover charge, per show, on some nights. Live piano bar and top jazz groups. Please call the venue for exact schedules or visit www.DirtyDogJazz.com. Great food – American and small-plate Tapas style.

Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor

415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, 734-659-2999, www.kerrytownconcert-house.com. Tickets \$5-\$25; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com>

7/22, Sunday @ 7PM, **Manner Effect: "Abundance" CD Release Concert** – Made up of talented young musicians, New York-based Manner Effect is dedicated to presenting original compositions & arrangements as well as shedding new light on classics from jazz standards to neo-soul grooves. **Sarah Elizabeth Charles, vocals • Caleb Curtis, saxophone • Logan Thomas, piano • PJ Roberts, bass • Josh Davis, drums**. Tickets \$5 - \$25; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/pZyYuu>

7/28, Saturday @ 8PM, **Tumbao Bravo** - Tumbao Bravo is a six-piece ensemble that performs the authentic rhythms of Cuba with original jazz harmonies. Winner of the 2005 and 2007 Detroit Music Awards for best jazz and world music recording categories, Tumbao Bravo was formed in 2003 by reedman **Paul VornHagen and conga player Alberto Nacif**. **Paul VornHagen, flute/piccolo/saxophones • Bob Mojica, trumpet/flugelhorn • Patrick Prouty, bass/composer • Brian Di Blasio, piano • Alberto Nacif, congas/bongos • Javier M. Barrios, timbales/percussion**. Tickets \$5 - \$25; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/10STyN>

7/29, Sunday @ 4PM and 7PM, **A Tribute to Wes Montgomery: featuring Perry Hughes, Randy Napoleon, and Ralph Tope**. Join us in welcoming local and nationally recognized guitar greats for a tribute to jazz guitar legend Wes Montgomery. **Perry Hughes, guitar • Randy Napoleon, guitar • Ralph Tope, guitar • Chris Codish, organ • Sean Dobbins, drums**. Tickets \$10 - \$30; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/Ma0Vqs>

7/31, Tuesday @ 8PM, **Ben Jansson Quartet** - This all-star quartet showcases several new compositions by Michigan saxophonist Jansson, who combines modern harmonic and rhythmic ideas within a traditional jazz quartet setting. The group's sound is inspired by the early style of the Stan Getz Quartet, as well as the quartets of Joe Henderson and John Coltrane. **Ben Jansson, saxophone • Michael Karloff, piano • Kurt Krahnke, bass • Sean Dobbins, drums**. Tickets \$10 - \$30; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/KvwZRG>

8/2, Thursday @ 8PM, **Matador** - Formed at Berklee College of Music, Matador fringes on the avant-garde and contemporary classical while also encapsulating the feel and passion of swing music. **Michael Sachs, winds • Jun Young Song, drums • Aaron Darrell, bass**. Tickets \$5 - \$25; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/KKAqou>

8/4, Saturday @ 7PM and 9PM, **An Evening with Susan Chastain: Susan Sings Sinatra!** - Former Firefly Club owner and former member of the Paul Keller Orchestra, Susan returns to Ann Arbor for an evening of classic Frank Sinatra tunes, covering hits he recorded throughout his career, and telling his story. **Susan Chastain, voice • Phil DeGreg, piano • Paul Keller, bass**. Tickets \$10 - \$30; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/MyvA33>

8/19, Sunday @ 7PM, **Hot Club of Detroit** - Carrying on the sound of guitar virtuoso Django Reinhardt, the ever popular Hot Club of Detroit offers a fresh take on the gypsy jazz tradition led by fast-fingered Reinhardt disciple Evan Perri. **Evan Perri, guitar • Julien Labro, accordion • Paul Brady, guitar • Shawn Conley, bass**. Tickets \$10 - \$30; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online. <http://bit.ly/M10bWm>

8/24, Friday @ 8PM, **Kathy Kosins: The Ladies of Cool** - Featuring Kathy Kosins on vocals, the performance celebrates the artistry of Anita O'Day, June Christy, Julie London and Chris Connor. **Kathy Kosins, vocals • Ellen Rowe, piano • Paul Keller, bass • Sean Dobbins, drums**. Tickets \$10 - \$30; call 734-769-2999 or reserve online.

Marge's Bar and Grill

2nd and 4th Thursday, starting up again after hockey season ends, please check with the venue. 7-10 p.m., the jazz tradition continues with **The Marge's Bar Band**. **Jim Wyse, leader and clarinet, John Trudell on brass, Chuck Moss on trombone, John Hammer on piano, Bill Bolle on bass, Bob Pinterich on drums**. Dixieland and jazz standards "done right!" Great food in a legendary, casual hockey-bar environment. Second and fourth Thursday's, 7-10 p.m., 15300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Mack at Beaconsfield. Phone 313-881-8895, www.MargesBar.com

Plymouth Elks Lodge, Jazz At The Elks

The **Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 in Plymouth** has Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There is a \$10 donation. For more information, please call 734-453-1780 or email: plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth.

7-31, Tuesday, **Susan Tobocman from New York with Cliff Monear, Jeff Pedraz and Scott Kretzer**.

8-28, Tuesday, the **Dave Bennett Quartet with Cliff Monear on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Doug Cobb on drums**.

The Plymouth Elks Lodge was recently featured on www.DetroitPerforms.org for the history of Jazz @ The Elks and how the proceeds are used to help needy children. Visit the WRJC web site (90.9) for other good news about jazz in our area.

Musicians and Bands

DAVE BENNETT

8-10, 8-24, Friday's, **The Dave Bennett Quartet** featuring **Dave on clarinet, Pat Cronley on piano (10th) and Jeff Kressler on piano (24th), Bill Bolle on bass and Doug Cobb on drums** at **Peabody's in Birmingham**, 8:30 p.m., reservations a must.

Dave is listed at various other venues in this newsletter. For complete schedule visit www.DaveBennett.com

DENNIS COFFEY

Every Tuesday, 8 pm, **Dennis Coffey Jazz Trio at the Northern Lights Lounge** 660 W. Baltimore, Detroit. 313-873-1739. **Dennis Coffey on guitar, Nate Winn on drums, and Damon Warmack on bass**. Great jazz, great food, no cover, and free lighted parking.

JAMES DAPOGNY – PHIL OGILVIE'S RHYTHM KINGS (P.O.R.K.)

Every Sunday, **James Dapogny and Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings** play at **Zal Gaz Grotto**. 5-8 p.m., admission \$7, \$5 for students and seniors. A great place for dancers! Zal Gaz Grotto located at 2070 Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor (between Liberty and Pauline and across from the Ann Arbor wide side Post Office). Phone (734) 663-1202, great food, reasonable drink prices, safe, free parking, no steps. Every Sunday except-Sept. 16

GARY GREENFELDER ORCHESTRA

Wednesday, 2nd and 4th of each month, **Gary Greenfelder Orchestra** at a **Club 54**, with **Jennifer Jones on vocals**, and other special guests. 7-10 p.m. Third Wednesday of each month, **GQ Jazz Ensemble with Jennifer Jones**. Located on Van Dyke Road just north of 16 Mile Road on the east side of the street. Call 586-795-0054

WHERE'S THE JAZZ?

JOHN HAMMER TRIO

7-27, Friday, **The John Hammer Trio at Peabody's Restaurant**, 34965 Woodward, Birmingham. 8-11 p.m. with great old standards from the Great American Songbook. Featuring **Bill Fierst on drums and vocals, Danny Pliskow on string bass, John Hammer on piano.**

RAY HEITGER / CAKEWALKIN' JASS BAND

Every Friday, **Ragtime Rick and Betsy Grafing, with Ray Heitger** will be hosting a New Orleans Jazz and Jam Session, 9-1 p.m. at a new place called **Scrubs Pub and Grub**, 3312 Glendale Avenue (near Byrne Road) in Toledo. Full menu of classic pub food, complete bar service, quality beer on tap. 419-382-3007.

For complete schedule visit www.RayHeitger.com

PAUL KELLER

Every Monday. **The Paul Keller Orchestra at Zal Gaz Grotto – on vacation until September 10**, which will mark the beginning of PKO's Silver Jubilee 25th Season. **To order Paul's new CD "At Sundown" featuring Paul on bass, Sarah D'Angelo on vocals and clarinet, pianist Duncan McMillan and saxophonist Ben Jansson, visit his web site.**

See Paul's extensive schedule listed at venues throughout this newsletter. For complete local schedule of Paul's extensive schedule visit www.pkorecords.com

RON KISCHUK / TARTARSAUCE TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND

First Wednesday of each month, **Ron Kischuk's Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band** with Ron on trombone; Johnny Trudell on trumpet, Marion Hayden on bass and Bill Cairo on drums. 6:30-9:30 p.m., reservations recommended. \$5 cover, food and drink specials. **TV's Grand Event**, 2651 W. Jefferson Avenue, Trenton, MI 48183, 34-671-5676, tvsgrandevent@yahoo.com.

To order Ron's new CD "Smile" featuring the Masters of Music big band featuring arrangements by Russ Miller, vocals by Judie Cochill, visit www.themastersofmusic.com or e-mail ron@themastersofmusic.com

See Ron's extensive schedule listed at venues throughout this newsletter.

PAUL KLINGER / EASY STREET JAZZ BAND

Every Tuesday, **Paul Klinger's Easy Street Jazz Band** plays dixieland and traditional jazz with special guest artists from 6-9 p.m. at **Zal Gaz Grotto**, 2070 Stadium Boulevard (between Liberty and Pauline) in Ann Arbor, MI. Call 734-663-1202. \$10 cover. Guest appearances and a great lineup of Paul's wonderful, obscure tunes!

JERRY MCKENZIE / NIKOLA'S

Jerry McKenzie and "Just Jazz" appear at **Nikola's**, 25225 Telegraph Road, Southfield, 48034, 248-355-4695. 7-10 p.m., Jerry's group appears on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursday of each month. Great food! **Don Swindell Quartet on the second Thursday,**

July 26 – April Tini on vocals

August 2 – Marcie Allen on vocals

August 16 – Sarah D'Angelo on vocals

August 23 – Vibraphonist Jim Cooper from Saugatuck

August 30 – Meri Slaven on vocals, with Paul VornHagen on sax and flute

September 6 – Eydie Evans-Hyde on vocals, with husband on guitar.

BILL MEYER

Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. – **Bert's Market Place**, 8:30-12:30 p.m., Open jam session with the new **RGB Trio** featuring Ralphe Armstrong on bass, drummer Gayelynn McKinney and Bill Meyer on piano. Cover \$3, free parking, great food. 2727 Russell in the Eastern Market, (313) 567-2030. www.BertsEntertainment.com.

GENE PARKER

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., **Mutts at the Oliver House, Gene Parker Jazz Trio** with Jeff Halsey, bass and Damen Cook, vocals/drums, <http://www.theoliver-house.toledo.com>

Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., **Degage Jazz Café – Gene Parker Jazz Jam**, Gene Parker and Friends, www.historiccommercialbuilding.com/degage.html

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., **Stella Blue**, Archbold, OH, **Gene Parker Jazz Quartet** with George Chumura, guitar, Jeff Halsey, bass and Damen Cook, Drums/vocal, www.stellabluearchbold.com

The Inn, Ada Oh, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., On the campus of Ohio Northern University,

Alternating between trio and single every other Friday during the summer. Call Gene for the schedule. 419-345-4480 cell, www.innatonu.com

Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, Oh, Jackson Square Atrium, Exit 193 off route 75 Sunday's, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (brunch), duo, www.hifq.com

PLANET D NONET/R.J. SPANGLER (9-piece swing band)

Wednesday, **Cliff Bell's, open organ jam with R.J. Spangler (not with band)**, no cover, 8:30 p.m., various great jazz on other days, 2030 Park Avenue, Detroit, MI. (313) 961-2543, visit www.cliffbells.com for complete schedule.

For a list of their extensive playing schedule, please visit their web site at www.myspace.com/planetdnonet and on Facebook. Authentic swing music from the 20s/30s, standards and blues from the 40s.

MICHELE RAMO ON 8-STRING GUITAR AND HEIDI HEPLER ON VOCALS

Every Thursday, **Michele Ramo on 8-string guitar** at the **Jenuwine Cigar Factory**, 7-10 p.m., 44791 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights, MI. 586-997-1731.

7-20, Friday, **Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo Duo at Tre Monti Restaurant**, "Jazz in the Patio", 2695 East Big Beaver Rd., Troy, 8-11 p.m., 248-680-1100.

KERRY PRICE

Third Thursday of every month, **"Anything Goes" at the Dakota Inn** on 3rd Thursdays. (AUGUST ONLY), great sing-along with Kerry, Dakota Inn on John R. just north of McNichols (6 Mile) Detroit. Good German food and drink, Lighted, guarded parking lot, reservations recommended, 313-856-9722.

Kerry Price at the **Royal Oak Senior Center Third Friday Series**, 12:30-1:15 p.m., \$2 at the door, program and sing-along. Kerry performs every 3rd Friday at the Mahany-Meining Center located on Marais, off 13 Mile Road near Royal Oak High School.

8-10, Friday, 7:30 p.m., **"An Evening with Irving Berlin"** the final evening of summer sounds at **Pilgrim Congregational Church**, 3061 N. Adams, one block north of Big Beaver (16 Mile). Concert and refreshments are FREE! Donations graciously accepted. Kerry Price singing the music of her favorite American popular music composer with a few vocalist friends. Sing-along too. Come early and have some apple pie, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Call Kerry for questions on 248-549-2057 or e-mail: catchkerrybug@sbcglobal.net.

RAGTIME RICK AND THE CHEFS OF DIXIELAND

First and third Wednesday of each month, **Ragtime Rick and the Chefs of Dixieland** will perform at **Trotters Tavern**, 5131 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614, 419-381-2079. 8-10:30 p.m. Located just off Exit 59 of the Ohio Turnpike, Trotter's Tavern features a menu of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and dinners, with full bar service and an ample selection of draft beers. For more information, call 419-381-2079. <http://chefsofdixieland.com>

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PETE SIERS AND LOS GATOS

Salsa Wednesday (last Wednesday of every month) 9:30 p.m., Salsa lessons available earlier in the evening, \$10 cover, full kitchen, 1/2 off select wines. **Vinology**, 110 South Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Call 734-222-9841 to verify gig is on.

DAVE TATROW / WALLY'S WAREHOUSE WAIFS

Dave is playing at several venues listed throughout this newsletter. For a complete schedule, visit www.WallysJazz.com

PAUL VORNHAGEN

7-28, Thursday, **Rattlesnake**, 300 River Place, Detroit, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Duo with Phil Kelly

7-28, Saturday, **Sterling Fest**, Dodge Park Rd. @ Utica Rd. in Sterling Heights, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Quartet with Phil Kelly, Kurt Krahnke and Pepe Espinosa

8-3, Friday, **Bloomfield Township Library**, Lone Pine Road @ Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Twp. 7:30-9 p.m., Quartet with Chuck Shermetaro, Jerry McKenzie and Pat Prouty.



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