

Upbeat Cadillac Committee and World Class Jazz Productions present.

Thursday Night Jazz-Blues-R+B ShowCase



7 pm

Eighth Annual
World Class Concerts in the Park
Rotary Park
Pavilion
Downtown, Lake Cadillac



2004

- June 17 West Michigan Jazz Masters The Dear of W. Mich Jazz, Curt Purnell leads all star ensemble with Mel "The Silver Fox" Dalton and "Sweet Willie" Singleton formerly with Ella Fitzgerald, Lou Rawls, Gladys Knight, the Count Basie Band and Duke Ellington Orchestra. Classic jump, jive, bop, New Orleans & swing jazz. Tim Francoek, drums & Dave Hay, bass & Paul Lesinski keys.
- June 24 Randy Johnston New York's renowned soul-jazz guitarist continues his world tour leading his band through pop, jazz, funk and gospel standards. From Montgomery to Martino, Hendrix to Cedar Walton, and even Frank Sinatra. Smart and technically brilliant mainstream jazz with a blues linge.
- July 1 Rick Hicks Jazz and Blues Persuasion "West Michigan's answer to BB King, Albert Collins & Wes Montgomery". This warm, diversified guitar/vocalist entertains you through a light-hearted evening of blues, funk jazz and R&B standards. Co-featuring the soulful vocals of Robert Pace.
- July 8 Robin Connell/Paul Brewer "interlatched" leading the band a classic collaboration of the hip, heartfelt piano/vocal renditions of Dr. Robin Connell and a tasty blend of sophisticated arrangements and trombone/vocals of Dr. Paul Brewer of Aquinas College and Interlachen School of Music.
- July 15 Rodney Whitaker Quartet writer, comedian, arranger, educator & world known string bassist, on furlough from director of jazz studies at MSU and "Winton" Linnell Center Jazz Orchestra, fronts his band of all stars. Known and respected internationally for his strong sense of swing. New interpretations of the classic jazz repertoire.
- July 22 Root Doctor is one of the Mid West's premier R & B bands. Founder Freddie Cunningham (vocals) leads his group performing a diverse repertoire of music ranging from Billie Holiday to Van Morrison, Robert Cray to George Gershwin, Santana to the Temptations and Otis Redding to Stevie Ray Vaughn.
- July 29 Joel Faas' New York All Star Ensemble Band leader/guitarist has performed and recorded with Barry Harris Big Band; Clifford Jordan, Donald Byrd, Jack McDuff, Joey De Francesco, Benny Carter, Mark Murphy, Lee Konitz and is currently writing for Phil Woods. Big City sound! This is an all star group playing your favorites.
- Aug 5 Claudia Schmidt and her "Jump Band" Writer, arranger, comedian and guitarist, Claudia has recorded eleven albums exploring folk, blues and jazz idioms featuring her spontaneous wit and incredible vocals. Joining her for this tour is Lori Sears sax, Dave Hay on keys and bass and Fred Kraop on drums.
- Aug 12 Organissimo w/ Arno Marsh Jazzy & soulful funk organ jams. Joining his son drummer Randy Marsh is national touring and recording saxophonist Las Vegas legend Arno Marsh formerly of the Rat Pack, Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, Lionel Hampton and Harry James bands.
- Aug 19 Neptune Quartet refreshing, unplugged, refined mix of mandolin, classical guitar, string bass & cello. A hip swinging adventure. Uplifting, mesmerizing, Gypsy, tango, blues & swing.

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