

Northport Community Arts Center



**2007
Program**

2007 Season

Tonight's Sponsor

Northport Point Jazz Buffs

8:00 pm Saturday, June 16, 2007

Sweet Willie and the Gentlemen of Jazz

Sweet Willie's last name is Singleton and he hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sweet Willie plays a sweet trumpet and he has an incredible list of accomplishments. During his eight year tour of duty in the Navy, he was duty bugler at Arlington cemetery for a year during the Vietnam War. After his discharge from the Navy, he received his college degree and then joined the Duke Ellington Orchestra playing lead trumpet for three years. His experience goes on and on but it

includes stints with the Count Basie Band, the Al Hirt Band, the Clark Terry Big Band and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra under Wynton Marsalis. He has also performed with several Symphony Orchestras. There isn't much in the field of trumpet playing that Willie hasn't done.

Sweet Willie moved to Grand Rapids in 1996 and formed a five piece group called Sweet Willie and the Gentlemen of Jazz. This group includes some of the best jazz musicians in the Grand Rapids area. You'll love the "sweet sounds" from the gentlemen of jazz and the "sweet trumpet" from "Sweet Willie."



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