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Curt Purnell, Grand Rapids, vocals and tenor sax veteran, was inducted into the West Michigan Jazz Society's Hall of Fame in 1999. He has toured, played and recorded with Nat "King" Cole, Louie Jordan, Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson, Lena Horne, Horace Henderson, Della Rees, J.J. Johnson, Roy Eldridge & Louie Bellson.

Mel Dalton, Grand Rapids, saxophone, started his musical journey while an elementary student in Pittsburgh, PA. Mel's exposure to other classmates, Erroll Garner, Billie Eckstein, Ahmad Jamal, Dakota Statton and other musical greats, contributed to his versatility and unique style.

Willie Singleton, Grand Rapids, trumpet, flugelhorn, vocalist, played for the funerals of Gen. Douglas McArthur and Pres. Kennedy; was soon discovered and featured in the Jimmy Noon Orchestra. He went on to study with Clark Terry and received his BA in Music from Southern University. Performance and recording credits include work with Wynton and Ellis Marsalis, Ella Fitzgerald, Lou Rawls, Gladys Knight and Joe Williams, to name a few.

Dave Hay, string bass, has been hailed by the Grand Rapids press columnist Lazaro Vega as "a pillar of jazz." He has played bass with international artist's Roger Williams, Ellis Marsallas, Marcus Roberts and Los Angeles jazz trumpeter Bobby Shaw.

Fred Knapp Drummer studied music at the Grand Rapids Community College, Western Michigan University and GRCC first as a jazz pianist, vocalist and then a drummer. In early 1997, Fred was given the opportunity to study with Diana Krall when she was on tour in West Michigan. Fred has recorded two new CD's in the trio format and has performed and /or recorded with Xavier Davis, Rodney Whitaker, Sunny Wilkinson, Betty Joplin, Rick Holland, and a who's who of local greats.

Next Week

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 tinge.

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