

# JazzFest

2023 • MICHIGAN

## PERFORMERS

### WED AUGUST 2



#### ANTHONY STANCO QUINTET

8:00pm  
UrbanBeat,  
1213 Turner

Anthony Stanco will lead his star-studded quintet featuring the world renowned New York drummer, Joe Farnsworth. The ensemble will be unveiling new compositions penned by Stanco, as well as performing some of the most beloved jazz standards. This one time experience is sure to dazzle and transport you back to the golden era of bebop. Featuring Anthony Stanco (Trumpet), Randy Napoleon (Guitar), Xavier Davis (Piano), Rodney Whitaker (Bass) and Joe Farnsworth (Drums).

### THUR AUGUST 3



#### TOM DUFFIELD

5:00pm  
UrbanBeat,  
1213 Turner

Tom Duffield's piano work has been a part of the jazz and blues scene for decades. His repertoire includes interpretations of the standards as well as some surprises. Immerse yourself in the timeless sounds of Duffield's piano mastery.



#### RUBEN STUMP TRIO

8:00pm  
UrbanBeat,  
1213 Turner

Reuben Stump is a Lansing bassist, vocalist, and composer who grew up with an appreciation for early jazz and the Great American songbook. Step into a world of pure music brilliance.



#### THE ASHTON MOORE ORGANIZATION

9:30pm  
UrbanBeat,  
1213 Turner

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Ashton Nickolas Moore has expanded his love for music across the ocean to Tokyo, Japan, where he performed from 2008-2021. Now back in Detroit, his relationship with Lo Leathers inspired him to support the benefit concert. With his exceptional musicianship, get ready for a unique jazz experience that captivates your senses.

### FRI AUGUST 4

#### TOM DUFFIELD

5:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner



#### SCHOOL OF ROCK Adult Band

5:00pm  
North Turner Stage

School of Rock East Lansing delivers a revolutionary music program to students from Lansing and surrounding communities. Hear fresh sounds from upcoming musicians. Catch them live to experience the magic firsthand.



#### SCHOOL OF ROCK House Band

6:00pm  
North Turner Stage

Let School of Rock East Lansing's House Band take you on a musical journey that will leave an indelible mark.



#### TWYLA BIRDSONG

6:30pm  
River Stage

Twyla Birdsong was raised singing in a church choir, leading to her love for music. Her powerful vocals and stage presence is not to be missed.



#### CLIQUE VOCALS

7:00pm  
UrbanBeat,  
1213 Turner

Dan Templin and Kelly Sandula-Gruner met as members of Singers on the Grand, and their similar approach to performing and a shared love of singing jazz led to the formation of Clique in 2016. The duo performs the classic jazz ballads of the 1920s-50s, plus a mix of pop and contemporary arranged in a unique style with tight harmonies. Their mesmerizing and smooth vocal performances are a must listen.



#### AMMY AMORETTE QUARTET

7:30pm  
South Turner Stage

Ammy Amorette is a Chilean singer, composer, and painter who has been living in Michigan since 2015. She has released two albums, *Primogenita* and *Plan D*. Her music is heavily rooted in Latin American folkloric traditions, as well as bossa nova, boleros, and jazz. In recent years, she has had increasing success in countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, and the United States. Let their music transport you to a world of multicultural enrichment.



#### FAITH QUASHIE QUARTET

9:00pm  
River Stage

With West Indian roots and a Brooklyn, NY upbringing, jazz vocalist and 2 time Downbeat Magazine award winning artist, Faith Quashie, is a graduate of Western Michigan University's vocal jazz program. Influenced by 80's, Soul, Funk, Soca, and Caribbean music, her performance is not to be missed!

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#### CALEB ROBINSON & REACHING

10:15pm  
South Turner Stage

Caleb Robinson is a young up and coming drummer, producer, innovator who is paving his own way playing with numerous artists. Caleb integrates a unique style that he describes as aggressive yet dynamic, which can be compared to some of his musical influences like Tony Williams, Thomas Pridgen, Elvin Jones. Like them, Caleb plays by the beat of his own drum, choosing to create and work with music that's more embedded in jazz fusion, R&B and Hip-Hop.



#### MAX GAGE TRIO, plus Jam

11:30pm | AFTERGLOW at UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner

A jam session with many festival musicians until 1:30 am. Limited seating.

### SAT AUGUST 5

#### KIDZBEAT > North Turner Stage

2:00pm | Children's Ballet Theatre & Power Dance

Directed by Jesse Powers, combine to perform light-hearted dances by children for children of all ages.

#### 2:30pm | Instrument Petting Zoo

Children and adventurers of all ages can try their hand at stringed instruments, keyboard, and percussion in this playful experience with encouraging music teacher Bryce Berry.



#### JAMM SCHOLARSHIP BAND

2:30pm  
South Turner Stage

The Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan, or JAMM for short, awards a music scholarship annually to a deserving young jazz musician. The JAMM Scholarship Group is formed with past and present scholarship winners, and is led by local pro Doug Fritch on guitar.

#### TOM DUFFIELD

3:30pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner

#### KIDZBEAT

3:15pm | North Turner Stage

#### Greater Lansing Ballet Company & Academy of Dance

Under the direction of Jim McEwan, Greater Lansing Ballet Company and Greater Lansing Academy of Dance perform classical and contemporary choreography that's fun for the whole family. This performance includes an opportunity for children to join in one of the dances.



#### LANSING BIG BAND with CLIQUE VOCALS

5:00pm | South Turner Stage

The LCB Big Band was formed in 1993 by members of the Lansing Concert Band who wanted an opportunity to play the great jazz standards and bring this exciting art form to mid-Michigan audiences. Jim Kasprzak, lead trumpet, directs the dynamic 18-piece group comprised of traditional jazz-era instrumentation: full sections of saxophones, trombones and trumpets, plus a swingin' rhythm section. The ensemble also features vocalists Dan Templin & Kelly Sandula-Gruner.

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#### MAX GAGE TRIO

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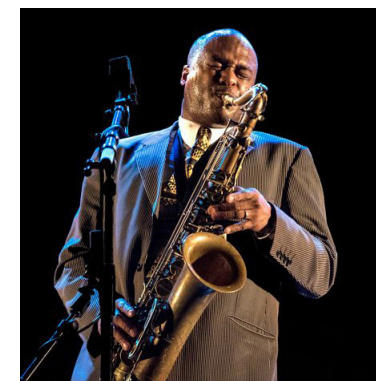
Pianist Max Gage brings an introspective, relaxed, and lyrical sensibility into his music. The trio can be found regularly in jazz clubs and venues across the state, and every other Thursday at UrbanBeat. Witness the brilliance of The Max Gage Trio as their mesmerizing performance will captivate your soul.



#### ANTHONY TAYLOR

7:00pm  
UrbanBeat,  
1213 Turner

Anthony Taylor has an impressive music resume, co-writing and producing Cried, a Pop Billboard Top 10 single with Candice Glover. He has also lent his musical talents to shows like SNL, The Jimmy Fallon Show, Today Show, Carson Daily New Years' Eve Show and more. His trio performs every other Thursday at UrbanBeat. A talented pianist and jazz vocalist with gospel and R&B undertones, Anthony Taylor will immerse you in his sublime musical world.



#### JAMES CARTER QUARTET

with special guest  
**LADY CHAMPAGNE**

7:30pm  
South Turner Stage

"Music and life do not separate" says award-winning saxophone virtuoso James Carter, "my elders have taught me that music is a culture and a way of life." Detroit native Carter shared his childhood home with five musically inclined siblings in "a house filled with all manner of sounds, from The Beatles to Funk and Hendrix." The jazz influence came from Carter's mother who "brought the voices of greats like Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald into my life. Jim Alfredson (Hammond organist and keyboardist), Alexander White (multi-instrumentalist), Gerard Gibbs (keyboard), Ralph Armstrong (Bass), and Lady Champagne (vocals). In 2019 Lady Champagne was recognized as the best blues artist at the Detroit Music Awards and was inducted into the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame. Let the James Carter Quartet take you on a musical journey like no other, they will ignite your passion for jazz.

#### JAZZ JAM

9:00pm | North Turner Stage



#### MICHAEL DEASE & FRIENDS

8:00pm  
South Turner Stage

Michael Dease is the winner of the 69th and 70th Annual DownBeat Poll for Trombonist of the Year and multi-Grammy award winner as a member of the Christian McBride Big Band, is also a sought-after lead and ensemble trombonist with today's leading jazz orchestras. He will be performing original songs by composer Gregg Hill. Step into a world of pure musical brilliance.



#### T-BONE PAXTON & THE OLD TOWN STOMPERS

10:15pm  
South Turner Stage

T-Bone Paxton is lead vocalist and trombonist for the award-winning band Planet D Nonet. With the primary goals of inspiring connections with audiences and simply having a good time sharing their talents, T-Bone and the Old Town Stompers relate an authentic translation of the studied yet spontaneous spirit of 1920s traditional jazz.



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## MICHIGAN BLUESFEST

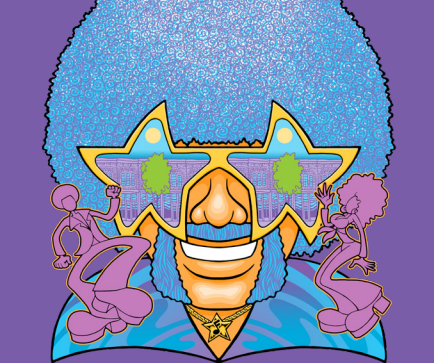


SEPTEMBER 13-16

Gina Garner • Nicky T & The Snake Charmers  
Tomas Esparza Blues Band • Mike Espy Group  
Kathleen & the Bridge St. Band • Johnny D. Blues Jam  
James Reeser & the BackSeat Drivers  
Cab Duo winner DedFoot Duo • Sharrie Williams  
Lady Champagne featuring Omar Coleman  
Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues  
Tom Duffield, and more...

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## MICHIGAN FunkFest



SAT August 26

Mixed Flavors • The UNKOFUNK  
Grady Hall & The Disciples of Funk  
Is Evolution • Tony Thompson, and more...