

Love jazz? Head to Traverse City area for music festival

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Traverse City and her sister communities are hosting a musical extravaganza and you're invited!

Beginning Thursday, July 25 through Tuesday, July 30, the region will feature performances by national, regional and local jazz musicians at the first Traverse JAZZ Festival.

"We built the festival around the tenth anniversary of the Suttons Bay JazzFest," said Jeff Haas, a spokesperson for the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Traverse JAZZ Festival. Haas, a former Oakland County resident, is also a jazz musician and will perform at the celebration.

The Ramsey Lewis Trio, Dave Brubeck Quartet, Alexander Zojnic and a potpourri of other artists will delight audiences at the six-day fest.

"It is an incredible opportunity for this community to book Ramsey Lewis," Haas said. He described Lewis as a wonderful, high-quality musician and very accessible.

Bring the kids, as many of the events are family-friendly. Some performances require admission; others are free.

Here's the scoop on who's playing where and when during the fest:

Traverse JAZZ Festival

What: Weekend music festival
When: Thursday, July 25 to Tuesday, July 30
Where: Traverse City area

Information: Contact the Traverse Area Arts Council at (231) 947-2282 or check the web at: www.traversearts.org. For info on the Traverse City region call the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) TRAVERS or visit their web site at: www.tcvvisitors.com.

Thursday

— Kicking off the celebration at 6:45 p.m. will be a JazzFest at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen. Big band, improvisational and a jazz combo repertoire will highlight this nationally recognized student jazz performance. For ticket info call (231) 276-7800.

— The Jeff Haas Trio will be featured at Chateau Chantal's Jazz at Sunset program on the Old Mission Peninsula. Take the youngsters to this family-friendly winery and enjoy a free performance from 7-10 p.m. Call (231) 223-4110.

Friday

— It's a party on the downtown streets beginning at 5:30 p.m. Performances by the best of Traverse City's local jazz talent highlight the Friday Night Live fest. No charge.

— At 9 p.m. Alexander Zojnic and Friends will perform at the Dennis Museum Center on the campus of Northwestern Michigan College. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door. Call (231) 995-1553.

— Jazz enthusiasts will enjoy Marvin Kahn and the Keith Vreeland Trio at the Michigan Legacy Art Park on the grounds of Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call (231) 947-2282.

Saturday

— Jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis,

accompanied by his trio regulars, will be the headliner at the Suttons Bay JazzFest. From 1-9 p.m. the Suttons Bay Marina Park will swell with the sounds of classic, contemporary jazz and swing.

Performances by the Central Michigan University Jazz Combo #1, the Shubtown Marching Society, the Harry Goldson Quintet, and The Jeff Haas Trio with Marcus Belgrave and Rob Smith will also be featured.

Rain or shine, concertgoers will be treated to great music, food and local wines. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. Call (231) 271-1444.

Sunday

— TC's Women of Jazz will benefit the local Women's Resource Center. The program begins at 5 p.m. at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for adults, \$10 for children 10-18 years, and free for nine and younger. Call (231) 995-1553 or (231) 941-1210.

— The Manitou Music Festival in Glen Arbor, will feature The Harry Goldson Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m.

A donation of \$15 is suggested for adults; students and children are free. Call (231) 334-6112.

Monday

— Enjoy a jam and poetry session at the Old Town Playhouse beginning at 7 p.m. All musicians and poets will be admitted free to the coffeehouse event.

A fee of \$5 will be charged for everyone else. Call (231) 947-2443.



Jazz combo: The Jeff Haas Trio will perform at Chateau Chantal's Jazz at Sunset program on Thursday, July 25, on Old Mission Peninsula.

Tuesday

— The fest concludes with a performance by the legendary Dave Brubeck Quartet. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Interlochen Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$24.50 to \$36.50. For information call (231) 276-7800 or check the web at: www.interlochen.org.

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Music amid sculpture: Marvin Kahn will play with the Keith Vreeland Trio at Michigan Legacy Art Park Friday, July 26. The amphitheater is on the grounds of Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville.

Other Traverse City attractions

There's more than music to entertain the family while you're in the Grand Traverse Region. Stay awhile and check out these other area attractions:

- Dennis Museum Center: A visual and performing arts center featuring a display of sculpture, prints and drawings by the Inuit artists. Call (231) 995-1055 or contact: dmc@nmc.edu.
- Music House Museum: A collection of rare and classic musical instruments of historic significance are explained and played. Call (231) 938-9300.
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Roman Festival
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Cecile Licad, piano
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