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- No bicycles, roller blades, scooters or skateboards
- No smoking/vaping
- No dogs allowed in the Plaza
- No alcohol allowed that is not purchased on site

HASTINGS LIVE SUMMER SERIES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Hastings Live 2025

- 6/4 **Hastings City Band** Band Favorites
6/6 **Fridays at the Fountain** Ben Traverse Trio
6/6 **Friday Night Features** Rebel Eves
6/11 **Hastings City Band** Broadway Hits
6/12 **Playing at the Plaza** Bubbles R Fun
6/13 **Fridays at the Fountain** Michael Fahey
6/13 **Friday Night Features** Fat Animals
6/18 **Hastings City Band** A Night at the Movies
6/19 **Playing at the Plaza** Generation Pound
6/20 **Fridays at the Fountain** Ben Traverse
6/20 **Friday Night Features** Stone Street Revival
6/25 **Hastings City Band** Chart Toppers
6/26 **Playing at the Plaza** Stormy the Magician
6/27 **Fridays at the Fountain** Jacob McLeod
6/27 **Friday Night Features** Brena Band
7/2 **Hastings City Band** 11th Annual Tribute to America
7/3 **Playing at the Plaza** BenJammin
7/4 **NO PERFORMANCES DUE TO HOLIDAY**
7/9 **Community Concert Series** Thornapple Jazz Orchestra
7/10 **Playing at the Plaza** Ben Traverse
7/11 **Fridays at the Fountain** LaJoye Quartet
7/11 **Friday Night Features** Laura Rains
7/16 **Community Concert Series** Ellis & M.E.
7/17 **Playing at the Plaza** Rufus the Dufus Juggling
7/18 **Fridays at the Fountain** Geez Louise! Thelma
7/18 **Friday Night Features** Itchycoo Park
7/23 **Community Concert Series** Grumpy Old Men
7/24 **Playing at the Plaza** Palamazoo
7/25 **Fridays at the Fountain** Best Day Ever Band
7/25 **Friday Night Features** Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra – Back To The Future
Ticketed Concert at the HPAC (No performance at Thornapple Plaza)
7/30 **Community Concert Series** Jesse Cline and Kody Bryant
7/31 **Playing at the Plaza** Stormy's Foam Party
8/1 **Fridays at the Fountain** Daves at 7
8/1 **Friday Night Features** The Soul Syndicate
8/6 **Community Concert Series** Otsego Jazz Ensemble
8/7 **Playing at the Plaza** Tunes N Tales
8/8 **Fridays at the Fountain** Steve Pesch
8/8 **Friday Night Features** Mama's Hot Sauce
8/13 **Community Concert Series** Seth Brown Duo
8/14 **Playing at the Plaza** John Ball Zoo
8/15 **Fridays at the Fountain** Matt Ball
8/15 **Friday Night Features** Women of Country
8/22 **Hastings Summerfest**
8/23 **Hastings Summerfest**

HASTINGS LIVE SUMMER SERIES

HASTINGS CITY BAND JUNE 4 - JULY 2

7:30 pm Wednesdays at the Thornapple Plaza

June 4: Band Favorites
June 11: Broadway Hits
June 18: A Night at the Movies
June 25: Chart Toppers
July 2: 11th Annual Tribute to America



The Hastings City Band

The Hastings City Band, founded in 1857, is one of the city's oldest and most treasured traditions. Comprised of musicians high school-age through retirement, the Hastings City Band performs five pops-style concerts, each with a fun and crowd-pleasing theme. Their annual "Tribute to America" concert has become one of Hastings Live's biggest events.

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES JULY 9 - AUGUST 13

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Thornapple Plaza

July 9: Thornapple Jazz Orchestra

July 16: Ellis & M.E.

July 23: Grumpy Old Men

July 30: Jesse Cline & Kody Bryant

August 6: Otsego Jazz Ensemble

August 13: Seth Brown Duo

July 9 - Thornapple Jazz Orchestra



The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra is comprised of community members and regional instrumentalists with an interest in performing music from the big band jazz genre. TJO includes a repertoire of vintage big band music as well as music of the contemporary big band. This full complement ensemble of five saxophones, four trombones, four trumpets, piano, bass, drums, and a

singer can be heard performing arrangements from the likes of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, and the list goes on.



July 16: Ellis & M.E.

Ellis & M.E. is Catherine Ellis, Bob Elkins and Alma Muxlow. The trio's creative groove comes from tight vocal and instrumental harmonies, innovative songwriting, and covers that speak to our lives and times. With influences ranging from Bob Dylan, Nanci Griffith, John Prine and Crosby, Stills and Nash, to the Maritime provinces' East Pointers, their sound is reminiscent of the heyday of folk rock. The eclectic trio are also masters of swing, blues, and bluegrass.

www.ellisandme.com



COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES JULY 9 - AUGUST 13

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Thornapple Plaza

July 23: Grumpy Old Men

Grumpy Old Men is a local performing band of musicians. Doug Acker, Gene Greenfield, Steve Evans, Forrest Evans, and Tom Alderson have been playing together and with other local groups in the Hastings area for decades. The group plays favorite rock and pop songs from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.



July 30: Jesse Cline & Kody Bryant

Jesse grew up in a small town in Southwest Michigan. His interest in music started at a young age, but frustration in learning to read music wore him down. Eventually he started learning new methods of reading music, learning cover songs, and singing along with them, which was a great way for him to relax and clear his mind from whatever was happening in real life. When friends and family started to enjoy listening to him, it made Jesse want to learn more and more. He spent most of his free time at a family cottage that brought him endless inspiration for his music. He currently plays live weekly and does whatever he can to share his music with the world.

Kody Bryant is a solo acoustic country cover musician from Delton, Mich. He has played in the Midwest area full-time since 2018. Kody loves playing requests, getting his crowds involved and making Nashville come to life in Michigan or wherever else he plays. Some of his main influences are Chris Stapleton, Cody Johnson and Tim McGraw- but make no mistake, his repertoire spans farther than just country!



Jesse Cline



Kody Bryant

August 6: Otsego Jazz Ensemble



The Otsego Jazz Ensemble formed in 1986 and is still going strong. The 17-piece group features a high-powered mix of jazz, blues, rock, pop, Latin and standards, and features musicians from across southwest Michigan, aged 17 to 97. Otsego Jazz Ensemble was on the Thornapple Plaza stage the day the amphitheater opened in 2016, and they are happy to be back this year!



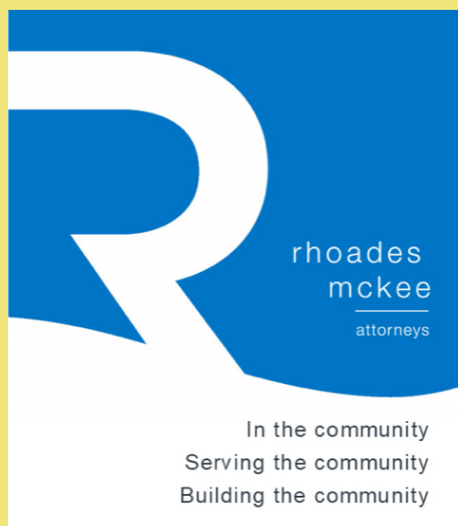
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7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Thornapple Plaza

August 13: Seth Brown Duo



After a chance meeting in Nashville, Tenn. that led to marrying in 2015, Seth and Desiree Brown, the Seth Brown Duo, took off for the wild unknown. Leaving their corporate lives, giving away nearly all they owned, and selling their first home, they hit the open road sowing vagabond seeds they'd dreamed of all their lives. The highways, byways, twists and turns led them both back to prolifically writing; Seth flowing in songwriting while Desiree chronicles in memoir. The duo traveled and toured the USA full time for five years. While on the road they each released their debut projects, "Campfire Currency," a complete produced twelve-track album; and "Desy's Diaries - awakening to the alternative," a full-length memoir novel. They now reside in beautiful Michigan and tour throughout the Midwest Great Lakes region yearly, with Seth on lead guitar and vocals and Desiree on percussion and background vocals.



PLAYING AT THE PLAZA JUNE 12 - AUGUST 14

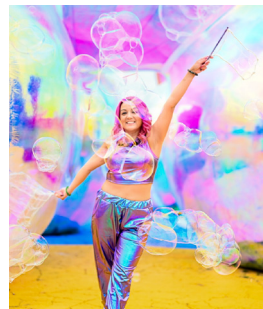
11 a.m. Thursdays at the Thornapple Plaza

June 12: Bubbles R Fun
June 19: Generation Pound
June 26: Stormy the Magician
July 3: BenJammin Educational Music
July 10: Ben Traverse
July 17: Rufus the Dufus Juggling
July 24: Palamazoo
July 31: Stormy's Foam Party
August 7: Tunes N Tales by Tricia
August 14: John Ball Zoo

June 12: Bubbles R Fun

Bubbles R Fun is a flow arts and entertainment company bringing joy and fun with bubbles. The performers are committed to sharing their passion for fun and bubbles with kids of all ages. Since 2017, Bubbles R Fun has designed hand-crafted specialty bubble wands and a premium bubble mix for others to partake in endless bubble fun. In 2019 Bubble Entertainment, Parties and Science began, and since 2021 Bubbles R Fun has been bringing bubble fun and joy to kids of all ages.

Bubble Bri is a bubbleologist, bubble artist and the main curator behind Bubbles R Fun. She has been bringing joy and fun with her unique and special artistry since 2017. Bubble Bri is committed to sharing her passion for fun and play, igniting the child in us all. Audiences won't want to miss the incredi-bubbly magical and wondrous bubble experience that Bubble Bri brings!



June 19: Generation Pound



Tricia Markovich and Kelly Shepherd are passionate Generation POUND® Pros who have been rocking out together for four years, bringing the joy of movement to kids in Middleville and Caledonia. With their dynamic energy and love for fitness, they create an engaging and empowering environment where “Rockstars in Training” (ages 6-12) can discover the fun of staying active. Through Generation POUND®, Tricia and Kelly use Ripstix®—POUND’s signature lightly weighted drumsticks—to help kids explore movement in a unique, music-driven way. Their classes not only build strength, coordination, and teamwork skills, but also foster confidence, self-awareness, and lasting friendships. With every beat, they are shaping the next generation of happy, healthy, and empowered kids—one rockin’ class at a time!



PLAYING AT THE PLAZA JUNE 12 - AUGUST 14

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June 26: Stormy the Magician

Stormy's family magic show is not your typical magic show. Whether you're a member of the audience or on stage as one of Stormy's assistants, your family is constantly involved with the show. Stormy's magic, stories, and silly jokes will keep the entire family filled with laughter, wonder, and joy. Stormy guarantees to put a smile on everyone's face.



July 3: BenJammin

Benjamin Gauthier and Emily Hewitt will rock out with the kids while they learn about health, self-confidence, conflict resolution, and core subjects through *interactive music*. Together, they use songs with guitar, hand drums, ukulele, piano, drumsticks, stories, and a few puppets to teach children life skills through audience participation and song. JOIN THE BAND!



July 10: Ben Traverse

Ben Traverse is a young balladeer with a very wide hat who commands a wide array of instruments in their mission to bring the finest traditional folk music into the 21st century. Proud Michigander and Earthwork Music Collective member, Traverse brings a forward thinking, communal enthusiasm to old and rich musical tradition.

On their journey, they've released three albums: a totally solo collection of old-time American ballads and songs in the spirit of Pete Seeger and the early Folkways Recordings catalog; and two collaborative releases: one with Michael Dause (Moss Manor, Treeskin) of rollicking shanties and seafaring ballads; and the other with Nick Veine celebrating music of the Irish diaspora. www.bentraversemusic.com



July 17: Rufus the Dufus Juggling

Rufus started practicing circus arts at the age of 15 with the unicycle one bored summer day. A year later he learned to juggle and started going to magic classes to learn magic and showmanship. At the age of 17, Rufus nervously worked a small town renaissance festival, where one day he balanced a blind man's cane on his chin as his wife described what was happening. From that point on he's always trying to become more skillful in the tricks he's performing and more entertaining and engaging to audiences everywhere.



PLAYING AT THE PLAZA JUNE 12 - AUGUST 14

11 a.m. Thursdays at the Thornapple Plaza

July 24: Palamazoo

Susan is the founder of Palamazoo puppet and music productions. She continues to wow audiences with her upbeat interactive performances that incorporate her; lively spirit, playful original songs, colorful Palamazoo puppet characters, enchanting stories, rhythmic dance, humor and words of wisdom. Each and every presentation invites audiences to join in the fun! It's all about the audience. "I want to come out and play, embrace the day and share the joy!"



July 31: Stormy's Foam Party

Ready for some summer fun?

Foam Parties create memories that last a lifetime and are fun for all ages and abilities. There is no better way to beat the heat than being covered from head to toe in refreshing foam. Imagine a 30 x 60 play-space with sudsy, refreshing bubbles that kids of all ages can play in outdoors. Stormy brings his foam cannon and fills the area with up to 4 feet of allergy-free, zero clean-up, environmentally friendly foam. Stormy will also bring family-friendly dance tunes to keep the party lively. To add even more fun, this year there will be two foam cannons!



August 7: Tunes N Tales

Tricia is a teacher from the bottom of her heart, spending most of her adult life in pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade classrooms. Teaching is about moments of eye contact and heart connection. Her favorite moments of learning and growing often included really good stories and some strumming on guitar (and an occasional visit from a friendly puppet). This latest version of Tricia includes traveling around Michigan venues, meeting new families, and playing music that kids and the grownups who love them can enjoy together.



August 14: John Ball Zoo

We'll bring the Zoo to you! John Ball Zoo offsite programs allow everyone to learn about wildlife conservation through hands-on learning experiences. During their time with the audience, participants will have the opportunity to see up to four different animals. John Ball's trained educators will teach about natural history, individual stories, and conservation measures.



FRIDAYS AT THE FOUNTAIN JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15

12 p.m. Fridays on the Courthouse Lawn

June 6: Ben Traverse Trio
June 13: Michael Fahey
June 20: Ben Traverse
June 27: Jacob McLeod
July 4: No performance due to holiday
July 11: LaJoye Quartet
July 18: Geez Louise! Thelma
July 25: Best Day Ever Band
August 1: Daves at 7
August 8: Steve Pesch
August 15: Matt Ball

June 6: Ben Traverse Trio

Join the band for "American Folk Music: Old Time in the Current Times," a captivating, interactive program that delves into the heart of old-time music, a genre that forms a small but significant part of the broader tapestry of traditional American music. While often primarily reflecting the culture of working-class English Americans, this definition of old-time music is incomplete. It overlooks the profound influences from other cultures, especially African American culture, from which many elements of the style, including the iconic banjo, originate.



June 13: Michael Fahey

Michael Fahey is a singer/songwriter who specializes in alternate tuning acoustic music. Joining him will be his former teacher Dan Palmer, a talented musician and jazz guitar instructor at Hillsdale College. Influenced heavily by artists like John Butler, John Fahey, and Micheal Hedges, audiences should expect an array of folk and blues with a jazzy experimental twist.



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June 27: Jacob McLeod

Based in Big Rapids, Mich., Jacob McLeod became obsessed with all things music during the lockdown of 2020. With time on his hands, he learned guitar and piano, and began to write his own songs as well. Since then, he has released numerous singles, a full-length album, performed all across the state of Michigan, and just recently released his debut EP "Mozart," all while attending Central Michigan University. He is currently 20 years old and is making a name for himself as one of the premier upcoming songwriters and performers in the great state of Michigan.



July 4: no performance due to holiday

July 11: LaJoye Quartet

The LaJoye Quartet plays American Songbook tunes with a jazz flavor. The band is made up of professional musicians from West Michigan on piano, bass, drums, vocals, trumpet and flugel horn.



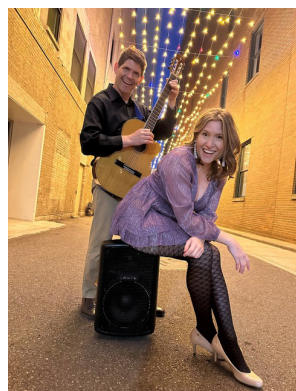
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July 18: Geez Louise! Thelma

Geez Louise! Thelma is actually a combination of the Hastings Heartbeats and Geez Louise bands. The Heartbeats started out as a zydeco/rockabilly band, and Geez Louise was originally a pop/rock band. Illness and career obligations forced some membership changes. Long story short, the group now consists of

Angie Seeber, Doug Acker, and Judy and Terry VanDien. The band is sure to play crowd favorites that have the audience singing along and tapping their toes.



July 25: Best Day Ever Band

Get ready for the Best Day Ever Band, and soak up some pure sunshine and good vibes! Comprised of newlyweds Benjamin Gauthier on guitar and vocals and Emily Hewitt on lead vocals, the Best Day Ever Band brings their infectious positivity and harmonious blend to every performance.

Relax, unwind, and enjoy this uplifting music that is for families, friends, lovebirds and children! You might know Benjamin and Emily from their popular children's music act, BenJammin Educational Music, where they delight young audiences with fun, fully interactive shows. They bring that same energy and joy to the Best Day Ever Band, delivering feel-good covers to brighten your day.

August 1: Daves at 7

Singer/Songwriter Amy Young has three decades of music experience in her back pocket. From songs that are toe-tapping to careful and contemplative, she aims to evoke emotion and remind us of our commonalities and connections. She and bandmates, Daves at 7, build upon an acoustic foundation with a diverse range of stylings including folk, country, pop and jazz.



FRIDAYS AT THE FOUNTAIN JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15

12 p.m. Fridays on the Courthouse Lawn

August 8: Steve Pesch

Steve Pesch is a Kalamazoo musician bringing years of a guitar picking style that is purely his own.

He has performed as a solo musician, entertainer, and songwriter around the West Michigan area since 2005. He explores the genres of rock to country music while bringing a real energy to live music.



August 15: Matthew Ball

Matthew Ball presents live music fun with a fresh boogie-woogie piano twist to classic American songs we all know and love from yesteryear, movies, and pop culture. A CAFE award winner for family-friendly entertainment, Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, performs favorites like In the Mood, Georgia, All My Lovin', Can't Help Fallin' in Love with You, It Had to be You, Dream a Little Dream of Me, I Walk the Line, Don't Get Around Much Anymore, When the Saints Go Marchin' In, Amazing Grace, Moonglow, What a Wonderful World, On the Sunny Side of



the Street, Bumble Boogie, and many more! His performances are family-friendly and for all ages.

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7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Thornapple Plaza

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June 13: Fat Animals

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June 6: Rebel Eves

The Rebel Eves started with a "stars-aligning" type of friendship and musical collaboration. With beginnings in early 2022, the group formed from the love of creativity and the belief that the joy of connection can break down barriers that women have historically been put into in the music industry, our society, and in our individual religious spaces. Composed of three Michigan-bred, award-winning songwriters, Katie Pederson, Grace Theisen and Jilian Linklater have spent the better part of the last decade writing, touring, and harmonizing across the country with successful solo careers.



June 13: Fat Animals

The Fat Animals combine an incredible groove, addictive guitar combos, and amazing lead and harmonic vocals to produce a first-rate show that will get audiences up and dancing!



FRIDAY NIGHT FEATURES JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15

7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Thornapple Plaza

June 20: Stone Street Revival



Stone Street Revival is a smile-inducing multi-talented eight-piece horn band that will surprise audiences with every song in their set list. They play the tunes that make people want to turn up the volume and sing along – fantastic songs that are familiar hits, but other bands don't play!



June 27: Brena Band

Brena Band is a one-stop shop when it comes to summer entertainment. Their six-member band, featuring guitars, drums, horns, violin, keyboards, and tight vocal harmonies, will keep audiences dancing all night long. Their wide variety of songs offer a little something for everyone, ranging from oldies, to current top 40 hits, classic rock to smooth R&B, country, to high energy dance music, and everything in between.



June 27: TAC's 40th Birthday Party

The Thornapple Arts Council turns 40 this year, and what better way to celebrate than with a party? Join us before the June 27 Brena concert at Friday Night Features for dessert, activities, and celebration of 40 years of arts and culture.



July 11: Laura Rain and the Caesars

Detroit's multi award winning group, Laura Rain and the Caesars, transform funky soul and R&B into their own unique vision. Inspired by the spirit of classic recordings of a bygone era, Laura Rain creates her own environment of expression with a powerful and soulful voice. www.laurarain.net



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July 18: Itchycoo Park

Itchycoo Park is an energized musical tribute spanning almost two decades of the most prolific times in American music history from the late 1960s to the early 1970s. This six-piece band is one of the world's finest tribute shows for the times. Itchycoo Park transports the audience on magical musical tour with outstanding musicianship and spectacular vocals and harmonies. This creation of music and showmanship is timeless, intergenerational and family friendly for all ages. Get on the magical musical tour and get out to see this show.



July 25: Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra ticketed event at the Hastings Performing Arts Center



Experience the blockbuster film like never before accompanied by Alan Silvestri's iconic score performed live by the Grand Rapids Symphony playing in sync with the film projected on the big screen. Coming to Hastings Performing Arts Center on July 25.

Recharge your flux capacitor... and get ready to celebrate this unforgettable movie classic as

you've never seen and heard it before! Back to the Future is the 1.21-gigawatt blockbuster that topped the 1985 box office chart, spawned two wildly successful sequels and stamped an enduring imprint on pop culture. Join Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox), Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd) and a Time Machine for the adventure of a lifetime as they travel to the past, present and future, setting off a time-shattering chain reaction that disrupts the space-time continuum!

Now, fans old and new will experience the thrill of Back to the Future like never before—on a big hi-def screen with a full symphony orchestra performing Alan Silvestri's dazzling musical score live in synch with the movie. Audiences will also be in for an exclusive treat: approximately twenty minutes of brand-new music added by award-winning composer Silvestri to the film's score especially for these unique live orchestra presentations.

Please Note: There will be no Friday Night Features concert July 25 at the Thornapple Plaza

FRIDAY NIGHT FEATURES JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15

7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Thornapple Plaza

August 1: The Soul Syndicate



The Soul Syndicate is a Michigan-based powerhouse 10-piece ensemble known for their electrifying performances that blend funk, soul, and dance music into an unforgettable experience. With a horn section that ignites the venue, their dynamic sound sets the stage for an energetic party. This band boasts exceptional vocalists, delivering soulful melodies and harmonies that transport audiences through iconic eras of music. The setlist is a journey through timeless medleys, paying homage to legends like Chicago, Earth, Wind & Fire, KC and The Sunshine Band and Motown classics; to contemporary artists like Bruno Mars. The Soul Syndicate's repertoire is a



testament to the best in funk, soul, and dance music. Audiences should prepare to be enthralled by a musical journey that spans generations, all delivered with the infectious energy and passion that define The Soul Syndicate.

August 8: Mama's Hot Sauce

Smoking rhythms that invoke uncontrolled body movements. A booming bass that hits right in the gut. Smoldering guitar tones that cut to the bone. Hypnotizing vocals that take audiences to an unknown destination. That's scorchably... That's MAMA'S HOT SAUCE!



August 15: Women of Country

When people hear the names Patsy, Loretta, Reba, Dolly, Martina, Miranda, Shania and Wynonna, what comes to mind? Only the best female country singers ever! Come along as the Classic Women of Country take audiences on a sentimental steel-guitar filled journey with music from such iconic female country music royalty as Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette. Then enjoy songs from their musical offspring, featuring selections from Reba McEntire, the Judds, Martina McBride, Shania Twain and Miranda Lambert.

This phenomenal new live show features Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame members, as well as performers who have toured the world and graced stages from Carnegie Hall to Pine Knob Music Theatre. These torch-bearers of timeless tunes will have audience members tapping their boots, tipping their hats and singing along.



HASTINGS SUMMERFEST AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 23

Thornapple Plaza

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

5:30-7:00: USAF Shades of Blue

7:30-9:15 Get Wild: Celebrating the Music of Prince

In Between: Expressions Dance Centre

5:30 - 7:00 USAF Shades of Blue

The Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble performs a variety of styles, ranging from traditional big band jazz to bebop, swing, and modern jazz. At one of their concerts, audiences are just as likely to hear the music of contemporary composers as they would the classic sounds of Count Basie or Glenn Miller.

The ensemble has backed many jazz greats such as Jamey Aebersold, Bobby Shew, Allen Vizzutti, and Jeff Jarvis, and is often requested for featured performances at jazz clinics and festivals throughout the country. Several of the band's members are also gifted composers and arrangers, and their compositions are often featured in concert.



Whether performing for a head of state, before a capacity crowd in their 10-state touring area, or for our troops at home or abroad, the Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble reflects the heritage and pride of our great nation and the United States Air Force.

7:30 - 9:15 Get Wild: Celebrating the Music of Prince

"Get Wild" is a vibrant, high-energy concert experience honoring the music and legacy of Prince. Led by musical director Mitch Myers, this dynamic production brings together a powerhouse ensemble of vocalists and musicians to perform a wide-ranging selection of Prince's iconic catalog—from beloved chart-toppers to deeper album cuts. In addition to Prince's own hits, the show features a special segment showcasing songs he wrote for other artists, demonstrating how far his creative influence extended.



HASTINGS SUMMERFEST AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 23

Thornapple Plaza

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5:30-7:00: Dueling Pianos

7:30-9:15: Eric Brown and the Boat Drinkers:

Tribute to the music of Jimmy Buffet

In Between: Expressions Dance Centre

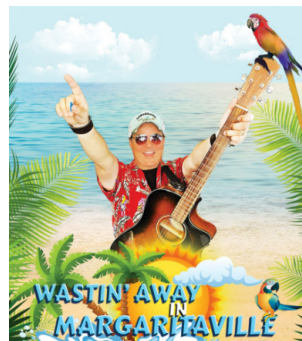
5:30-7:00 Dueling Pianos

Midwest Dueling Pianos offers a wildly entertaining music and comedy dueling piano show that audiences will love. From weddings and college dueling piano shows to civic and corporate event dueling piano shows, Midwest Dueling Pianos does it all. They'll help make the event an absolute hit. This amazing show provides high-end entertainment that will thoroughly engage and entertain, making the audience the star of the show. These professional piano players provide an all request-driven show that spans generations and keeps everyone from a 90-year-old great-grandmother to an energetic 4-year-old entertained. Audiences will see why Midwest Dueling Pianos is the perfect summer entertainment.



7:30-9:15 Eric Brown and the Boat Drinkers: Tribute to the music of Jimmy Buffet

Calling all Parrotheads! It's going to be a bona fide, island-side, Margarita-ried party (concert) put on by Eric Brown and the Parrotheads. Wear your hula skirt, your Hawaiian shirt, and most importantly wear a smile, because we are bringing the island lifestyle to Hastings Live Summerfest 2025



In Between: Expressions Dance Centre

At Expressions Dance Centre, they believe that dance is an art form that everyone can participate in and benefit from. They believe that dance education can build confidence, health, and creative expression. They are dedicated to sustaining a positive environment of mutual support and respect where dancers of all backgrounds feel accepted and encouraged to grow and strive to be the best they can be.



HASTINGS SUMMERFEST AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 23

Spray Plaza

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

12:00 - 1:00: Beth Lepak Strings

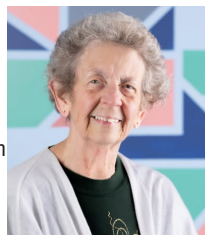
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Beth Lepak brings her two groups of string players to Hastings Summerfest this year, playing at the Spray Plaza Venue on August 22, at 12:00 PM. Both of her groups are experienced string players and enjoy playing for all age groups. Beth teaches violin, viola, and piano at the Hastings Community Music School and has a Master of Arts from MSU.



1:00-1:45 Lexi Adams

Lexi Adams is an Americana singer-songwriter and independent performing artist. She currently resides in Southwest Michigan. Listeners have said her voice “feels like coming home,” and “is an undeniably cozy, inviting and warm sound that captivates any audience.” Her rich vocal timbre, powerful yet gentle vocal techniques and the passion with which she performs will have any listener feeling as though she is singing directly to them. Lexi is living her dream playing music full time in the Midwest, writing songs, making records, meeting amazing people, and always collecting interesting stories along the way.



2:00-2:45 Michigan Mafia String Band



The Michigan Mafia String Band has been playing and entertaining people from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Indiana and Ohio for the last nine years. Playing rockin’ acoustic bluegrass, some sweet country, along with a little swing thrown in just to keep you movin’, has earned them an eclectic group of fans. The MMSB plays songs you love – some classics and some destined to be classics, all of them performed in a powerful acoustic way.

3:00-3:45 Stormy's Foam Party

Ready for some summer fun? Foam Parties create memories that last a lifetime and are fun for all ages and abilities. There is no better way to beat the heat than being covered from head to toe in refreshing foam. Imagine a 30 x 60 play-space with sudsy, refreshing bubbles that kids of all ages can play in outdoors. Stormy brings his foam cannon and fills the area with up to 4 feet of allergy-free, zero clean-up, environmentally friendly foam. Stormy will also bring family-friendly dance tunes to keep the party lively. To add even more fun, this year there will be two foam cannons!



HASTINGS SUMMERFEST AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 23

Spray Plaza

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

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2:00-2:45 Doug Acker Duo

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Kody Bryant is a solo acoustic country cover musician from Delton, Mich. He has played in the Midwest area full-time since 2018. Kody loves playing requests, getting his crowds involved and making Nashville come to life in Michigan or wherever else he plays. Some of his main influences are Chris Stapleton, Cody Johnson and Tim McGraw- but make no mistake, his repertoire spans farther than just country!



2:00-2:45 Doug Acker Duo

Doug and Tim Acker are a father/son duo from the Hastings community. They have both played in various local bands for many years. Recently, Tim has been filming and playing along on Doug's original songs for a YouTube site. Their program will include many original tunes as well as some of their all-time favorites. The Spray Plaza performance will kick off their fall tour.

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OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING IN HASTINGS THIS SUMMER

Upcoming Block Parties



Saturday Evenings
From 6pm until 10 pm

July 12th - Party at Walldorff, the featured band will be "Driven" from Middleville. Opening act TBA



August 9th - Party at Seasonal Grille, the band will be the Mustang Band. Opening artist TBA

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Hastings City Band

June 4 - July 2

7:30 pm Wednesdays at the Thornapple Plaza

Community Concert Series

July 9 - August 13

7:30 pm Wednesdays at the Thornapple Plaza

Playing at the Plaza

June 12 - August 14

11:00 am Thursdays at the Thornapple Plaza

Fridays at the Fountain

June 6 - August 15

12:00 pm Fridays on the Courthouse Lawn

Friday Night Features

June 6 - August 15

7:30 pm Fridays at the Thornapple Plaza

Hastings Summerfest

August 22 - August 23

Thornapple Plaza and Spray Plaza



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