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Luke Winslow King performed recently [April 18] in WKAR Studio A for BackStage Pass.

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More Free Concerts Ahead with BackStage Pass

Be in the TV Audience as new episodes are recorded for BackStage Pass

Free concerts spread music made in Michigan nationwide

EAST LANSING, MI; APRIL 27, 2018 – Have you made it to a **BackStage Pass** concert recording yet? The amazing production team at WKAR has turned the 5500-square-foot Studio A into a unique and intimate concert venue for nine special performances taking place over three weeks.

Audience members get the thrill of being part of the show as each performance is recorded for an upcoming episode of **BackStage Pass**, the WKAR original TV series seen on PBS stations across the country. The series is currently in production for its ninth season showcasing music made in Michigan.



Since April 18, guests at WKAR studios have been treated to performances from **Luke Winslow King, Zombie Jesus and the Chocolate Sunshine Band, SIAS, and The Go Rounds.**

The free concert series now heads into its final stretch, with five shows over the next eight days. The line-up features **Jack + The Bones, Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers, The Harmaleighs, Jesse Ray and the Carolina Catfish, and Sisters of Your Sunshine Vapor.**

Admission is limited to about 150 seats per show. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance at wkar.org. Standby seating may be available the evening of each show, on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more about the **BackStage Pass Concert Series** bands, venue details, and seat reservations, **visit wkar.org.**

The upcoming season of **BackStage Pass** is supported in part by **MSU Federal Credit Union.**

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Concert Schedule Apr. 27-May 4

Fri. Apr. 27 | Jack + The Bones

Michigan's Amelia Hammer Harris and Taylor John Williams perform together for the first time. Amelia made it to Hollywood for the 2018 season of ABC's American Idol; Taylor was on NBC's The Voice in 2014.

Mon. May 30 | Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers

From the heart of Michigan, Joe Hertler and a five-piece band are spreading upbeat, groovy rock across the nation.

Tue. May 1 | The Harmaleighs

This duo visiting from Nashville offers a mix of indie, pop, and Americana that carries messages about life and love.

Wed. May 2 | Jesse Ray & The Carolina Catfish

Rock and rockabilly from Grand Rapids, from the two-time winner of WYCE Jammie Awards Best Roots/Revival Album.

Fri. May 4 | Sisters of your Sunshine Vapor

Sublime and hypnotic tunes from the psychedelic rock trio out of Detroit.

More About BackStage Pass

BackStage Pass airs Saturdays at 10 p.m. on WKAR HD in mid-Michigan (check local listings). All past episodes are available for viewing online at video.wkar.org and on most TV streaming devices.

Since the series debut in 2009, BackStage Pass has been seen in over half the TV markets in the U.S., including the top three markets and seven of the top ten markets. More than 85 acts have appeared on the program to-date, helping to give Michigan-grown artists a name on the national scene.

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