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BackStage Pass Extravaganza Needs YOU! June 18-20 | Free Concerts

WKAR is looking for lively, enthusiastic music lovers to fill the audience while filming our fifth season of BackStage Pass — live concerts by Michigan area bands, seen across the country. (See back cover for details!)

Also Noteworthy in June:
- WKAR-TV June Membership Campaign
- Meet Al Martin, Current Sports
- Don Gonyea Honored as WKAR Media Master

Eye Evans Hyde performing for BackStage Pass at the 2012 Lansing JazzFest.
Don Gonyea: WKAR Media Master Award

The voice of Don Gonyea is familiar to listeners of WKAR Radio. Frequently heard reporting on Washington politics for NPR, Gonyea has covered the Bush presidency, the Obama campaign and has filed stories from such sites as Moscow, Beijing, Hanoi, Seoul and Islamabad, among many others.

The Michigan State University graduate returned during the first weekend of May to be honored as the recipient of the first WKAR Media Master Award.

WKAR general manager Gary Reid explains that the award was created to acknowledge superior performance. “As we thought about those who personified this award, Don Gonyea’s name was at the top of the list,” he said.

Gonyea not only attended the university, but cut his broadcasting teeth at WKAR, covering politics for Michigan Public Radio Network in the 1980s and appearing on Off the Record.

Gonyea joined NPR in 1986, reporting from Detroit with stories that included labor unions, Dr. Jack Kevorkian and the 1999 closing of Tiger Stadium.

He spent countless hours on picket lines and in union halls covering strikes, including numerous work stoppages at GM in the late 1990s. Gonyea also reported on the development of alternative fuel and hybrid-powered automobiles.

Among his more visible assignments was covering the Bush White House in 2001, where he was at work on the morning of September 11. In 2008, he was the lead reporter covering the Obama presidential campaign. In spring 2010, he stepped into the role of national political correspondent.

Please join WKAR in congratulating Gonyea and recognizing his contributions to public media, both in Michigan and nationally.

Lots to Like during our June TV Membership Campaign

As the trees fill in with green and the kids run out to play, you’ll find WKAR staff and volunteers waiting to take your pledge of support during the annual June membership campaign.

Pledging June 7-17, it’s a great time for us to bring out all the new PBS specials along with a few popular favorites.

Also included in the line-up are two of the most popular programs we aired in April, both featuring Michael Mosley. We are featuring Mosley’s Eat, Fast & Live Longer and The Truth About Exercise.

New specials include tributes to Burt Bacharach, Woody Guthrie and ‘70s and ‘80s music. You’ll also find Carole King and James Taylor in concert and several informative specials related to health and wellness.

We need both your financial support and help in spreading the word about the importance of being a member. It is only through your sustained membership that we are able to expand WKAR’s programs and services. Thank you!
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4:00 Classic Gospel
3:00 Woodsongs
11:30 When Learning Comes
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9:30 Official Best of Fest
3:30 Motorweek
1:30 This Old House
12:30 Victory Garden
11:00 QuizBusters Special Edition
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12:00 Washington Week
12:30 Off the Record
1:00 The McLaughlin Group
1:30 To the Contrary
2:00 Moyers & Company
3:00 WoodSongs
4:00 Classic Gospel
5:00 This Old House
5:30 Hometime
6:00 The Truth About Money
6:30 Tracks Ahead
7:00 BackStage Pass: John Douglas Quintet
21 | Friday
8:00 Washington Week
8:30 Off the Record
9:00 In Performance at the White House: Memphis Soul
Great Performances: Dance In America
10:00 Austin City Limits: Randy Newman
22 | Saturday
11:00 LRN 101
11:30 Burt Wolf: Great Rivers of Europe
12:00 Rick Steves’ Europe: Dubrovnik/Balkan Sidetrips
12:30 Victory Garden
1:00 Under the Radar Michigan
20 | Thursday
8:00 Michigan Out-of-Doors
8:30 Red Green Show
9:00 This Old House Hour
10:00 Finding Your Roots: C. Booker/J. Lewis
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8:30 Red Green Show
9:00 This Old House Hour
10:00 Finding Your Roots: B. Walters
28 | Friday
8:00 Washington Week
8:30 Off the Record
9:00 Annie: It’s a Hard Knock Life
10:00 Lidia Celebrate America
11:00 Austin City Limits: Jimmy Cliff
29 | Saturday
11:00 LRN 101
11:30 Burt Wolf: Great Rivers of Europe
12:00 Rick Steves’ Europe: Best of Slovenia
30 | Sunday
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3:00 WoodSongs
4:00 Classic Gospel
5:00 This Old House
5:30 Hometime
6:00 Truth About Money
6:30 Tracks Ahead
7:00 BackStage Pass: Domestic Problems
Monday
12:00 Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013 (6/10)
Rick Steves’ Iran (6/17)
1:30 Omni Health Revolution (6/17)
2:00 Ed Sullivan Comedy Special (6/10)
3:30 If Volo: We Are Love (6/17)
4:00 Easy Yoga for Arthritis (6/10)
6:00 Intelligence Squared (6/3)
Afropop (6/10)
Global Voices (6/17)
Dabbawallas (6/24)
7:00 Independent Lens (6/3)
Rajeevshuram (6/10)
India with Sanjeev Shaskar (6/17, 24)
8:00 Alone in the Wilderness (6/10)
Stuck in the Middle: Caring for Mom & Dad (6/17)
American Experience: Rockefeller (6/24)
8:30 Stonewall Uprising (6/3)
9:30 Omni Health Revolution (6/10)
Doobie Brothers Live (6/17)
11:00 History Detectives (6/3, 10, 17)

Tuesday
12:00 Eat, Fast, Live Longer (6/11)
1:30 Rick Steves’ Travel Skills (6/11)
3:30 Alone In the Wilderness (6/11)
6:00 Nature
7:00 Pacific Heartbeat (6/4, 11)
Nature (6/18)
Walk in the Park with Nick (6/25)
8:00 QuizBusters Grand Championship (6/4)
Special Edition (6/11)
Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013 (6/11)
Everglades of the North (6/25)
8:30 It All Adds Up (6/4)
QuizBusters Special Edition II (6/18)
9:00 Teaching Channel Presents (6/4, 18, 25)
9:30 A.D.D. & Mastering It (6/11)
Tomlinson Hill (6/4)
I’m Just Like You (6/11)
I Am (6/18)
Papers: Stories of Undocumented Aliens (6/25)

Wednesday
12:00 Truth About Exercise
(Mosley) (6/12)
1:30 Broadway Musicals (6/12)
3:30 Active with Arthritis (6/12)
6:00 Frontline
7:00 Grove (6/5)
Anyone & Everyone (6/12)
Independent Lens (6/19)
Frontline (6/26)
8:00 Finding Your Roots (6/5, 19, 26)
Magic Moments (6/12)
9:00 Globe Trekker
Utah/Colorado (6/5)
Georgia/Armenia (6/19)
Honduras/El Salvador (6/26)
10:00 Matthew Morison: Where It Began (6/12)
11:00 Arab American Stories
11:30 Wild Photo Adventures

Thursday
12:00 Magic Moments (6/13)
2:00 The Hollies: Look Through Any Window (6/13)
3:30 Eat, Fast, Live Longer (Mosley) (6/13)
6:00 NOVA ScienceNOW
7:00 NOVA
8:00 National Geographic Bee (6/6)
Motown: Big Hits & More (6/13)
Cape People of the Himalayas (6/20)
9:00 Independent Lens (6/6)
NOVA ScienceNOW (6/20, 27)
10:00 Easy Yoga for Arthritis (6/13)
11:00 My Generation
11:30 Aviators

Friday
12:00 Motown: Big Hits & More (6/14)
2:00 Burt Bacharach’s Best (6/14)
3:30 Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013 (6/14)
6:00 D-Day: The Price of Freedom (6/7)
Secrets of the Dead (6/14)
John Portman: A Life of Building (6/21)
Model T’s to War (6/28)
7:00 Well Read
7:30 Pedal America
8:00 Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013 (6/7)
Woody Guthrie at 100 (6/14)
Red Green (6/21, 28)
8:30 On Story (6/21)
Call the Midwife (6/28)
9:00 Official Best of Fest (6/21)
9:30 Rick Steves’ Iran (6/7)
Active with Arthritis (6/14)
Official Best of Fest (6/21)
Last of the Summer Wine (6/28)
11:00 Charlie Rose

Saturday
10:00 Omni Health Revolution (6/8)
Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013 (6/15)
12:00 Great Performances: Broadway Musicals (6/6)
3 Steps to Incredible Health (6/15)
1:30 Celtic Thunder Mythology (6/15)
2:00 Daniel O’Donnell from Any Window (6/9)
Active with Arthritis (6/8)
Moments to Remember (6/15)
5:00 Finding Your Element (6/8)
6:00 Off the Record (6/1, 22, 29)
60s Pop, Rock & Soul (6/15)
6:30 Under the Radar (Michigan) (6/7, 22, 29)
3 Steps to Incredible Health (6/8)

Sunday
10:00 Use Your Brain to Change Your Age (6/9)
3 Steps to Incredible Health (6/16)
12:00 Great Performances: Paul Simon (6/16)
2:00 Rick Steves’ Iran (6/7)
Active with Arthritis (6/16)
3:30 Truth About Exercise (Mosley) (6/9)
Carole King/Timothy Concert (6/16)
5:00 The Hollies: Look Through Any Window (6/9)
Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013 (6/16)
6:00 America’s Heartland (6/2, 23, 30)
6:30 Great Getaways (6/2, 23, 30)
Burt Bacharach’s Best (6/9)
7:00 Intelligence Squared (6/2)
Moments to Remember (6/16)
Global Voices (6/23)
Antiques Roadshow (6/2, 23, 30)
Ed Sullivan Comedy Special (6/9)
9:00 Ellen Degeneres: Mark Twain Prize (6/2)
Great Performances Dance in America (6/23)

Love Free or Die focuses on Bishop Gene Robinson. (Various times and channels beginning June 3)
WKAR Create

WKAR Create is seen on Channel 23.3 and many cable systems. Programming is subject to change. For the overnight Create schedule visit WKAR.org.

Food & Wine
America’s Home Cooking  F 6/14, 8 pm
America’s Test Kitchen  Su/Th 8:30 pm
Baking with Julia  Su/W 7:30 pm
Barbecue University  F 7:30 am & 1:30 pm
Caprial & John’s Kitchen  Tu/Th 7 pm
Chef John Besh  Su/Tu 9 pm
Christina Cooks  Tu/Th 2:30 pm
Ciao Italia  M/F 8 am & 2 pm
Cook’s Country  M/W/F 8:30 pm / Sa 2 pm
Cooking Odyssey  Su 7:30 am / W 7:30 am & 12:30 pm
Eat & Cook Healthy  M/6/10, 2:30 pm / W/6/12, noon / F 6/14, 7 pm / Su/6/15, 5:30 pm
Essential Pepin  Su/Tu/Th 8 & 11:30 pm
French Chef Classics  Tu/Th 7:30 pm (ends 6/4)
Hubert Keller  M/F 7:30 pm / Sa 1 pm
Joanne Weir Cooking School  Su/W 7 pm
Joanne Weir: Cooking Confidence  Su-F 6:30 & 9:30 pm / Sa 3 pm
Julia & Jacques  Tu/Th 7:30 pm (begins 6/18)
Julia Child Memories  Th 6/13, 9:30 am
Kimchi Chronicles  Tu/Th 7 am & 1 pm
Lidia’s Italy in America  M/W/F 6 & 11:30 pm / Sa 1:30 & 5 pm
Mexico: One Plate at a Time  M/W/F 9 pm / Sa 2:30 pm
Nick Stellino  M/F 2:30 (beginning May 31)
Perfect Day  Tu/Th 8 am & 2 pm
Primal Grill  M/F 7 am & 1 pm
Rachel’s Favorite Food  Su 8:30 am / W 2:30 pm
Sara’s Weeknight Meals  Su 8 am / W 8 am & 2 pm
Simply Ming  M/F 7 pm
Taste This  Su/W 7 am / W 1 pm

Gardening
Garden Smart  W 11 am & 5 pm
Growing a Greener World  M/F 11 am & 5 pm
P. Allen Smith: Garden Home  Su 11 am
P. Allen Smith: Garden to Table  Tu/Th 7:30 am & 1:30 pm
The Victory Garden  Tu/Th 11 am & 5 pm

Home & Decorating
Alone in the Wilderness  Su 6/9, 8:30 pm / Tu/6/11, 10:30 am / W 6/12, 2:30 pm
Around the House w/ Matt & Shari  M/F 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
For Your Home  Tu/Th 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Katie Brown Workshop  S/W 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Health & Lifestyles
3 Steps to Incredible Health  F 6/7, 11:30 am / Su/Su 6/9, 6:30 pm / Th 6/13, 6:30 pm
Active with Arthritis  Sa 6/8, 6 pm / Su 6/9, 2 pm / Tu/6/11, 1 pm
A.D.D. & Mastering It  Su 6/9, 3:30 pm
Body Electric  W 8:30 am
Classical Stretch  Th 8:30 am
Dr. Christiane Northrup  M/6/10, 8 pm / Th/6/13, 3 pm / M/6/17, 3 pm
Eat, Fast & Live Longer  Su 6/9, 5 pm
Ed Slott’s Retirement Rescue 2013  Sa 6/15, 8 pm
It Is Me or My Hormones?  Sa 6/11, 9 am

Painting
Best of Joy of Painting  Tu/Th 6:30 am & 12:30 pm
Color World (Spetz)  Su/W 6:30 am / W 12:30 pm
Jerry Yarnell/Paint This  M/F 6:30 am / F 12:30 pm

Sewing & Needlecraft
It’s Sew Easy  Su/W 6 am / W noon
Knit & Crochet Now  M/F 6 am & noon
Quilting Arts  Tu/Th 6:30 am & Noon
Quilts of Valor  W 6/12, 8 pm / Sa 6/15, 2:30 pm
Sewing with Nancy Special  M 6/10, 10:30 am

Travel and Recreation
Art Wolfe: Travels to the Edge  Su/W 9 am & 8 pm
Burt Wolf  Tu/Th 11 pm
Music Voyager  Tu/Th 9:30 am & 3:30 pm
New Fly Fisher  Su/6/9 am / W 3:30 pm
Richard Bangs’ Adventures  M/F 9 am & 3 pm
Rick Steves’ Europe  M-Sa 4 pm / Su-F 10:30 pm
Rick Steves’ Travel Skills  Su/6/16, 2 pm / M/6/17, 8 pm
Rudy Maxa’s World  Su/W 11 pm
Savor the Southwest Fiesta  F 6/7, 1:30 pm
Smart Travels/Rudy Maxa  Tu/Th 9 am & 3 pm
Travelscope  Sa 4:30 pm, M/F 11 pm

Woodworking
American Woodshop  M/F 10:30 am & 4:30 pm
Ask This Old House  S/W/F 10 am, 6 & 10 pm
Hometime  Tu/Th 10 am, 6 & 11 pm
Rough Cut  W 10:30 am & 4:30 pm / Su 10:30 am
This Old House  M/F 10 am, 6 & 10 pm / Sa 3:30 pm
Woodsmith Shop  Tu/Th 10:30 am & 4:30 pm

See the full schedule for WKAR, WKAR World and WKAR Create on WKAR.org.
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**June 1**
- from Joan, fondly remembering 61 years of tumultuous and happy days with Parker.
- in honor of Stuart’s birthday from Antoinette, Oliver, and Simon who love their father, Stuart.
- from Maxie Jackson wishing a happy birthday to his wife Carrie Jackson.
- wishing Frand and Laura Guerin a very happy anniversary.

**June 2**
- in celebration of the birthday of Shelley Spivack.
- from Craig and Cindy Wheeler in celebration of their grandson Oliver Adam Gemme’s second birthday.
- celebrating the first birthday of Josiah James Dawson with love from his Grandma and Grandpa Houseman.

**June 3**
- to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Larry O’Kelly’s birth.

**June 4**
- in celebration of Tom Elms’ first birthday, thanking everyone for helping up Team Tom.
- from Angelica Liu in celebration of her beloved husband George Liu on their wedding anniversary.

**June 5**
- from Walter Adams, in commemoration of the British heroes at Dunkirk, 1940.
- from John Lindstrom and Cynthia Kyle.
- in celebration of Betty Ingell on her birthday from Kathy and Fred.
- from Colleen Johnson and Ellen Ives in honor of Sam’s 14th birthday.

**June 6**
- in loving memory and gratitude for Patricia Flynn, from her husband and sons.
- from Arthur and Elizabeth Seagull, in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.
- in celebration of Sam Austin’s birthday.
- from Walter Adams, in commemoration of D-Day 1944 and the liberation of France.

**June 7**
- in memory of Claire Smith, on her birthday, from Joan C. Smith.
- from Jake and Maxine Ferris celebrating the birthdays of sons Bill and John.

**June 9**
- from Rich Weingartner who is celebrating his birthday and another year of enjoying WKAR.
- from Stan and Toba Kaplowitz in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

**June 10**
- from Wendell and Marcia Dilling in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on June 9th.
- from Jim and Angie Dye in celebration of 65 years of loving marriage.
- in honor of the Nagler’s truly wonderful and loving sister and aunt, Julie Gutterman.

**June 11**
- from Sue and Jack Davis in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary.
- from Conrad and Peggy Sindi in celebration of their 42nd anniversary.
- from David and Manilyn Crawford of Ann Arbor in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

**June 12**
- from Cherie and Ralph Vogler in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary tomorrow.
- from Robert and Cynthia Page in memory of Lula Gammage and Roosevelt and Dora Page.

**June 13**
- by Dennis Hall in celebration of Ehsan Ahmad’s birthday.
- in honor of Kepler’s 13th birthday from Alicia and Aron, who love you and are so glad to have you.

**June 14**
- from Linda and Darryl Apps celebrating 50 years of marriage tomorrow.

**June 15**
- from Matthew and Margaret DeLong in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary.
- from Larry and Anne Lawhorne celebrating their good friends in mid-Michigan.
- from Richard J. Baker and Deb Nolan.

**June 16**
- from B.T. and Ginny in celebration of 51 great years.
- from Mary Anna Kruch in honor of her and her husband Robert’s 40th wedding anniversary.

**June 17**
- from Linda and Chuck Furgason in celebration of their wedding anniversary.
- in celebration of the birthday of Harriet Squire, wife, mother, gardener, doctor, and remarkable creature.

**June 18**
- from Beverly’s loving family in celebration of David and Beverly Wiener’s wedding anniversary.
- from Tamara Hicks-Syron in memory of her beloved and courageous husband and soulmate, John.
- from Steve Betterly and Joanne Mahony in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary today.

**June 19**
- from Grace Menzel and JB McCombs in celebration of their 14th anniversary.
- by Wendy Chappness in celebration of Larry Snyder’s birthday.

**June 20**
- from Dr. Beth Alexander in celebration of the beauty in the world around us.
- leave a Legacy of Excellence

Join the Legacy Society in Supporting WKAR Radio and Television.

Getting started:
- Discuss what legacy you would like to leave
- Determine your level of support
- Work with an attorney to incorporate WKAR into your will
- Share your plans with WKAR

Contact Cathy Zell for more information: CZell@wkar.org or (517) 884-4730
June Membership Specials

Swing into summer with some terrific new and entertaining specials during our annual June membership campaign. (Check the listings for times; many are repeated and also air on WKAR World or Create).

If music is your thing, ‘70s & ‘80s Soul Rewind, hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, should delight. She will welcome group and solo artists from these two decades, introducing the smooth, sexy and sophisticated music that brought a whole new sound to the ‘70s and ‘80s.

Host Robert Wagner introduces archival performances celebrating songwriter Burt Bacharach, with music by the original artists who made the music famous.

“Glee”s Mr. Schuester — singer, dancer and performer Matthew Morrison — puts his energetic, creative stamp on American standards, including “The Lady Is a Tramp,” “Younger Than Springtime,” and more in Matthew Morrison: Where It All Began – Live from the Bushnell.

Woody Guthrie at 100! Live at the Kennedy Center celebrates the centennial of Woody Guthrie’s birthday. Featured are John Mellencamp, Jackson Browne, Donovan, Ani DiFranco, Rosanne Cash, The Old Crow Medicine Show and more.

You’ll also find two programs that are featured just because of requests from viewers like you. In April, Michael Mosley’s Eat, Fast & Live Longer and The Truth About Exercise brought tremendous viewer response. You can find these airing during this period. Please support them and other favorite shows with your gift.

What’s On

Annie: It’s the Hard Knock Life, From Script to Stage
Fri., June 28, 9 pm
The show-stopping musical Annie, its characters and its songs are timeless and classic. After 35 years, that orphan returns to Broadway. This film offers a memorable behind-the-scenes look at every step of a single Annie production number, from the earliest phases of discussion among the creative team, rehearsals with actors, to opening night on Broadway. Through the staging of the song “It’s the Hard Knock Life,” viewers are introduced to the work of the actors who play the orphans, and the professionals who shape and contribute to the final production of the song.

Independent Lens: Love Free or Die
Mon., June 3, 10 pm
Gene Robinson loves God – and his partner, Mark. This film tells of one man’s struggle to dispel the notion that God’s love has limits. Robinson became the first openly gay elected bishop in the high church traditions of Christendom. His 2003 elevation in the New Hampshire diocese ignited a worldwide firestorm in the Anglican Communion that has threatened to create a schism.

In the face of it all, Robinson confronts those who use religion as a means of oppression and claims a place in the church and society for everyone.

American Experience: John D. Rockefeller
Tues., June 18, 8 pm
For decades, the Rockefeller name was despised in America, associated with John D. Rockefeller Sr.’s feared monopoly, Standard Oil. This comprehensive biography reveals how he changed the way America does business and the quest of his only son to redeem the family reputation.

Masterpiece Mystery! Inspector Lewis, VI
Sundays, 9 pm
Inspector Lewis and Sgt. Hathaway return in two Season V encores and new episodes of their final season.

Look for them to uncover the double life of a murdered psychic, the discovery of an already embalmed body, and a 15-year cold case related to the death of a professor and his student who has been missing for more than a decade.

Sunday Night Royalty
Sundays, 8 pm
Sunday night will feature royal stories and palaces including Royal Memories: Prince Charles’ Tribute to the Queen and Secrets of Henry VIII’s Palace. In the latter you will enter the ultimate pleasure palace, Hampton Court, for a wealth of art and stories.
Thank you for more information, please call Barbara Beers at (517) 884-4758.

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June 18

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June 20

• from Linda and Darryl Apps celebrating 50 years

June 26 (repeated June 30)

Hear This!

Meet Al Martin, WKAR’s New Sports Host!

For Al Martin, coming to WKAR is a homecoming. The 2012 MSU journalism graduate emphasized sports reporting in his studies.

Fascinated with sports since middle school and editor of his school newspaper, Martin dreamed of being in the NBA, but “No Division 1 schools were knocking on my door to play basketball,” he said.

Al will host Current Sports with Al Martin and also cover sports on Current State. He will also be changing up WKAR’s sports coverage.

“I really see sports talk evolving in a few areas,” he says.

He wants to extend the content of the show. “I want to dive deep into topics that relate to anyone. Anyone.”

Topics will focus on issues such as concussions in sports and the business of sports.

He’ll also ask important questions. “Look at the lack of African Americans in the game of baseball today. What has diverted their interest over the years? Those topics go beyond your typical Xs and Os.”

“I’m humbled and honored to be in this position,” he says. “To carry forward for a class act like Earle Robinson and have an opportunity like this is truly a blessing. I can’t wait to see how this show evolves and how people respond to it.”
Three great nights, six great bands!

Your chance to be part of the televised audience (viewed across the country) for next season’s BackStage Pass.

June 18, 19, 20
The Albert A. White Performing Arts Theater
East Lansing Hannah Community Center, East Lansing, MI 48823

Featuring
The Hard Lessons (Hard Rock)  Mustard Plug (Ska-Punk)
Simien the Whale (Rock, Pop & Soul)  Lowdown Brass Band (Horn-driven Reggae & Pop)
Elliot Street Lunatic (Indie-Rock)  Funktion (Island Rhythms & Funk)

Concerts are free but tickets are required. Available at WKAR.org.