

# Music Festival To Feature Diverse Lineup

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With a Blue Dress On." He has continued to record more than two dozen solo and group albums, imbuing each track with his self-described signature "blend of rock and rhythm."

He has visited the Island three times before and says he loves the unspoiled beauty of the Island. He has performed twice here, both times at Grand Hotel.

"It's one of the most beautiful places in our state," Mr. Ryder said of Mackinac Island. "I love the warm days and the crisp nights. I know what I have to do when I get on stage, but I'm looking forward to taking a bike out or going for the walk during the free time I have."

Five members of Mr. Ryder's band will join him on the Island, all of them "young, motivated, and excited players." They include Patrick Harwood on keyboard, Bryan Lourd and Chris Brently on guitar, Shawn Banderaff on bass, and Jerome Day on drums.

Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will perform with Switchback, a Celtic folk band from Chicago, Wednesday, August 20, at the Mission Point Theater beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 in advance and \$35 at the door. Children under 12 are free.

The festival will also provide many opportunities for those less interested in rock and roll to come out and enjoy the music. One such opportunity comes from the young band Elephant Revival of Nederland, Colorado, which, according to band member Dan Rose, plays "transcendental folk music, crossing traditional genre lines."

Elephant Revival exemplifies the festival's goal of a diverse line-up. Mr. Rose and his fellow band members Daniel Rodriguez, Bridget Law, Sage T. Cook, and Bonnie Paine all contribute something unique to the band's sound, creating what Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau Director Mary McGuire Slevin describes as "Alison Krauss singing with the Grateful Dead."

"All the members of our band come from different backgrounds," Mr. Rose said. As a result, the band's eclectic sound appeals to all different types of listeners. "We can play for a group of college kids and then for a group of old hippies and it works," he explained.

Elephant Revival also looks forward to spending some time relaxing on Mackinac.

"We've spent our whole summer in a tour bus, going from Seattle to Bloomington, Indiana," Mr. Rose explained. "We're excited to play some

great music, embrace the community, relax, and enjoy the Island away from all the cars."

Elephant Revival, joined by Texas singer and songwriter Colin Gilmore, will perform Tuesday, August 19, at 7:30 at the Mission Point Theater. Tickets cost \$10 each, or \$25 for four.

In addition to these bands, the festival will feature the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, Alex Graham and the Grand Hotel Orchestra, Chordiology Barbershop Quartet, festival veterans the Forbes Brothers, and more.

"I think everyone will find something they'll want to attend," Ms. Barnwell said. "We're hoping for a good turnout."

The festival will include two book signings at the Island Bookstore. Judy Davis, author of "Rock Star Mommy, My Life as a Rocker Mom," will sign her book Tuesday, August 19, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Jim Mitchell, author of the Mitch Ryder biography, "It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music," will sign his book Wednesday, August 20, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Mark Arminski, award-winning artist who designs the Music Festival posters, will have his works displayed at Horn's Gaslight Bar Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# Music Festival Schedule of Events

All events are free unless otherwise noted. The schedule is as follows:

### Tuesday, August 19

• 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Petoskey Steel Drum Band at Mary's Bistro Waterside

The Caribbean-style group returns to the Music Festival

• 3 - 4 p.m. "Rock Star Mommy, My Life as a Rocker Mom"

Book signing with author and rocker Judy Davis at the Island Bookstore

• 5 - 6 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere...

Venues around town including the Bistro on the Greens, the Carriage House, Horn's Gaslight Bar, Mary's Bistro, the Pink Pony, Round Island Bar and Grill at Mission Point, the Mustang Lounge, Millie's on Main, the Village Inn, and the Yankee Rebel Tavern host local singer/songwriters along with some of the Festival's performers.

• 7:30 p.m. Music at the Mission

Texas singer/songwriter Colin Gilmore and Colorado bluegrass band Elephant Revival perform in the Mission Point Theater. Tickets are \$10 each, or four for \$25.

• 9:30 p.m. Jazz Night with Alex Graham Quartet at the Gate House restaurant

### Wednesday, August 20

• 1 - 2 p.m. Chordiology Barbershop Quartet at Windermere Point

• 2:30 - 3:30 Poema Musica de la Baroque at Mackinac Island Public Library

Mackinac Island summer resident and classical guitarist Roger Humphrey is joined by flutist Lisa Wassom for an afternoon of selections from Baroque composers.

• 4 - 5:30 Freshwater - An Afternoon of Celtic Music at

Mission Church

Tickets are \$3 at the door, with children younger than 12 free.

• 3 - 5 p.m. The Art of Rock at Horn's Gaslight Bar

An event to showcase the work of reknowned rock artist Mark Arminski, who has designed the posters for the past three Music Festivals.

• 5 - 6 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere...

• 7:30 p.m. Music at the Mission

Celtic-infused folk band Switchback returns to the Mackinac Island Music Festival to open for the legendary rock band Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels in the festival's headlining event.

Tickets are \$32 in advance and \$35 at the door. Admission for children younger than 12 is free.

### Thursday, August 21

• 1 - 5:30 p.m. Mackinac Music Festival Hoedown on the Grand Wagon Stage at the bottom of the Grand Hill, west of the tennis courts

• John D Lamb, the Forbes Brothers, Colin Gilmore, Kraig Kenning, Shout Sister Shout, The Mickeys, and Rick Niemi and Shotgun Willie perform in a family-style, outdoor concert.

• 1 - 5 p.m. Marshall Music Instrument Zoo on the Grand Wagon Stage

Lansing's Marshall Music Company samples the sounds of a variety of musical instruments.

• 9 - 10 p.m. An Evening of Swing at Grand Hotel in the Terrace Room

Dance to the live music of Alex Graham and the Grand Hotel Orchestra.

• 10 p.m. - Gate House Jam

The musicians of the 2008 Mackinac Island Music Festival gather at the Gate House for a final jam session.

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