

# Radio Waves Music Festival

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WTIP North Shore Community Radio is proud to present the 7th annual Radio Waves Music Festival, featuring three days of music by local and regional musicians.

This guide will help you get to know the musicians, and shares a little bit about Radio Waves as well as our unique radio station.

*Welcome and enjoy!*

## About Radio Waves...

The Radio Waves Music Festival started in 2008 as part of WTIP's ten-year anniversary celebration. The festival takes place annually the weekend after Labor Day at the west end of the Grand Marais Recreation Area. There's a tent in case of rain, a dance floor, kids activities for a portion of Saturday and Sunday, and on-site food.

## Information Tent

The Information Tent is located near the festival entrance, with WTIP staff and volunteers on hand throughout the festival. Check it out if you need to pick up a festival schedule (or another festival guide like this one), pick up a prize if you were a lucky winner, make a donation to WTIP, find a WTIP program guide, purchase a Radio Waves t-shirt, and much, much more.

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WTIP is grateful to the many volunteers who help make this event possible.  
Thank you!

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## Fred Anderson

For over 50 years Fred has studied 6 and 12 string guitar styles and techniques of various artists, from Leo Kottke to Doc Watson and more. He's played in several blues and jazz combos, including



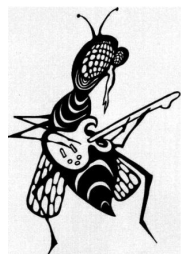
The Channel Cats Blues Band and The Cutaways Jazz Quartet, and recently joined The North Shore Community Swing Band. Lately he's enjoyed revisiting compositions he wrote years ago when playing coffee houses in the Cities and southeastern Minnesota.

**Performing:**  
**Friday 5:10 p.m.**

## Blues Galaxy

Blues Galaxy is a band of brothers and sisters woven by the same molecular fiber put on this earth to promote peace and happiness by binding the universe with smooth harmonies and hard driving blues rhythm and a sound that is distinct yet curiously familiar. You will immediately recognize these sounds as simply out of this world.

**Performing: Sunday 4:05 p.m.**



## Bughouse!

Three friends who grew up right here in Cook County - Al Oikari, Rod Dockan and John Mianowski - join together to resurrect their "rock-n-roll days" jamming in the music room in high school. Joining them on drums is Joe Luoma.

**Performing: Saturday 5:05 p.m.**

## The Carpenter Ants

The Carpenter Ants are a band in the true sense of the word. Having logged more than 3,000 performances over nearly three decades, the group has created a unique and timeless blend of mountain

soul. Members are: Charlie Tee (vocs), Michael Lipton (guitar/vocs), Ted Harrison

(bass, vocs) and Jupie Little (drums, vocs).

**Performing: Saturday 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. with Gordon Thorne**



## Larry Carpenter

Larry has been playing, singing and collecting songs since his college days, dragging his guitar to Africa, Micronesia and New Zealand, and across the North Atlantic twice on sailboats. Many of the songs he plays have a nautical flavor and are

played from the deck of his sailboat on Lake Superior or around a campfire at music festivals. His songs can take you to the glaciers of Patagonia,

farms of the Great Plains and the coast of Labrador. And there are songs to take you home.

**Performing: Saturday 10:00 a.m.**



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## Al and Don and the Coast Connection Remnants

Al Hedstrom and Don Bauer team up with Joe Higgins and Chris Gillis to bring an eclectic mix of



original tunes, and maybe a “trademark” cover or two. Al, Don and Joe - a Chicago native who now spends the winter months in Florida - have played together in the Coast Connection band for three years. **Performing: Saturday 7:50 p.m.**

## Cook County's Most Wanted



Cook County's Most Wanted (originally known as “Rod 'n Real”) is a Radio Waves mainstay, playing at every festival so far. This local favorite plays a sweet blend of “Fine Rock & Choice

Country” music, from Roy Orbison to Gillian Welch. The members of CCMW are Rod “Little Daddy” Dockan (guitar and vocals), Al “The Iron Finn” Oikari (keyboards, lap steel, and guitar), Carah “Boo” Thomas (mountain dulcimer and vocals), Gary “Wan Kenobe” Croft (guitar and vocals), Dale “Snuffy” Smith (bass), and guest drummer Joe “Hot Rods” Luoma.

**Performing: Saturday 6:20 p.m.**

## The Curry Family Band

A regular performer at events in Finland and Silver Bay, the band consists of three generations of musicians and vocalists that



play everything from bluegrass and old-timey music to classic country hits.

**Performing: Saturday 2 p.m.**

## D'Merritt

D'Merritt plays for... the excitement that they felt when they were kids and heard their favorite new song come on the radio...for the energy...for



the thrill of standing on stage and motivating people to join in and dance to become

a part of the music with them...for the spirit of the music... and for the dream. They are Cory Merritt, Kari Merritt, Nace Hagemann, and Ted Czaplicki.

**Performing: Saturday 2:50 p.m.**

## Earth, Wind & Todd

A groovy '70's dance band that puts a unique spin on material while playing infectious one hit wonders, rock, pop, funk, soul and disco. They are: Todd Miller, Kristen Smith Johnson, Amy Brooks Varga, John Varga, Jesse



Johnson, Briand Morrison and Roxann Berglund.

**Performing: Saturday 11 a.m.**



## The Frozen Britches

This traditional Irish duo is Tom van Cleve on fiddle/accordion and Erik Hahn on flute/whistle. They share their love of the music of ancient Ireland, as well as

explore newer tunes and more contemporary approaches to Celtic music. Joining them on guitar for this performance is Chris Julin from Duluth.

**Performing: Saturday 4:30 p.m.**



## Ric Gillman & Bruce Bowers



Enjoy the combination of fiddle and 6 and 12 string guitar music by the talented duo of long-time Big Top Chautauqua fiddle

player T. Bruce Bowers and seasoned Madeline Island finger style guitarist Ric Gillman.

**Performing: Saturday 7:10 p.m.**

## Gina Lee

Gina started singing as a little girl, and first performed in front of an audience at age 6. In her teens, she picked up the guitar and started writing songs. She has been part of a number of bands through the years and currently performs as a one-woman band (recording various parts on her Roland keyboard and playing her 12-string guitar). Her style is an eclectic mix of folk, rock and country with powerful vocals that appeal to all ages. **Performing:**

**Saturday 5:45 p.m.**



## Rich Mattson & The North Stars

Minnesota singer-songwriter Rich Mattson of Sparta Sound — and bands the Tisdales and Ol' Yeller — presents a new col-

laboration with Germaine

Gemberling. Joined by nephew Curtis Mattson on drums, Russell Bergum on bass and Eli Bissonett on violin, Rich intends to dust off some old tunes, and honor requests. He's known as a human juke-box, and his songbook is epic.

**Performing: Friday 8:30 p.m.**



## Jim & Michele Miller

For over ten years, Jim was the driving force behind Twin Cities band, Thunder Creek. Meanwhile Michele was honing her songwriting and multi-



instrumental skills, and spearheading Celtic band, Wild Mountain Thyme. They now inspire with folk, country, bluegrass and classic

rock ballads - using tight harmonies, thoughtful originals and a myriad of instruments.

**Performing: Friday 6:25 p.m.**

## Sam Miltich & The Clearwater

### Hot Club

Formed in 2003 by guitarist Sam Miltich and his father Matthew (on bass), this Grand Rapids, MN based band honors the

music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grapelli. Joined by Gary Schulte on fiddle and Mike Miller on drums, they're described as "one of the most exciting and joyful Gypsy bands anywhere."

**Performing: Sunday 4:55 p.m.**



## Briand Morrison & Roxann Berglund

Guitarist Briand Morrison and sultry-voiced jazz vocalist Roxann Berglund bring to the stage a mix of classic jazz standards and pop favorites. Each brings years of experience and a high degree of technical excellence to their performance. The passion and sensitivity in their music is immediately evident.

**Performing:**  
**Sunday 3:30 p.m.**



## Maria Nickolay

Before becoming a solo artist in her own right, Maria performed around the area in bands with family and friends. She recently spent time in Ireland learning traditional Irish music, and has returned to the North Shore, playing in local venues. With a voice laced with both smoke and silk, she presents a depth of musical genres, including Traditional Irish, Appalachian, Blues, Folk, Indie, Country and even a little Rock n' Roll.



**Performing:**  
**Saturday 11:50 a.m.**

## North Shore Community Swing Band

Since 1999, this all-volunteer swing band has presented big band dance favorites of all generations, performing at various public events throughout the year. **Performing: Friday 4 p.m.**



## Oversize Load

Founded by four friends with a common interest in Rock/Hard Rock and Heavy Metal, Oversize Load has been a fixture on the local music scene for over 20 years.

They released their second CD, "OSL Style", in June 2014. Playing everything from Jerry



Lee Lewis to Metallica, their gigs range anywhere from acoustic shows to full blown dances.

**Performing: Friday 5:40 p.m.**

## The Joe Paulik Band

The Joe Paulik Band presents a classic and eclectic mix of cover songs and has brought Joe's original music to heightened levels as well. They are: Joe Paulik on lead vocals and acoustic 12 & 6 string guitars; Jessi Nicholson on lead vocals; John Mianowski on bass; Max Bichel on violin; Derek Smith on drums/percussion; and Briand Morrison on guitar. **Performing: Sunday 1:50 p.m.**



## The Pete K Group

Pete Kavanaugh leads on guitar and vocals bringing outstanding R&B based blues rock with a heavy emphasis on contemporary Chicago style blues. Joining Pete for this performance is Jeff Rogers on drums (who currently plays with Lamont Cranston), and John Wright on bass (who plays with Galactic Cowboy Orchestra and Lehto and Wright).

**Performing: Sunday 2:40 p.m.**

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## Portage

Sing along and stomp your feet to the boot scootin' covers of classic country and rockabilly chart toppers by this local ensemble,

regular performers in the area. Performing at this year's festival is: Tom Hoy, Joe Peterson, Jim Spry, Arvid Dahl and Beth Olson.

**Performing: Saturday 3:40 p.m.**



## Pushing Chain

Pushing Chain is Boyd Blomberg on guitar and vocals and Adam Moe on fiddle and vocals.

They've played together since 1997, and recorded their first album in 1998. Told many times



that they are exponentially stronger musically together than they are apart, they are finally starting to believe it. Pushing Chain believes in strong harmonies, kazooos, and sad songs... in

performing songs never played together, and jamming with people we've just met... that a guitarist and a fiddler can cover Hendrix if they want to... that music can cause tears and laughter, sometimes in the course of one song...that there are still important songs to be written... and that a good band will make strangers share a table.

**Performing: Friday 7:45 p.m.**

## Shoot from the Hipsters

A group of veteran (old) Cook County musicians playing out and having fun. Some songs have come from The Sivertones, some from Don Juan, a couple from playing the first Ramble at Cascade



and now, some are coming from Russ Viton. Rick Brandenburg, Don Bauer, Liz Sivertson and John Gruber have played together in various forms for 20

some years. Russ Viton is local gem. And joining for this year's festival - maybe - Musa and Chris Gillis. **Performing: Sunday 1 p.m.**

## John Silliman

John currently plays eleven different types of instruments, and has long term plans to learn more. His influences include Celtic, Folk, Bluegrass and Classic Country music; and he's thrilled to share his music again this year!

**Performing: Saturday 10:30 a.m.**



## skyBLUEtrio

## and the ORANGEgirl

This quartet of Grand Marais musicians performs singable and danceable jazz standards and original jazz compositions. All have performed popular and classical music in various ensembles. They are: Karina Roth on vocals; Mike Roth on bass; Erik Hahn on sax/flute; and Mike DeBevec on piano/vocals. Joining them for this performance is Chris Coffman from Duluth.

**Performing: Saturday 1:10 p.m.**



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## The SplinterTones

Leah Thomas, Jeff DeShaw, Rick Brandenburg and Bill Hansen - original members of The Splinters -



are joined by Holly Harwig, Max Bichel, Liz Sivertson, John Gruber and Chris Gillis,

to form the dance band The SplinterTones (aka SplinterNation). They excel at playing in tents during blizzards and on rooftops during lightning storms - where other bands are too sane to tread.

**Performing: Sunday 5:45 p.m.**

## The Spruce Roots

From the West End of Cook County, they combine original material with roots-inspired Americana that blends the traditional with the new.

They are Bump Blomberg (guitar, mandolin, vocs),



Jim Elverhoy (harmonica, vocs), Eric Frost (guitar, vocs), Jessa Frost (fiddle), Bill Hansen (dobro) and Travis Wickwire (bass).

**Performing: Sunday 11:30 a.m.**

## Gordon Thorne

Along with The Carpenter Ants, local troubadour Gordon Thorne will present a Sunday morning set of acoustic spirituals - tipping his hat to Reverend



Gary Davis, Willie Johnson, John Hurt and other masters of the gospel guitar. **Performing: Sunday 10 a.m. with the Carpenter Ants**

## The Trails End Band & Friends

Enjoy classic and current rock, blues and a bit of country thrown in for good measure! They are:

Tony Faras on guitar/vocals, Mark Darling on keyboards, and Nolan Chenevert on bass. Joined for Radio



Waves by Pete Kavanaugh and Bump Blomberg.

**Performing: Saturday 12:20 p.m.**

## Viton, LaVigne, Mills & Hand

This trio first connected musically in 2010 at the weekly Song Circles held at Shanty Camp in



Grand Marais. Although hailing from divergent musical histories, they discovered a shared love

of vocal harmonies. Along with Russ Viton's awesome guitar playing, they're excited to continue this experiment and share with willing victims!

**Performing: Friday 7:05 p.m.**

## Whurl

Whurl is the Grand Marais-based alt/psych rock trio of Derek Smith (guitar/



vocals/cello), Erik Lastine (bass/synth) and Will Seaton (drums). Expect vivacious and vibrant originals akin to witnessing the Big Bang, a slow motion florid explosion of time, color and sound. **Performing: Sunday 12:20 p.m.**

# About WTIP



WTIP North Shore Community Radio went on the air in 1998 to serve the North Shore of Lake Superior.

We're dedicated to bringing a voice to area residents and connecting listeners with local news, weather, information, and the culture of the North Shore. Over our 16 years of service, we have continually increased our programming, outreach, and response to community needs.

## ***Regular features include:***

- Entertainment and news that serve and reflect the North Shore
  - Perspectives from area residents
  - Insight into area culture
- Information about local events and happenings

## **Become a member**

WTIP works hard to serve the needs and interests of our community of listeners. Please support our efforts by becoming a member or renewing your membership. *A member is someone who makes a financial donation to WTIP. Membership is good for one year from the date of donation. All contributions are tax deductible.*

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