WTIP North Shore Community Radio welcomes you to the 16th Annual Radio Waves Music Festival!

22 acts
3 days

Inside: Get to know the musicians and our unique, community radio station.
Stonebridge Singers are a community drum group from Chi Onigaming—the Grand Portage Ojibwe Nation. Performing a set of opening and inter-tribals to kick off Radio Waves 16!

2:30 p.m. Friday

Portage are toe-tapping, classic country and rockabilly in the roadhouse tradition. The band is Jim Spry (guitar/vocals), Butch Deschampe (guitar/vocals), Arvid Dahl (lead guitar), Jacob McCormick (bass), Gary Croft (vocals) and Smokin’ Joe Petersen (drums).

4 p.m. Friday

Roxann Berglund & Briand Morrison are based on the North Shore of Lake Superior. They collaborate on original songs plus favorites from all eras, blending piano and vocals with jazz, folk, torch pop and rock.

3 p.m. Friday

Dan Nelson & Superior Sound are Dan Nelson, a formally trained musician, on guitar; John Gruber on bass guitar and vocals; Martha Marnocha on keyboards; and Mike Reeves on percussion. The group performs a potent mix of funk, blues, R&B, and Jazz.

5 p.m. Friday

Humbird travels like a bramble, fusing experimental folk and environmental Americana genres in a mosaic of theaters, clubs, gardens, festivals, barns, caves, and other strange locations. Siri Undlin, the songwriter behind the moniker, forges an explorative embodiment of the narrative folk song and balladry tradition for these modern times, inviting a whole host of collaborators and listeners to add and expand the music.

6 p.m. Friday
Dre AKA Jamaican is a talented hip hop artist living in the north woods of Minnesota. Known for energetic live shows, infectious beats and clever rhymes, Dre also creates school-appropriate music for the kids he works with at Great Expectations Charter School.

7:40 p.m. Friday

Evening Stars - uncommonly groovy soul music. They are: Drew Heinonen (lead and rhythm guitar), Barb LaVigne (flute/wind synthesizer/lvocals), Jonathan Steckelberg (bass), Erik Hahn (tenor/Baritone Saxophone), Ted Czaplicki (drums), Eric Anderson (trombone/harmony), and last but not least, Todd Miller, (lead and rhythm guitars/vocals).

Plus, special guests to be announced!

8:40 p.m. Friday

The North Shore Swing Band has been making music in our area for nearly 25 years. Performing standards of the Big Band era with numerous soloists, including the vocal stylings of Carah Thomas. The North Shore Swing Band has been an integral part of Radio Waves since the beginning.

Musicians - Alto Sax: Kathy Bolstad, Julie Carlson
Tenor Sax: Erik Hahn, Teresa Bragg
Baritone Sax: Mike Bash; Clarinet: Margaret Opp
Trumpet: Don Grant, Robert Reed, Bill Burchardt, Paul Dragsten, Steve Robertson, Tim Sullivan
Trombone: Eric Anderson, Dave Coleman, Ray Johanneck, Julie Ziedel, Moses Rodriguez
Guitar: Fred Anderson, Dan Nelson; Bass: Roger Barton; Keyboard: Barbara LaMotte; Drums: Mike Reeves; Vocals: Carah Thomas

10 a.m. Saturday

Adam Kirsch is a multi-instrumentalist based on Minnesota’s north shore. Kirsch’s solo guitar music follows a path laid out by American Primitive guitarists, such as John Fahey and Glenn Jones and celebrates devotion to the beauty and complex power of the natural world. Before relocating to the north woods, Adam played in a number of Minneapolis based bands, including Fire in the Northern Firs, D1IE, and the Absent Arch.

11:10 a.m. Saturday
The Southpaws have roots in Cook County’s west end, where young left-handed grade schoolers Steve Johnson and Al Oikari learned old country and rock & roll songs on a 4 string guitar and upright piano. Decades later they’re still playing much of the material they grew up with, adding contemporary material. They are joined by drummer/vocalist Todd Smith and bassist Pat Flack, who are both working on their left-handed penmanship.

12:10 p.m. Saturday

Eli Bentley is a Minnesota singer-songwriter from the plains of the Red River Valley. His influences range from gospel country & classic rock, to grunge, and folk. You’ll hear a consistently eclectic set of classics to original tunes about the plains, places travelled, and friends and family along the way.

2:30 p.m. Saturday

Sky Blue Jazz Ensemble are the ambassadors for jazz on the North Shore since their inception 14 years ago. They perform all styles from the last century of jazz, focusing on contemporary jazz and jazz/pop fusion, and include original compositions and arrangements. Sky Blue musicians are all from Grand Marais and are: Mike Roth (bass/drums), Karina Roth (vocals), Erik Hahn, (sax/flute), Eric Anderson (trombone), Daniel Nelson, (acoustic/electric guitar/bass), Mike DeBevec (piano/vocals).

Radio Waves special guest vocalist is Tina Hegg Raway!

1:10 p.m. Saturday

The Splints are Liz Sivertson (horns/vocals), Leah Thomas (accordion/vocals), Jeff Deshaw (bass), Max Bichel (violin/vocals), Ben Obinger (violin), and Rick Brandenburg (drums). The band hails from the north shore of Lake Superior and have been playing music together for many years.

3:30 p.m. Saturday
Rich Mattson and the Northstars

Sprouting from the same teal backwater as Bob Dylan on northern Minnesota’s Iron Range, Rich Mattson came up in the 80’s learning songs from John Denver to Link Wray with a little Elvis Costello and Neil Young tossed into the mix. Now residing in Sparta MN with his life and love partner Germaine Gemberling (vocals/guitar), the two have been writing, and performing together since 2010. The Northstars are Chris Petrack (drums), Kyle Westrick (bass) and Dan Anderson (keys).

8:40 p.m. Saturday

Spruce Roots

Spruce Roots is a band of Cook County friends consisting of Eric and Jessa Frost, Bump Blomberg, Jim Elverhoy, Bill Hansen, and Ben Byron. The group has evolved over the past 12 years, with each member contributing their own thread to the tapestry of our local music scene. Blending original music and traditional songs from a variety of musical branches, Spruce Roots is an acoustic collective whose sound reflects the woods and waters of the North Shore.

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Sam Miltich & Clearwater Hot Club with Briand Morrison

Sam Miltich (guitar), Briand Morrison (guitar), and Jay Epstein (drums) are dedicated to preserving the the Jazz Manouche style pioneered by Django Reinhardt. Sam Miltich has written original works of music in the Jazz Manouche style, giving credence to the roots and traditions of the music while bringing a fresh, new voice.

5:30 p.m. Saturday

David Huckfelt

David Huckfelt is a singer/lyricist/activist and founding frontman of Minneapolis indie-folk cult favorite The Pines. David’s work preserves a rugged optimism that blasts through layers of dark in real time with songs that speak volumes, soft & clear. He has released two critically acclaimed solo-albums, Stranger Angels and Room Enough, Time Enough. David’s Radio Waves special guest is Jeremy Ylvisaker!

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8:40 p.m. Saturday
John Ellison & The Carpenter Ants with special guest Larry Groce - At 82, John “Some Kind of Wonderful” Ellison continues to perform with the energy, enthusiasm and joy of a man half his age. His shows are soulful, rocking and filled with tales of his storied life. Joined by West Virginia’s premiere rhythm & blues group, the Carpenter Ants the Radio Waves audience can expect a legendary show! John and the Ants have also invited Larry Groce - a singer, songwriter and one of the founders of West Virginia Public Broadcasting’s “Mountain Stage.”

10 a.m. Sunday

MorningBird is an acoustic trio featuring singer songwriters Rob Wheeler (guitar/harmonica/vocals), Jill Burkes (violin/guitar/vocals), and Josh Palmi (upright bass/vocals). The three harmonize together on folk classics as well as original tunes.

11:40 p.m. Sunday

Ginger Bones is an abnormal folk-rock-food-music trio consisting of Zack (percussion), Willow (vocal/bass), and Abzayak (vocals/guitar). Local fans say they define cool.

12:40 p.m. Sunday

Fred Anderson is an accomplished jazz guitarist from Lutsen, MN. Joining him in this new band are the sensational Ben Obinger (fiddle), Will Moore (bass), and Bob Lamettry (cajon/percussion). Together they play jazz and standards focusing on hot club jazz, Latin rhythms, and blues classics. These songs take on new and unique qualities with their interesting instrumentation.

1:40 p.m. Sunday
Colleen “Boss Mama” Myhre takes listeners on an emotional ride from smooth country heartbreak to foot stomping Americana blues. Her songwriting ranges from honest emotion and earthly imagery to the raucousness of horses, strippers, and whiskey. Myhre is a true American singer/songwriter grounded in her passion of soulful and heartfelt music.

2:40 p.m. Sunday

Food trucks are located just outside the ticket gate and will be open during Festival hours. Please inquire about specific hours with each vendor.

Thank you local chefs!

Bad Seed Food Truck: Christina’s creative take on Burgers, Sandwiches, Fries, Vegetarian

Crooked Spoon Food Truck: Crookedly Delicious Burgers, Fish & Chips, Beyond Burgers, more!

Concessions Available at the WTIP Merch Counter!
WTIP North Shore Community Radio is an independent, nonprofit radio station broadcasting from the north shore of Lake Superior in Grand Marais since 1998.

Our programming and services include:

• Local weather, news, information and events
• Eclectic music programming
• Educational and entertaining programs and features, including over 25 locally produced programs per week, hosted by volunteers
• Resource-filled website: Visit www.wtip.org for news, archived stories and features, community events, local music calendar, playlists and more
• Online listening: Tune in from anywhere, via your computer, tablet or smartphone

We can’t do it without you!

As an independent community radio station, WTIP relies on the support of our listener-members to continue bringing the essential, entertaining and diverse mix of programming you hear every day. If you’re not already a member, consider supporting our efforts with a one-time or monthly contribution.

Visit the Membership Booth to make a pledge.

Thanks for keeping community radio strong!