



SUMMER 2016

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Photos by Peggy Brisbane.

Wheatland Music Festival 2016 Main Stage Schedule

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:00-6:50pm Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band	12:00-12:50pm The Mike & Ruthy Band	10:00-11:00am Gospel Hour
7:10-8:00pm The Cactus Blossoms	1:10-2:00pm The Cactus Blossoms	11:20-12:10pm The Gibson Brothers
8:20-9:10pm The Black Twig Pickers	2:20-3:10pm Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band	12:30-1:20pm Three Women and the Truth
9:30-10:20pm Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble	3:30-4:20pm Adonis Puentes & the Voice of Cuba Orchestra	1:40-2:30pm Adonis Puentes & the Voice of Cuba Orchestra
10:40-11:30pm The Mike & Ruthy Band	4:40-5:30pm Charlie Musselwhite	2:30-2:50 Kids Hill Parade
	6:30-7:20pm Three Women and the Truth	2:50-3:40pm Nic Gareiss & Friends
	7:40-8:30pm The Gibson Brothers	4:00-4:50pm Charlie Musselwhite
	8:50-9:40pm Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble	5:10-6:00pm Asleep at the Wheel
	10:00-10:50pm Solas	6:20-7:10pm Solas
	11:10-12:00am Asleep at the Wheel	

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2015 annual report

REVENUE

		% of Total
Fund Raising	\$121,214	13.1
Program Revenue	\$792,982	85.7
Interest/Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 11,104</u>	1.2
TOTAL REVENUE	\$925,300	

EXPENSES

Programming, Archival, Comm. Ed,		
Festival Operations & Volunteers	\$634,330	74.3
Fund Raising: t-shirts, raffle,		
Donations, memberships, etc.	\$ 89,642	10.5
General Operations/Staff	<u>\$129,769</u>	15.2
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$853,741	

Changes in Net Assets: \$ 71,559

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$526,798
Inventories	11,362
Property and Equipment	815,851
Investments	<u>48,741</u>
Total Assets	\$1,404,491

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 2,086
Sales Tax Payable	<u>1</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 2,087
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,087

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$1,317,114
Temporarily Restricted	13,730
Net Income	71,559
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,402,404</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,404,491

In 2015 Wheatland Music Organization served an estimated 30,598 people in the following areas:

Wheatscouts	186
Jamborees & Dances	371
Festival	13,155
Community Education	
(School Programs & Older Adults)	9,276
Scholarships	40
Traditional Arts Weekend	1,049
Other (including WMO fund support of activities by others)	6,410
Music Camp	111

Music



Photos by Frank Youngman

Camp 2016

Thank you

to those who attended, instructed,
and volunteered to make Wheatland's
2nd Annual Wheatland Music Camp
(June Music & Dance Week) possible
and another great success!

Camp attendees experienced week-long, first-class instruction in Old Time, Cajun, Blues, Bluegrass, Celtic, Dance and Songwriting from the best musician-instructors on today's Traditional Music scene. Wheatland's camp Music Staff consists of nationally and internationally renowned musicians, including Grammy and IBMA award winning artists. Attendees also enjoyed and participated in evening jam sessions, dances, and special performances.

Wheatland's 3rd Annual June Music & Dance Week (June MAD Week, aka Wheatland Music Camp) will take place Sunday, June 18 – Saturday, June 24, 2017.

Don't miss out on a full fun week of personalized and high-caliber Traditional Music instruction, right here on the beautiful Wheatland grounds!

Keep in touch with wheatlandmusic.org, Wheatland's official FB page, eNews, QuarterNotes, and the WMO Office at wmo.office@wheatlandmusic.org / 989-967-8879.



Wheatland Music

Ticket Information

This year's 3 day festival takes place September 9-11, 2016. Each year, thousands of children and adults converge on the 160-acre festival site to enjoy a wide variety of traditional arts. Festival goers take part in workshops, demonstrations, dances and impromptu jam sessions throughout the site as well as the stage performances, juried arts and crafts and a wide variety of food.

Over the years the campgrounds have become more and more congested. After much consideration, the Board of Directors decided to sell 1500 less adult and senior tickets this year to help alleviate some of the congestion. As a result of that, **TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT**. Our apologies to those who were not able to purchase tickets. There will be no weekend tickets sold at the gate, but children's tickets will be available at the gate for \$10.

Sunday Tickets

Tickets for during the day on Sunday will be on sale at the gate. Sunday ticket sales begin at 8:00 AM, September 11, 2016, and are \$25 for adults/seniors and \$5 for children 5-12. Sunday tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the office, 989-967-8879, for \$20.

Weekend Parking

Handicap parking and/or camping is available to those with a handicap license plate or hanging handicap placard. There will be a crew designated to monitor those areas.

In our continued effort to keep festival attendees safety we will once again offer off-site parking across the road from the festival site. Once your campsite has been set up you can move your vehicle to that area. Transportation back to the festival site will be available. Those using the off-site parking will receive a coupon that can be used towards your ticket purchase the following year.



2016 T-Shirt Design
by Morgan Lammers of Traverse City

Festival

Rhythm Stage

PERCUSSION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

3:30pm	Rhythm Stage Dedication Ceremony
4:30pm	Moroccan Darbuka with Ryan Paul Gates
6:00pm	Brazilian Samba Jam/Parade with Deep Blue Water Samba
8:00pm	Rhythm Stage Inaugural Programming
10pm-1:00am	Open Drum

SATURDAY

11:30am	Moroccan Darbuka with Ryan Paul Gates
1:00pm	Japanese Taiko with Carolyn Koebel
2:30pm	Samba Batucada with Deep Blue Water Samba
4:00pm	West African Djembe with Ryan Edwards
6:00pm	SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: Members of Adonis Puentes & the Voice of Cuba Orchestra
7:30pm	Cuban Rhumba with Josh Dunigan
10pm-1am	Open Drum

SUNDAY

11:30am	Rhythm Theory with Ryan Edwards
1:00pm	Puerto Rican Bomba with Josh Dunigan

Song Tent Schedule

SATURDAY

12:00-12:50pm	Natalie Mae
1:00-1:40pm	Frank Allison
1:50-2:30pm	May Erlewine
2:40-3:20pm	Eliza Gilkyson
3:30-4:10pm	Ralston Bowles
4:20-5:00pm	Gretchen Peters

SUNDAY

12:00-12:40pm	Joe Shields
12:50-1:30pm	Michelle Chenard & Pete Kehoe
1:40-2:20pm	Mary Gauthier
2:30-3:10pm	Jan Krist & Jim Bizer



Wheatland Music

EARLY ENTRY and CAMPGROUND RULES:

Information for those coming in before Friday

- Wheatland is by 'group' campsites.
- Each early entry "family" will receive 1 camping permit, authorizing use of their camp space.
- Each camp space (of up to four persons) will be limited to no more than 25 feet along the fire lane. You will be asked to "compress" your camp accordingly. Squeeze, please.
- Camp space for 4 individuals will be limited to 2 sleep units (1 trailer & 1 tent or 2 tents).
- No additional camping space sites shall be saved. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- To increase the likelihood that your friends will be able to camp near you, encourage your friends to come early and come together.
- Any early entry camp found to be without a camping permit will be taken down."
- Those who fail to comply may be asked to leave and may lose future early entry privileges.
- Early entry is a privilege awarded for service rendered to WMO. It is not to be abused by volunteers extending the privilege to others. Those who do abuse this privilege will not be afforded the privilege in the future. Volunteers are reminded that they are expected to set a good example for others to follow.
- Please be aware that if you are an early entry, you may be asked to assist with additional duties.
- The main gate will be open beginning Monday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m. and will be open each day from 9a.m. until 9p.m. Monday – Wednesday.
- No early entry prior to or after the above stated times.
- If you are an early entry worker or vendor, your name must have been submitted by your area leader to be included on the Monday – Wednesday early entry list. You must have an early entrance wristband to get in.
- Thursday Early Entry will be done by wristband only. If you do not have an early entry wristband approved by your crew-leader and mailed to you from the office, or your name is on the list, you will not be granted early entry. NO EXCEPTIONS. Do not try to get early entrance if you do not receive your wristband.
- There are campgrounds nearby to spend the night in the event you are turned away.
- Spouse or significant other must arrive with you in the same vehicle and must have his or her own festival wristband.
- Children's wristbands can be purchased Wednesday and Thursday at the main gate.
- Contact your crew-leader if you have any questions regarding this policy.
- When you are on the road in the morning waiting to enter, remember that State Laws apply. Once in the festival grounds, County Officers will be on-site for assistance.

MUSIC FESTIVAL ENTRY AND CAMPGROUND RULES

1. **No pedestrians!** When the gates open Friday morning, no one will be admitted onto the festival grounds unless they are in a vehicle.
2. **"Walk-ins."** If you do not have a vehicle (i.e., have been "dropped off") for safety reasons you will be required to wait at the main gate until vehicle traffic clears. WMO staff will notify you when you may enter. If things go as usual, expect to be let in about noon time. Meanwhile, relax and rest assured that there will be plenty of walk-up campsites available.
3. **"Squeeze Please."** Each campsite (of up to four persons) will be limited to no more than 25 feet along the fire lane. You will be asked to "compress" your camp accordingly. Please cooperate.
4. **Saving Space.** No camping space may be saved for persons who have not yet arrived. No exceptions will be allowed. Tarps, tents, chairs or other items used to save camping space will be removed by campground personnel, if necessary. Unclaimed items will be taken to lost and found.
5. To increase chances that you will be able to camp with your extended group, we encourage you to come early and come together. Please spread the word and please cooperate with the campground volunteers who will be enforcing these rules.

THE WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Festival

In order to help the Festival run smoother and be a safer place for everyone, we'd like you to be aware of the following:

PLEASE: No parking on 50th between M20 and Pierce Rd.

PLEASE: No parking before a reasonable time Friday, Sept. 9, 2016.

PLEASE: Respect the neighbor's property and privacy.

PLEASE: Stay in your vehicles while you are waiting in line.
Stay in your vehicles while waiting in line.
Remember that you are stopped on a public roadway
and can expect that all applicable laws will be enforced.

PLEASE: Be patient. We will let you in as soon as possible.
With limited ticket sales there's room for everyone.

PLEASE: Remember, we are in this together, and we're here
to enjoy the community and festival that is Wheatland.

PLEASE: Remember, all vehicles and campers are subject
to search when on the festival site.



festival notes:



Entering the Festival

Please review the campground map that was enclosed with your ticket order. The sides of 50th Avenue between M-20 and Pierce Road are ticket-tow areas. These sides must be kept open to allow for emergency traffic (ambulance, fire, police, etc.) in addition to school busses and people going to work. Parking will be allowed on all the other roads at a reasonable time on Friday September 9, 2016.

Once the gates open at 10am, we hope to get everyone into the festival site in a timely manner. The west gate will be used for festival entry between 10am and 4pm on Friday only.

If you plan on camping in DeDannan, Henrie Brothers, Lost World or Backwoods campgrounds you may enter through the exit gate. Taking 60th Avenue off M-20 to Pierce Road will give you easy access to this gate.

As long as sunny skies and dry weather prevail everyone will be permitted to camp where they choose. However, if there are heavy rains prior to Festival or predicted for Festival, larger motor homes and buses will be asked to camp in particular areas. In the worst case scenario, these larger vehicles may not be permitted on site and could be directed to alternative camping areas yet to be determined.

Upon entering Festival grounds through the main gate, please get in the left lanes if your destination is Quiet Camp, Highwoods, Hot Mud Holler or Dutch Cove Campgrounds. Stay in the right lanes if you're headed for The Pines, Dedannan, Henrie Brothers, Lost World or Backwoods Campgrounds.

PLEASE, STAY ON THE GRAVEL ROADS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE when driving to your campsite. When entering Henrie Brothers, this will mean heading further to the west rather than immediately turning left just as you pass the worker station.

PLEASE PARK THE NOSE, TONGUE OR FRONT OF YOUR CAMPER OR MOTOR HOME AT THE EDGE OF THE FIRE LANE rather than 10-12 feet back. In double rowed camping areas, particularly in Henrie Brothers and Lost World, this will leave more room for someone else in the spot behind you. Just where is the edge of the fire lane? As occurred the last five years, the **FIRE LANES WILL NOT BE MOWED** and camping areas will be mowed. So the edge between the two is what you're looking for. We will try to have fire lanes marked off the best we can but if you're in doubt just ask a Red Shirt.

When you are on the road in the morning waiting to enter, remember that State Laws apply. Once in the festival grounds, County Officers will be on-site for assistance.

We ask in advance that you respect the reasons we do this. As you enter the festival please cooperate with the safety volunteers out there who will work hard to help everyone find a comfortable place to camp.

*We wish to thank you
for your cooperation.*

If you have any questions regarding these or any other WMO safety issues please let us know by calling 989.967.8879. Check our website at www.wheatlandmusic.org for last minute changes due to weather. Thanks so much for your cooperation. A great Festival depends on it.

REMEMBER ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR FIRES IN THE PINES.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would CAR POOL as much as possible. Just 50 less vehicles would really make a difference in the amount of space available.

Once you're on site, we'd like you to leave your vehicle parked. NO CRUISING will be allowed. There are just too many children and inattentive adults walking the grounds for cruising or joy riding to be a safe activity. Also, no cruising helps reduce the amount of dust that gets stirred up into the air.

IF YOU PLAN ON DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, PLEASE CARRY PICTURE ID Anyone who does not look 21 years old may be carded by either WMO safety staff or by the sheriff's deputies. Those found to be under 21 and drinking, may receive a citation from the deputies. They and their families may also be asked to leave the Festival grounds.

Speaking of drinking, if you choose to imbibe please do so responsibly. Remember this is a family oriented event and drunken obnoxious behavior does not belong here. Those who choose to disregard this guideline may be evicted from Festival grounds.

DAY PARKING - Since there are a lot of folks who attend Festival just on Sunday, we need every last parking spot for them in Day Parking. As such we need for you folks who are already on site to leave your vehicles where you have them in the campgrounds and not to use Day Parking as an intermediary stop before leaving.

NO BICYCLES or personal transportation devices other than those designated for handicap use.

PARKING: If you plan on arriving Thursday (Sept 10) and parking overnight in one of the neighboring areas, the Sheriff's Department says that you cannot line up on the public roadway prior to the opening of those areas. Opening times are 3:00 PM Thursday, Sept 10, for the area on Pierce Road and 6:00 PM for the area on the corner of Pierce Rd. and 50th Ave. This is for safety reasons. The area will be patrolled by Sheriff's deputies. **VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED!**

NO OPEN FLAME DEVICES, unless designed for cooking

UNAUTHORIZED VENDING, solicitation or dissemination of information is not allowed at the festival. Those found violating this rule will be asked to stop. If they persist, they will be evicted. Unauthorized use of the WMO logo is strictly prohibited.

- **NO GENERATORS ALLOWED.**
- A private, uniformed security company will patrol the perimeter of the festival grounds.
- There will be an enhanced presence of Sheriff's Deputies on site.
- Trespassers will be ticketed, evicted and prosecuted.
- Persons without wristbands will be escorted off premises. If they return, they will be arrested and prosecuted.
- Persons with counterfeit wristbands will be ticketed, evicted and prosecuted.
- Entrance to the festival grounds will be through the main gates only.
- Campers, trailers and trunks will be subject to search.
- Minors in possession of alcohol will be ticketed, evicted and prosecuted.
- The use of heat-producing devices in All Wooded Areas is strictly prohibited.
- This includes, but is not limited to: Charcoal grills, gas/fuel lanterns, Chinese lanterns, camp stoves as well as no smoking.
- Cooking areas are provided on the perimeter of these areas.
- **NO portable structures in the concert seating area**
- **NO Chinese Lanterns/Luminaries**
- **NO Unmanned Remote Control Vehicles or Drones on festival site**
- **NO Selfie Sticks in Performance Areas**
- OPEN MIC will be held at Centennial Stage. No recordings will be available. Two times have been reserved for people to share their talents: Saturday at 11:00 - 12:30 and Sunday from 11:30 - 1:00. Come to Centennial Stage at 7:00 on Friday evening to sign up.
- Chairs and personal property need to be removed from the main stage area each night. WMO is not responsible for the condition of items left overnight. Left over chairs have been known to end up in big piles in the middle of the seating area.
- 50% of the camping spaces in Hot Mud, Quiet Camping and Dutch Cove will be reserved for our customers. The restricted areas in the above campgrounds will be clearly identified by a designated color of flagging. All of the other campgrounds will be unrestricted.

All campsites must be taken down and removed from the festival grounds no later than 9:00 PM on Sunday, unless special authorization to remain longer is received and a permit affixed to the camp site."

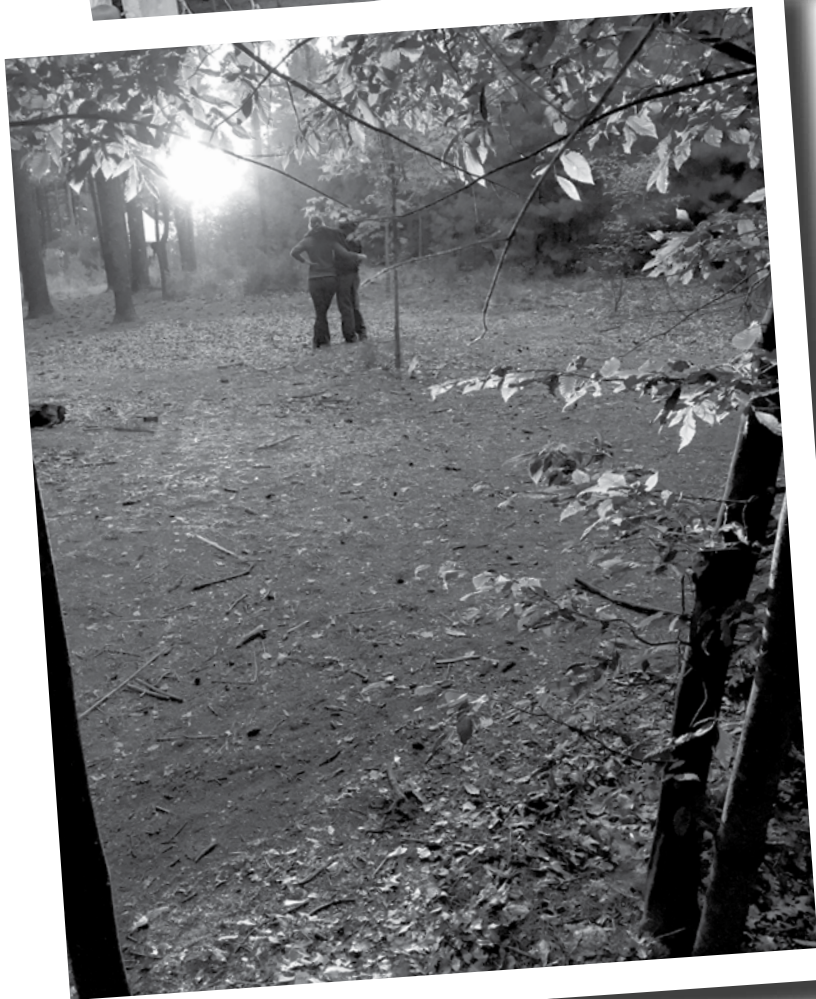


Wheatland Music Festival photo contest



1st Place

*Photo by Chris Bond
of Grand Rapids, Michigan*



2nd Place

*Greg Hoff
of Mt Pleasant, Michigan*

3rd Place

*Photo by Janet McFarland
of Grand Rapids, Michigan*



5th Place

*Photo by Michael Dwyer
of Rochester, Michigan*



4th Place

*Photo by James Kerrigan
of St. Clair Shores, Michigan*

quarter NOTES



The mission of the Wheatland Music Organization is to serve as a regional resource center for the preservation and presentation of traditional music and arts.

Wheatland Music Organization

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PLEASE INFORM THE WMO OFFICE IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES. BULK MAIL NEWSLETTERS ARE NOT FORWARDED BY THE POST OFFICE.

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Wheat Futures

SEPTEMBER

Fri– Sun, September 9-11
**43rd Annual Wheatland
Music Festival** Remus, MI
wheatlandmusic.org

Tuesday, September 20
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building 6:00pm

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1
Wheatscouts Fall Campout
Classroom Building 11:00am
Saturday, October 8
WMO Jamboree
The Cabin 2:00pm

Tuesday, October 11
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building 7:00pm

Sunday, October 16
Open Clogging
Classroom Building 1:00pm

Saturday, October 22
**Traditional Dance
Season Kickoff:**
5:30 Hayride, cider & donuts
6:00 Potluck
7:00 Squares, Reels & Contras

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 8
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building 7:00pm

Saturday, November 12
Wheatscouts
Classroom Building 11:00am
WMO Jamboree
The Cabin 2:00pm

Saturday, November 26
Traditional Dance:
Squares & Contras
Classroom Building 7:00pm

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 10
Wheatscouts
Classroom Building 11:00am
WMO Jamboree
The Cabin 2:00pm

Sunday, December 18
Open Clogging
Classroom Building 1:00pm

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 10
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building 7:00pm

Saturday, January 14
Winter Wheat
The Intersection, Grand Rapids
12:30pm-Midnight

Wheatscouts
Classroom Building 11:00am
WMO Jamboree
The Cabin 2:00pm

Saturday,
January 28
**Traditional Dance:
Contra Dance**
Classroom Building 7:00pm

IMPORTANT 2017 DATES:

Saturday, January 14
8th Annual Winter Wheat
at The Intersection
in Grand Rapids

Fri – Sun, May 26-28
**29th Annual
Traditional Arts Weekend**

Sun – Sat, June 18-24
**3rd Annual
June Music & Dance Week**
(Wheatland Music Camp)

Fri – Sun, Sept. 8-10
**44th Annual Wheatland
Music Festival**