WTIP North Shore Community Radio is proud to present the 8th 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.

The 2015 Radio Waves Music Festival is funded in part by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and supported by funds from the Grand Marais Area Tourism Association and Visit Cook County.

WTIP is grateful to the many volunteers who help make this event possible. Thank you!
Plucked Up String Band
A new Cook County music project that started earlier this year. Plucked Up String Band consists of Elliot Noyce on mandolin, Matt Nesheim on banjo, Will Moore on bass, Bill Hansen on dobro, and Amanda Hand on guitar. They’ve got a rootsy, Americana sound, and harmonized vocals. Having already written a stack of original songs, they are ready to make their Radio Waves debut.
**Performing: Saturday 11:25 a.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 2:25 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. The members of CCMW are Rod Dockan (guitar and vocals), Al Oikari (keyboards, lap steel, and guitar), Carah Thomas (mountain dulcimer and vocals), Gary Croft (guitar and vocals), Steve Johnson (guitar, pedal steel, and vocals), Dale Smith (bass), and guest drummer Robin Anders.
**Performing: Saturday 6:20 p.m.**

The Brother Love Band
The Brother Love Band plays original, high-energy jam music. The members of The Brother Love Band are Brett Berka (guitar and vocals), Al Oikari (guitar), Rich Mattson (bass), and Rod Dockan (percussion).
**Performing: Saturday 3:40 p.m.**

The Pete K Group
Pete Kavanaugh leads on guitar and vocals, bringing his outstanding blues rock jam band with a heavy emphasis on contemporary Chicago style blues. Joining Pete for this performance is Mike Dubois on drums (who has played with Lamont Cranston, among others), and Eric Meyer on bass (currently playing with Minneapolis blues singer Dee Miller).
**Performing: Sunday 3:30 p.m.**
South Side Louie Medina
Honing his blues, R & B, and funk skills on the south side of Chicago, South Side Louie has been playing music for over 40 years. He continues to play in the Chicago and south central Wisconsin area. Playing this year as a solo acoustic artist, but having played with many talented musicians over the years, South Side Louie is ready to play some music and get funky!
Performing: Sunday 4:45 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: Sunday 1 p.m.

Heck Yeah Holler String Band
The Heck Yeah Holler String Band is a rag-tag group of musician friends who enjoy laughing as much as they do singing songs. Playing everything from old hymns to the Rollings Stones, there’s no tune you won’t at least tap a toe to. HYHSB consists of Tim Dennison, Bob LaMettry, Pat Flack, Andy Schmidt & their tag-along lead singer, Amy Schmidt. Performing: Saturday 10 a.m.

Rich Mattson & The North Stars
Minnesota singer-songwriter Rich Mattson of Sparta Sound — and bands the Tisdales and Ol’ Yeller — is joined by Germaine Gemberling on vocals and guitar, Curtis Mattson on drums, Russell Bergum on bass, and Eli Bissonett on violin, for this acoustic, folk-rock group featuring acoustic guitars, strings, and their patented vocal harmonies. Performing: Saturday 8:30 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: Saturday 4:20 p.m.
**Wild Berry Jam**

Wild Berry Jam blends a number of local bands together for a wonderful mix of bluegrass, traditional Irish, classic folk and a few original tunes. Guitar, fiddle, mandolin, bodhran, penny whistle, harmonica, banjo and cajon are all stirred into the mix to give Wild Berry Jam their own unique sound. Band members: Jim & Michele Miller, Maria Nickolay, Jackson Nickolay, Hannah Barker-Nickolay and Pat Flack  
**Performing:** Friday 7:50 p.m.

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**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.

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**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 6:20 p.m.

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**Maria Nickolay**

Before becoming a solo artist in her own right, Maria performed around the area in bands with family and friends. She 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:** Sunday 4:15 p.m.

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**Andy Keith**

Andy Keith is a local musician and founding member of the internationally known band, “The Skinny”. Now, following a fresh breeze, he is joined by renown flautist Jeff Abrahms and reverbed hand drummer Paul Miller to create a new folksome trio playing original tunes.  
**Performing:** Saturday 5:50 p.m.

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**Briand Morrison**

Guitarist Briand Morrison brings 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:** Saturday 1:25 p.m.
Sky Blue Trio
and the Orange Girl
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 on drums is Cory Coffman.
Performing: Friday 4:50 p.m.

Portage
The Portage Band brings you boot-scootin’, toe-tapping, classic country and rockabilly tunes of decades gone by. Band members include Jim Spry (vocals and rhythm guitar), Butch Deschampe (vocals and rhythm/lead guitar), Arvid Dahl (lead guitar), Jacob McCormick (Bass), and Joe Petersen (drums)
Performing: Saturday 12:35 p.m.

Lehto & Wright
Lehto & Wright, John Wright, Steve Lehto, and Matt Jacobs have a sound that is a unique blend of traditional and modern styles. By taking cues from the Irish, English and American folk traditions and interpreting them with contemporary guitar-based arrangements, Lehto & Wright have taken a fresh approach to the world of folk and folk rock.
Performing: Sunday 2:20 p.m.

Roxann Berglund
Roxann Berglund is a singer-songwriter who finds music in the notes of life, love, and the passionate spaces between it all. Writing songs as they pour from her mid, through her voice, and down to the keys on her piano.
Performing: Saturday 3:10 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: Sunday 3 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 Brandenberg, Don Bauer, Liz Sivertson and John Gruber have played together in various forms for 20 some years. Russ Viton is local gem.
Performing: Friday 7:05 p.m.
**Amaroq**
The music of Amaroq has roots deeply embedded in the Quetico Superior country on the fringe of Northeast Minnesota where the members reside. Singer/songwriter Joe Paulik and vocalist Jessi Nicholson will perform original songs showcasing these native roots at this year's Radio Waves Festival. **Performing: Sunday 12:15 p.m.**

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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: Saturday 12:05 p.m.**

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**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: Sunday 10 a.m. with Gordon Thorne and Sunday 5:30 p.m.**

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**Larry Carpenter & Laura Moe**
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. Laura is a regular performer at Midwest Country Theatre. She also performs with the popular country/folk trio The Travelin’Moburys and Classic Country band, Southwood. Laura’s musical career has spanned rock and roll bands, to indie musical theater and jazz. **Performing: Saturday 1:55 p.m.**
SplinterTones
SplinterTones are a high-octane, 7-piece band based in Grand Marais, Minnesota on the north shore of Lake Superior. The ensemble plays an uppy blend of hep and snappy tunes in a unique and unmistakable style. Noted for their vibrant vocal harmonies, colorful stage presence and strong rhythmic grooves, SplinterTones crowd the dance floor with legions of enthusiastic dancers. SplinterTones are Max Bichel (Fiddle/Vocals), Liz Sivertson (Saxophone/Vocals), Leah Thomas (Accordion/Vocals), John Gruber (Guitar/Vocals), Holly Harwig (Percussion/Vocals), Jeff DeShaw (Bass), Rick Brandenburg (Drums).

Performing: Friday 8:30 p.m.

The Trails End Band
The Trails End Band was formed around 10 years ago by Mark Darling (keyboards) and Tony Faras (vocals, guitar) who live at the end of the Gun-flint Trail. Other members of the band that lived on the Trail include Paul Gecas (bass), Louie Medina (vocals, guitar, harmonica), and Nace Hagemen (bass). When various musicians left to pursue other endeavors, several musicians at the other end of the Trail (Grand Marais) joined the band, including Jeff Sylvester (vocals, guitar, slide), Rick Strum (vocals, guitar, bass) and Nolan Chenevert (bass). This year the band will include Mark, Tony, Louie, Nace, and Pete Kavanaugh (vocals, guitar, slide) as guest guitarist/vocalist. The band plays a variety of music that represents their ongoing interests in blues, rock, funk, and a bit of country.

Performing: Sunday 1:40 p.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

Lake Effect
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 Viron’s awesome guitar playing, and Ben Byron on bass, they’re excited to continue this experiment and share with willing victims!

Performing: Saturday 7:45 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 17 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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