WTIP North Shore Community Radio is proud to present the 10th 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 10-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, activities for children for a portion of Saturday and Sunday, and on-site food.

Information and Membership Tents

The Information and Membership Tents are located near the festival entrance, with WTIP staff and volunteers on hand throughout the festival. Visit them if you need to pick up a festival schedule (or another festival guide like this one), pick out a prize if you were a lucky drawing winner, make a donation to WTIP and become a listener-member, find a WTIP program guide, and much, much more.

The 2017 Radio Waves Music Festival is funded in part by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, Grand Marais Area Tourism Association, and Visit Cook County.

WTIP is grateful to the many volunteers who help make this event possible. Thank you!
**Blues Happy featuring Pete K**
This group of local musicians plays blues standards and original songs. Influences include: Eric Clapton, BB King, Albert Collins, Johnny Winter, Jimi Hendrix. Pete K (guitar and vocals), Pat Flack (bass and vocals), Tim Dalin (drums).

*Friday 7:00 p.m.*

**Common Ground**
Common Ground has performed in Cook County over the last couple of years and has appeared on WTIPI's Roadhouse. Making their debut at Radio Waves this year, the group includes Drew Heinonen on guitar and vocals, Jon Steckelberg on bass, and Bob LaMettry on cajon.

*Saturday 2:20 p.m.*

**Brother in Arms**
Classic rock-n-roll at its finest! Brother in Arms features Jon Steckelberg on bass guitar, Joe Peterson on drums, Jim Miller on rhythm guitar and vocals, Jeff Mitchell on lead guitar, and Max Bichel on lead fiddle and vocals. ROCK ‘TIL YOU DROP!

*Saturday 5:40 p.m.*

**Cook County’s Most Wanted**
Local band Cook County’s Most Wanted has been playing around the area for more than a decade and grew out of the acoustic duo of Rod Dockan and Carah Thomas, known as Rod ‘n Real. Gary Croft, Snuffy Smith, and Al Oikari soon joined the duo and the group became Cook County’s Most Wanted. Rounding out the current band are Steve Johnson and Joe Pederson.

*Sunday 3:20 p.m.*

**Bughouse!**
A band whose core members cut their musical teeth in Cook County, Bughouse! puts its own unique spin on rock-n-roll favorites, forgotten classics, and newer material that’s destined to become classic.

*Saturday 1:20 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.

*Saturday 3:00 p.m.*
Dusty Heart
Rich vocal harmonies merge with intimate layers of guitar, fiddle and banjo to define the lush sound of Dusty Heart. Barbara Jean and Molly Dean are two songwriters recognized in their own right for poetic lyrics and distinct vocal styles that when combined as Dusty Heart fuse to create a powerful and haunting sound that takes on a life of its own.

Sunday 2:20 p.m.

Earth, Wind & Todd
A home-grown dance band that puts a unique spin on material while playing infectious one-hit wonders, rock, pop, funk, soul and disco.

Sunday 5:30 p.m.

The Fish Heads
The Fish Heads are a Duluth-based three piece powerhouse of talent, with Kim and Mike Monson on lead vocals, guitar, drums, mandolin and bass. Joining them is Paul Jones, a Nashville-trained pedal steel and dobro player who also brings vocals and banjo to the group. You will hear every possible genre of songs, as well as Kim’s songwriting talent. They were a favorite at the 2016 Radio Waves Festival and are back for more music on the north shore. You will not stop smiling and tapping your toes or dancing to their eclectic collection of tunes.

Sunday 11:20 a.m.

Floydian Slip
Floydian Slip plays an eclectic mix of rock and reggae, at once danceable and cerebral, highlighting serious improvisational skills. With an active repertoire of nearly 200 songs, both originals and covers, Floydian Slip draws from a wide variety of influences and consistently keeps an audience engaged.

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

KIDS TENT

Saturday & Sunday Noon to 4 pm
Fred Anderson
Fred lives in Lutsen and has been a student of the guitar for over 50 years. He performs original compositions for acoustic guitar and cover songs by some of his favorite guitarists including Leo Kottke, Richard Thompson, Jorma Kaukonen, Barney Kessel and many others. Fred is also a member of The North Shore Community Swing Band and Dat Dere Jazz.

Sunday 12:50 p.m.

Gene LaFond and Amy Grillo
Gene LaFond and Amy Grillo have been writing and performing together throughout the Northland since moving to the North Shore of Lake Superior in 2014. The acoustic duo performs a wide range of original songs along with an eclectic mix of some of their favorites with a focus on strong harmonies and lyrics as well as a dash of humor. Their first collaborative project "The Northland Sessions," consisting of 12 original songs, was released in 2016.

Friday 5:10 p.m.

Gordon Thorne & Friends
Along with Chris Gillis and friends, 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.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Jack Klatt
Jack Klatt is a songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist based in Minneapolis. His unique sound rides the fine line between blues and country music. He has proven to be a tried and true purveyor of American music traditions. He's won recognition from the MN State Arts Board, recorded alongside “Spider” John Koerner, and made it onto Daytrotter's list of best songs in 2014. His 2016 release, “Shadows in the Sunset,” has been praised as “an eminently satisfying, slow rolling, country/blues” and made it onto Saving Country Music’s list of 2016 essential albums.

Sunday 4:20 p.m.

Joe Paulik
Singer/songwriter Joe Paulik has chosen a profession of performing music since 1988, mostly along Lake Superior's North Shore, but also Iowa and Wisconsin, and in the southeastern states of North and South Carolina. A prolific recording artist, his recordings are considered North Shore treasures by many visiting purchasers. The riveting music of Joe Paulik contains philosophical, environmental, and introspective overtones which leave listeners simultaneously relaxed and invigorated.

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Radio Waves t-shirts
In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Radio Waves, we have limited edition t-shirts available for purchase at the “Become a Member” tent. This year’s logo was created by artist Tim Young – who also created the first Radio Waves logo.
Moe and Larry
Laura Moe and Larry Carpenter perform a unique mix of eclectic folk/Americana blended with contemporary tunes. Their exceptional vocals are accompanied by finger picking style guitars. They are based in the Twin Cities and play regularly in that area as well as Greater Minnesota and Wisconsin.
Saturday 12:30 p.m.

North Shore Community Swing Band
The North Shore Community Swing Band is a group of all volunteer musicians which began in 1999 as a concert band. They enjoy performing throughout Cook County as a swing band. The last two years has seen the addition of a female vocalist. Current instruments in the band include flute, tenor and alto sax, trumpet, trombone, guitar, bass, keyboard, clarinet, and drums.
Friday 4:00 p.m.

Mysterious Ways
Mysterious Ways consists of three friends who have been playing together for over 20 years. They play music anywhere from the 50s to 70s & 80s classic rock to some Metallica and Ozzy with a few songs written by the band with some local flavor. Pat Eliasen (guitar & vocals), Mike Pratt (lead guitar & vocals), and Matt Bronikowski (drums).
Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Plucked Up String Band
Plucked Up plays original music with the energy of alternative rock and punk bands as a fully acoustic string band ensemble with an unusual lineup of instruments. All the instruments are plucked, thus the name! Four strong singers, led by the incredible voice of Amanda Hand, blend rich vocal harmonies with a hard-driving rhythm section and hot instrumental solos by Bill Hansen on dobro & steel guitar, Will Moore on bass, Kieran Scanncell on drums, Matt Nesheim on banjo and Elliot Noyce on mandolin.
Saturday 3:40 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 (classic country vocals), Butch Deschampe (rockabilly vocals), Arvid Dahl (lead guitar), Jacob McCormick (bass), and Smokin’ Joe Petersen (drums).
Saturday 11:30 a.m.
Pushing Chain
Pushing Chain was formed in 2012 by Boyd Blomberg and Adam Moe. The duo, which has been performing together in various manifestations since 1997, plays folky-tok music featuring Boyd on guitar and vocals and Adam on the fiddle and vocals. Strong songwriting, tight harmonies, and a gonzo approach have been winning fans for Pushing Chain across the Midwest and beyond.

Friday 6:00 p.m.

Rich Mattson & The Northstars
Rich Mattson is a Minnesota singer-songwriter also well known for his work producing and engineering music at Sparta Sound recording studio on the Iron Range. He has been recording and releasing his own music worldwide since the early 1990s. In 2010 he began collaborating with Germaine Gemberling on her countrified folk-rock recordings and in 2014 they formed their group "Rich Mattson and the Northstars" with Rich's nephew Curtis Mattson on the drums. Bassist Kyle Westrick signed on in 2016, along with violinist Ryan Young of Trampled By Turtles fame. The band's "cosmic Americana" style is an eclectic mix of folk, country, and rock and roll that pleases the musical palates of all ages and species.

Saturday 4:40 p.m.

Step Rockets
Step Rockets continue to push the boundaries of indie pop with unique instrumentation and progressive songwriting. The band's music has been featured in TV shows and commercials, including placements in Showtime's Shameless and ABC's Cougarten. Their music exemplifies a cosmic divergence of the past, present and future, focused around memorable melodies and powerful lyrics.

Friday 9:00 p.m.

Sam Miltich
Sam Miltich and Friends was founded in 2010 when a weekly gig brought together regional jazz musicians at a local VFW club in Grand Rapids in northern Minnesota. Since then it has evolved into a rotating cast of some of the finest jazz musicians in the state. For this performance, Sam teams up with local jazz artist Briand Morrison for an exciting exchange of guitarist-ic conversations between two of northern Minnesota's most dedicated and talented jazz guitarists.

Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Briand Morrison
Briand Morrison is a guitar player with a wide range of musical interests and great love for music of many idioms and styles. Through his vast experience playing professionally in many types of bands from the 1970s to the present, he has acquired a large musical vocabulary. Eventually settling in Grand Portage on the North Shore of Lake Superior in 2000, Briand continues to play guitar and write music.

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Sky Blue Jazz Ensemble
Sky Blue Jazz Ensemble has been entertaining audiences in the Arrowhead for more than five years. The band has enjoyed many guest musicians, but the core consists of composer Mike DeBevec (keyboards, vocals), Erik Hahn (saxophone, flute), Karina Roth (vocals), Mike Roth (bass) and Thomas Stamps (drums). We hope you enjoy their mix of jazz standards, originals, fusion works, and jazz arrangements of contemporary popular tunes.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.

SVEA
SVEA is an a capella women’s quartet from Grand Marais. They formed last February for the annual Hygge Fest. When they aren’t singing traditional Swedish folk songs, Rose Arrowsmith Decoux writes children’s books, Yvonne Mills plays in other local bands, Erin Swenson-Klatt teaches Swedish baking classes, and Erika Ternes directs the Grand Marais high school choir.
Saturday 11:00 a.m.

SplinterTones
SplinterTones are a high-octane, six-piece band based in Grand Marais. The band plays an uppy blend of hep and snappy tunes in a unique and unmistakable style. They are noted for their vibrant vocal harmonies, colorful stage presence, and strong rhythmic grooves.
Saturday 8:30 p.m.

Trapper Schoepp
Trapper Schoepp is a young man who’s befriended a strange and diverse cast of characters during his 25 years. That small army of rogues and rebels, drifters and dreamers, soldiers and schemers populate his songs. Their tragedies and comedies, lives and deaths are recalled in his finely etched musical vignettes. The Minnesota-born, Wisconsin-based tunesmith and teller of tales (both tall and true), returns with his second effort, Rangers & Valentines (Xtra Mile Recordings). The 2012 record Run, Engine, Run with his band, The Shades, is critically acclaimed. That LP earned notices in Rolling Stone, American Songwriter and Paste, with the folks at Huffington Post calling him a “master storyteller” and PBS hailing his “story songs that explore and explode the conventions of rock and roll.”
Friday 8:00 p.m.
About WTIP

WTIP North Shore Community Radio is an independent, nonprofit radio station broadcasting from the north shore of Lake Superior in Grand Marais since 1998! Over the years we’ve become more than a radio station, bringing a voice to area residents and connecting, reflecting and building community.

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 streaming: Tune in from anywhere, via your computer, tablet or smartphone!

Become a member

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.

Thanks for keeping community radio strong!

Yes, I’d like to support WTIP!

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