



Northwest Jazz Festival
Historic Lewiston, NY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26



Headliners Benny Benack III and SOMETHING ELSE! will take to the main stage at the 2023 Northwest Jazz Festival. (Submitted photos)



Benny Benack III, SOMETHING ELSE! to shine on main stage at 2023 Northwest Jazz Festival

Submitted by the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce

An exceptional level of talent featuring jazz all-stars and rising stars will grace the stage on Friday, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Aug. 26, at the 2023 Northwest Jazz Festival. Headlining performances include the United States Air Force Rhythm in Blue Band, the Benny Benack III Quartet, and, on Saturday, experience the highly anticipated festival appearance of the supergroup SOMETHING ELSE!

The two-day festival runs from 5-10:30 p.m. Friday, and again from noon to 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Center Street in historic Lewiston will come alive with live music and food/beverage vendors with five stages throughout the festival grounds.

The festival is free to attend (no coolers or carry-ins), with a limited number of tickets available for preferred seating at the main stage. Tickets are \$25 each and available online at www.lewistonjazz.com. A limited number of tickets will be available at the festival.

Performances begin with The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band presenting Rhythm in Blue, the unit's dynamic jazz ensemble, at 6 p.m. Friday. This stellar group presents exciting and uplifting music to inspire.

Friday evening showcases rising star jazz trumpeter and vocalist Benny Benack III, along with the talented pianist Emmet Cohen, who headlined the 2022 festival.

On Saturday, SOMETHING ELSE!, an elite gathering of award-winning jazz stars led by saxophonist Vincent Herring, headlines the main stage shows. These world-class musicians are going to captivate you with their unique tribute to the spirit of soul, jazz, and the 1958 Cannonball Adderley classic album of the same name.

The Northwest Jazz Festival has also partnered with Artpark & Company for special performances on Saturday at the Center Street stage, featuring entertainment between performances.

Local food and beverage vendors will line Center Street, with local favorites including Casa Antica, Brickyard Brewing Company and Viola's Submarines.

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•Saturday, Aug. 26, noon to 10:30 p.m.
 ✓ Main Stage
 1-1:45 p.m., UB Zodiaque Dance Co
 2:15-3 p.m., Vibrant Strings
 3:45-5:15 p.m., Janet Evra & Randy Brecker
 6-7:30 p.m., Greg Abate Quartet
 8:45-10:15 p.m., SOMETHING ELSE!
 ✓ Center Street Stage
 1:30-3 p.m., My Cousin Toné
 3 p.m., special entertainment by Jonas Woolverton, presented by Artpark
 3:45-5:15 p.m., Banjo Juice Band
 5-5:15 p.m., special entertainment by Ryan Shinji, presented by Artpark
 6-7:30 p.m., Joey Gonzalez Collective
 7:30 p.m., special entertainment by Amy G, presented by Artpark
 8:15-9:45 p.m., John Troy/Alex McArthur Quartet
 ✓ Frontier House
 1-2:30 p.m., Adam Bronstein Quartet
 3:15-4:45 p.m., Kevin Hall Band
 5:30-7 p.m., Dave Hill Group
 7:45-9:15 p.m., Trigger and the Sermon
 ✓ Peace Garden
 1 p.m., Fanzini Productions, presented by Artpark
 2:30-3:30 p.m., Griff Kaz and Bob Sneider
 4:45-5:45 p.m., Cheryl Ferris & Lisa Hasselback Duo
 7:15-8:15 p.m., Machine Dream Duo
 ✓ DiCamillo Courtyard
 3-4 p.m., John Snell
 5:15-6:15 p.m., Ian Liedke
 7:30-8:30 p.m., Katie Ann Grossi

The Northwest Jazz Festival, Lewiston, NY is a 501(c)(3) organization under the name of Lewiston Jazz Festival Inc. The Village of Lewiston is host to the region's most-popular, two-day free music jazz festival featuring nonstop performances on five stages and an abundance of culinary delights with Niagara Region wineries.

Lumberjack's also voted Best Hamburger, Best Fries

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 marinas, and a lot of our people that are leased at the marina seasonally come to the restaurant. We get a lot of bikers that are doing the bike trail along the parkway, and we get a fair amount of senior groups that come via a bus. So, we have a wonderful draw. We have water, we have car, we have boat, we have bicycle, we have walking."

"If there's a wait, we tell them at the counter there is a wait," she said. "Our kitchen is small. We can only handle so many. We cook to order. And when that food is put on the tray, one of the duties of the counter girl who's delivering that tray is to make sure everything is correct. The proper condiments are on the hamburger. Proper fries are there. It is her duty to make sure that tray goes out of the kitchen as the order was placed, and the serving should look appealing."

Lumberjack's also won the Best Hamburger and Best Fries food contest categories.

"We make the french fries daily. We cut our own french fries manually with this little manual machine," Tallichet said. "They're curly-Q french fries, and seasoned. We serve them seasoned. If they don't want them seasoned, all they have to do is request that and say not be seasoned."

"The hamburgers, again, are pattied daily. We are not a fast-food operation. Our kitchen is small, and we aim to please - and we cook per order."

She noted, "There's basically just the basic hamburger with lettuce and tomato and onion; cheeseburger; or we can elaborate with chili; or we can do a protein burger, which is served on a bed of lettuce for those who are watching their carbs." Lumberjack's menu features an assortment of Western New



York favorites, including Wardynski's hot dogs, Mineo & Sapio sausage, Anderson's Ice Cream and Costanzo's Bakery rolls.

In addition to the food, "We have music every Wednesday and Sunday night" at Lumberjack's, Tallichet said. "When September comes, we'll be closed on Tuesdays. A lot of the help will be going back to school; 75% of my help are all college students."

Moreover, "We're dog-friendly, and a lot of people love that in our area. Their dogs are welcome on our patio any day, and we always bring out a fresh bowl of water with ice in it for our fur friends."

Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"Our first day of operation is always Memorial Day," and "The very last day of September is our last day of operation," Tallichet said.

To date, 2023 has been "busy, hectic and lovely," she emphasized.

'Savory Summer' Winners
 The full list of "Savory Summer" category winners includes:

• **Best Summer Dining Spot:** Lumberjack's Patio Grill - 1000 River Road, North Tonawanda

• **Best Frozen Treat:** De Dee's Dairy - 8715 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls

• **Best Beef on Weck:** Taylor's Tap & Grill - 2279 Niagara Falls Blvd., Wheatfield

• **Best Hot Dog:** Louie's Hot Dogs, 69 Grand Island Blvd., Tonawanda

• **Best Hamburger:** Lumberjack's Patio Grill - 1000 River Road, North Tonawanda

• **Best BBQ:** The Brickyard Pub & BBQ - 432 Center St., Lewiston

• **Best Fries:** Lumberjack's Patio Grill - 1000 River Road, North Tonawanda

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