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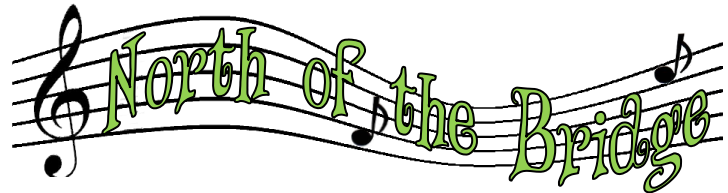
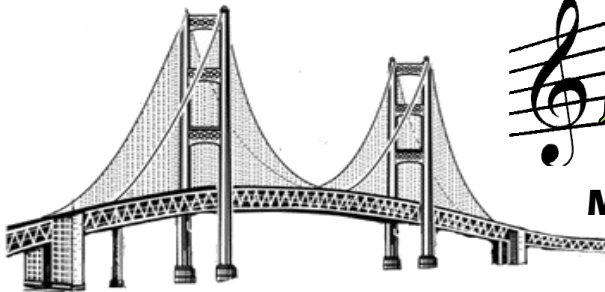
The Saline Fiddlers

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This edition of "Fiddlin' Around" is dedicated to our four Senior Fiddlers and their parents. Read all about them on Page 4.



**Michigan Summer Tour 2014
July 1—July 13**

The Saline Fiddlers will travel over 1,700 miles this summer, all within our great state of Michigan. The summer tour kicks off in Gladwin and then continues to Sault Ste. Marie, Iron Mountain, Marquette, Calumet, Mackinac Island, Rogers City and Mackinaw City.

Over the twelve-day tour, the Saline Fiddlers will perform nine times at festivals, summer concert series and historic landmarks. There are a couple really special performances this trip—the first one will be in the historic Calumet Theatre in the heart of the Michigan's Copper Country. The theatre opened in 1900 to serve the booming copper mining community. Its purpose has been reinvented several times in its history and is now once again a treasured landmark and a beautiful venue to host the Saline Fiddlers. The Fiddlers are also very excited that they were asked to be a part of the Grand Hotel's 127th birthday celebration on Mackinac Island! The Fiddlers will be performing three times on the island: on the famous front porch of the Grand Hotel, at Fort Mackinac and on the beachfront. This is the first time in Fiddler history that they have been invited to perform at these special venues.

There will also be time for fun! The Fiddlers will tour the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, stop at Da Yoopers Tourist Trap in Ishpeming, go white water rafting on the Menominee River, climb on board a Glass Bottom Boat to view the shipwrecks in Munising Bay and go underground on a cogwheel tram at the Quincy Copper Mine in Hancock.

There are plans to climb Castle Rock in St. Ignace to take in the spectacular views of Lake Huron, pay respects at the Pinery Lakes Historic Indian Cemetery in L'Anse and the Bishop Baraga Shrine, which is also a peaceful place to overlook Keweenaw Bay. They will hike to Canyon Falls near L'Anse, known as the Grand Canyon of the UP, and cruise the beautiful Lake Superior shores along the Keweenaw Peninsula and explore Copper Harbor, the northern most town in Michigan.

There is much interest over a special gift given to the Fiddlers after a gig at the South Arbor Academy in Ypsilanti. The performance was enjoyed so much that a monetary gift was given with the instructions to use it to purchase ice cream during their summer tour! The kids won't find that hard to do, because nothing is better than an ice cream after a performance on a warm summer evening.

There are sure to be many other adventures as they travel and enjoy a "Pure Michigan" musical tour. Our tour committee of Fiddler parents John Zemba, Steve Godell, Elizabeth Busch, Taña Huyck and Caroline Hart are positive they will have a wonderful time!

See Page 7 for performance details



**A New
Saline Fiddler
CD has been
released!**

The Roots Go Deep: Live 2014

was released for the first time on Thursday, June 19 at a CD Release Party that was held in conjunction with the Saline Downtown Merchants Association Summer Concert Series in downtown Saline.

Pick up this new CD at any of the upcoming Fiddler performances or order it online at www.salinefiddlers.com

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A gala event dedicated to celebrating and enabling the awesome achievements of the talented student musicians known as The Saline Fiddlers!

*by Bonnie Leutheuser, President,
Saline Fiddlers Board of Directors*

The 7th Annual Saline Fiddler Chordial was held on May 6th at the LaFontaine dealership in Saline. Although this annual event has become a key part of funding the Saline Fiddlers, this year's Chordial became even more important due to the addition of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF) Match Day opportunity. The Saline Fiddlers were selected to participate as one of 50 non-profit organizations in Washtenaw County to receive a 1:1 match up to \$10,000 donated within 24 hours on that day. We reached that goal and beyond, thereby raising a total of \$27,715!!!

The LaFontaine dealership in Saline has been our exclusive home for the Chordial for seven years. Chris McKinnon was our contact



person this year—he made us feel welcome and cleared the showroom of cars which allowed us space to set up an area for our Fiddlers to play, the food and wine stations, for the auction items to be displayed and the many tables for our attendees to sit and enjoy the evening. Thank you Chris and LaFontaine!

Lucy Ann Lance brought her motivating and exciting personality to the Chordial for the 7th year as our emcee! She is an inspiration to us all and has a passion for our Fiddlers which is rivaled by few!

Spotted Dog Winery has been our faithful companion for seven years

as well. John Olsen generously donated all the wine for tasting and the table favor bottles with our very own Saline Fiddler label! Spotted Dog continues to be the Fiddler's 'best friend'!

Brecon Village has also been a generous donor for all seven years. I have decided that when my assisted living days arrive, Brecon Village will be my top choice. Each year they have donated wonderful hors d'oeuvres that have set the bar high! Thank you Margot Parr for your guidance, enthusiasm and delicious Michigan themed appetizers this year!

New to our event last year and back by popular demand was Brecon Grille! Paul Garagosian and his wild game chili and Michigan cheeses were a big success! Saline is full of wonderful people and Paul is certainly one of them!



The evening was topped off by wonderful desserts donated by Sharon Zahn and handmade truffles by our very own Fiddler Andrew. Delicious, delicious!! Thank you both!

The addition of the Silent Auction the last few years has been profitable and fun. Louise Grondin and Judy Gniewek co-chaired the auction this year. Thank you ladies for your hard work and many, many wonderful auction items! Eating, drinking and shopping to raise money for our Fiddlers! It doesn't get any better than that! Thanks as well to Gretchen Waters who has tallied our donations for the Chordial for seven years running.

Many other current and alumni fiddler parents and local businesses contributed to the success of our Chordial again this year donating their time and talents, hors d'oeuvres, and flowers. My biggest thank you goes out to Priscilla Olsen who has overseen all seven Chordials with an eye to each and every detail. Her vision has truly made the Chordial the classy and successful fundraiser that has raised over \$100,000 since it began in 2008.



And to those of you who attended and donated, we can't thank you enough; we give you all a standing ovation!

The Saline Fiddlers will be leaving for their Northern Michigan summer tour soon—thanks to you and your generous support! Be sure to check their website for upcoming performances! They love to see familiar faces in the crowd!



Andrew guitar and clogger

Andrew joined the Saline Fiddlers because he saw it as a great opportunity to express his love of playing his guitar, increase his ability as a musician and become part of a strong community.

His favorite memory with the Fiddlers is getting to spend time in Brecon, Wales with his fellow Fiddlers and being able to

perform in the Brecon Cathedral.

In the fall, Andrew will attend Michigan State University to study Studio Art. Andrew aspires to become a concept artist for video games; designing characters and environments.

He will forever cherish the time he spent earning his Eagle Scout rank, making music with his friends in the Fiddlers and other similar groups, as well as his year working on a portfolio in AP art.



August guitar, mandolin, banjo and section leader

August first wanted to join the Saline Fiddlers when he was a little kid. However, as he began middle school, he felt that he would not be talented enough to join. Fortunately, during his sophomore year, one of his former guitar teachers encouraged him to try out. He hadn't thought about joining Fiddlers in awhile, but his interest was quickly

rekindled.

Since he joined the group, August has made numerous memories that he treasures. The one that stands out among all others is performing in the Brecon Cathedral in Wales. It was such an interesting venue and an honor that the Brecon community invited the Fiddlers to play there.

August will be attending DePaul University in Chicago where he will study Cinema and Film. His interest in this field has been growing for quite some time and he feels this will prepare him well for a career in film.

One thing August remembers most about high school is the amount of opportunities that were available to all the students. Most people around the world will not have had as strong of an education as students in Saline, and he is glad to have been blessed with this opportunity.



Rachel violin, clogger, vocalist and section leader

Rachel saw the Fiddlers perform during the summer before her fifth grade year and she knew that she wanted to be in the Saline Fiddlers, so she abandoned the idea of playing flute and picked up the violin.

Since joining at the end of eighth grade, Rachel has

had many wonderful experiences with the group such as travelling to the UK, but her all-time favorite memory is playing alongside Jeff Daniels at the Michigan Theater in 2010 after having grown up watching his movie "Fly Away Home." He even signed her old VHS copy of the movie that she has up in her room! Rachel plans on taking the VHS tape with her this fall when she heads off to Huntington University in Indiana where she'll be pursuing a degree in Film Production.

When looking back at her four years of high school, she'll remember the life long friends she made and the opportunities she had because of her involvement with the Saline Fiddlers.



Bailee violin, vocalist and section leader

Bailee joined the Saline Fiddlers at the end of her sophomore year. Bailee lives in Canton and wanted her family to move to Saline so she could audition for the group. Luckily, her violin teacher was Artistic Director Brad Phillips and he was able to offer her the opportunity. Bailee says she has never regretted having to drive so much farther than anyone else to get to rehearsals and gigs. It has all been worth it!

One of her favorite memories is traveling to England, Wales, and Scotland on tour in 2013. It was an experience of a lifetime! She loved all the cool gigs, especially the one in Wales in a gorgeous and ancient cathedral.

This fall Bailee will be heading south to East Tennessee State University where she will major in bluegrass, old time, country performance. The program is very good and she is looking forward to the opportunities to meet and perform with many amazing people. She says, "fiddling and singing in front of crowds; it's what I love to do best!"

Bailee is going to miss high school; she is going to miss all her friends and the football games they would go to. But she is really looking forward for college to begin!



Hats off to Bob & Pam Phillips Tribute Concert

Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Ellen A. Ewing Performing Arts Center in Saline High School

To celebrate the orchestra program in the Saline schools, the groundbreaking fiddle program that Bob & Pam created, and the full spectrum of their impact on the strings music world across our country and beyond!

Special guests, mini concerts, videos, roasts, toasts and a dessert reception will all be part of the evening honoring this energetic couple who built the amazing strings music program in the Saline schools and opened up opportunities for countless young players both here and elsewhere.

All the thousands of alumni from the Saline strings and fiddle programs are welcome and encouraged to participate in the evening's mini concerts!

For details and information on how to become involved:

"Hats Off to Bob and Pam Phillips!" facebook page or email Sheila G. at phillipstribute@gmail.com



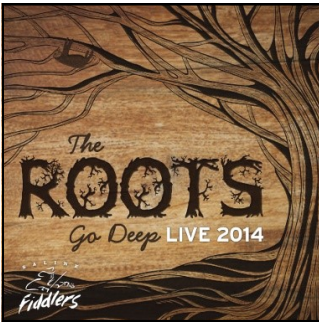
The Saline Fiddlers and Fiddlers Restrung, are joining talents under the name "**Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic.**" The management of both groups agree that a combined organization will be stronger and avoid duplicating efforts. The public will be better served by a single group, eliminating the confusion that has often resulted from the existence of two separate high school fiddle groups in Saline. In addition, the student members of the new Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic will benefit from the talent of two Artistic Directors. Fiddlers Restrung Artistic Director, **Jimmy Whitman**, and Saline Fiddlers Artistic Director, **Brad Phillips**, share similar management styles and complement each other's areas of expertise. Whitman and Phillips are excited about sharing the leadership role with the exceptional student musicians involved in fiddling.

Fiddle music in Saline began in 1994 under the tutelage of Bob Phillips (no relation to Brad Phillips), then a Saline High School orchestra teacher, with assistance from his wife, Pam. This original group was named Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic. Bob's desire in establishing the group was to provide an opportunity for the music students in Saline to experience the energy and passion of early fiddle music. He also wanted the students to share their music through performances for the public, which included appreciative audiences throughout the United States and abroad. In the past twenty years dozens of students and their families have brought Bob's vision to countless communities.

The new Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic will begin public performances in August. Until then, the students will continue to play engagements and tour Michigan under their current names.



Jimmy and Brad, performing together at the Fiddlers' Hometown Show in March.



The Roots Go Deep: Live 2014

Released for the first time on June 19, 2014

The Roots Go Deep: Live 2014, is the Saline Fiddlers' 11th CD and their second "live" CD. It was recorded at their Hometown Show on March 8, 2014 by sound technician Dave Schall.

With this release, the latest group of young Fiddlers leaves its mark on the group's history and continues the evolution of fiddling in Saline which began back in 1994. Four classes of Fiddlers have contributed their artistic talent to this CD. We are proud of what they have achieved and are grateful to the artistic and technical staff for their guidance and expertise.

Highlighted on the album are many old fiddling favorites, several new vocal tunes and a guitar solo written and performed by current Fiddler senior Andrew. He composed "Goodnight Watchdog" after the passing of his beloved dog.

Also featured is the tune "The Roots Go Deep," written by Bob Phillips, the founder of the Fiddling program in Saline. It was performed by Brad Phillips, Jimmy Whitman, the Saline Fiddlers and 28 Fiddler alumni! This song was first recorded in 1995, as the title track on the Fiddlers' premier freshman album, also titled "The Roots Go Deep." The album closes with the most requested fiddle tune of all time, "Orange Blossom Special," also performed by current fiddlers, alumni, Jimmy Whitman and several musicians from Fiddlers Restrung.

The Root Go Deep: Live 2014, is the first production by Artistic Director Brad Phillips. Brad has been a part of the Fiddlers from the beginning—he began as a student Fiddler and kept going to Assistant Director/Composer/Arranger and is now finally Director. The Fiddlers are proud he has continued with the group for so long.

You may purchase this CD at any of their gigs. See page 7 for upcoming performances or online at www.salinefiddlers.com.



The Fiddlers, performing "Men of Erin", a vocal piece that shows off their musical versatility.



Matt Glaser, Brittany Karlson and Jon Wheatley

Hometown Show 2014

by Tanya Chu

On Saturday March 8, the Saline Fiddlers performed alongside Matt Glaser and Friends in a spectacular Hometown Show. The Fiddlers kicked off the night with an array of outstanding music, song, and dance. The hard work and commitment of all the Fiddlers culminated in an exceptional and impressive show that was enjoyed by all. The performance was recorded live and has been released as their 11th music CD. This CD, entitled "The Roots Go Deep: Live 2014," is a remarkable and fitting way to commemorate 20 years of fiddling here in Saline.

During intermission, guests enjoyed punch and home baked cookies, and Shar provided an instrument petting zoo for anyone interested in trying out a stringed instrument.

The second half of the show featured Matt Glaser, Jon Wheatley, and Brittany Karlson. Matt, an American jazz and bluegrass violinist and longtime Berklee College of Music chair, has performed with Yo-Yo Ma, Bob Dylan, and Mark O'Connor. Jon, a professor of guitar at Berklee, has performed at jazz festivals around the world. Brittany is a gifted bassist involved in the

American Roots Music Program at Berklee. Their extraordinary performance was amazing, and it was an honor to host them.

The Fiddlers were able to spend time with Matt, Jon, and Brittany during an afternoon workshop. They were able to learn more about these talented artists as well as learn and rehearse a song to play together which they performed later that evening during the show. The ability to work and interact with these artists was truly a remarkable opportunity.

The Fiddlers always deliver a lively and captivating show. The Saline Fiddlers' 2014 Hometown Show was no exception. It was a spectacular night full of great music and entertainment!

Venetian Festival

Charlevoix, Michigan
Saturday, July 26 at 6:30pm

The waterfront, streets and shops of Charlevoix will be teaming with exuberant party goers and music lovers, the boats will be rocking and rolling and all will be loving the music by the Saline Fiddlers!

The Fiddlers have been invited back for the 2nd time to perform and entertain the huge crowds at the Venetian Festival. They will be performing on the banks of Lake Charlevoix in the Odmark Theatre. The evening will be topped off with a magnificent fireworks show.

Fiddlers, fun and fireworks—who could ask for anything more?



Welcome to the New Class of Fiddlers!

Lawrence, Bass—2016
 Evan, Drums—2017
 Dominic, Violin—2018
 Katie, Violin—2018
 Shayam, Cello—2017 (inset)

Come see the Fiddlers at one of these performances!

Thursday, June 19 at 7:00pm
The Roots Go Deep: Live 2014
Music CD Release Party

Saline Summer Concert Series

S. Ann Arbor St. & Michigan Ave.
 Saline, MI
www.salinemainstreet.org

Saturday, June 21 at 7:30pm
70th Manchester
Community Fair

Wolverine St. & Vernon Street
 Manchester, MI
www.manchesterfair.org

Wednesday, June 25 at 12 noon
Plymouth Music
in the Park Series

Kellogg Park
 W. Ann Arbor Trail & Main St.
 Plymouth, MI
www.plymoutharts.com

Saturday, June 28 at 2:00pm
Saline Relay for Life

Fundraiser for the
American Cancer Society
 7265 N. Ann Arbor-Saline Rd.
 Liberty School, Saline, MI
www.main.acsevents.org

Huntington Bank Concert Series

Kollen Park Bandshell
 312 Kollen Park Dr., Holland, MI
www.cityofholland.com

Saturday, July 19 at 2:00pm
Johnson Farm

Sesquicentennial Celebration

Johnson Farmstead
 2495 East Hickory (at M37)
 Battle Creek, MI

North of the Bridge Summer Tour

Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00pm
Gladwin Concert Series
 Gladwin City Park Amphitheatre
 240 City Park St., Gladwin, MI
www.gladwincounty.chamber.com
www.gladwinonline.com

Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00pm
Soo Locks

Music in the Park Series
 Soo Locks Park
 Osborn Blvd. & W. Park Place
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI
www.downtownsaault.org

Thursday, July 3 at 11:45am
Iron Mountain
"Out to Lunch" Concert Series

Magee Johnson & Joan Flood Park
 401 Iron Mountain St. (Main)
 Iron Mountain, MI
www.ironmountaindowntown.com

Friday, July 4 at 4:00pm
Marquette International
Food Festival & Fireworks

Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park
 Marquette, MI
www.miningjournal.net

Monday, July 7 at 7:30pm
Calumet Theatre Monday Series

Historic Calumet Theatre
 340 Sixth St., Calumet, MI
www.calumettheatre.com

Wednesday, July 9 TBA
Fort Mackinac
 Mackinac Island, MI
www.mackinacparks.com

Thursday, July 10 TBA

The Grand Hotel

On the famous front porch
 286 Grand Ave.
 Mackinac Island, MI
www.grandhotel.com

Friday, July 11 at 7:00pm

Rogers City Concert Series

Lakeside Park Band Shell
 Rogers City, MI
www.rogerscity.com

Saturday, July 12 at 8:00pm

Music in Mackinaw Series

Conkling Heritage Park Band Shell
 S. Huron St., Mackinaw City, MI
www.mackinawcity.com
www.mackinawchamber.com

Back in Saline

Saturday, July 26 at 6:30pm
Charlevoix Venetian Festival

Pavilion Stage in East Park
 Charlevoix, MI
www.venetianfestival.com

Saturday, August 9 at 3:30pm

Saline Summerfest

Downtown Parking Lot
 S. Ann Arbor St. & US 12
 Saline, MI
www.salinesummerfest.org

Friday, August 22 at 7:00pm

Howell Concerts

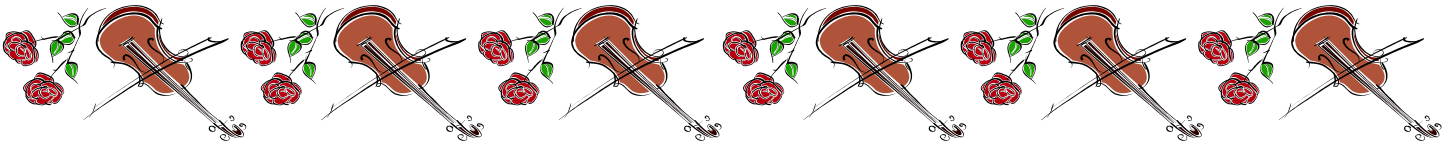
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 Livingston County
 Courthouse Amphitheatre
 200 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI
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Sunday, August 24 at 3:00pm

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**The Saline Fiddlers are
 Proud to Announce the Release
 of their 11th Music CD!**



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