

# BIRCH CREEK

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## **Birch Creek's Jazz Ambassador Combos to Perform Across Door County**

*Egg Harbor, WI* – The Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors, a jazz combo comprised of advanced students, are scheduled to perform concerts at various venues throughout Door County, starting July 19<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The ambassadors are selected from Birch Creek's jazz students based on an audition process that takes place at the beginning of each jazz session. They go on to perform a rigorous concert schedule across the county, sometimes playing more than once a day, allowing students to gain experience as traveling, gigging musicians. The Ambassadors in the Jazz I session are directed by José L. Encarnación, and the Jazz II Ambassadors are directed by Marty Robinson.

“The Ambassadors experience is unique in that by performing live music constantly in front of live audiences, the talented students not only get valuable professional experience, but they learn how important the connections and engagement are to those who listen to our music,” Marty commented. “In a classroom, you can't so easily teach stage-presence, set order, and non-verbal gestures to appreciative fans, but with the Ambassadors, they are always learning and honing these skills, professionally, and even the mundane ones such as how long of a break to take and how to load the band van!”

The Ambassador combos will have performances at Noble House Park, July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:30-4:30 pm; Gibraltar Grill, July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>, 8-10 pm; Harbor View Park, July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm; and Stone's Throw Winery, July 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 2-4 pm. Even more performances will take place at venues such as the Sister Bay Historical Society, Trueblood Performing Arts Center, Jacksonport Farmers Market, Spa Verde, the Birch Creek Gazebo, and more. Visit our special events page at [www.birchcreek.org/tickets/special-events/](http://www.birchcreek.org/tickets/special-events/) for the full Ambassadors schedule.

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Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Egg Harbor, WI, is a residential summer music academy for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Four sessions focus on Percussion & Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz. 2016 concert and session dates are posted at [www.birchcreek.org/tickets](http://www.birchcreek.org/tickets).

**2016 Concert Schedule**

Symphony: July 4, 7-9, 13-16

Big Band Jazz (Two Sessions): July 20-23, 27-30 | August 3-6, 10-13

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