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CONCERT 2 - GENERAL GIST

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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General Gist is a local favorite, 6 piece, "High Energy...Get up and Dance" Classic Rock & Blues Party Band from Western MA that has been entertaining crowds in the Pioneer Valley since 2011. Our set list is an eclectic mix of your favorite classic rock hits, some traditional and modern country, mixed with some fun unexpected tunes performed the GIST way, all with a big bluesy KICK!! Dancing shoes are a must and once you've been to a GIST PARTY and you've danced and sang the night away, you will also be saying "I Get the Gist!"



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CONCERT 3 - STORYTELLERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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"Rick V" Kostanski started the Storytellers in the summer of 2016 as a solo act. In the early fall he integrated "Brother Brian" into the act playing a Sunday matinee at the Cove in Southwick. The idea was to take their favorite memories and share them with their friends and family through guitars, vocals and songs.

In 2017 these two West Springfield natives really turned it up and began to play the Springfield area bars and restaurants regularly, as well as some West Springfield icons like Storrowton Tavern, The Crest Room, and the Eastern States Exposition! In 2018, they made some changes to their sound system, integrating a Bose system to get the best possible sound they could. In 2021 they celebrated their 500th show as "The Storytellers" and are now closing in on their 800th show looking to keep the momentum in 2025 and beyond!

They have been very blessed with the opportunities that have been given to them for all of these years. They are always looking forward to playing for some new friends they haven't met yet! You're the reason they keep doing it!



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CONCERT 4 - CHALK DUST

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THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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Chalk Dust is a high-energy, all-teacher party band that brings a dynamic and eclectic mix of music to the stage. The band features five middle school teachers from West Springfield, MA: 6th-grade ELA teacher Bryan Ouimet on vocals, 7th-grade science teacher Natalie Donze on bass and vocals, 8th-grade ELA teacher Chuck Dufault on percussion, 8th-grade science teacher Chris Taft on electric guitar, and 6th-grade social studies teacher Dan Haryasz on acoustic and electric guitar.

Whether you're in the mood for rock, pop, country, or even hip hop, Chalk Dust has something for everyone. With their diverse setlist and infectious energy, they know how to get a crowd moving and having fun. From timeless classics to modern hits, Chalk Dust delivers an unforgettable live music experience for any event, blending their teaching spirit with musical talent to create a celebration of sound.

Check out Chalk Dust's Facebook page to inquire about private events and find out more about future shows at venues like Knox Trail Inn, Sole Syndicate Brewing, Sunsetview Campground, Suffield on the Green, Vanished Valley Brewing, and Pizzeria Uno.

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CONCERT 5 - ISLAND CASTAWAYS

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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Originally formed in 2008 as Jimmy Buffett tribute, The Island Castaways Band has evolved into one of New England's most popular Trop Rock bands. Their live show features a balanced mix of originals and classics, all with their own Tropical touch of fun – bringing Summer to you, regardless of where you are or the time of year.

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CONCERT 6 - JUST GO WITH IT

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CONCERT 7 - 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES, THE NEXT J.E.N BAND

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025
11:30AM – 3:00PM
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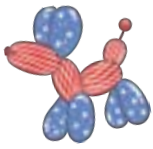
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The West Springfield Park & Recreation Department is pleased to host the Annual 4th of July Celebration! Beginning at 11:30AM, fun activities for all ages will begin on the West Springfield Town Common. Families can take part in different arts and crafts, and competitive & cooperative games.



1:00PM – 3:00PM







The Next J.E.N. is a four piece female fronted band playing out of the Springfield, Massachusetts area. The band all met at Theodore's Booze, Blues & BBQ Bar in Springfield over the last few years at the open mic. With diverse musical style, they have come together to make it possible to move from a pop song, to a rock song, to a dance song, to a reggae song and to a country song. The Next J.E.N. branches out to reach many generations of music lovers to keep it interesting and create a sound that appeals to anyone listening!



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CONCERT 8 - ETHEL LEE ENSEMBLE

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:30PM
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We are thrilled, excited, and delighted that my Ensemble has been given the special honor and opportunity of performing another year in the iconic West Springfield Summer Concert Series. "Summertime and the living is easy" is the first line of the Gershwin song of the same name. Summertime is for music and fun, so feel free to join us in any song that makes you move.

Confucius said it best when he said, "music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without." I agree music certainly does enrich our lives and makes everything more bearable. We hope you will join us for an evening of fun and relaxing music.

For your listening pleasure you will be entertained tonight by Bobby Ferrier on guitar, Steve Bulmer on bass, Ed Brainerd on flugelhorn and trumpet, Mark Barowsky on tenor saxophone, Clark Seibold on drums, and Ethel Lee as your vocalist.

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CONCERT 9 - SARAH THE FIDDLER

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:30PM
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Sarah's musical journey began at the age of 4 when she started violin lessons using the Suzuki Method. By the age of 6, she was introduced to fiddle music and began competing in fiddle contests all over New England. Her grandparents suggested having a signature look....so she was known as the girl with the little red hat. Eventually it was her playing that was being recognized as she won hundreds of competitions.

These contests and festivals instilled Sarah's passion for old-time music as she learned and played alongside some of the best old-timers. Even her fiddle was given to her by New England fiddler Willie "Uncle Willie" Lapman and carries a history of over 200 years of song.

The moment her bow touches the strings, Sarah's passion for music is evident. Combining her influences of Old-Time, Irish, World and Classical music, Sarah takes her audiences on a musical journey from old-time sing-alongs, to lively polkas and rousing reels.

Sarah currently performs with her husband Keith DaSilva on drums and Joe Dziok on piano & accordion. The influences of these three musicians makes for a high energy show loved by audiences of all ages.



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CONCERT 10 - RICHIE MITNICK & FRIENDS

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:30PM
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Richie Mitnick has been entertaining enthusiastic audiences throughout New England and beyond for many years, first in his home of New York City and then, Western Massachusetts. He is famous for turning his keyboard into an entire orchestra. That is why Richie is in great demand for Ballroom Dances. Through the years, Richie and his group, sometimes called "The Sounds of Music Singers," have performed countless concerts at Summer Concert Series and Holiday Shows. "Crowds always tell us that these shows remind them so much of the great shows they remember such as The Andy Williams Show and Perry Como and Tom Jones and Englebert TV shows," Richie stated. "I am proud of that."

Richie is thrilled to bring some of the area's finest entertainers to these shows--well known performers, including, Jessie Rivers, Ethel Lee, Brad Shepard, Peter Annone, Joe Saimeri and Patti Liquore as well as many special guests. Richie also looks to his amazingly talented wife, Kathy, for her musical expertise, whether she's performing on keyboard or organ, or producing arrangements behind the scenes. We know you'll enjoy a great afternoon or evening of entertainment that will take your heart and your memory to a very happy place.



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CONCERT 11 - JIMMY MAZZ

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:30PM
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Jimmy Mazz began singing at the age of 14 in a Junior High School band with a group of friends that called themselves Vitus Pike. Growing up in a small town in Western Massachusetts left Jimmy with big dreams. His early desire to be a musician and performer was that of a rockstar, writing and singing songs. Riding the "new wave music" of British Rock and the punk music scene in the early 80's, Jimmy joined the band Picture This. A few years later, he formed Real World and toured with his original songs winning many battle of the bands competitions and recording almost 60 songs. Joining the wedding band Breezin' in 1993 changed his direction dramatically. That wedding band experience became invaluable teaching Jimmy how to actually entertain an audience. Those years molded Jimmy into the consummate entertainer he is today headlining at The Superstar Theater and other great venues nationwide.



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CONCERT 12 - SANTUCCI JAZZ QUINTET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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Italian, international trumpeter, Cicci Santucci, recipient of numerous awards over a 71 year career, this summer offers an interesting formation by hanging with him a trumpeter from New York City. Songs will include original compositions and standards. Enjoy!

With Cicci, the group includes:
Cicci Santucci, Trumpet & Flugelhorn

Joe Magnarelli, Trumpet & Flugehorn. Resides in Brooklyn, NY. Over the course of a 40+ year career, Joe has emerged as one of the premier trumpeters, improvisers, composers, and educators in jazz. He teaches at Julliard in NY and the Tribecca Jazz Institute. He has played with many great musicians such as: Lionel Hampton's Orchestra, Vanguard Jazz orchestra, Jimmy Cobb's Mobs, and many more, He has appeared on over 125 recordings.

Matt Dwonszyk, Bass, is a Connecticut born, New York Based, Bassist, Composer, arranger, bandleader, and educator. He has played in Russia, Canada, Argentina, and has performed at such legendary N.Y.C jazz venues as: Birdland, Minton's, Jazz Standard, and many others.

Paul Arslanian, Pianist, and educator at several of the leading schools in the area. Also, organizes many jazz events in the Pioneer Valley.

John Fisher, Drummer, educator in high demand as one of the best drummers in the area.



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CONCERT 13 - UNIONJACK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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UnionJack is New England's most popular British Invasion tribute band. The band has been featured at Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut and at the Abbey Road on The River Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Washington, DC as well as in Cleveland, Ohio.

They have played The International Beatles Fest in Liverpool, UK at the Famous Cavern Club in 2022, and have been invited back in 2023! They have featured shows that are "All Beatles," "Beatles and Merseybeat/British Invasion bands," 60's and "Summer of Love" Tributes as well as Complete Beatles' LP Shows.
UnionJack has had the pleasure of opening onstage for Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone, Bo Diddley, The Fifth Dimension, The Commodores, The Band, Richie Havens, and many others.

Current regular lineup: Dave Lempke (drums, vocals & compere), Peter Schindelman (bass, vocals & guitar), Greg Mitchell (keyboards, percussion & vocals), Jim Stough (guitar and vocals), and Jim Brown (guitar, vocals, & harmonica)



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Dave O and the Tone Monsters are a Classic Rock band formed from teachers in the West Springfield Middle School. Members include. Rob Desgres (Brass Attack), Dan Haryasz (Chalk Dust), Tony Barbosa (Project 267), Kevin Chaisson (The Avenue) and Dave O'Connell (Circle Drive, Dave O Music) We strive to keep you moving so show up with your dancing shoes on!!



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CONCERT 16 - WHISKEY TRAVELER

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Whiskey Traveler is an alternative Country/Americana band from Western MA, formed in 2015 by Jessica and Bernie Dion. In 2017 Whiskey Traveler recorded an EP of original songs and are currently working on a new EP. Whiskey Traveler performs at a wide variety of venues including bars and fairs, charitable causes like Rays of Hope, and have opened for 5-time Josie Awards nominated, Outlaw County Artist Dee Rock.



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CONCERT 17 - 91 SOUTH

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