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4th of July weekend Sat (7-1) - Summer Magic @ Woodland Park, Grand Rapids, MI. A night of ballroom, steppin & hustlin. It starts with dance lessons at 6PM. Cover is \$15 and it includes a Bar-B- Que Dinner. For more info call 616-299-0284.

July 15 - North Network Center's fundraiser sponsored by the Lansing/Dewitt Sunrise Rotary Club from 3-8 p.m. at the North Network Center at 847 W. Willow St./Nandy House Bldg., Lansing, MI 48906 (former Michigan School for the Blind). There will be free food in the form of the "Taste of the City," barbeque, entertainment and fun for the whole family.

July 15 - A Southern Brunch in celebration of African American cancer survivors will be hosted by Improving Cancer Outcomes of African Americans in Michigan at 10:30 AM at BCFI, 835 W. Genesee, Lansing, MI. The Brunch is free. To reserve your seat. Call the American Cancer Society (517) 332-3300

July 22 > 23 - The Carson & Barnes Circus is coming to the parking lot of Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. MLK, Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. Times: Sat. 2 and 7 PM - Sun. 1:30 and 4:40 PM. Tickets: Children under 12 - \$6.00 - Adults & youth over 12 \$12.00. Call: 517.485.7705

August 5 - African American Parade & Family Picnic beginning at Genesee St. and Capitol Ave, traveling down Capitol to Allegan (west), then North on Walnut to Farris Park. Parade entries and vendor applications are available. Call 517.484.2180

August 12 - LEDGE of LANSING is sponsoring a Family Community Picnic at Hawk Island County Park located at 1601 E. Cavanaugh Rd., Lansing, MI from 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. Ticket Donations: \$5.00 per person. Cost covers refreshments, games and prizes for all ages. For ticket information, call 517-887-6500. There is a \$2 vehicle gate entry fee.

The Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society (LAAAGS) monthly second Saturday meeting at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 717 West Allegan (between Pine and Butler Streets), Lansing, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. Public is invited.

SMOOTH JAZZ

Lansing get ready. The Capital City's premier smooth jazz concert is back at the Albert White Performing Arts Theater in the Hannah Community Center, Abbott Rd., East Lansing, MI on Friday, July 28 at 7:00 & 10:00 PM.

The concert features Charles and Gwen Scales with Modern Tribe from Detroit, Miller Group from Durham, NC and Lansing's Too Smooth for Notes.

Modern Tribe's matriarch is Gwen Scales, whose sultry, powerful vocal complement the vibrant tones of the keyboard of Tribe's patriarch, Charles Scales. Gwen Scales won her first talent contest at ten. This early success fueled her desire to sing and entertain. More recently, she has been honored with one of Detroit's most prestigious

awards, "Best Jazz Vocalist".

Charles Scales' experience with music began with piano lessons at the age of nine. Charles earned a degree in composition and arranging from The University of Michigan.

Ray Manzerolle, on the sax is a widely sought after musician, featured on at least six of Earl Klugh's albums, Gene Dunlap, Oleta Adams and others, Ray has entertained audiences worldwide.

Melvin "Max" Maxwell, the Tribes percussionist, brings a dynamic energy to the music, incorporating African and Brazilian poly rhythms into each song. Charles and Gwen's latest CD is "Gwendolyn is Joy".

Back by popular demand is The Miller Group, a five piece contemporary smooth jazz band



The Miller Band

from Durham, North Carolina. The Miller Group are all professional musicians who have performed around the world. They feature saxman Brian Miller, and smooth jazz guitarist Kevin Wilson. Brian Miller is a native of Kingston, NC and a graduate of North Carolina Central University. While at NCCU, he worked with jazz artist Clare Terry, Slide Hampton, Maceo Parker, Grady Tate, and Nicholas Payton and played at the Montreux and Vienna Jazz Festivals. Brian performed with the NCCU jazz band twice for President Bill Clinton, and the band has recorded his original composition "Desmond Street". He has also performed with Tom

Browne at Blues Alley. Kevin Wilson has done work with Melba Moore, played for the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars, performed at the White House, 1996 Olympic Games and 1999 Music Hall of Fame. Other members of the band include Clarence Raeford on keyboards: Clarence has performed with Donnie Harper and Williamston Chester. On bass is Thurman Wood (AKA Peanut). Peanut has performed with the likes of Lou Rawls, Pebo Bryson, Regina Bell, DeBarge and the Deanna Jones Orchestra. The drummer for the band is Naggy who is a studio musician. Their individual talents are unbelievable and they will be a musical treat to the Lansing area.

Also performing is mid-Michigan's best smooth jazz band, from the Lansing area, "Too Smooth For Notes" featuring saxman Phil Denny, Arnold Pulliam on bass, Sebastian Woods on keyboards, Irvin Williams on lead guitar, Craig Smith on percussion and Joe Amerson on Drums. Too Smooth has just produced a new CD single, Patterns.

This year's concert is presented by WJZL Lansing's new Smooth Jazz 92.7 and BMRW Promotions.

For ticket information, call 517-372-7246. VIP advance reserved seating tickets are limited, it is recommended that you call early to reserve these seats.



Charles and Gwen Scales with Modern Tribe

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