

Dave Bennett at the Cheboygan Opera House

If you missed Dave Bennett last year at the Cheboygan Opera House, you **MUST** see him on August 18th at 7:30. If you did see him, you'll be back. The show will be completely different, but equally great. Swing, Rock and Beyond is an entirely new show. Who knows what lies Beyond.

This young Michigan musician will rock your socks off. But he's also an old soul, a clarinet virtuoso with the smoothest swing band sound you've ever heard.

Dave Bennett doesn't always tickle the ivories, but jumps around the piano with his hair on fire belting out Jerry Lee Lewis.

"My heart stopped when he jumped on the Steinway," one fan said.

Don't let the photo fool you. Bennett is one of the most soulful singers around, but he also has a wild child side that makes his show one of the most dynamic, entertaining and fun shows you'll ever see.

Bennett plays a variety of instruments. The signature swing sound of his clarinet brings Benny Goodman back to life. Bennett's new album "Blood Moon" showcases some of his own compositions as well as the standards. He generously donated rights to the song "Blood Moon" to be featured on an upcoming Opera House video.

He drums. His "Dueling Drums" set with one of the best drummers in the mid-west is a blast to watch, funny and sharp.

And he sings. His version of "Lonesome Town" is one of the sweetest since Ricky Nelson. You might also hear strains of Phil Collins and Peter Gabriel.

"I'm thankful that the musical style I feel strongest about seems to connect with people on a deep emotional level. If it is pleasant to the ear or strikes an emotional chord, then I feel I have done my job," says Bennett.

Because Bennett appeals to young, old and in between, the Opera House is offering \$10 student tickets to encourage young people to see amazing talent in action on the historic (and air conditioned) Opera House stage. Adults \$20. Tickets available at www.theoperahouse.org or call 231-627-5841.

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