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The COLE That Nobody Knows Yet !

Ever hear of Freddy Cole? Neither had we! Yet, he is the youngest brother of Nat "King" Cole and an international performing and recording artist in his own right, winning Playbill's 2008 Outstanding Jazz Vocalist in a Major Engagement which he won in 2005 as well. In 2007, Cole was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

On Saturday, May 2, at 8 p.m., in the Washington Gardner Middle School auditorium in Albion, the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce will present "The COLE That Nobody Knows" in an Evening with the Freddy Cole Quartet.

Lionel Frederick (Freddy) Cole was born on October 15, 1931, the youngest of Edward and Paulina Nancy Cole's five children. His three older brothers, Eddie, Ike and Nat (twelve years Freddy's senior) were all musicians.

"I started playing piano at five or six," Freddy remembers. "Music was all around me." In the Chicago home of his youth, visitors



Freddy Cole at the Blue Note Jazz Club photo ©2007 Clay Walker - photo credit must be given or you cannot use this image!

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included Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Lionel Hampton. He also credits Billy Eckstine as a major influence. Although he was ready to hit the road at 18, his mother intervened and he continued his musical education at the Roosevelt Institute in Chicago.

Freddy moved to New York in 1951, where he studied at the Juilliard School of Music and found himself profoundly influ-

enced by John Lewis, Oscar Peterson and Teddy Wilson. He got a Master's degree at the New England Conservatory of Music and then spent several months on the road as a member of an Earl Bostic band that also included Johnny Coles and Benny Golson.

A resident of Atlanta since 1972, Freddy has been a recording artist since 1952, when his first single, "The Joke's on Me", was released on an obscure Chicago-based label.

Tickets are on sale now—on line at www.greateralbionchamber.org, at the Chamber office, 416 S. Superior Street, Albion, and at various locations around the community. Adults—\$35 in advance; \$40 at the door; students with valid ID \$15.



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For further information on attractions, events, lodging and dining:
www.greateralbionchamber.org or 517-629-5533
www.marshallmi.org or 1-800-877-5163

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Albion Events—Spring and Summer 2009

April

- April 3-5 High School/Middle School Zone Competition,
Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center, Albion College
- April 11-12 Albion College Combined Training Show,
Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center, Albion College
- May 2 2nd Annual Chamber Disc Golf Tournament,
Victory Park, 11a.m.
- May 2 *The COLE Nobody Knows*-An Evening of Live Music
with the Freddy Cole Quartet, Washington Gardner
Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- May 29-30 Michigan Quarter Horse Association Show,
Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center, Albion College
- June 20 Las Vegas Night, Duck Lake Country Club, 7 p.m. to midnight
- June 21 Fete de la Musique - Think Music. Think Albion. World
Music Day, 12:00 noon to midnight, downtown Albion
- June 14 & 28 Albion Community Band, Victory Park Bandshell
- June 19-23 United States Pony Club Mega Rally,
Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center, Albion College
- July 1-5 United States Equestrian Federation "A" Hunter/Jumper Show,
Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center, Albion College
- July 2 Red, White and Blue Cruise-In, downtown Albion, 4 to 9 p.m.
- July 3 Fireworks at dusk, Barnes Park on the banks of the
Kalamazoo River
- July 12 & 26 Community Band Concerts, Victory Park Bandshell

August

- Aug. 10-16 U.S. Equestrian Federation Hunter/Jumper "A" Show,
Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center, Albion College; other
community events including upscale arts and crafts, music
and other fun family events

Sundays "Swingin' at the Shell", Victory Park Bandshell

September

- Sept. 18-20 43rd Annual Festival of the Forks "Sounds of Albion"
Parade, arts and crafts, lots of music, hands-on kids events
- Sept. 19 Albion High School Class Reunions—Classes of 1950-1980,
Classes of 1978-1988, Class of 1974; Albion High School
Distinguished Alumni Dinner

Marshall Events—Spring and Summer 2009

May

- May 15-20 Michigan Week Festivities
- May 16 Tourism/Hospitality Day in Marshall
- May 16 26th Annual Marshall Hospitality Classic
- May 21 21st Annual Corvette Celebration,
Calhoun County Fairgrounds
- May 23-25 6th Annual Mayfaire Renaissance Festival,
30-31 Calhoun County Fairgrounds
- May 25 Memorial Day Parade, downtown Marshall

June

- June 6 Antique Tractor Pull, Calhoun County Fairgrounds
- June 17 & 24 Community Band Concerts, Stuart's Landing
- June 20-21 Civil War Encampments, Calhoun County Fairgrounds

July

- July 3-4 8th Annual Cruise to the Fountain,
Calhoun County Fairgrounds
- July 4 Fourth of July Celebration, Fountain Circle
- July 8, 15, 22 Community Band Concerts, Stuart's Landing
- July 10-12 "Swing, Jazz & Other Stuff!!" 2009, Stuart's Landing
- July 11-12 19th Annual Welcome To My Garden Tour,
Marshall Area
- July 18 6th Annual Marshall Blues Festival, Downtown Marshall
- July 23-25 4th Annual Pastrami Joe's World Reuben Eating Championships,
Downtown Marshall
- July 23-25 12th Annual Bluegrass Festival,
Calhoun County Fairgrounds

August

Aug. 16-22 161st Calhoun County Fair

September

- Sept. 12-13 46th Annual Historic Marshall Home Tour & Events
- Sept. 12 8th Annual Marshall Civil War Ball and Social Event



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April 17, 2009

7:30 A.M.

Cascarelli's of Albion

*Please use conference room door off back
parking lot*

\$8.00 per person

*(Remember - to keep cost down - R.S.V.P. by
April 16th at 4 p.m. - Please honor your
reservation or you will be billed)*