

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Concerts dominate summer line-up

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TRAVERSE CITY — From Grammy-winning Interlochen alumna Norah Jones to rising country star Blake Shelton, from '60s folk icon Melanie to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the summer of 2003 promises to be an entertaining one in northwestern Lower Michigan.

JUNE

■ Theater-goers have a last chance to catch Neil Simon's "Rumors" in its final weekend at the Old Town Playhouse in Traverse City until Saturday, June 7. This farce by America's premier comic playwright revolves around a hilariously disastrous anniversary party in which the guests get progressively more panicked by their own runaway stories. Tickets to the 8 p.m. performances are \$18 for adults, \$16 for students and

seniors, and \$12 for children under 12. Call 947-2210.

■ On June 6 and 7, lovers of barbershop harmony will have a chance to hear a concert by the Cherry Capital Chorus, Northern Michigan's premier male chorus, in Corson Auditorium at Interlochen Center for the Arts. It's the group's 37th Annual June Night of Harmony, featuring several nationally and internationally famous barbershop quartets, including the 2002-2003 International Barbershop Champions "Four Voices."

Tickets to the 7:30 p.m. concerts are \$15. Call 933-9900.

■ For those whose nostalgia only extends back to the 1960s, pop singer David Cassidy — whose first claim to fame was as a member of TV's singing TV Partridge Family — will be performing that same weekend at the Leelanau Sands Showroom north of Suttons

Bay. Tickets to his 8 p.m. performances are \$38 in advance or \$48 at the door. Call (877) 271-7980.

■ On June 7, pianist and comedian Rich Ridenour will appear at the Northport Community Arts Center. Hailed as "Victor Borge waiting in the wings," Ridenour mixes concerts of classical, ragtime, jazz and rock 'n roll music with outbursts of original wit and humor. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$12.50 for adults and \$5 for students. Call 386-5001.

■ On Thursday, June 12, the Grand Traverse Musicales will present a concert by the winners of its 2003 Youth Scholarship awards at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the First Congregational Church on Center Road in Traverse City. Call 267-5058.

■ On Friday, June 13, Grammy award-winning jazz artists Bob James and Earl Klugh will perform a live



Ben Folds will appear at Interlochen July 1.

"Restoration Recherche" benefit concert in Interlochen's Corson Auditorium. Proceeds from the concert will help fund the \$8.5 million restoration of Traverse City's historic City Opera House. Joining James and Klugh in the 8 p.m. performance are Dave

McMurray, Al Turner and Ron Otis. Call 946-6181.

■ The famed Canadian chamber music ensemble I Musici de Montreal will perform Saturday, June 14, in John Hall Auditorium at the Bay View Association north of Petoskey. Founded by

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