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**Annual Music Festival Set for Sibyl Center**

The Sibyl Center's annual Summer Music Festival in Stanley is back for its fourth year and it's bigger than ever! Enjoy a variety of shows in air-conditioned comfort, July 1-7.

Big Band Reflections opens the Festival on Saturday, July 1 at 8:30. Dance and listen to music in the Glen Miller style featuring performers from all over Mountrail County. Featured band performers include Stanley teacher John Spitzer and long-time member Stan Wright.

Jessie Veeder and her Cowboy Band of Watford City appear Sunday, July 2 at 7:00. At age 22, Jessie has already released two full-length albums and has become an accomplished and celebrated songwriter and performer. The *High Plains Reader* calls Jessie "A siren of the first order—a gorgeous voice that pulls you under and refuses to let you go."

Merrill Piepkorn, famous for his *Hear it Now* radio show on public radio, performs Monday, July 3 at 7:00. He'll host his daily show live from Stanley earlier in the afternoon and will continue that evening with his music, stories and good humor.

Don't miss the variety show Tuesday, July 4 at 3:00 featuring talented musicians from near and far. The artists will present tunes from Broadway, jazz, classical and pop using voice, piano, tuba and flute.

Closing out the festival the Friday July 7 is the lighthearted act of Lorna and Maria, a mother-daughter music and comedy team. In their words, "One's Lebanese, one's Norwegian!" They have vast musical experiences and present an amazing show with lots of personal anecdotes.

All events are open to the public at no charge. A free-will donation basket is placed at the door to help defray costs involved in securing these big-name performers (suggested \$5 donation). Shows are sponsored by the Foundation for Life Enrichment, a non-profit organization. The Festival's program is supported in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Sibyl Center is located at 301-1st St SW in Stanley and details are available at [www.sibylcenter.org](http://www.sibylcenter.org).

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**ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, July 1 — 8:30 PM: Big Band Reflections

Saturday, July 2 — 7:00 PM: Jessie Veeder and Her Cowboy Band of Watford City

Sunday, July 3 — 7:00 PM: Merrill Piepkorn of "Hear it Now" (Radio show live on NDPR at 3:00)

Monday, July 4 — 3:00 PM: Variety Show

Friday, July 7 — 7:00 PM: Lorna and Maria, music/comedy



Jessie Veeder



Merrill Piepkorn