

# Young Singers Kate Springsteen, Katlyn Frosland Take Talents to Hollywood

**By Stephen Underwood**  
 Talented young singers, dancers, and combination performers from cities big and small around the country will converge on Hollywood, California, August 8 through 10 for the first FAMEUS National Finals. But will there be any other small town like St. Ignace sending not one, but two performers to the competition? And from a single voice teacher?

Kate Springsteen, Katlyn Frosland, and their teacher, Martin Bell, are proud of what they have produced together. They have been seen at Locals by the Bay and the Pavillion dedication, entertaining crowds with their individual voices and their well-known duet, "Dancing in the Street."

The stage at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, however, is much bigger.

"Kate and Katlyn really are both wonderful singers and performers," said Mr. Bell, adding that how they do in the competition will not change that fact. "All I do is show them what to do. The people who pick it up and run with it are the ones who excel. Both girls have wonderful motivation,

**Kate Springsteen (from left) and Katlyn Frosland, St. Ignace voice students of Martin Bell, entertain the gathering with their rendition of "Dancing in the Streets" at the Chamber of Commerce's Business-After-Hours at the Pavillion Tuesday, June 19. The performers were raising funds for a trip to Hollywood, California, where they have qualified to sing in a competition.**

and competition like this is what most singers have to do if they're going to make it these days."

The new event takes its name and is inspired by the movie and television series "Fame," with "US" stuck on the end to make a play on the word "famous" and emphasize the national scope of the competition. It was developed by Debbie Allen, who starred in and choreographed for both the original 1979 film and 1982 TV series. The young actress Raven-Symone will host the event, which is expected to include appearances by Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Bernie Mac, and Phylicia Rashad.

Miss Springsteen, 16, and soon



to be a senior at LaSalle High School, competed in a similar event last year. She went to the New York International Music Festival, actually a five-city event that included the Las Vegas venue where she performed and made the finals. Miss Frosland, age 12 and entering eighth grade at St. Ignace Middle School, saw what her fellow student did last year and wanted a similar opportunity.

They have taken slightly different paths to these finals, with Miss Frosland qualifying second in the junior pop vocal category in a

regional event May 7-8 in Detroit, and Miss Springsteen using the Chicago regional May 14-15 to win the senior jazz vocal division.

In 2001, Miss Springsteen came to work with Mr. Bell as an eighth-grade student with a growing interest in singing. She wasn't sure at first if she liked some of the Motown and R&B music he encouraged her to work with, but now she has made her mark with not just that, but by reviving classic blues and jazz standards, many of which she has performed in different events around St. Ignace.

Fans are familiar with her versions of "Respect," by Aretha Franklin and other better-known tunes. In performing "Come Rain or Come Shine" and a revved-up "Blues in the Night" by Harold Arlen, however, she is tackling some of the most difficult pieces of the 1930s and 1940s.

She performed "Blues" last year in Las Vegas and has done an easier version locally. Mr. Bell, however, said she is far from the same singer who took the stage last year or even has been seen at area venues. "She's not shown this to the world yet," he after being stunned by a late July dress rehearsal, "but she's come light years (in the past year)."

Her embrace of these styles, plus a hard-core work ethic have put her in position to do very well, he added. "Kate's got what used to be 'happening' and brought it up to date. And she does exactly what I ask in practicing, with a vengeance."

Miss Springsteen agrees that "redoing older songs and making them more modern" has been a special strength of hers. Building and recording a resume of a wide variety of songs, with different mixes, has expanded her talents. There's no substitute for hard work, either.

"Vocal and breathing exercises

for an hour every night," she said with a smile, as if revealing a grueling secret formula.

Miss Frosland started singing on her own as a child and when her family realized she had talent, they enrolled her in singing lessons at Lake Superior State University at age 7 or 8.

"But it became too far to go every week," she said. "Then we saw Martin Bell's ad in the paper. When he started working with me he said he's been looking for a singer like this for a long time."

Fast forward more than three years, many local performances and karaoke contests, and a couple of CDs later, Miss Frosland found herself on a stage in Detroit, ready to sing Jessica Simpson's "Angels" with some tough acts to follow. In one sense, there was Miss Springsteen herself. "After Kate went to Las Vegas, I knew I wanted to enter a big contest the next year," Miss Frosland said.

More significantly, there were some competitors with fancy costumes, props, and backup dancers that she was succeeding. "I really had to do it by the power of my voice," she said.

"She (Katlyn) did a great job right after the (eventual) winner," said Mr. Bell. "She hit every note."

"Katlyn's good at blues and

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## Pre-Photograph History of St. Ignace Told Thursday

Early European exploration and settlement of St. Ignace and the Straits area will be the focus of an illustrated talk by Brian Leigh Dunnigan at the St. Ignace Public Library Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m. The public presentation is sponsored by the Michilimackinac Historical Society and is free.

Mr. Dunnigan will share interesting discoveries about St. Ignace and the Straits region made while researching a new book on Mackinac before photographs. The audience will explore early maps, drawings, and paintings, beginning with a 1670's Jesuit map Lake Superior and the Straits of Mackinac drawn. A better map was not produced until the 1820's, Mr. Dunnigan says.

Other maps and drawings show early development in St. Ignace. Historian Dunnigan is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is Curator of Maps at William L. Clements Library there. He is the former executive director of Old Fort Niagara in New York and is the author of numerous articles and books, including the acclaimed "Frontier Metropolis, Picturing Early Detroit, 1701-1838," published for the Detroit tricentennial. He is a summer resident of Mackinac Island, where he grew up, and has written a number of early accounts for the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

## Suspect Sought in Break-Ins; Dog Shooting Investigated

Officers from the St. Ignace Police Department are in search of a young male suspect accused of entering homes on the east side of town last week. In a related issue, Michigan State Police are investigating the shooting of a residential dog that attacked a police dog in pursuit of the trespassing suspect.

Police were called to the scene at a woman's home Thursday, August 4, with a report of a strange man in her home. The suspect fled the scene before police arrived. A State Police dog began tracking the suspect, but lost his trail.

Police were called to a house Sunday, August 7, just four hours down from Thursday's incident, on a similar complaint of a suspicious man trespassing in a residential home.

St. Ignace Police Sergeant Mark Wilk said residents in the

area were directed to keep all pets chained or in the house as the State Police tracking dog was on pursuit of the suspect's trail. Sergeant Wilk said one resident's dogs somehow got loose and started running toward the police dog. A State Police Canine Unit officer shot the resident's dog because the police dog was still in pursuit of the suspect.

"A tracking dog is a police officer, just like us," explained Sergeant Wilk.

Police are still investigating the residential home invasion incidents and, said Sergeant Wilk, there are a few suspects being investigated.

Sergeant Wilk advises residents to lock their homes and vehicles, record identification numbers to all valuable items, keep a good inventory of belongings, and keep watch for suspicious people in the neighborhood.

## Singer Barbara Bailey Hutchinson To Perform Thursday in St. Ignace

Barbara Bailey Hutchinson will perform Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m. at the St. Ignace marina as part of the free Bayside Live! concert series.

A Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter, Ms. Hutchinson grew up in Detroit and has sung on hundreds of commercials for McDonald's, Hallmark Cards, and other national advertisers. She has been voted "Best Solo Performer" and "Best Musical Act: Club Venue," among other awards, in a national magazine poll of colleges and universities.

She performs neo-folk music with a message of tolerance, human rights, and humor.



**Barbara Bailey Hutchinson will perform at Bayside Live in St. Ignace Thursday.**

## Local Musicians Plan Aug. 17 Jam Session

All musicians who performed at Locals by the Bay this summer are invited to play in a jam session Wednesday, August 17, at 7 p.m. at the St. Ignace Marina.

Bring microphones and instruments to participate.

The Locals by the Bay concert is offered free each Wednesday evening to showcase local musical talent.

## Stan Kownacki Takes 1st Place With 19.34 Salmon

*Nye, Dunn Join Him as Top 3 Finishers in Les Cheneaux Competition*

**By Amy Polk**

Stan Kownacki of St. Martin's Point in Hessel took first place in the Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce Annual Salmon Fishing Tournament, with a 19.34-pound salmon. The contest ended Sunday, July 31, with an awards ceremony at the Islander Bar in Hessel. Mr. Kownacki won \$1,000 for his catch.

The contest attracted 48 contestants who competed in three fish contests this year, including salmon, trout, and steelhead divisions. Mr. Kownacki topped the salmon anglers, and was followed by Jeff Whitehead of suburban Detroit in second place, with a 15-pound fish that grabbed \$500, Robert Smith of St. Martins Point with a 14.84-pound fish that earned \$250, and Wilfred Thompson of Cedarville with his 14.44-pound fish that won \$100. The men edged out Liz Merchberger of Cedarville, who held the lead with an 11.44-pound salmon for several days before the bigger fish came in, organizer Bill Mudloff said.

In the trout division, Mark Nye of Hessel won first place and \$500 for his 19-inch, 22-pound lake trout. Tom Bailey of Clarkston won second place and \$250 with his 18.5-inch, 2.06-pound trout. Nathan Marshall of Lapeer won third place and \$100 for his catch, an 18 and three-eighths-inch, 1.98-pound trout. Bill Mudloff of Cedarville caught an 18-inch, 1.78-pound trout to capture fourth place and \$50.

The largest steelhead was landed by Dale Dunn of Cedarville, who won \$500 for his 7.54-pound fish. Scott DeWitt of Hill Island in Cedarville won \$250 for catching the second largest, a 6.72-pound steelhead.

Mr. Mudloff reported that anglers were catching fewer steelhead, but plenty of lake trout and



**Stan Kownacki of St. Martins Point, Hessel hoists the 19.34-pound salmon that won the 2005 Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce Annual Salmon Fishing Tournament. (Photograph courtesy of Stan Kownacki)**



**Mark Nye of Hessel (from left), Stan Kownacki of St. Martins Point, Hessel, and Dale Dunn of Cedarville were the top three winners in the 2005 Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce Annual Salmon Fishing Tournament. They each caught the largest fish in their respective fishing division.**

## St. Ignace Salmon Derby Planned for Aug. 27 - 28

**By Bob Holzei**

The St. Ignace Salmon Derby will be Saturday, August 27, and Sunday, August 28, with anglers hoping to hook and net some of the \$ 7,500 in cash and prizes that will lure sportsmen to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This year's event begins with a 7:30 p.m. captains' meeting and cookout Friday August 26, at the Hazelton Street Launch Ramp in St. Ignace.

The third annual event began with the desire to help promote

the area, and raise money for community events including "the sports programs at St. Ignace Public Schools and the fish cleaning station," said Jim Miller, salmon derby committee member.

Last year, \$4,300 was paid to derby entrants out of a total of \$9,300 raised for community activities, Mr. Miller said.

Out of a field of 45 boat entries last year, "Joe Visnaw of St. Ignace caught the winning Chinook salmon, which weighed 18.5 pounds," said Mr. Miller.

Jim Gahn of Cheboygan took top honors in the boat division with a catch of three Chinooks weighing 39.25 pounds.

The cash prizes available are based upon a minimum of 100 boat entries. Prizes up for grabs include a Canon Downrigger, a Hummingbird Fish Finder, and an Igloo cooler. More prizes will be announced at the captains' meeting.

Open waters for the 2005 St. Ignace salmon Derby include all Michigan waters of Lake Huron

east of the Mackinac Bridge, according to the registration form.

The Straits Area Sportsman's Club, Kiwanis Club, The St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce, and Visitors' Bureau are among those working together to make the annual event a destination for anglers.

For a registration for or additional information, contact St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce at (800) 338-6660. For marina reservations, contact (800) 447-2757.