

*Aten Place*  
*Summer 2009 Concerts in the Barn*

This is the fifteenth season that Aten Place has provided *Concerts in the Barn*. Those that have attended since our early years have watched us change and grow each year. Although we have grown bigger than we ever imagined, we have endeavored to keep our mission the same; to provide our Northern Michigan community with an enjoyable evening of original and traditional music in a relaxing atmosphere at an affordable price.

Aten Place is a labor of love for us. We operate as a not-for-profit, and do not have any employees or support staff. Fortunately, over the last few years, friends have helped us keep up with the work required to maintain the barn and grounds, so that we can continue to provide our concert series.

Sponsoring the concerts already consumes much of our time, and we do not have the extra time or staff that would support reservations or pre-sale of tickets. We have tried several approaches to handling the increasing popularity of the concerts and desire to secure good seating. In an effort to be most fair to all patrons, last summer we decided to try opening the ticket booth at 5 p.m. the day of the concert and allow patrons to purchase tickets in advance and reserve seats. We felt that this policy was fairer to everyone, however, we soon realized that it was difficult for people who travel greater distances to make arrangements to arrive at this earlier time. This summer, we will open the ticket booth and barn doors at 6 p.m. the day of the concert.

Many of our faithful patrons have encouraged us to consider selling Season Passes. We have sold Season Passes in the past, but those passes were for admittance only, and did not include any reserved seating. We have decided to change that this year, and will sell Season Passes that include reserved seating.

Reserved seating will be offered for basically ever-other row of the three sections (Left-Center-Right) of the barn. We feel this will allow for those who wish to purchase a season pass to be guaranteed a good seat, while still providing good seating for those who choose to only attend selected concerts during the summer.

The passes and seats will be sold according to the following process:

Season Pass with Reserved Seating

- 1) Beginning April 1, 2009, orders for a season pass will be received and processed. The request must be via US Postal Service only, addressed to Aten Place, 03492 Old Mackinaw Trail, Boyne Falls, MI 49713. Letters postmarked earlier than April 1, 2009 will be returned to sender. Email or phone requests will not be accepted.
- 2) The Pass, or passes, must be paid in full (check or money orders only).
- 3) No more than (4) Season Passes may be purchased by a given individual.
- 4) Patrons will be required to request several choices for seats. Choices will be filled on a 'first-come' basis. In the situation when requests are received and have the same US Postal Service Date Stamp (postmark), and are for the same seat(s), a lottery will be employed, and 2<sup>nd</sup> (or possibly 3<sup>rd</sup>) choices will be filled for the loser(s) in the lottery. Alternate choices would also be used in situations when seats requested have already been reserved.
- 5) Patrons whom we are unable to honor their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, will be notified and allowed to decide on further choices, or withdraw their request, and their check returned.
- 6) The passes are for seats for the entire summer schedule, and may be shared with others.
- 7) A seating chart for the barn is printed on the reverse side, along with this summer's schedule. Both are also available at our website, [www.atenplace.com](http://www.atenplace.com)
- 8) We request that Season Pass holders who know that their seats will not be used on the night of a concert, please call or email us and allow us to make those seats available for sale.

**Important Notice:** We need to compile an email list of our patrons. The number of people on our mailing list has increased, and so have postal costs. This is added expense that we can no longer afford. In the future, we will email you information concerning the upcoming season. This will also allow us to keep you abreast on a weekly basis of our current schedule. To receive emails, simply send us an email ([baten@centurytel.net](mailto:baten@centurytel.net)) from the address you would like to receive concert information, and put Add to Email List in the subject line. We will copy your address to our electronic address book. We are also interested in any suggestions or comments you would be willing to share with us, and you can email those to us at any time.

Thank you, and see you this summer, Bill and Maxine Aten

## Season Pass Reservation Form

Name(s) on Pass: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seating: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_      1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seating: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_      1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_

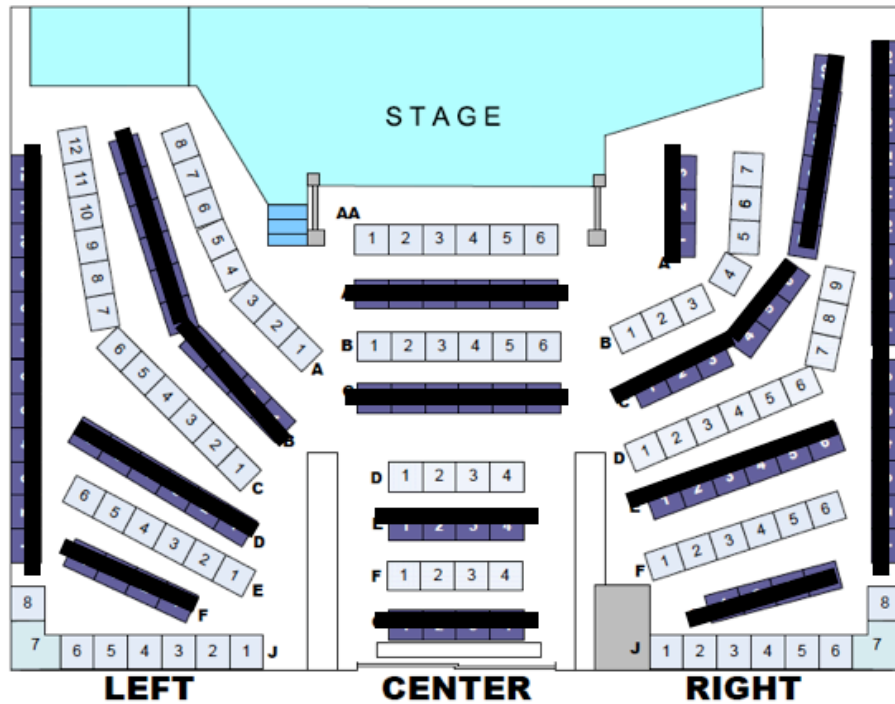
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$120 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (# of passes)

Make checks payable to: Aten Place

### ATEN PLACE

#### RESERVED SEATING CHART



Seats in Light Blue  
are available for reservation  
by Season Pass holders.

#### Seating Codes

Right – R  
Center – C  
Left – L

#### Example

Center section,  
Row B, seat 3  
would be coded:  
CB3

### 2009 Summer Concert In The Barn Schedule

Saturday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Speace	7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joel Mabus	7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Johnson Band (former members of Big Leg Emma)	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Legacy	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mustard's Retreat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dana Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Orpheum Bell	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Wild Turkeys	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Bynum & Co.	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Williams	7:30 p.m.