

White Salmon Jazz Band

White Salmon Jazz returns to the Huckleberry Fest on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. This will be the band's 38th consecutive Huckfest.

This 17-piece big band plays a mix of swing tunes, jazz and contemporary, combining smooth harmony and hot solos for a show that will be sure to please all ages.

The band was formed in 1979 by a core group of Columbia High students and alumni, and now boasts players from all over the Gorge area.

Throughout the years since its inception, the band has always welcomed young people, including players from The Dalles, Hood River Valley, Trout Lake and Columbia High Schools.

The band donates to local schools to help pay for instruments, sheet music, and other items to support the music departments. In 2007, they instituted the 1st annual White Salmon Jazz scholarship, later renamed the Jeff Agar Memorial Scholarship, sending local students to summer jazz camp.

They have played at many private and public functions, including Arlington Big River Band Festival, Backwoods Brewing in Carson, Huckleberry Festival, and the Trout Lake Fair. To keep up with the band, you can "like" them on Facebook.

This band is living proof that music can last a lifetime, and it is never too late to get out and play and have lots of fun doing it. Come out and have a good time with your hometown band.