

45TH ANNUAL BC INTERIOR JAZZ FESTIVAL APRIL 18 - 20, 2024



KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE
AND
ROTARY CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



**Wentworth
Music**



GORMAN
The Finest Boards.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<i>Festival Coordinator's Welcome</i>	3
<i>Festival Committee</i>	4
<i>Jazz Festival Tickets</i>	4
<i>Performance Schedules</i>	5-6
<i>Jazz Jam</i>	7
<i>Workshops</i>	7
<i>Jazz Artists' Showcase Concert</i>	8
<i>Artist Biographies</i>	9-13
<i>Jazz Festival Sponsors</i>	14-15
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	16





WELCOME TO THE 2024 BC INTERIOR JAZZ FESTIVAL!



Welcome to the 2024 BC Interior Jazz Festival!

I once again find myself privileged to be the coordinator for the BC Interior Jazz Festival, and am reminded of the great history of the festival, and its role in the jazz history of the Okanagan.

We have been lucky in the Okanagan to have had many amazing student musicians perform on our stages. These students have continued to become touring musicians across the world; they've become doctors, lawyers, and tradespeople, and many have shared their love of jazz with the next generation by becoming teachers. In my travels, I have had the pleasure of meeting some of these former student musicians. The most unexpected was when a flight attendant, on a return flight from Ontario with students, shared that she had been on the BC Interior Jazz Festival stage a decade prior.

The experiences that students have on this stage help them become well-rounded adults that thrive in the community. I am grateful to be able to provide them with this performance and learning opportunity.

This festival runs because of the significant time and effort that our festival committee and festival volunteers dedicate. I would like to express gratitude on behalf of myself and the student musicians to the festival volunteers who make this production possible.

Enjoy the festival!

Chris Perry
BC Interior Jazz Festival Coordinator

2024 FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



CHRIS PERRY	Festival Coordinator
CRAIG THOMSON	Artistic Director and Workshop Coordinator
KEA ANGLE	Traffic Manager
CHARLIE BENWELL	Sound Engineer
MEGAN FREDERICK	Social Media and Photography
KIMBERLY GORMAN	Awards and Adjudicator Liaison
ZACH GRIFFIN	Technology Manager
BRANDEN JEWSBURY	Stage Manager
SHARLENE PERRY	Treasurer
JAMES PRESCOTT	House Manager
JANIKA PRESCOTT	House Manager
JEFF SAUNDERS	Facilities and Equipment Manager
SARAH WANDY	PR Manager and Advertising

JAZZ FESTIVAL TICKETS

Jazz Artists' Showcase Concert

Kelowna Community Theatre: April 19th, 7:00pm
All tickets \$40 (plus tax and service charges)
Free entry for festival participants



Student Showcase Concert

Kelowna Community Theatre: April 20th, 7:00pm
All Tickets \$14 (plus tax and service charges)
Free entry for festival participants



Daytime Student Performances

April 18th - 20th at the KCT - 1 Day Pass - \$6 / 3 Day Pass - \$10 (plus tax and service charges)
April 18th at the Rotary Centre for the Arts - by donation at the door
Free entry for festival participants



SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH



Jazz Band Performances - Kelowna Community Theatre

Perform	#	Institution	Group	Category	Classification	From	Director(s)
9:30 AM	1	Dr. Knox Middle School	Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 8 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior V	Kelowna, BC	Erika Sinhuber
9:55 AM	2	KLO Middle School	KLO Grade 8 Band	Jazz Band	Junior V	Kelowna, BC	Colin DeBourcier
10:20 AM	3	Rutland Middle School	Rutland Middle School Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior V	Kelowna, BC	Carmen McDowell
10:45 AM		BREAK					
11:00 AM	4	Springvalley Middle School	Springvalley	Jazz Band	Junior V	Kelowna, BC	Kea Angle
11:25 AM	5	Dr. Knox Middle School	Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior IV	Kelowna, BC	Erika Sinhuber
11:55 AM		LUNCH					
12:55 PM	6	Ecole Glenrosa Middle School	GMS Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Kimberly Gorman
1:20 PM	7	Constable Neil Bruce Middle School	Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior V	West Kelowna, BC	Craig Thomson
1:45 PM	8	W.L. Seaton Secondary	W.L. Seaton Gr. 9-12 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Senior I	Vernon, BC	Jason Paas
2:10 PM	9	Mount Boucherie Secondary School	MBSS Gr. 9 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Tom Klassen

Jazz Combo Performances - Rotary Centre for the Arts

Perform	#	Institution	Group	Category	Classification	From	Director(s)
9:00 AM	10	Mount Boucherie Secondary	Circle of Fifths	Jazz Combo	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
9:25 AM	11	Ecole Glenrosa Middle School	The Masonettes	Jazz Combo	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Kimberly Gorman
9:50 AM	12	Mount Boucherie Secondary	The Neptunes	Jazz Combo	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
10:15 AM	13	Constable Neil Bruce Middle School	MMMM, DMH	Jazz Combo	Junior V	West Kelowna, BC	Craig Thomson
10:40 AM		Break					
10:55 AM	14	Mount Boucherie Secondary	Tuner or Later	Jazz Combo	Junior III	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
11:20 AM	15	Ecole Glenrosa Middle School	The Flumpets and Others	Jazz Combo	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Kimberly Gorman
11:45 AM	16	Mount Boucherie Secondary	DysFUNKtional	Jazz Combo	Junior III	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
12:10 PM		Break					
1:10 PM	17	Mount Boucherie Secondary	Tim Derochie Quartet	Jazz Combo	Junior III	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
1:35 PM	18	Rutland Senior Secondary	RSS Senior Jazz Combo	Jazz Combo	Senior	Kelowna, BC	Jeffrey Saunders
2:00 PM	19	George Elliot Secondary	Coyote Combo	Jazz Combo	Senior	Lake Country, BC	Sergei Ryga
2:25 PM	20	Mount Boucherie Secondary	Traine Wreck	Jazz Combo	Intermediate	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
2:50 PM		Break					
3:05 PM	21	Okanagan Mission Secondary	Freddy's Pickle Juice	Jazz Combo	Senior	Kelowna, BC	Megan Frederick & Zach Griffin
3:30 PM	22	W.L. Seaton Secondary	W.L. Seaton Gr. Jazz Combo	Jazz Combo	Senior	Vernon, BC	Jason Paas
3:55 PM	23	Mount Boucherie Secondary	Yap Masters	Jazz Combo	Senior	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry





SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH



Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Performances - Kelowna Community Theatre

Perform	#	Institution	Group	Category	Classification	From	Director(s)
9:00 AM	24	Rutland Middle School	Rutland Middle School Choir	Combination Choir	Junior V	Kelowna, BC	Carmen McDowell
9:25 AM							
9:50 AM	25	Ecole Glenrosa Middle School	GMS Combination Choir	Combination Choir	Junior IV	West Kelowna, BC	Andrew Fraser
10:15 AM							
10:40 AM	26	Rutland Senior Secondary	RSS Concert Choir	Combination Choir	Senior	Kelowna, BC	Jeff Saunders
11:05 AM		LUNCH					
12:05 PM	27	Salmon Arm Secondary	Salmon Arm Secondary Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Senior I	Salmon Arm, BC	Brook Roberts
12:30 PM	28	Mount Boucherie Secondary	MBSS Gr. 10 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior III	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry
12:55 PM	29	J.L. Crowe Secondary School	J.L. Crowe Senior Jazz Ensemble	Jazz Band	Senior I	Trail, BC	Robyn Verhoeven
1:20 PM		BREAK					
1:45 PM	30	Okanagan Mission Secondary School	OKM Grade 9/10 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior III	Kelowna, BC	Megan Frederick & Zach Griffin
2:10 PM	31	Salmon Arm Secondary-JL Jackson Campus	JL Jackson Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Junior III	Salmon Arm, BC	David Izik-Dzurko



SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH



Jazz Band Performances - Kelowna Community Theatre

Perform	#	Institution	Group	Category	Classification	From	Director(s)
10:00 AM	32	Okanagan Mission Secondary School	OKM Grade 11 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Intermediate II	Kelowna, BC	Megan Frederick & Zach Griffin
10:25 AM	33	St. George's School	St. George's School Junior Jazz Ensemble	Jazz Band	Junior III	Vancouver, BC	Luke Vincent
10:50 AM	34	L.V. Rogers Secondary School	LVR Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Senior I	Nelson, BC	Jennifer Matosevic
11:15 AM		BREAK					
11:30 AM	35	Rutland Senior Secondary	RSS Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Senior I	Kelowna, BC	Jeff Saunders
11:55 AM	36	Austin O'Brien High School	The AOB Jazz Collective	Jazz Band	Senior I	Edmonton, AB	George Koufogiannakis
12:20 PM		LUNCH					
1:20 PM	37	Okanagan Mission Secondary School	OKM Grade 12 Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Senior I	Kelowna, BC	Megan Frederick & Zach Griffin
1:45 PM	38	St. George's School	St. George's School Senior Jazz Ensemble	Jazz Band	Senior I	Vancouver, BC	Rob Murray
2:10 PM	39	Mount Boucherie Secondary School	MBSS Sr Jazz Band	Jazz Band	Senior I	West Kelowna, BC	Chris Perry



THURSDAY NIGHT JAZZ JAM!



The Jazz Jam (hosted by Stephen Buck and Craig Thomson) runs from 5pm until 7pm in the atrium of the Rotary Centre for the Arts. It features students and adults of all ages jamming together on jazz standards. Bring your instrument to play, or listen and witness the jazz community and collaboration at its finest.

Real books and rhythm section instruments will be supplied.

Entry by donation!



FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Held at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (Sun FM Room)
Friday, April 19th - FREE ADMISSION!

Perform	Artist
9:30 AM	Dennis Esson - Trombone
10:15 AM	Michael Perkins - Trumpet
11:00 AM	Dave Robbins - Drums
11:45 AM	Kinga Heming - Voice
12:30 PM	Emily Denison - Trumpet
1:15 PM	Brad Turner - Trumpet
3:15 PM	Bob Rogers - Trombone
4:00 PM	Mike Rud - Guitar

JAZZ ARTISTS' SHOWCASE CONCERT, APRIL 19TH



45th Annual BC INTERIOR JAZZ FESTIVAL
www.bcinteriojazzfestival.com

**Jazz Artists
SHOWCASE CONCERT**
Featuring 3-time Juno Award Winner
Trumpeter, Pianist, Drummer & Composer
BRAD TURNER
and the BC Interior Jazz Festival BIG BAND
Directed by Craig Thomson

Friday, April 19, 7pm

W/T/H: EMILY DENISON DENNIS ESSON KINGA HEMING
MICHAEL PERKINS - DAVE ROBBINS - BOB ROGERS - MIKE RUD

Tickets \$40 (plus service charges) Available Online at theatre.kelowna.ca or Phone 250.469.8940

YAMAHA Westworth Music GORMAN

Presenting the 45th annual BC Interior Jazz Festival Jazz Artists' Showcase Concert!

The BC Interior Jazz Festival proudly presents one of Canada's most highly esteemed jazz musicians, three-time Juno Award winner, Brad Turner. Turner, a trumpeter, pianist, drummer and composer, is the Featured Artist at this year's Jazz Artists' Showcase. The dynamic jazz concert will also highlight small group performances from the festival's adjudicators: Emily Denison, Dennis Esson, Kinga Heming, Michael Perkins, Dave Robbins, Bob Rogers, and Mike Rud. The concert concludes with a performance from the BC Interior Jazz Festival Big Band, featuring Brad Turner and directed by Craig Thomson. 7:00 pm on Friday, April 19th at the Kelowna Community Theatre.

Tickets (\$40 plus service charges) can be purchased online or by phone through the KCT ticket booking office or in person at the doors.

BCIJF BIG BAND



Directed by Craig Thomson

Saxes: Zach Griffin, Kimberly Gorman, Craig Thomson, Stephen Buck, Chris Startup
Trombones: Wade Dorsey, Bob Rogers, Angus Armstrong, Chris Manuel
Trumpets: Nick Dyson, Joe Auty, Emily Denison, Michael Perkins
Rhythm Section: Loni Moger, Neville Bowman, Stefan Bienz, Scott Gamble

ADJUDICATORS/ARTISTS



Brad Turner

2024 Featured Artist

Trumpeter, pianist, drummer and composer Brad Turner is one of Canada's most highly esteemed jazz musicians.

Brad has performed and/or recorded with such artists as Joe Lovano, Bill Frisell, Kenny Wheeler, Terry-Lynn Carrington, John Scofield, Reneé Rosnes, Phil Dwyer, Peter Bernstein, Ingrid Jensen, Neil Swainson, Dan Weiss, P.J. Perry, Seamus Blake, Kenny Werner, Russell Malone, Charles McPherson and Ernie Watts.

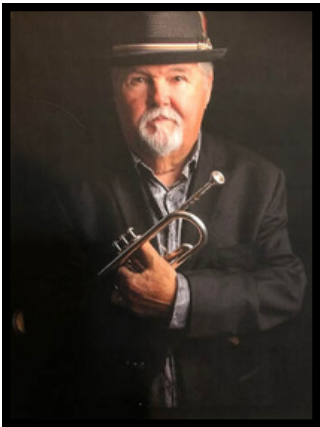
As a bandleader on both trumpet and piano, Brad has released eleven albums. In 1997, 1998 and 2017 Brad won Juno Awards for Best Contemporary Jazz Album recognizing his work in the internationally acclaimed electric jazz group Metalwood. Brad was awarded the 2006 Victor Lynch-Staunton Prize for excellence in musical achievement and in 2014 was the recipient of the Vancouver Mayor's Art Award for music. Brad is a member of the jazz studies faculty at Capilano University in North Vancouver, B.C.



Dennis Esson

Jazz Band Adjudicator

Vancouver trombonist Dennis Esson is a highly respected and much sought after musician and educator both locally and across Canada. His performing credits span all genres, from recording for TV, radio, motion pictures and albums to live pop, rock, jazz, Broadway and classical shows. As a music educator Dennis has taught at Capilano University since 1997. As a faculty member of the Capilano Jazz Studies Department he teaches large ensembles, combos and improvisation, trombone lessons and is a coordinator of the department. Dennis is very active as an adjudicator, clinician and lecturer at universities, colleges, and schools across Canada.



Michael Perkins

Jazz Band Adjudicator

Michael Perkins is a professional classical and jazz trumpeter, composer, clinician, and adjudicator currently from Coldstream, B.C.

Michael spent over 40 years as an internationally award-winning music educator with experience in both the public and private school systems in the Okanagan Valley and the Lower Mainland. He is a past coordinator of the Vancouver Kiwanis Jazz Festival, the B.C. Interior Jazz Festival and was involved in founding/directing multiple groups including the original funk band, The Mammals, from Kelowna; the

Sea'T'Sky Big Band, in Squamish; the Nicola Valley Brass Quintet, in the Thompson-Okanagan; the Playmor Junction Big Band, in Nelson; and the Night Owl Orchestra, Central Okanagan.

As a freelance trumpet/flugelhorn player, clinician and adjudicator, Michael works with the Okanagan Symphony, the Kamloops Symphony, the Michael Garding Big Band, Symphonic Rock Revolution, Perkins/Landsberg Duo, the Legendary Lake Monsters, the Clinton Swanson R&B Band and the Justin Glibbery Quintet. He has also served as Music Director for musical theatre, the 100th Centenary celebration for Kelowna and the BC Summer Games and enjoys every opportunity he gets in the recording studio and has just recently released a new compilation CD, "Michael * Perkins * Reflections". Michael has performed throughout Europe and North America and has worked with such artists as Cleo Laine/John Dankworth, Holly Cole, Laila Biali, Jann Arden, Mike Murphy, Dee Daniels, Dianne Shuur and the great Greg Yasinitzki. Michael's other passions include downhill skiing, motorcycles, and is discovering his talent for visual art.



Dave Robbins

Jazz Band Adjudicator

Dave Robbins is one of Canada's premier jazz drummers and a first-rate composer/ arranger and jazz educator. Though well known for his exciting big band work, he is equally comfortable in a trio setting where his brilliance as an accompanist can be fully appreciated.

An energetic and sensitive drummer, Dave grew up in Victoria and was educated at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. In 1996 he could no longer resist the pull of the west coast, and is thrilled to have moved back.

As well as playing on over 45 recordings for leaders such as Mike Allen, Bill Coon, Hugh Fraser, John Korsrud, Jennifer Scott, PJ Perry, Don Thompson, and Jill Townsend, Dave has played music all over the world, in countries such as Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Finland, France, Holland, and Ireland. Musicians he has performed with include: Gary Bartz, Peter Bernstein, Slide Hampton, Lee Konitz, and Dave Young among others.

Dave has been on the music faculty at Capilano University in North Vancouver for over 20 years.

Dave also leads his own groups and just released his third CD entitled "Joan of Art".



Kinga Heming

Vocal Jazz Adjudicator

Kinga Heming was born in Poland, lived for a short while with her family in Amsterdam, and then moved to Canada where she ultimately now resides in Kelowna, BC. Her home was filled with music from a young age with a jazz performer father and music loving mother. She was constantly exposed to vocal pop and jazz records by The Platters, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and the like.

In her teens, she discovered and began learning the repertoires of many great jazz vocalists, including Diana Krall, Dianne Reeves, Sarah Vaughan, Natalie Cole, and especially Ella Fitzgerald.

Kinga studied voice and theory at Humber College, where she also served as instructor for voice, piano, theory, ear training and improvisation to child and adult students.

Her last GRAMMY nominated album "Forever in my Heart", comes straight from her heart in a collection of songs that she refers to as a "book written about her personal life". Kinga is also featured in the Kelowna-based musical review entitled Songs of the Southern Belles.

Her years of live jazz gigs around town and various cities have made her a cornerstone of the local jazz scene.



Emily Denison

Jazz Combo Adjudicator

Emily Denison is a unique and sought-after trumpeter whose strengths lie in navigating the space between composition and improvisation. After growing up in Ottawa, her musical path brought her through Toronto and Montreal before landing in Kelowna.

Her years spent studying, performing, composing, collaborating, and presenting in these major cities allowed her to connect with prominent musicians from across Canada and abroad. She has performed and recorded with Proxemics (Mike McCormick's Norwegian-Canadian quartet), Ken Aldcroft's Convergence Ensemble, Christine Jensen's Equals Orchestra, and Nick Fraser's New Quartet, to name a few.

As a leader, co-leader, and composer, Emily's credits include the playful jazz ensemble Bellwether4, the Emily Denison Septet, Mars People, Hofbauer/Denison/Kruger (a Canadian-American collaboration), and her solo trumpet cassette Kindred. Emily holds a Bachelor's of Music in Jazz Performance from the University of Toronto where she studied under such accomplished musicians as Jim Lewis, Terry Promane, Mike Murley, Andrew Downing, Phil Nimmons, and others. She finds immense fulfillment in her current work as a certified music therapist (MTA), where she serves a diverse clientele using music as a means for empowerment, development, and enhancing quality of life.



Bob Rogers

Jazz Combo Adjudicator

Born and raised in Vancouver, trombonist and educator Bob Rogers attended Humber College in Toronto before completing a Bachelor of Music Degree at UBC and a Master of Music degree in trombone performance at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

A versatile performer, Bob played with numerous ensembles in the Vancouver area including the Vancouver Opera, the Victoria Symphony, the Vancouver Jazz Orchestra, and numerous small jazz and chamber ensembles. Bob has also performed or

recorded with Natalie Cole, Aerosmith, Charlotte Diamond, the O'Jays and the Temptations, and spent a year touring Europe with a New York production of the Duke Ellington musical *Sophisticated Ladies*.

In 1993 Bob moved to Revelstoke where he taught band and general music to both secondary and elementary students for over 25 years, and since moving to the interior he has been a member of the Okanagan Symphony as well as his own jazz group and numerous other ensembles throughout the Okanagan. In 2020 Bob retired from full time teaching and now lives in Vernon where he is keeping busy as a performer, composer/arranger and clinician.



Mike Rud

Jazz Combo Adjudicator

Mike Rud is a Juno award-winning jazz guitarist and songwriter. He is also a music instructor at Selkirk College in Nelson, BC. As an instrumentalist, Mike has played alongside some of the greatest jazz musicians of the era like Peter Bernstein, Kenney Wheeler, Herb Ellis and Joey DeFrancesco. As a songwriter and arranger, Mike won the 2014 Juno Award for his album *Notes on Montreal*, a critically acclaimed musical portrait of the city. It was inspired by the great literature set in Montreal (Michel Tremblay, Gabrielle Roy etc.) and sung by Sienna Dahlen. Mike's subsequent 2015 solo release, *Miniatures*, delighted audiences across Canada, creating the effect of a small group with only his voice and his guitar.

He has a master's degree from McGill, and studied privately in New York City with one of the fathers of modern jazz guitar, Jim Hall. In 2007 Mike spent a year studying how the brain processes music, in the laboratory of Dr. Daniel Levitin (author of New York Times bestseller *This is Your Brain on Music*). Mike has taught at McGill, Western Washington and Carleton universities, and speaks frequently at other music schools.

BCIJF SPONSORS

The BC Interior Jazz Festival relies heavily on the generous donations from our sponsors. It wouldn't be possible to provide all of these elements without their help. Thank you to all sponsors for supporting jazz education!



GORMAN

The Finest Boards



est. 1951

**A proud supporter of the BC Interior Jazz Festival.
Good luck to all the performers!**

www.gormanbros.com

Wentworth Music

Wentworth Music would like to welcome all the participants
in the BC Interior Jazz Festival

Best of luck to all!

Wentworth Music, Interior of British Columbia's
favourite destination for all things musical

Kelowna - Vernon - Penticton

www.wentworthmusic.com



Central Okanagan
Public Schools

Together We Learn

**The BC Interior Jazz Festival is extremely
thankful to School District 23 for their
support of music education!**



TOGETHER WITH YOU,
NOW MORE THAN EVER,
HELPING KEEP
MUSIC EDUCATION ALIVE



 **YAMAHA**
Make Waves





Thank you!



The BC Interior Jazz Festival would like acknowledge the incredible volunteers, past and present, that have helped to make this festival run. It would not be possible without them.



**See you all
next year!**



**Music Directors - Register online at:
www.bcinteriorjazzfestival.com**