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# WELCOME

#### TO THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUN LIFE UPTOWN WATERLOO JAZZ FESTIVAL



We finally made it! After 2 years of working on Festivals that were cancelled due to COVID, we are beyond thrilled to finally bring live music back to Uptown Waterloo!! And boy do we need it! The Sun Life Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival is Where Music Comes Alive!

This is the 29th Annual running of our Festival and promises to be one of the best featuring world class local and national

performers! We are very excited to have 3 headliners this year: the ever popular Matt Dusk on Friday night; the jazz/rock/blues sound of Monkey House (making their Festival debut) on Saturday night; and Steven Taetz will finally be able to perform for us Sunday after Mother Nature brought our 2019 Saturday night to an abrupt end.

Our Festival would not be possible without the support of our fantastic crew of volunteers who make this event "hum" with their work behind the scenes. The event is free because of the generous support of our Sponsors and the grant organizations. They allow us to bring high quality performers to the Region – such a wonderful gift to our community. Please support them when you can.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors who have spent tireless hours working to put on an event we all hope you will enjoy.

And thank you to all the people who come from near and far to relax and enjoy the music. You are the reason we do this!

It feels so good to be back!!

Steve Joyce, Chair Media Director and President, Sun Life Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival

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## WELCOME

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After a two-year pause, it is my pleasure to welcome you back to the 29th annual Sun Life Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival. This music festival brings together some of the most talented and celebrated musicians from across Canada and around the world, right here in Waterloo.

Waterloo is home to Sun Life's Canadian head office, and we are proud to once again be the festival's title sponsor. Our Purpose is to help our Clients achieve lifetime financial security and live healthier lives. By supporting local celebrations of arts and culture, we help to build happy, healthy, and sustainable communities.

The festival is back this year with an exciting lineup of some of Canada's most talented jazz musicians with performances by:

• Matt Dusk, a multi-award-winning, platinum-selling artist, who has been enthralling audiences around the world for years.

• Monkey House, a Toronto-based quartet with high-caliber rock and jazz guest stars.

• Steven Taetz, a vintage pop, swing, and jazz singer and composer/lyricist.

A special thank you to the amazing volunteers, organizers, and musicians who make this year's festival possible. Through the power of music, this 29th season offers everyone a long-awaited chance to spend quality time with family, friends, and neighbours. The return of the festival and Sun Life's support is a testament to brighter days ahead!

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Mike Schofield Senior Vice-President, Chief Actuary and Chief Risk Officer Sun Life Canada



# 2022 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JULY 22

- 1:00pm Drumming Workshop
- 2:00pm Youth Jazz Ensemble
- 2:45pm Swing Dance Workshop
- 3:30pm Iron Tonic Jazz Band
- 5:00pm David Hjin Trio
- 6:30pm Avery Raquel
- 8:00pm New Vibes Jazz Quintet
- 9:30pm Matt Dusk

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23

2:00pm Youth Jazz Ensemble
3:00pm Rufus John
4:30pm Rob Gellner Septet
6:00pm Laura Anglade
7:00pm Swing Dance Workshop
7:30pm Big Band Theory
9:00pm Monkey House

### SUNDAY, JULY 24

11:30am Swing Dance WorkshopNoon Steven Taetz1:30pm Top Pocket3:00pm Ted Warren

# FESTIVAL MAP

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## YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Youth Jazz Ensemble is a group for young musicians (ages 14-22) who have auditioned to participate in a series of workshops relating to jazz music including the basics of jazz theory, improvisation, harmony and soloing.

Facilitator: Jason White, BMus, MMus, RMT Guest mentor: Hunter Coyle (drums)

Friday performers: Soren Ewert (Piano), Matias Jrykama (tenor sax, bass clarinet), Keira MacDonald (drums), Gary Zhang (tenor sax –flute/clarinet)

Saturday performers:

Audrey Guo (Piano), Isiah Ahola (Alto sax), Meghan Schwindt (Tuba), Keira MacDonald (bass clarinet), Wolfe Baird (tenor sax)

# SWING DANCE WORKSHOPS

Friday, July 22, 2022, 2:45-3:15 just prior to Iron Tonic Jazz Band. Saturday, July 23, 2022, 7:00 to 7:30pm just prior to Big Band Theory. Sunday, July 24, 2022, 11:30am to noon prior to Steven Taetz.



Arianne Manary first dabbled in and got hooked on social swing and tango dancing as a University of Waterloo student back in 2008. Since then, she has become a firm believer that learning to dance changes lives. As an apprentice dance teacher in 2013 with the Hep Cat Hoppers, she fell in love with getting those who are convinced they have "two left feet" to love dancing.

A Kitchener-Waterloo resident for over 40 years and a social entrepreneur, Dave has been facilitating positive social change within communities using dance and music. Nominated in the performing arts category for artistic excellence, sustained development, and impact by Arts Awards Waterloo Region for his work with The Hep Cat Hoppers. He now facilitates courses and workshops on teaching and performing swing dancing across Canada.

Find out more at www.hepcathoppers.ca about how swing dancing promotes mental and physical well being in the community.

# WELCOME

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#### Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Sun Life Financial UpTown Waterloo Jazz Festival

Dear Friends,

It's great to be back at the Sun Life UpTown Waterloo Jazz Festival with you. I'm also excited for the return of live jazz this summer! Despite the uncertainty over the past couple of years, my confidence in the resilience of the people of Waterloo has never waivered. As the Member of Parliament for the Riding of Waterloo, I am very proud to represent the diversity of your voices in Ottawa.

The Festival is a highlight of the summer in #KWawesome. It brings amazing musicians to the heart of our beautiful city – rain or shine – for three days, to perform all genres of jazz. Throughout its proud history, the Festival has welcomed visitors from throughout the Region and across the country to UpTown Waterloo for a celebration of music.

This year, jazz enthusiasts can return to enjoy some blues, bebop, bossa nova, among other fabulous sounds. While you're here, I encourage you to explore our growing Region including fabulous restaurants and shops that keep our city vibrant and full of activity.

I have personally enjoyed the Festival for many years. I would like to commend the dedication and hard work of numerous citizens involved. To the volunteers: your commitment to spreading the love of jazz in #WRawesome is admired and appreciated. Also, my thanks to the sponsors, supporters, partners, attendees, and team members for making this Festival possible, promoting the arts, and creating space for jazz lovers and curious jazzers.

I hope you are keeping well and safe notwithstanding the circumstances. I wish you a wonderful experience and I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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### WELCOME EROM THE MAYOR





On behalf of Council, please allow me to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the Sun Life Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival.

This annual 3-day free music festival is a highlight for many community members, and we are thrilled to be able to celebrate the richness of Jazz music once again.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to everyone involved in supporting this event, including sponsors, volunteers, and those who donated. These efforts make our community a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Dave Jamasky

Dave Jaworsky Mayor

### IRON TONIC JAZZ BAND FRIDAY JUNE 22, 2022 3:30-4:30PM

www.irontonicjazz.ca



When the band members realised that traditional jazz music and swing dancing was the key to bringing people together, they formed a jazz band in the fall of 2017 with the aim of playing music to preserve and promote the early jazz era. Dave, on clarinet and leading the charge, is a swing dancer and instructor. He was nominated in the performing arts category for artistic excellence, sustained development, and impact in the community by Arts Awards Waterloo Region in 2016 for his work with The Hep Cat Hoppers. Caleb, currently enrolled in the Community Music undergraduate program at Wilfrid Laurier University, plays the piano and sings. Daniel works with cumbersome AI during the day and writes, plays music, and dances with his wife and two daughters at night. Erin likes birds, curling, craft beer, and blue glass. She also likes singing and playing music with other humans and has been doing it for a long time. Jeff is a multi-instrumentalist with a lifelong passion for all music, recording arts and love for our planet. He can frequently be found recording and mixing recorded music at his home studio. Together they play music in the style of early American traditional jazz for swing dancers and listeners of all ages. The jazz band combines their musical talent with expertise in swing dancing and teaching introductory dance lessons to the audience prior to their performances.

DAVID HJIN TRIO FRIDAY, JULY 22 5:00-6:00 PM www.davehjin.bandcamp.com



The Dave Hjin Trio is a young band that

got started in music college, with a rotating cast of members that places no boundaries on genre or style. They are sure to deliver a focused and eclectic show that is thoughtful and well-put together.

### AVERY RAQUEL FRIDAY, JULY 22 6:30-7:30 PM www.averyraguel.com



From recording artist to radio cohost, busy Canadian singer/songwriter, and Billboard charting artist Avery Raquel has been entertaining audiences professionally for over 10 years. She's released 3 solo albums to critical acclaim and airplay across the country, and is now prepping for her self-titled fourth release in 2022. This new project of all original Alternative Soul is reminiscent of, and her love for RnB/Soul music of the past, but with a more current, contemporary style. Influenced by artists such as Etta James, Carole King, Amy Winehouse, Lauryn Hill, Bruno Major, Allen Stone, and so many others, Avery's created, on this new collection of personal, yet relatable songs, a soulful fun mix of RnB/Soul and Pop, with a flavour of her Jazz, and Blues experiences.

At the age of 20, Avery isn't new to song writing either. In late 2018, she released her 3rd solo album, 'My Heart Away', which was comprised of all original music. The album achieved media exposure and radio across the country and into the US and even Europe. The album debuted at #11 on the Canadian iTunes Top 200 RnB/Soul chart.

Whether singing, playing piano, guitar or even her Ukulele, Avery is having the time of her life, doing what she always hoped to do, putting smiles on people's faces through the language of music.



DELTA WATERLOO Sun life Uptown Jazz Festival Attendees Rate: Starting at \$199.00 July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July24, 2022 'Offer based on availability-metion of Sun Life Jazz Testival when reserving



### NEW VIBES JAZZ QUINTET FRIDAY, JULY 22 8:00-9:00 PM www.newvibesjazz.ca



The New Vibes Jazz Quintet (NVJQ) began as a trio in the spring of 1999 with Andy Macpherson (vibes, drums), Dan Brennan (bass), and Tom Wilson (piano) and evolved quickly into a quartet with the addition of Gary Tomlin on drums. Jerzy Kaplanek made the group into a quintet while looking for a local group to explore his jazz violin sound. Jay Boehmer of Mississauga joined the group replacing Gary Tomlin in 2019. The group interprets jazz standards with a polished

sound and fluid improvisation. Their two percussionists provide an extensive range of rhythmic expression. The combination of vibraphone and violin is not often heard... but what a beautiful sound! They have often collaborated with other musicians including the Don and Jeff Breithaupt (L.A. and N.Y.C.), the Penderecki String Quartet, Joni NehRita, Derek Hines, and many others. Not a gig goes by when Andy and Dan don't remember Tom (2019) and Gary (2018) and they play with gratitude for the special presence and influence of Tom and Gary in their music and lives. NVJQ is very pleased to be presenting its sound at the Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival this year. They will be playing several favourite standards as well as a few original compositions that they hope to record soon.



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SATURDAY, JULY 22 9:30-11:00 PM www.mattdusk.com

Multi-award-winning, Platinum-selling artist Matt Dusk has been enthralling audiences around the world for years,



leaving in his wake a series of radio hits, acclaimed albums, and a loyal fan base that continues to grow with every passing year. He has had three number one radio hits: All About Me, Back in Town and Good News, is an alumnus of the St. Michael's Choir School and studied under jazz piano legend Oscar Peterson at York University. Dusk has been awarded three GOLD albums: Two Shots, Good News and JetSetJazz and three PLATINUM albums: My Funny Valentine, Just The Two of Us and Old School Yule! Notable award nominations include: five JUNO awards, one ADISQ, one Róże Gali: Muzyka and a Dimond from Trójka PR3 in Poland.



## JAZZ AFTER JAZZ

After a busy day at the Festival you can relax and enjoy a wonderful meal at one of our Jazz After Jazz locations. Live performers provide the perfect accompaniment while you savour the cuisine at:

Sole Restaurant & Wine Bar Saturday, 23 July from 7-10PM The Jason White Trio For more information and a look at the menu visit www.sole.ca





Proof Restaurant/ Lounge Friday, 22 July & Saturday, 23 July from 6-9PM Matt Boettger, piano For more information and a look at the menu visit www.proofwaterloo.com

# THE ALLAN JOHNSON SPIRT OF JAZZ AWARD

The Sun Life Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival is proud to announce a new award for our local musical community - The Allan Johnson Spirit of Jazz Award. In February 2020, our musical community lost an enthusiastic supporter, friend and familiar face - Allan Johnson. He could be seen across the Region wherever live music was being performed.

Allan Johnson loved music and that fact was apparent to anyone who had the pleasure to listen to him perform. He was a fierce supporter of the arts and jazz music in particular. He devoted much of his time in the pursuit of expanding his ability and knowledge of the idiom. Allan was also a volunteer who dedicated his time to many festivals (including ours). His kindness was expressed in many conversations Allan had backstage with his fellow musicians and with fans. Allan always shared his enthusiasm by virtue of his smile. Many local musicians benefited from his support and encouragement; some will be on our stage at this year's Festival. It is in recognition of this commitment, this love of jazz that we name this award in his honour.



The Allan Johnson Spirit of Jazz Award was spearheaded and developed by our Artistic Director, Derek Hines and is intended to recognize a member of our community who has championed the art form of Jazz. Someone who, through their actions (removed the words "or deed" - redundant), embody Allan's spirit. It need not be a musician; we understand that there are visionaries in all facets of the industry.

The first recipient of the Allan Johnson Jazz Spirit Award is Stephen Preece, founder of the Grand River Jazz Society and The Jazz Room.



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# DRUMMING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY JULY 23 1:00PM With Arun Pal



Arun is one of the most diverse artists in Canada. He studied composition and percussion at WLU and received training in drumming from Dave Campion, Carol Bauman, Memo Acevedis, Al Cross (Big Sugar, Joe Morello), Sam Kelso . Marc Atkinson and others. He has produced, recorded and engineered close to 50 albums including artists like Delaney Jane, Matt Osborne, snack! and many others. Arun has also collaborated with the most revered modern dance choreographers in Canada composing compelling orchestral works, playing live with his piano-drumming-singing at the same time set up and work-shopping movement and rhythm at Universities, festivals and Arts Schools.



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### RUFUS JOHN SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022 3:00-4:00PM

www.rufusjohn.com



Rufus John, the Canadian-Caribbean

Artist from Kitchener-Waterloo Ontario, has been bringing refreshing sounds and vocals to the Canadian R&B/Soul music scene professionally since 2014. His new approach to old soul allows him to embrace the best of the two worlds: the edginess of today's music and the steadfast emotion of Motown. The result is a funky, fresh sound layered over an old soul backdrop; a slick fusion that can only be described as irrefutably undeniable. He also has managed to successfully encapsulate being a well-rounded entrepreneur, a graduated Child and Youth Worker and an Award-Winning Youth Mentor in his community.

In the tradition of many renowned R&B musicians, Rufus began singing with the church at the age of 6. Born in Toronto, ON, raised in a West Indian Caribbean household he was exposed to and highly influenced by many of the music legends of the 60's, 70's and 80's. Throughout his high school years, he continued to sculpt his vocal and performance talents as the lead singer in a cover band. This led to Rufus experimenting in song writing, creating a library of life chronicles. He found it very therapeutic to channel his personal and challenging life experiences into heartfelt lyrics and songs.

The life and talent of Rufus John personally and professionally is in an upward movement affecting everyone that encounters his musical genius. Whether on stage performing for the masses or giving back through his musically inspired youth mentorship program, his overall vision is to be a beacon of light for those coming up. It has become exciting to see when his enthusiasts are able to understand their story through his soulful truths, ultimately inspiring those around him. Anyone who spends the time to listen to his art, will inevitably fall in love with Rufus John.

### ROB GELLNER SEPTET SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022 4:30-

5:30PM

www.robgellner.com



Rob Gellner is a Guelph based trumpeter and flugelhorn musician, a composer/arranger and brass teacher active in many different genres of music.

Rob released his first CD of original jazz compositions in 2015, with his jazz ensemble The Rob Gellner Sextet, titled What If. His musical influences of 50s jazz, big band music, funk, fusion, jazz rock, modern jazz, Latin and world music come through in his diverse mix of songs filled with melody and beats that will get your toes tapping and body grooving.

Rob's musical development began at a preschool age when an upright piano was placed in his bedroom, and it wasn't until the age of 14 that he discovered the trumpet. His first love is jazz however, his versatility finds him in big bands such as KW Big Band Theory and The Basically Basie Big Band, playing funk/blues/r'n'b with Fresh Water Funk and Groove Corporation, doubling in pit orchestras for Royal City Musical Productions Inc. (RCMPI), Kitchener/Waterloo Musical Productions (KWMP), Globe and Drayton musicals on trumpet/trombone/French horn, as well as soloing for churches and other ensembles.

Rob has recorded with a wide range of groups and artists including Groove Corporation, KW Big Band Theory, bassist Jason Raso and singer Joni NehRita.

Rob always has music on the brain and a recording device handy to capture song ideas for developing later into catchy jazz tunes. He has always strived for trying different things musically and his first CD of original compositions, titled What If, is an eclectic mix of many different styles.

### LAURA ANGLADE SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022 6:00-7:00 PM

www.lauraanglade.com



Recognized by Radio Canada's Ici Musique as one of the top 5 female jazz musicians to watch out for, French-American singer Laura Anglade is making a name for herself in the Jazz world. Laura's singing is reminiscent of many of the great traditional vocal stylists of the 20th century including Anita O'Day, Shirley Horn, and Blossom Dearie, but her voice is uniquely her own. As she digs emotionally and eloquently into a lyric, her story-telling abilities portray a soul beyond her years.

Her debut release, I've Got Just About Everything (Justin Time Records, 2019) saw the vocalist, along with her guintet, fearlessly plunging headlong into a wide range of material drawn from both the Broadway stage as well as the Great American Songbook. On her sophomore recording, Venez Donc Chez Moi (Justin Time Records, 2022), Laura teams up with Montreal guitarist Sam Kirmayer and New York based accordionist Beniamin Rosenblum on two tracks. It is an homage of sorts, a nod to Laura's beloved France. The record features French classics made famous by Barbara, Charles Trenet, Edith Piaf, and Michel Legrand to name a few. Laura leads an active performing schedule across Canada, the US and Europe. She is currently based in Toronto.





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### BIG BAND THEORY SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022

#### 7:30-8:30PM

www.bigbandtheory.ca



"This fantastic big band packs an irresistible wallop of musical entertainment - spirited, talented and fun!" ~ Grand River Jazz Society's president Stephen Preece.

Since its inception in October 2011, the band has brought a great variety of programs to their audiences: from Count Basie and the old swing dance classics to punchy horn bands of the 70's and 80's, as well as contemporary big band arrangements by Gordon Goodwin and L.A.'s Big Phat Band.

A highlight in their history has been performing with legendary Canadian jazz musician, Don Thompson on vibraphone. One of those performances was recorded for Big Band Theory's debut CD Evidence featuring the writing and arrangements of members and friends of the band, including Don Thompson. As well, BBT has performed the music and arrangements of Juno award winning musician, composer and arranger John MacLeod of the Rex Hotel Orchestra of Toronto and Juno award winning guitarist, composer and band leader Michael Occhipinti. Both iconic Toronto based musicians have commented on the quality and professionalism of BBT.

In December of 2018, BBT released their second recording entitled: A Swingin' Joy which features the voices of Derek Hines, Joni NehRita and Randy Lyght. The album was recorded during Christmas concerts at the Registry Theatre in 2017 and 2016 and is produced by Rick Hutt at Cedartree Studio.

In June of 2019, Glenn Woodcok of Jazz FM 91.1 wrote that KW Big Band Theory was one of 14 bands in North America keeping the sound of big band music alive.

In 2022, BBT has been awarded a Waterloo Regional Arts Grant to produce a recording of all Canadian composers and arrangers for Jazz Orchestra. This recording will be available soon.

Personnel: Musical Director: Jim Edwards Saxophones: Ken Hadley, Tim Moher, Ken Foster, Gabriella Ellingham, Taylor Ellingham Trumpets: Randy Brown, Paul Federeau, Doug Stinson and Martin Lacoste Trombones: Robin Jessome, Sam Meakin, Kathryn Scobie, Steve Hagedorn, Paul Ellingham Rhythm section: Jeff Daniels, Greg Prior, Ralf Buschmeyer, Andy Macpherson

### MONKEY HOUSE

#### SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022 9:00–10:30PM www.monkeyhouseofficial.com

Juno Award nominees Monkey House



have built a worldwide following over the last decade, forging strongholds in North America, Europe, and Japan. Their new album, Remember the Audio, features guest appearances by Randy Brecker, Michael Leonhart and Drew Zingg, and builds on the success of Friday (2019), which went to #1 on iTunes in six countries and to #11 in Billboard. Equal parts jazz, funk and pop, the Monkey House sound is renowned for its inventiveness and superlative production values. In 2021, West Coast declared Monkey House frontman Don Breithaupt "one of the finest songwriters of his generation."



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### STEVEN TAETZ SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022

12:00–1:00PM www.steventaetz.com

"Steven Taetz is a unique, arresting talent." ~ JazzTimes

Steven Taetz is a contemporary roots, pop, jazz singer and songwriter who performs original material and innovative interpretations of classic hits. As a lyricist and composer, he has written for many internationally renowned artists, and his own musical style has been compared to greats like k.d. lang, Roy Orbison, and Norah Jones. For his upcoming next studio album, he has collaborated with Grammy and JUNO recognized talent, including Jill Barber, Jenn Grant, Caroline Marie Brooks of Good Lovelies, Drew Jurecka, Emma Lee, and many more. Steven has performed across North America at leading venues and festivals including Carnegie Hall, Rochester Intnl. Jazz Festival, Washington DC's Capital Pride, Montreal's L'Astral Theatre, and L.A.'s Hotel Cafe. Steven and his top-tier band look forward to their premier performance at Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival.





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### TOP POCKET SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022 1:30-2:30PM www.toppocket.ca



As one of Waterloo Region's best-known and

most popular jazz bands since the late 80s, Top Pocket's style has ranged from bebop, fusion, Latin, and traditional jazz. These guys play with tremendous versatility and depth! Check out their pedigrees, these guys have backed, gig'd, and headlined with some of the top names in the biz, and they play all-original top notch charts.

Robin Reid Habermehl, raised in a musical family Robin started singing at age two and never stopped. At age 6 he started Clarinet lessons and grew up in the Preston Legion Band where he performed from age 8 until 19 years of age. In 2012 Robin wrote and produced a Musical Tribute to the Canadian Forces returning home from Afghanistan called Kandahar A Modern Soldier's Story, to rave reviews. Robin writes and arranges music and performs to this day and hopes to continue to do so into his sixth decade. Robin endorses Seawind Phil Dwyer Professional Model Alto and Tenor Saxophones www.seawindmusic.com

Paul Stouffer began his lifelong musical interest at the age of nine, formally studying classical piano with Dr. Glen Kruspe, and the Gordon Delamont Jazz Arranging Series, in Toronto. On joining the already popular band, Top Pocket, Paul's suggestion of writing original music, helped set the stage for the band's new direction, with all five band members eventually contributing to the writing process.

Alex Showdra has been making music for his entire life. From playing guitar with his grandfather at only three years old, to the numerous pop and rock bands in high school and post-secondary - music has always been a priority to him. This passion led him to study music post-secondary and earn his Bachelor of Music in 2017 from Wilfrid Laurier University. During his time in school, Showdra had many opportunities to explore a plethora of musical styles. He's received numerous coachings and masterclasses from renowned musicians such as Remi Bouchez, Glenn Buhr, Jorge Caballero, the Canadian Guitar Quartet, Terry McKenna, the Penderecki String Quartet, and Pavel Steidl.

Michael Bergauer, at the age of 7, began studying under his father Mike Sr., a wellknown local musician and noted music educator. He began playing professionally at the age of fourteen with the dance band Brass Line. A true veteran, Michael has worked with a variety of ensembles for the past 30 years including local big band legends Opus II and The Dublin Corporation. Michael has played in theatre orchestras in numerous musicals including My Fair Lady, Canterbury Tails, Godspell, 3 different productions of Jesus Christ Superstar, Guys & Dolls and Shrek.

Don McDougall is a graduate of the Humber College Music Program. He began studying drums at six years of age with the late, noted percussionist Gary Tomlin. At the age of 17 he began his professional career with Opus II, a nine-piece show band. Over the next 39 years, he has performed or recorded with legendary jazz musicians Pat LaBarbera, Peter Appleyard, Nancy Walker, Duncan Hopkins, Mark Eisenman, Jane Bunnett and Blues great Mel Brown. Donnie endorses Headhunters Sticks and Creations www.headhunterssticksandcreations.com

# TED WARREN

#### SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022 3:00-4:00PM

#### www.drumjoywithted.com

Ted Warren is an active member of

Canada's jazz scene He teaches privately and is a well-regarded clinician and adjudicator. Ted fronts several bands, Ted's Warren Commission, Broadview, and the recently formed Camera Pigeons . He was the drummer for the Boss Brass and can be heard on six of their recordings, including Velvet and Brass (with Mel Torme).

Ted has worked with many acclaimed performers, including Slide Hampton, Bob Newhart, Maynard Ferguson, Lew Soloff, Chuck Mangione, Jeff Healey, Norma Winstone, Sheila Jordan, Howard Johnson, Nick Brignola, Kenny Wheeler, and Gerry Bergonzi. Ted's extensive touring has taken him to Poland, South Korea, Spain, Brazil, Iceland, and Japan. Ted was recently featured in a cover story in Drums Etc. magazine. and has also written articles for Modern Drummer, Drum!, Canadian Musician, and Percussive Notes.





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