

JazzFest *Regina* 2025

Regina Jazz Society

17th Anniversary

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June 19 - June 24



The Shuffle Demons



**Anthony D'Alessandro
Quintet feat. Benny Benack 111**



**Legendary
Rhythm and Blues Revue**



Ted Warren Sextet



**Multicultural
Day Feat: Henk
Kraaijeveld
Quintet**



Christine Jensen Quartet



Lorraine Desmarais Trio



**U of R Big Band Reunion
Jazz Brunch & Concert**

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2025 JazzFest Regina.

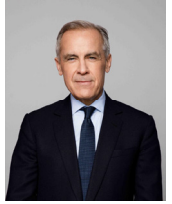
This annual event offers Canadian and international musicians a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talent and skills. I am certain that everyone in attendance will enjoy the performances planned for this 17th edition of the festival.

I would like to thank the Regina Jazz Society for bringing this event to the community, as well as the many volunteers who have helped to ensure its success.

I wish you all a wonderful festival.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

Ottawa
2025



**JazzFest Regina 2025
Minister's Message**



Welcome to JazzFest Regina 2025!

With a spectacular line up of local, national and international jazz performers, this event is a chance for the community to come together over a shared love of music.

Celebrating music is so important in contributing to the vibrant quality of life we enjoy in our province.

Music unites us all – it is woven into the fabric of cultures worldwide, cherished by people of all ages, and handed down through generations.

JazzFest Regina continues to showcase many up and coming local and Canadian Jazz musicians along with several well-known and renowned international “Headliners”.

Thank you to the Regina Jazz Society and all the dedicated volunteers for organizing this amazing 17th annual event.

I know it will be another great festival.

Enjoy!

Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross



City of Regina
Office of the Mayor



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Jazz Enthusiasts,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to JazzFest Regina 2025 - our city's vibrant celebration of music, culture and community.

As we mark the 17th Annual Event, we embrace the start of summer with the soulful sounds of jazz filling the air across Regina and Southern Saskatchewan.

From Thursday, June 19 to Tuesday, June 24, this festival will bring together talented musicians, passionate audiences and an electrifying atmosphere that embodies the heart of Regina.

Whether you're a longtime jazz lover or experiencing the magic of live performances for the first time, JazzFest offers something for everyone - unforgettable melodies, rich storytelling through music, and moments of connection that make this festival truly special.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the rhythm, support the incredible artists, and celebrate the joy that JazzFest brings to our city each year.

Let's make this a festival to remember! Enjoy JazzFest Regina 2025.

Sincerely,

Chad Bachynski
Mayor of Regina

2025 Schedule of Events - Tuesday & Wednesday

Tuesday, June 17 2025 School Shows

TIME	EVENT
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Dr. Martin Le Boldus, Miller Comprehensive, O'Neill, & Michael A. Riffel Catholic High Schools Directors Chad Huel & Donny Kennedy
6:15pm - 6:45pm	CJC (Conservatory Jazz Combo) is an auditioned group of high school students from across Regina. Performance skills are nurtured via the small jazz group format, much like classical chamber group playing augments the skills of orchestral players. Students in CJC work on repertoire development, improvisation, arranging, part autonomy, and group leadership skills. This complements the learning already happening in their high school music programs. CJC 2025 is made up of: Anne Soloudre, alto sax; Mackenzie Farrer, guitar; Nolan Sax, piano, Katherine Beisel, bass; Logan Markel, drums
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Campbell Combo Collective - Az Hasan, Flugelhorn; Damon Chernick, Bass Trombone; Jerry Liang, Alto; Mackenzie Ferrer, Guitar; Dylan Mooney, Bass; Logan Markel, Drums; Ryan Clarke, Keys
8:15pm - 9:15pm	Sheldon Williams Senior Band Director Brady Frank

JAZZ VESPERS 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 18

@ Christ Lutheran Church is 4825 Dewdney Avenue

2025 FREE STAGES

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, June 19	Opening Ceremonies Ribbon Cutting - Greetings	10:30 am	Scarth St. Stage
Thursday, June 19	Matt Taylor & Ron Scott	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Thursday, June 19	Tamara Scrimbit	12:15 am - 1:15 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Thursday, June 19	Joshua Daly	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Thursday, June 19	Hendricksen 'n Son	2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Thursday, June 19	Resonance	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Friday, June 20	Joshua Daly	09:30 am - 10:30am	Scarth St. Stage
Friday, June 20	Ron Scott & Matt Taylor	10:45 am - 11:45 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Friday, June 20	Jay Harman & Dennis Hendricksen	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Friday, June 20	Robert Eddy	1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Friday, June 20	Erroll Kinistino & Dog River Trio	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Friday, June 20	Resonance	3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	The Smooth Operators	0930 am - 10:30 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	Back Seat Driver	10:45 am - 11:45 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	Jay Harman - Dennis Hendricksen	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	Ell' o 'Ell & the New Bohemians	1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	Stumped	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	Frank Hart quartet	3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Scarth St. Stage
Saturday, June 21	Saturday Free Jazz Showcase	1:00pm - 9:00pm	Bushwackers

Tickets at www.jazzfestregina.ca

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Thursday, June 19th	7:30pm	The Shuffle Demons	Lazy Owl Riddell Centre U of R
Friday, June 20th	7:30pm	Antony D' Alessandro Quintet Benny Benack III	Lazy Owl Riddell Centre U of R
Saturday, June 21st	7:30pm	Legendary "RHYTHM AND BLUES REVUE"	Shumiatcher Theatre Conexus
Sunday, June 22nd	10:00am - 12:00pm	Jazz Brunch U of R 50th Anniversary U of R Alumni All Star Big Band	Shumiatcher Theatre Conexus
Sunday, June 22nd	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Multicultural Day Featuring Henk Kraaijeveld	Shumiatcher Theatre Conexus
Sunday, June 22nd	7:30pm	Ted Warren Regina All Star Sextet	Lazy Owl Riddell Centre U of R
Monday, June 23rd	7:30pm	Christine Jensen Quartet	Lazy Owl Riddell Centre U of R
Tuesday, June 24th	7:00pm	Lorraine Desmarais Trio + Resonance	Le Bistro 3850 Hillsdale Street



ABOUT JAZZFEST



Welcome to our 17th Annual Event, JazzFest Regina 2025, June 19 - 24!

HISTORY

Seventeen years of JazzFest—what an incredible milestone! It's inspiring to see how the festival has grown from humble beginnings to becoming such a vibrant and sought-after event. The growing interest from musicians and volunteers speaks volumes about the impact JazzFest has had on Regina's cultural landscape. It must be so rewarding to see your vision resonate with so many people. It sounds like 2025 is shaping up to be an especially exciting year for the festival. What new features or performances are you most excited about this year? I'd love to hear more about what's in store!

Future Plans

Our plans are to make JazzFest a week long, cultural event in and throughout Regina. In addition to the outside "Stage" shows we now present, there will be additional performances during this week in the evenings at a number of clubs throughout the city along with opportunities for patrons and supporters of JazzFest and the Jazz Society to socialize with the entertainers at local private gatherings. Our plans for this event as support for it grows, will be to bring in more (quantity) and more top quality artists from throughout Canada and internationally. The more we are supported, the more we can bring to the city.

Tickets at www.jazzfestregina.ca

The Shuffle Demons

Thursday, June 19th, 2025 @ Lazy Owl
3737 Wascana Parkway, Riddell Centre, University of Regina

Concert 7:30pm • tickets \$40.00 • advance tickets \$35 at www.jazzfestregina.ca & at the door



The Shuffle Demons have captured the magic of their renowned live performances with this new release, recorded at the iconic Canterbury Music studio in Toronto with producer Jono Grant and engineer Julian Decorte. The stripped-down combination of bass, horns, and drums creates a bold and full-bodied sound, setting the stage for high-level improvisation and dynamic grooves. Born out of Toronto's vibrant street scene in 1984, Shuffle Demons have built a legacy as innovators of genre-defying music. Are You Really Real celebrates this history while pushing their music forward, blending traditional jazz elements with modern funk, blues, and rap influences.

Anthony D'Alessandro Quintet feat. Benny Benack III

Friday, June 20th, 2025 @ Lazy Owl
3737 Wascana Parkway, Riddell Centre, University of Regina

Concert 7:30pm • tickets \$40.00 • advance tickets \$35 at www.jazzfestregina.ca & at the door



Anthony D'Alessandro is a pianist, composer, arranger, and bandleader based in Toronto, Canada. Hailed by the *WholeNote Magazine* as a pianist with a "natural feeling for swing and groove" and "scintillating technique", he has performed in many notable clubs, concert halls and jazz festivals around the world including the Montreal International Jazz Festival, the Teatro Nescafé de las Artes in Santiago Chile, Birdland Jazz Club and Smalls Jazz Club in New York City, and Koerner Hall in Toronto. He regularly performs alongside a "who's who" of Canada's top jazz musicians including Caity Gyorgy, Neil Swainson, Terry Clarke, Pat LaBarbara, and Ernesto Cervini, and has performed or toured with many notable NYC based musicians including Benny Benack III, Summer Camargo, Alexander Claffy, and Joseph Farnsworth.

Emmy-nominated Trumpeter and Vocalist Benny Benack III has quickly become a leading voice in Jazz for his generation, headlining clubs and festivals around the world on the heels of his latest critically acclaimed live album "This Is The Life" which has been garnering thousands of streams and topping the JazzWeek Radio Charts. He is the rare talent who is just as formidable as a fiery trumpeter ranging from Freddie Hubbard to Louis Armstrong and everyone in between, while as a singer he delivers sly, mature, naturally expressive post-Sinatra vocal stylings.



Legendary Rhythm and Blues Revue

Saturday, June 21st, 2025 @ Conexus Arts Centre
200A Lakeshore Dr.

Concert 7:30pm • tickets \$45.00 • advance tickets \$35 at www.jazzfestregina.ca & at the door



Saskatoon's Legendary Rhythm and Blues REVUE traces its history back to in the fall of 2012 with a new vision and the new show. Our lead vocalist, the very versatile Darcy Greig has allowed the band to showcase a broad range of material that always leads to the crowd wanting to dance. Little Miss Dynamite, Holly Stasiuk also takes the lead in many tunes, as well as providing the always sweet harmonies. Andrew Allsopp on Keys shares the duties of Musical Director with our guitarist, Tom Chunik. Gord Mosher's role as our "killer" sax player has now been expanded to include some vocal harmonies as well. When we perform our Van Morrison tribute, we include our long time friend Grant Sotnikow on keyboards, synth and Hammond. The train is kept on the track by the most able percussion section

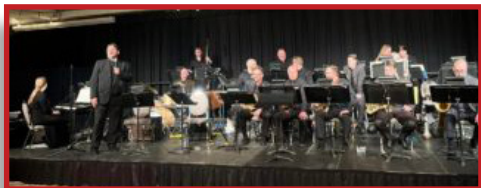
of band leader, Gord MacAulay on Bass, and Glenn Ens on the drum kit.

50th Anniversary University of Regina All Star Alumni Big Band Reunion Concert & Brunch

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 @ Conexus Arts Centre

200A Lakeshore Dr. • 10:00am - 12:00pm

\$75 Adults | \$35 Children (10 & under) | Free for Children (3 & under) at www.jazzfestregina.ca



Prepare for an extraordinary musical experience! Join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the University of Regina with a once-in-a-lifetime Alumni All-Star Big Band performance. Directed by Dr. Brent Ghiglione, this phenomenal ensemble brings together legendary alumni like Terry Quinney, Barrie Redford, and Ted Warren, alongside a lineup of incredible jazz ringers.

Multicultural Day Feat: Henk Kraaijeveld Quintet, Netherlands, plus dancers & local musical entertainment

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 @ Conexus Arts Centre, Shumiatcher Room

200A Lakeshore Dr.

1:30pm - 5:30pm | Support the Regina Food Bank – Donations Starting at \$10.00

The Buffalo Boys



The Buffalo Boys began as an after-school program at Mother Teresa Middle School (MTMS) in 2016, led by MTMS Indigenous Advocate/Oskapeos, Evan Whitestar. Over time, the drum group has grown and features MTMS alumni who are in high school. By living the values of the drum, MTMS students are becoming resilient young leaders in the community and are honoring the Truth and Reconciliation Report's "Calls to Action" in a real and authentic way. When MTMS students perform at the Canadian Western Agribition, at halftime during a Roughriders game, or at a community event, they exemplify what a healthy lifestyle embedded in First

Nations culture and education looks like. The MTMS Buffalo Boys provide a space for students to learn cultural practices, share in traditional ways, and have pride in who they are.

AV Studio The Dancing Loft



As the founder of AV Studio – The Dancing Loft, I warmly invite everyone to experience the transformative magic of classical dance. Our studio is a space where tradition meets inclusivity, and passion knows no age limit. We welcome students starting from the age of four, as well as adults—including complete beginners—who are discovering dance later in life. Some of our most inspiring dancers began their journey with us at 45 and older, and today, they perform with confidence, grace, and devotion at various cultural events and programs. At AV Studio, we believe that it's never too early or too late to begin dancing.



Our classes are designed to nurture each student's individual potential while fostering a strong sense of discipline, community, and joy. Whether you're taking your first step into the world of classical dance or rekindling a long-lost passion, you'll find a supportive and enriching environment waiting for you. We don't just teach movement—we celebrate tradition, storytelling, and the emotional depth that classical dance offers. Through each class and performance, we aim to create lasting memories, lifelong friendships, and a deeper connection to the cultural heritage that binds us all.

Robert Eddy



Robert Eddy is a local guitarist and singer living right here in Regina. He's been performing live in bands and ensembles for 40 years, starting in Central Alberta where he grew up and continuing here in the Queen City for the last 10 of those years. Robert Eddy started his musical journey playing in a 3 piece band called Hattrick, from Mirror, Alberta for 25 years before forming his own trio "The Humble Few" based out of Red Deer. He cut his teeth on classic rock, covering everything from Aerosmith to ZZTop and the entire alphabet between.

Henk Kraaijeveld Quintet



In the land of European jazz vocalists, Henk Kraaijeveld occupies a unique place somewhere between the known and the unknown. He is one of those rare male vocalists that seek musical adventure, bringing together compelling music with poetic lyrics and surprising improvisations. The award-winning singer disarms his audience with his warm voice and natural playfulness on stage. For Henk, storytelling in music is essential because of its ability to connect people with themselves and the world around them. Among his influences are Sufi poet Rumi, Sting, Pat Metheny & amp; Bobby McFerrin. The singer scored highly with his debut album *Passengers* (2018) and his 2nd album *Patches of Sky* (2023).

Ted Warren Sextet

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 @ Lazy Owl

3737 Wascana Parkway, Riddell Centre, University of Regina

Concert 7:30pm • tickets \$45.00 • advance tickets \$35 at www.jazzfestregina.ca & at the door



Ted has a solid reputation as a musical, versatile drummer. He is an active member of Canada's jazz scene and has been recognized with Jazz Report's Drummer of the Year award. He teaches at Humber and Mohawk College in their Jazz Studies programs and is a well-regarded clinician and adjudicator. Ted fronts his own quartet, Ted's Warren Commission, which has just released their debut CD, *First Time Caller*. He is a member of the Mike Murley, Mike Downes, Kieran Overs, and Ted Quinlan groups.

Christine Jensen Quartet

Christine Jensen – saxes, Gary Versace – piano, Adrian Vedady – acoustic bass, Jim Doxas – drums & Special Guest Donny Kennedy

Monday, June 23rd, 2025 @ Lazy Owl

3737 Wascana Parkway, Riddell Centre, University of Regina

Concert 7:30pm • tickets \$45.00 • advance tickets \$35 at www.jazzfestregina.ca & at the door



Montreal-based saxophonist, composer, and conductor Christine Jensen is a leading figure in international jazz, known for her masterful compositions and improvisations. A three-time Juno Award winner, she recently won Best Jazz Album (Solo) in 2024 for *Day Moon* and released *Harbour* with her jazz orchestra, premiering it at Jazz at Lincoln Center in 2025. Jensen has earned accolades for albums like *Habitat* and *Treelines*, and her work *Under the Influence* won the Prix Opus for jazz recording of the year. She co-leads *Nordic Connect* with her sister, trumpeter Ingrid Jensen, and is a sought-after educator, now teaching at the Eastman School of Music.

Donny leads and composes for his own Sextet. The Donny Kennedy Sextet toured Mexico as part of Festival Internacional Cervantino. This group was also nominated for the GM Grand Prix de Jazz at the Montreal International Jazz Festival in 2003. In 2001, the group was chosen as one of five groups to perform in Toronto as part of a Canada Council initiative to promote emerging Canadian jazz artists. Regina's Donny Kennedy joins the group on Alto.



Lorraine Desmarais Trio Tribute to Bill Evans

Lorraine Desmarais – piano, Alec Walkington – double bass,
Camil Bélisle – drums, Opener: **RESONANCE Duo**
Christie-Anne Blondeau & Fred Foerster

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 @ ACFR Le Bistro
3850 Hillsdale St

Concert 7:00pm - 10:30pm • tickets \$45.00 • advance tickets \$35 at www.jazzfestregina.ca & at the door



Pianist and composer Lorraine Desmarais is known in Canada, the USA, Europe, Mexico, China, Indonesia and Africa for her solo, trio and big band performances. She has also appeared with many symphony orchestras. She has twelve albums of original compositions. Three of these albums (Trio Lorraine Desmarais, Jazz pour Noël and Big Band) have received FÉLIX awards at the Gala de ADISQ. In 2011, she received a Doctorat Honoris Causa from the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). In 2013, she was awarded by becoming Member of the Order of Canada. Lorraine Desmarais played in concert with artists of worldwide renown such as, Chick Corea, Oliver Jones, Jacky Terrasson, Joe Lovano, The New York Diva Big Band, the Brubeck Brothers and Paquito D'Rivera.

Born in a small francophone village of Saskatchewan, Christie - Anne Blondeau was barely 4 when the passion for singing and rhythm took hold of this unstoppable singer. Together with Fred Foerster on upright bass, they form a powerful duo, Resonance, playing all genres of songs in both English and French.



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