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LOCAL MUSICIANS' FOR HIRE: This Special Issue is dedicated to promoting our regional freelance musicians Keep music Live!

THE KINGSTON JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Kingston Jazz Ensemble was formed by like-minded jazz professionals to promote and encourage Big Band Jazz music in Kingston and who love to share it with the community. The ensemble also serves as a 'platform' for creative compositional writing and musical expression. Within our stellar ranks we are also fortunate to have a Juno winner for excellence in education!

Members of the group are all highly skilled music professionals that include educators, adjudicators & faculty from Queens, St. Lawrence College & surrounding school districts. Several are principal performers with the Kingston Symphony, BrassWerks, Orchestra Kingston and members of other well known jazz groups in the area.

"We are also very fortunate to have several well respected arrangers and prize winning composers in the group like Greg Runions, Dave Barton, John Palmer, Taylor Donaldson, to name a few..." says co-founder and sax player John Wonsowicz. "These are amazingly talented individuals that definitely know how to navigate their way around a musical score...".

"Our repertoire includes concert and dance music from the 40's through to present day and KJE is available to support fundraising, corporate and public events as well as for special occasions.." says marketing and promotion co-founder Alex Voros.

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Looking for live musicians' and bands, look no further, contact Local 518 for a list of our professional musicians. Phone:613 542 3732 kingstonmusicians@gmail.com

WHO WE ARE: KINGSTON MUSICIANS' UNION LOCAL 518

The AFM/CFM has been promoting and protecting professional musicians for over 110 years. Local 518 has been serving Kingston and area musicians since 1920 and continues to be an effective advocate for musicians' rights in the workplace (be that a nightclub, theatre, a symphony stage, in a recording studio, or on tour). The AFM and Local 518 protect the recorded works musicians produce from being exploited, and protect our members live performances by providing several types of benefit programs that help them to build successful careers.

Members of Local 518 of the AFM are secure in knowing that their organization is actively lobbying to promote legislation and public awareness that protects musicians' interests, negotiating collective bargaining agreements with the recording industry, motion picture industry, jingle industry, TV networks, theatre, National Public TV and Radio, and providing excellent wages and working conditions for its members. Want to know more? contact 613 542 3732 or email kingstonmusicians@gmail.com

BELLEVILLE/TRENTON/PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

THE COMMODORES ORCHESTRA

(17-piece plus male and female vocalists) *Genre:* Swing Band



Description: Canada's longest -running big swing band plays hits of the big band era and modernized, true-to-form versions of the greatest music of the twentieth century. Host of the annual Trenton Big

Band Festival, the Commodores play fundraisers, dances, weddings, festivals, and concerts-in-thepark. Recent shows have featured Dixieland jazz, Andrews Sisters or Modernaires-type vocal groups, and prominent Canadian jazz artists. www.commodoresorchestra.com

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THE STARPAINTERS DUO/TRIO

Genre: Jazz and Swing



Description: The Starpainters play classic swing and jazz...including music of the Roaring Twenties...at restaurants, cafes, wineries, boat cruises, weddings, corporate functions, retirement commu-

nities, and a wide range of special events in and beyond east-central Ontario.

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ERIC BARAGAR ONE MAN SHOW

Genre: Legendary Performances of Classic Hits (Pop, Rock, Country)

Eric R Baragar is one of Canada's top performing singer/songwriters. As a founding member of "The Sands of



Time", Eric Baragar charted #2 in Canada with the hit song, "I've Got a Feeling". After the success of his first record, Eric Baragar has been busy behind the scenes writing, engineering and producing music of a variety of artists. His music has won awards for **Top Country Group**, nominated as **Top Composer, Top Producer, Best Single**, as well as winning other **Song writing** and **Marketing** awards. The Eric Baragar **"One Man Stage Show"** successfully combines state of the art studio techniques with an energetic live performance of classic hit songs including hits from the Beatles, Brian Adams, the Rolling Stones, Brooks and Dunn, Tom Jones, John Lennon, Bob Segar, Eric Clapton, the Bee Gees and others. Eric Baragar encourages the audience to participate by joining him on

stage as the "backup singers". Eric is the number one solo artist that can excite audiences with his **"One Man** Stage Show" complete with full backup" just like the record

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Links: <u>www.bentwoodrocker.com</u>, Facebook: Eric Baragar – Musician/Engineer/Producer

BENTWOOD ROCKER

Genre: Original songs plus classic rock

Description: In 1977, four members of the pop group the "Sand of Time "began a recording project. When Dan Thompson was added as lead vocalist - "Bentwood Rocker" was born. Over its long history, the band has



released four albums including; "Not Taken", "Taken Me to Heaven"; the self titled, "Bentwood Rocker" CD, plus "The Works" box set collection. The band has worked with and shared the stage with many other artists such as: Randy Bachmann, Burton Cummings, Bob Dylan, Eric Burdon, Tom Cochrane, BTO, Kim Mitchell, Jack Richardson, Ian Thomas, and Terry Brown. Live performances today include original music plus classic rock ranging from "the hush of the Bee Gees to the chaos of the Rolling Stones." Current members: Dan Thompson, Eric Baragar, Mike Goettler, Steve Smith, and Barry Haggarty. Music is

available at iTunes and other online sites. The band is currently recording a new album scheduled for release in 2016.

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FaceBook: Bentwood Rocker

JEANETTE ARSENAULT

"This Is My Canada Presents"



Description: It's a celebration of everything Canadian. Jeanette Arsenault's brand new series "This Is My Canada Presents" will showcase some of Canada's finest musical talent.

The premiere concert will be debuted at **Eastminster United Church in Belleville Ontario on January 27, 2016** with special guest Marie-Lynn Hammond accompanied by Tom Leighton.

"This Is My Canada Presents" will include a talk show segment and Arsenault will also collaborate ahead of time with her guest to write a new song to be per-

formed at the concert along with each of their own sets of songs.

First featured guest, Marie-Lynn Hammond, has been called one of Canada's best songwriters with a unique voice, dynamic stage presence and brilliant songs ranging from wickedly funny to hauntingly personal – in both French and English. She co-founded the seminal folk group Stringband. She will be accompanied by the multi-talented, award-winning multi-instrumentalist, Tom Leighton.

June 22nd will be The Starpainters (jazz/swing led by Andy Sparling) & more shows in the series will be announced shortly. Tickets are \$15 & free for youth under 18 years of age.

For ticket information, call 613.969.5212 or email Peter Kerr: admin@eastminsterunited.ca.

For further information, email: Jeanette.Arsenault@gmail.com

Visit: http://jeanettearsenault.ca/this-is-my-canada/this-is-my-canada-presents/

KINGSTON AND GANANOQUE: Solo Artists

REG COREY

Solo Musician- Guitarist and Vocalist *Genre:* Folk, Country, Soft Rock, a taste of Blues and Jazz.



Description: Reg performs for venues such as: private parties, concerts, weddings anniversaries, birthdays, office events, trade shows, festivals, jamborees, award ceremonies, dinner clubs, organizations, pubs and eateries References are available

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OR on Facebook

Links: Facebook: Reg Marj Corey Twitter: Marj_Reg Corey Linked In: Reginald Corey

AISLINN

Genres: Pop, Rock, Country, Alternative

Description: This 19 year old singer, songwriter and musician originates from Brockville, Ontario where she



got her start performing at the age of 12. With a voice much older than her years and a well-rounded set list, she's got something for everyone, and she'll have you singing along in no time. While doing the usual weddings, summer festivals, special event entertainment and pub gigs, she is now residing in Kingston, Ontario where she is pursuing a bachelor in Behavioural Psychology. Aislinn is one of the rare performers who sound best performing live. One of the most remarked upon aspects of Aislinn's performance is her ability to draw people in and get lost in the music. She's been described as "little town charm, with big city sound." Aislinn's had brides, wedding guests and event attendees in awe of the magical ambiance her performances have created - providing

that extra special "moment" to their special day. Complete strangers feel compelled to seek her out and express how much they enjoyed her set, and how she makes a song her own. Aislinn has rave reviews from both in and outside of the music industry - and is now accepting bookings for the Kingston area.

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Links: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Aislinn-207271176109146/

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KINGSTON AND GANANOQUE: Small Ensembles

JENICA RAYNE ENSEMBLE



Description: Jenica Rayne is a passionate songwriter, accomplished guitarist and seasoned performer. A graduate of Vancouver Island University Jazz music program; she has released a number of critically acclaimed CD's: *Hall of Memories,* 1999, *Essential Elements* 2004, *Live Rayne* 2007, *Love is love* 2013 and *Hit the Ground Running* 2014.

Jenica is a fixture on the local live music circuit; performing at conferences, special event parties, festivals, house-concerts, pubs, and concert halls. Her ensembles include the **Calamity Janes Band**,

The Groove Queens, a duo with **Kingston's Lynne Hanson** and collaborating with other acclaimed Kingston musicians as part of the **Jenica Rayne Ensemble**. Her live performance showcases her original music and any combination of jazz, blues, rock and indie covers. Please contact Jenica for more information on booking.

JENICA RAYNE ENSEMBLE

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TRIOSS

Genre: Light Classical, Jazz, show tunes, contemporary

Description: Trioss is composed of three multi-talented Kingston musicians. We play an eclectic repertoire appropriate for weddings to garden parties. Light classical, light jazz, show tunes, tangos, and rags are only some of the styles we perform. Our repertoire is extensive enough that we can tailor sets to classical or jazz themes. Trioss' instrumentation is as varied as our music. Depending upon the piece, you could hear combinations of flute, clarinet, sax. trombone and tuba. We are all professional musicians, and local union members. This gives you, the patron, a level of reliability that will leave your mind at ease for your event.

Contact: Kent Smith 613 766 1146 or email: kentsmith55@gmail.com

SHADES OF RHYTHM

Genre: Variety

Description: This group plays music from "The North American Song Book" and is suitable for small venues, dances and concerts.

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KINGSTON AND GANANOQUE: Small Ensembles

BLUE SWING JAZZ

Genre: Jazz, Latin



Description: Blue Swing Jazz Quartet is a great swingin' combo of double bass , keys, flute, alto sax and vocals. They play a great ol' collection of jazz standards Latin and feature Latin songs sung in the language of origin--Brazilian. Portuguese. Val Hamilton on

alto sax and vocals, James McLellan on flute, Brant Peppley on double bass and vocals. and Doug Rooks on keys. They've played together for nearly a decade, in the Kingston Jazz festival, Live Music Lovers, KGH celebrations, downtown Kingston, and numerous venues in and surrounding Kingston.

We are available for celebrations, parties, dances, weddings..,you name it! Check out our website at blueswingjazz.ca *Contact:* Ph. 613-540-3701

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JISK

Genre: Classical and contemporary arrangements from all musical styles and periods

Description: JISK is a quartet that offers a variety of music and instrumentation to original arrangements of well known classics, light jazz, show tunes, Latin, swing, and folk music. Available for garden parties, concerts, weddings, festivals, seniors homes, school concerts and workshops.

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GABRIEL'S OBOES

Genre: mostly classical, with a few popular arrangements. Can also do special requests.



Description: We are a professional and innovative new trio comprised of two oboes and English Horn, featuring mellow sounds, and brilliant repertoire. Feast your ears with the unique sound of double reeds, perfect for any event that is looking for a touch of class. Barbara Bolte, Anke Carrington, and Julie Paul are all professional oboists who have performed together regularly in the Kingston Symphony Orchestra. Individually, they have performed with different groups in the Kingston area and beyond, and have appeared as soloists

and chamber musicians in St. George's Cathedral Music Series.

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Links: To hear sample of our music:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/86ue9wunnx1mmrb/AADMZ-0TeC2642hv2aJ10WvPa?dl=0

TRIOLA

Genre: Light Classical

Description: Triola is one of Kingston and area's most sought-after string groups, having built an excellent reputation with clients for their high standards of performance and enthusiasm.

With a wide variety of musical styles, from Pachelbel to Coldplay, sizzling Tangos to toe-tapping fiddle tunes and a few jazz standards mixed in for fun, Triola has played in almost every venue in Kingston.

Whether an exquisite banquet, wedding ceremony, small reception, conference or press launch, Triola will provide an elegant musical backdrop for your event.

"Elegance and exquisite performance personified in this unique combination of strings..."



Call us today!

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SAXOBELLES SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Genre: Jazzy interpretations of familiar tunes



Description: The Saxobelles are a funky alternative to a string quartet. Playing music ranging from pop to classical to jazz, these 4 women really rock their horns! The Saxobelles are all experienced big band musicians who have branched out to offer a variety of musical genres. They perform throughout the Kingston and Gananoque area, and are available for weddings and special events.

Contact: email them at <u>saxobelles@gmail.com</u> or phone 613-634-8316

Links: www.saxobellesmusic.com or follow them on Facebook and Twitter @Saxobelles

JUS' DUET!

Genre: Bach to Beatles

Description: Looking for a small affordable duo that can provide light entertainment for that special event? Jus' Duet plays selections from classical to 20th century music with wind (Clarinet and Flute) and Strings (Cello and Bass). Want to tango, enjoy memorable show tunes, swing with light jazz, or revisit classical, folk, and popular favourites? Jus' Duet!

Contact: Sue Moore 613 484 3554

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DR. JAZZ AND MISSISSIPPI VAL *Genre:* Latin and Jazz



Description: Dr. Jazz and Mississippi Val's first musical love is for Latin and jazz.

Collectively, they have a long history of folk, rock and roll, choral and classical music. Together, they create a great sound with swingin' rhythmic heart warmers including I got Rhythm, Sweet Georgia Brown and Agua de Beber. Catch these two around Kingston or as far away as Picton!! Check out the website for a long list of dynamite musical selections.

Contact: drjazzandmississippival.ca

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CLARINET FOUR

Genre: Eclectic

Description: Four mostly retired musicians who broke their word and continue to entertain as long as there is music to be played.

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LOCAL BANDS

KINGSTON AND GANANOQUE

LIMESTONE JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Genre: Big band Jazz, Jazz Pop Standards, Latin

Description: We are Kingston's newest big band. The band is comprised of former players from Kingston Sounds of Jazz and some very talented newcomers. The band features some of the finalist instrumentalist from the Kingston area. Utilizing full saxophone, trumpet, trombone and rhythm sections the band turns out stirring renditions of the greatest big band arrangements ever produced. From lively popular tunes to standard big band jazz our focus is to provide listeners with a wide variety of styles to enjoy. We will also be featuring vocalists from the Kingston area. We look forward to performing at corporate functions, social gatherings and concerts in the coming year.

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CRAIG JONES AND THE 20th CENTURY JAZZ BAND

Genre: Jazz Band

Description: Featuring a rotating cast of Kingston's premier jazz musicians – take the bandstand every Friday night at Montes, in Tir Nan Og at the corner of Clarence and Ontario Streets, from 6-9pm. The band specializes in vocal jazz from the American Songbook of Standards and includes Doug Rooks on keyboards, Dave Barton on guitar, Brant Peppley on bass, Sam Berniker on tenor, Val Hamilton on alto and vocals, and Glenn Tooth on flute.

The 20th Century Jazz Band welcomes guests, singers or players, to sit in. The band loves to take requests from its friendly and engaging audience. Montes is a lovely and warm setting with a gas fireplace for wintery afternoons. The 20th Century Jazz Band is into its fourth year together at Montes.

Montes and Olivea are the only regular jazz venues in Kingston at this time.

Contact: More information at craig@craigjones.ca

KINGSTON AND GANANOQUE: Local Bands

SWINGTIME DANCE BAND

Genre: Swing Band



Description: The Swingtime Dance Band is the oldest continuously active big band in Kingston. Originally formed by Bill Babe in the late 1950s (as the Metronomes) the band has been active in Kingston for over 65 years. Our musicians range in age from their twenties to the eighties forming the standard big band of saxes, horns, and rhythm sections and a featured vocalist. It is our mission to keep the music of the Big Band Era alive.

Although the *Swingtime Dance Band* specializes in music from the Swing Era

we also perform music from earlier as well as more recent decades. This includes the standards of the swing era made popular by crooners like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole; the big band sounds of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and Glenn Miller; and more. We can always heat things up with a little Latin jazz, samba, salsa, or a bossa nova. All the ballroom dances-waltz, foxtrot, quickstep, tango, rhumba, samba, chacha, rock and jive are in our repertoire.

The *Swingtime Dance Band* is available for private parties, dances, jazz concerts, public, and corporate events including fairs and festivals in the Kingston area.

Contact: Orest Koroluk (613) 541-1174 or Gale Smith (613) 531-8137

E-mail: swingtime.dance.band@gmail.com or gks.ses10@gmail.com

CRANBERRY DIXIE AND SWING BAND

Genre: Dixie, Swing

Description: This seven (7) piece group was established in 1991 and plays traditional Dixieland and Swing music. We also have a vocalist who is available.

Contact: Ed Thompson 613 384-6350 or 613 540-3175

E-Mail: ednjoy@ca.inter.net and Facebook

THE KINGSTON JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Description: See page 1

Contact: Contact Larry House at (613)546-9868 or email cital.org

KINGSTON AND GANANOQUE: Local Bands

NOSTALGIC SOUND BIG BAND

Genre: Big Band

Description: In 2011 we formed the Nostalgic Sound Big Band. This is an eleven (11) piece big band including a vocalist. We perform big band swing, Latin and jazz tunes with 6 horns and 4 rhythm.

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SIX PLUS ONE

Genre: Dance Band

Description: This is a seven (7) piece dance band with the potential to add a vocalist. We play upbeat Swing, Ballads, Polkas, Latin and Waltzes.

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and Facebook

Port Hope, Cobourg, Trenton and Peterborough: Solo Artist

LINDA KRAMER

Genre: Classical, Jazz, Blues, Ragtime, ballads, easy listening, gospel



Description: Linda is an Honours graduate of Humber College, where she studied jazz piano, composition and vocal jazz. Linda performed at the Capitol Theatre with Susan and David Tanner over a twelve year period, for numerous musicals. She also had the rare opportunity of performing at the Capitol Theatre with well-known jazz trumpeter Guido Basso. With excellent sight-reading skills, a strong alto/mezzo soprano voice Linda is comfortable with a wide variety of styles, including classical, jazz, blues, gospel, ballads, easy listening, ragtime, Linda has played and sang for many weddings, numerous retirement

homes, and other functions such as Galas, business meetings at hotels, private parties, etc. Linda has played piano and sang at many different churches for over 25 years and taught piano/ voice for 20-25 years.

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