

Markham Jazz Festival Announces the Millennium Bandstand Acts

**Club Django Sextet, Nimmons N'Nine...Now! Time Warp, Toronto Mass Choir and Cimarron
Saturday, August 19th- Sunday, August 20th**

Markham, ON – The **Markham Jazz Festival** (MJF) is proud to announce the Millennium Bandstand Acts for this years' **'The World of Jazz'** festival.

The "Main Stage" events are located at the Millennium Bandstand on Unionville Village's picturesque Main Street, where the festival offers a free four-day event of superb jazz which will appeal to a universal, all-age audience. Drawn from the cream of the crop of Canadian jazz artists and from a wide variety of other countries including the U.S.A. and Cuba, this years' Festival repertoire spans a variety of genres, including traditional, swing, Latin, fusion, world, and contemporary jazz.

Club Django Sextet:

Self-described as "Gypsy Swing in the spirit of the Hot Club of France", the Club Django Sextet features some of Toronto's best swing musicians playing in the distinct style of Django Reinhardt et al. They perform regularly around Toronto and have performed at the Ottawa, Syracuse, Toronto and Markham jazz festivals to rave reviews.

For more information visit <http://www.clubdjangotoronto.com>

Saturday August 19th 11:30 am – 1 pm

Nimmons N' Nine...Now!

Under the direction of guitarist Michael Cado, Nimmons N' Nine...Now! Maintains the spirit of one of Canada's best and longest-running little big bands: Nimmons N' Nine, the musical brainchild of Phil Nimmons. Armed with a number of Phil's original arrangements – and some new ones in a similar style – Nimmons N' Nine...Now! features some of Toronto's best jazz musicians, including Andy Ballantyne, Pat LaBarbera, William Carn, Andrew Downing, Anthony Michelli and, of course, Tom Szczesniak on accordion.

Saturday August 19th 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Time Warp:

A fixture on the Toronto Jazz Scene for over 25 years, Time Warp – Kevin Turcotte, trumpet, Kelly Jefferson, tenor sax, Al Henderson, bass and Barry Elmes, drums – plays straight ahead jazz that has been influenced by funk, blues, bop, Hungarian and African traditional tunes, country waltzes, and more. They are four-time winners of Jazz Report's Acoustic Jazz Group of the Year and have performed across the country.

For more information visit <http://www.cornerstonerecordsinc.com/pages/arttw.html>

Saturday August 19th 4 – 6 pm

Toronto Mass Choir:

What better way to start off a Sunday than with a 30-piece choir with its own jazz combo! Singing music with gospel, reggae, soul and R & B influences, the Toronto Mass Choir will fill your with spirit no matter what your denomination.

Sunday August 20th 12 – 1:30 pm

Cimarron:

Made up of Toronto's top latin jazz musicians, Cimarron is led by guitarist and vocalist Luis Mario Ochoa. Performing a mix of traditional latin styles and jazz, this ten-piece ensemble is sure to energize. Their recently released, self-titled album has been met with wide acclaim and can be heard regularly on Jazz FM.

For more information visit <http://www.cubanmusicproductions.com/>

Sunday August 20th 2 – 3:30 pm

This Celebrate Markham event is funded in part by the Town of Markham. Please join the MJF for a truly a magical experience

Markham Jazz Festival

'The World of Jazz'

Saturday, day and evening, August 19th

Sunday afternoon, August 20th

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