



SUMMER NEWSLETTER (2017)

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter! We hope you'll enjoy it and share with your friends.

BAND BLOG

We started a BLOG section on our website a few months ago. Band members are sharing their thoughts about a wide variety of topics. Please check it out and feel free to make comments. Here's the link:

<https://www.mbbje.com/index.php/blog> . If anyone would like to contribute to our blog page, please send me your thoughts in a Word document and I'll try to post it. Anything pertaining to big band jazz is acceptable.

THE HARDEST ARRANGEMENT IN THE WORLD (UPDATE)

For all the Pat Metheny fans, we've been working on a big band arrangement of "The First Circle" from his 1984 CD "First Circle". It's an amazing song but one of the hardest arrangements the band has ever attempted. For the musicians in the crowd, much of the song is in alternating bars of 12/8 & 10/8 time signatures. Impossible to count & a real challenge to play. We premiered it at The Rex last Saturday and for those who could not attend.....WE NAILED IT! With all the hard work the band put into getting it down, I think we'll keep it the book for future performances so for those who missed it. you'll now have another chance to hear a really amazing arrangement of a classic song.

BIG BAND OPEN MIC

The sixth edition of our Big Band Open Mic was held on Saturday, April 8th at Cooksville United Church. The band featured 12 amazing singers for an evening of big band vocal jazz. It was an awesome show! It will be available shortly on our webpage (www.mbbje.com). Here are the YouTube links:

Part 1 Ilana & Sheila <https://youtu.be/ba7e3tFd3ek>

Part 2 Joann & LJ <https://youtu.be/98DLx5gJw-4>

Part 3 Faith & Sam <https://youtu.be/nUZFTmlmtQ0>

Part 4 Halton Jazz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsxmxNaL06I>
Singers

Part 5 Michele, Vic & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98HJN3I9_aE
Elvira

Part 6 Dionne & Roy <https://youtu.be/d5kDFv0mPyE>

TWITTER , FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

Please don't forget our Twitter page (#MississaugaJazz). Please check it out and follow us.

Facebook has our band (<https://www.facebook.com/mbbje/>) and fan club (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/176498672972/>) pages. Please like one or both.

We also have a YouTube channel that has several band performance videos. Here's the link:
(https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mississauga+big+band)

UPCOMING GIGS

Here are all the details for our upcoming gigs for the summer:

Bread & Honey Festival

Sunday, June 4th 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Memorial Park (Streetsville) FREE

<http://breadandhoney.ca/>

Philippine Festival Mississauga

Sunday, July 9th 12:00 – 100 PM Celebration Square (Mississauga) FREE

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/celebration-square/philippine-festival-mississauga-0>

A Musical Extravaganza

Ensemble on it's own and singers from our last Big Band Open Mic and A very special fund raising event featuring the Mississauga Big Band Jazz others. Should be a great show. I have 20 early bird tickets available for only \$20. Call me ifyou want some at 905-270-4757.



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A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA NEVER WITNESSED BEFORE

SATURDAY, JULY 15 2017, 7PM. ROSE THEATRE (BRAMPTON)

FEATURING:

MISSISSAUGA BIG BAND JAZZ ENSEMBLE
(17 PIECE ORCHESTRA)

JAZZ JUNCTION (DIRECTLY FROM GOA-INDIA)

SOPHISTICATED FUNK (SOUL/FUNK/R&B)

CAFÉ CUBANO (ORIGINAL CUBAN MUSIC-SEXTET)

RAGA JAZZ ENSEMBLE (INDO JAZZ FUSION)

**6 BEST VOCAL ARTISTS FROM TORONTO
WILL BE PERFORMING!!!**

TWO DOUBLE ALBUMS FREE WITH THE PURCHASE
OF A CONCERT TICKET! (VALUE \$20)

TICKETS: \$25, \$30 AND \$40
(ALMOST SOLD OUT!)

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS EARLY

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Concerts In The Park

Wednesday, July 19th 7:30 – 9:00 PM Central Park (Burlington) FREE

<https://www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/Concerts-in-the-Park.asp>

Sunset Concerts

Sunday, July 23rd 6:30 – 8:30 PM Memorial Park (Port Credit) FREE

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/port-credit-memorial-park/mississauga-big-band-jazz-ensemble-0>

That's all the news for now. The band takes a break in August and we'll be back in September with our Fall Newsletter and a list of all the performances season. Details are posted first on the website (www.mbbje.com)

Thanks! Rob

P.S. And remember..... If music isn't live..... it's DEAD !