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JPL VICTO JAZZ

Unveils its Finalist Bands and the Final Programming Details

Victoriaville, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – Yesterday evening, in front of a hundred guests gathered at the Laurier Lounge at the Carré 150 (Victoriaville, Qc.), the JPL Victo Jazz team unveiled the finalists for the Yamaha Canada-Twigg Music Competition. Besides listening to clips from the musical talents to be discovered at the cabaret on Saturday, February 8, between 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., the guests present were able to immerse themselves in the atmosphere of the "Pianos à gogo" that will close the festival each evening. Taking advantage of the general public's presence, JPL Victo Jazz took the opportunity to announce a new free activity added to the program on Friday, February 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A special show, *QUAND LE JAZZ EST LÀ*, hosted by Stanley Péan, with guest artists and performances on stage...will take place in the heart of the centre d'art Jacques-et-Michel-Auger!

THE BANDS CHOSEN FOR THE YAMAHA CANADA-TWIGG MUSIC COMPETITION

ALGORHYTHM

Composed of Alexander Lioubimenco (keyboard), Hugo Leclerc (wind instruments), Marc-Gabriel Laverrière (guitar), Marc Scott (bass) and Greg Kustka-Tsimbidis (drums), these five musicians are inspired by the giants of progressive rock and jazz and combine these musical genres with ease. They will offer an energizing show with mythical sounds and a very high degree of improvisation for a unique listening experience.

CARL MAYOTTE FUSION QUINTET

With Carl Mayotte (bass), Gabriel Cyr (guitar), Damien-Jade Cyr (saxophones), Francis Grégoire (keyboard), and Stéphane Chamberland (drums), Carl Mayotte Fusion Quintet shows are a mixture of energy explosions, subtlety and virtuosity. With the goal of making its audience dance while stimulating intellect, the quintet's style is defined as jazz fusion, mixing jazz, funk, world music and many other flavours!

JULIEN FILLION GROUP

The Julien Fillion Group, with its unique mixture of two saxophones and two drums, will captivate you throughout its concert. The use of effects pedals and synthesizers creates unique sound textures throughout the performance, navigating between conventional and electronic.



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The quartet consists of Philippe Brochu Pelletier (saxophone/keyboard), Noam Guerrier Freud (drums, keyboard), Alain Bourgeois (drums) and, of course, Julien Fillion (saxophone/keyboard). The band performed at the last International Jazz Festival in Juarez, Mexico.

SOLARIUM

Solarium blends the intense energy of 1960s jazz with lyrical melodies for a show filled with contrasts and explosions. A journey between mysterious ballads and wild soloists, all based on compositions freely inspired by different styles. The quartet consists of Léo Minville (drums), Henri Bouchard (electric bass), Louis Plouffe (saxophone), and Karl-André Rozankovic (keyboards).

STAY SAFE

Stay Safe offers a varied, abstract and surprising repertoire of original and contemporary music. The ensemble consists of 5 young musicians equipped to "face off against" non-functional harmony, irregular measurements and fast melodies. Stay Safe is strongly influenced by modern jazz, rock and even baroque repertoires, and its musicians always push the boundaries of jazz a little further. The quintet is composed of Jeremy Leon (tenor saxophone), Nathan Venez (trumpet), Étienne Fournier (guitar), Julien Lafrenière (electric bass) and Matys Colpron (drums).

THE BENJAMIN DESCHAMPS QUINTET IN PERFORMANCE AT 4:14 P.M.

On-stage presence, musical arrangements and the relationship with the audience are the criteria that will be evaluated by the jury, this year composed of Danielle Lefebvre (director and founder of l'Agence d'artistes et de concerts Danielle Lefebvre), the renowned jazz musician Rémi Bolduc and Rémi Cormier, one of the most promising trumpeters Quebec.

In addition to having the opportunity to perform in front of the festival audience during a 30-minute performance, the winning band could receive \$2,000 in scholarships, receive mentorship from the Agence d'artistes et de concerts Danielle Lefebvre, and be added to the 2021 JPL Victo Jazz line-up. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The public will also be invited to vote for their favourite band! The public's choice will then be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

The winning line-up will be announced immediately after the not-to-be-missed performance by the **Benjamin Deschamps Quintet**, scheduled for 4:15 p.m. The Benjamin Deschamps Quintet, founded in 2015, is composed of Benjamin Deschamps (saxophone/composer), Jean-Nicolas



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Trottier (trombone), Charles Trudel (piano), Sébastien Pellerin (double bass) and Alain Bourgeois (drums). The band offers high-calibre jazz, perfectly balanced between tradition and experimentation. Benjamin Deschamps was named Radio-Canada Jazz Revelation of the Year in 2017-18. This activity is free and promises great musical discoveries. We invite the population and jazz lovers alike to participate in large numbers and to come and applaud the next generation of jazz in Quebec!

FREE ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL FLAVOURS

In addition to the 12 indoor shows offered by the JPL Victo Jazz from February 6 to 9, which include Dominique Fils-Aimé, Carol Welsman, Lorraine Desmarais Trio, Nikki Yanofsky, Matt Dusk, Yordan and The Cuban Martinez Show, Yannick Rieu, The Brooks, Jazzlab Orchestra, Marianne Trudel and Karen Young, Julie Leblanc and Jean-François Groulx as well as the next chapter of the musical lecture on the history of jazz, presented by Stanley Péan and his musicians, several activities are free and open to the general public.

These activities take on a local flavour as the musicians of the Big Band Sortie 210 (founded by Jean-Pierre Lambert) provide the musical entertainment for the "APÉROS JAZZ" in the foyer of Le Carré 150, Thursday, February 6 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., during the MUSICAL LUNCH taking place just before the start of the competition. Festival-goers are also invited to take part in the lunch, along with volunteers and musicians, either by bringing their own meal or by booking the hot meal in advance, sold at the ticket office (online, at the counter or by phone).

The three "PIANOS À GOGO" will also be performed by well-known artists from the region. The dynamic and talented singer Sylvie Ouellet, who performed during the opening night last year, is back, accompanied by pianist Francis Rivard. Together they will host the Piano à gogo on Thursday, February 6, starting at 10 p.m. until the end of the evening. Soul music will then fill the Laurier Lounge, while Gaétan "Harper" Levasseur will host the other two evenings on Friday and Saturday, again at 10 p.m.

"QUAND LE JAZZ EST LÀ," LIVE FROM JPL VICTO JAZZ FESTIVAL

The JPL Victo Jazz team is pleased to announce that on Friday, February 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., a special edition of "Quand le jazz est là," a program produced by ICI Music and hosted by Stanley Péan, will be broadcast live across Canada and online.



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Presented in the heart of the Centre d'art Jacques-et-Michel-Auger, where the venue will be rearranged into cabaret format for the occasion, this "JPL Victo Jazz" special edition will take place in the form of a show where several guests artists from our program will play some of their favourite pieces. Matt Dusk, Pierre Verville, Lorraine Desmarais, Carol Welsman and Dominique Fils-Aimée, along with saxophonist Benjamin Deschamps and his musicians, are among the guests. A great way to bring the JPL Victo Jazz experience to life for jazz fans from around the world!

As the art centre's facilities are somewhat more limited in terms of space, the bulk of the show will also be rebroadcast in the Carré 150's large foyer and public spaces. Access to the activity is free and open to all. However, as the number of seats is limited, our team has chosen to prioritize festival package and Friday package holders.

There still time to get one of the advantageous PACKAGES offered for JPL Victo Jazz, which can save you between 25% and 40% depending on the number of shows chosen. All tickets and packages are available online by visiting the event website: www.jplvictojazzfestival.com

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