



Steve Kirby

Our line up this year is stellar. We start the season with a Blue Note tribute to the golden era of jazz when the roster listed the likes of Thelonious Monk, Clifford Brown, Art Blakey, Hank Mobley, Lee Morgan, Dexter Gordon, Miles Davis and many of the other stalwarts. With a front Line like Eric Alexander, Brian Lynch and Xavier Davis, we'll go on an expedition that will run the gamut of the best of jazz from the '50s through the '70s. The great Vanessa Rubin will come back to us after a long time away from the 'Peg to do a tribute to Billie Holiday. Vanessa has the best chops and the perfect temperament to deliver Billie Holiday's wit, melancholy and street savvy.

The recent passing of Dave Brubeck has caused us to reflect on one of the 20th century's greatest jazz composers. Who better to perform that tribute than a band led by Dave Brubeck's own progeny? The Brubeck brothers learned first hand from the master himself how to deliver the west coast cool exactly the way it was intended.

Then get your Latin groove on with multi-grammy winner Poncho Sanchez, a man whose name is synonymous with latin jazz party. A night with Poncho Sanchez will leave you with a thrill and a new way to strut that you won't forget.

The season ends with a tribute to Harlem and the music of Fats Waller featuring two of my favourite New York vocal stars, Allan Harris and Catherine Russell. Fats Waller was a hit maker song after song. Andy Farber is one of the best arrangers and performers of Waller's music today. We've put our heart and soul into this season and are confident that every show will be great entertainment, full of great music and great memories.

Steve Kirby, Artistic Director

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**BEST OF THE
BLUE NOTE**

featuring Jazz Superstars

BRIAN LYNCH

trumpet

ERIC ALEXANDER

tenor saxophone

with Xavier Davis, Steve Kirby & Quincy Davis

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Berney Theatre



Bill Lynch

This dynamic season-opener features Grammy® award-winner Brian Lynch, one of the most accomplished trumpet virtuosos in the world. A graduate of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers and the Horace Silver Quintet, Lynch is placed at the top of every jazz poll. "When you're as dynamic and flexible a trumpeter as Lynch, everyone wants you." (*The New Yorker*). Eric Alexander, one of the top jazz tenor sax players of our time, joins Lynch in this selective spin through the legacy of jazz's most storied label, zeroing in on hits from famed jazz greats like Art Blakey, Thelonious Monk, Horace Silver, Wayne Shorter and McCoy Tyner.



Eric Alexander

Berney Theatre – Asper Jewish Community Campus
123 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg, MB.

**YESTERDAYS: AN EVENING
WITH BILLIE HOLIDAY**

featuring
vocalist

VANESSA RUBIN

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Berney Theatre



Vanessa Rubin

Veteran jazz diva Vanessa Rubin brings to life a stirring program of Holiday's most beloved songs (including *Don't Explain*, *My Man*, *Strange Fruit*, and *God Bless the Child*) in an unforgettable tribute to the legendary jazz singer. Rubin's performance is a soulful and moving portrait by "one of the most gifted jazz vocalists of her generation" (*Washington Post*)

TRIBUTE TO DAVE BRUBECK

**THE BRUBECK
BROTHERS QUARTET**

Saturday, Mar. 8, 2014 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 9, 2014 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Berney Theatre



The Brubeck Brothers

Two of the legendary pianists' sons, Chris (bass & trombone) and Dan (drums), pay tribute to the music of their illustrious father in a program of popular Brubeck jazz classics. The dynamic quartet, rounded out by West Coast veterans Mike DeMicco on guitar and Chuck Lamb on piano, update classic tunes like *Take Five*, *Blue Rondo A La Turk*, and *In Your Own Sweet Way* with fresh, new arrangements drawn from the band's album *Lifetimes*, dedicated to their father's music.

LATIN EXPLOSION

**PONCHO SANCHEZ
and His Latin Jazz Band**

Saturday, Apr. 12, 2014 3:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg Art Gallery



Renowned latin percussionist Poncho Sanchez explodes onto the Winnipeg stage next spring with his eight-piece powerhouse band's infectious amalgam of Latin jazz, swing, bebop, salsa and soul grooves.

With 25 recordings, a Grammy award and several Grammy nominations, Sanchez's more than 30-year career has garnered wide critical acclaim. If music were about pictures, Poncho's music would best be described as a kaleidoscopic swirl of some of the hottest colours and brightest lights to emerge from either side of the border. The *LA Times* sums it up: "As Elvis is to rock and James Brown is to soul, Poncho Sanchez is to salsa."

THE MUSIC OF FATS WALLER

featuring

New York vocal stars

**CATHERINE RUSSELL
and ALLAN HARRIS**

Saturday, May 3, 2014 3:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg Art Gallery



Catherine Russell



Allan Harris

A foot-stomping, finger-snapping tribute to Harlem's most colourful stride pianist/composer led by veteran New York arranger and reedman Andy Farber. The program, performed recently at Lincoln Center, brings to life the culture of Harlem in the '20s and '30s with a selection of some of Thomas 'Fats' Waller's most enduring and endearing tunes (*Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Honeysuckle Rose*) performed by a dynamic eight-piece Winnipeg band fronted by two sensational New York vocalists.