



Steve Kirby

To headline our 2014-15 season, we're rolling out the red carpet for Regina Carter, one of the most highly regarded jazz artists on today's scene. Along side Asper favourites pianist Cyrus Chestnut and jazz guitar genius Russell Malone, we bring on a handful of outrageously gifted newcomers like vibraphonist Warren Wolf, hailed as the next major voice on the vibes and Trinidadian born Etienne Charles who will add his own brand of excitement to the mix with Caribbean soul jazz. We round out the year with Carmen Lundy, a gifted singer who brings her amazing range and sinewy vocal ability to the great music of legendary singers Dinah Washington and Sarah Vaughan. What an incredible season! Enjoy!

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Creole Soul

THE ETIENNE CHARLES QUINTET

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Groove to the joyful sound of this critically-acclaimed, Trinidad-born trumpet virtuoso. Charles, a rising star mentored by legendary artists like pianists Monty Alexander and Marcus Roberts, brings us soul music that is Creole at heart – a tasty Caribbean-infused gumbo cooked up with a multitude of jazzy flavours from calypso to blues to bebop and R & B. A Julliard-trained prodigy, Etienne specializes in feel-good fusion that blends the infectious dance rhythms and colourful textures of reggae, calypso and jazz. "I want people to get up and dance to it," says Charles. A sure-fire season-opener!



Ellington and More

THE WARREN WOLF QUARTET

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Hailed as the next major voice on his instrument, the 31-year-old vibraphone star was last featured on our stage with Christian McBride's band. Says McBride, "What he does on vibes is pretty incredible." With a sound and style descending from Milt Jackson, Wolf and his hard swinging bandmates bring us a program featuring some of Ellington's most beloved tunes along with a blues-to-swing-to-classical collection of indelible melodies. A not-to-be-missed virtuoso performance from a rising star!



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Jazz Guitar Greats

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with special guest
CYRUS CHESTNUT

Saturday, Mar 7, 2015 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Mar 8, 2015 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Russell Malone is a jazz guitar icon. He can play it all – rock, country, blues, jazz – you name it. But Malone really shines when playing bebop, swing and cool jazz. His lyrical playing and dazzling technique have led to collaborations with many great jazz artists like Diana Krall, Harry Connick Jr., Ron Carter, Diane Reeves and Jimmy Smith. This time we'll be treated to a program of music from the repertoire of jazz guitar legends like Charlie Christian, Charlie Byrd, Kenny Burrell and Wes Montgomery. The *Chicago Tribune* described Malone's recent appearance as "buoyant, joyous music-making." Add to the mix the fabulous Cyrus Chestnut on piano and we are in for a real treat!



All performances in the Berney Theatre, Asper Jewish Community Campus
 123 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
 except April 18 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

Southern Roots

REGINA CARTER'S SOUTHERN COMFORT QUINTET

Winner of the 2014 Jazz Journalists' Award
 for Violinist of the Year
 Saturday, Apr. 18, 2015 3:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
 Winnipeg Art Gallery

A recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, Regina Carter is considered the foremost jazz violinist of her generation. The range of top artists who have benefited from her virtuosic playing is stunning: Max Roach, Oliver Lake, Aretha Franklin, Dolly Parton, and Billy Joel are just a few. Join her and her knock-out quintet on a roots journey into the music of her father's Alabama childhood, a fascinating mix of gospel, folk, old timey and all that jazz.



Celebrating Dinah & Sarah

THE CARMEN LUNDY QUARTET

Saturday, May 2, 2015 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 3, 2015 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Popular jazz vocalist Carmen Lundy celebrates the 91st birthdays of jazz greats, Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington in a program of beloved vocal jazz standards. Lundy is renowned worldwide for her vocal artistry and dynamic stage presence. Her more than three decade career has earned her several Grammy nominations, along with top-ten albums and performances and recordings with some of the world's best jazz artists. The *Boston Globe* raves about her "Her abundant range and sinewy tone make her the kind of pure singer whose voice not only inhabits lyrics but is an instrument ready to swing." Along with a stellar band, including her fabulous pianist, Patricia Rushen, Lundy will deliver an evening of pure magic!

