

McIntyre Performing Arts Centre Mohawk College

135 Fennell Ave W, Hamilton

GUEST SAXOPHONE SOLOIST – COLLEEN ALLEN



Colleen Allen is one of Canada's most in-demand musicians for live concerts and recording sessions. Born in Alberta but based in Toronto, the acclaimed and versatile multi-instrumentalist has performed all over Canada, the U.S. and Europe with world class jazz and pop artists including Molly Johnson, David Clayton-Thomas, Holly Cole, Emilie-Claire Barlow, Rik Emmett, Marc Jordan, Andrew Craig and Jackie Richardson, to name a few.

Ms. Allen graduated from the renowned Humber College Jazz Program where she studied with the likes of Pat Labarbera and Mike Murley, two of Toronto's top jazz musicians and teachers. Ms. Allen sites as important influences on her approach to the saxophone, Jan Garbarek, John Coltrane and Cannonball Adderley. Having been a part of the Toronto music scene for more than a decade, she has performed with many of Canada's top pop and jazz musicians.

Known for her warm, authentic tone and soulful style of soloing, she works frequently with Brian Barlow's Big Band, Cirque du Soleil, is a resident artist at Soulpepper Theatre, and a member of Manteca, Canada's premier fusion jazz big band. She has been in the house band of the Toronto Blues Society's Women's Blues Revue since its inception in 1986.

Ms. Allen's own recordings as a leader draw from her seasoned experience as a musician performing in a variety of genres and situations. Her first CD "Colleen Allen" displays her talents as instrumentalist, arranger, bandleader, and producer. She is a beloved mentor and teacher of music for 15 years now at Humber College and a regular adjudicator/clinician for musicfest, and the TD jazz education festival in Picton.

PROGRAM

Grade 9 Band - Mr. Baker and Cividino

Starsplitter Fanfare Blazon! Ultimatum Popcorn Prelude

Brian Balmages
David Shaffer
Robert W. Smith
Mike Hannickel

Jazz Band – Mr. Baker

Gospel John
Area 51

Gospel

Gospel

Larry Barton

Carl Strommen

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Alan Baylock

Aftershock

Larry Barton

GUESS JAZZ SOLOIST – COLLEEN ALLEN

INTERMISSION

Concert Band - Mr. Cividino

To Reach the Summit Dark Fortress Joy! The Tempest Michael Oare Rob Grice Patrick Roszell Robert W. Smith

Repertoire Band – Mr. Baker

Soaring!
Sunburst
A Rockin' Christmas
How to Train Your Dragon
Sun Cycles

Erik Morales Erik Morales Paul Murtha John Powell Brian Balmages

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who made tonight possible!

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Spring Music Night June 12th, 2024