



SPRING NEWSLETTER

Let me introduce you to our very first newsletter! In an attempt to keep you well informed about what's going on with the Mississauga Big Band Jazz Ensemble, you will be receiving a newsletter for each season to keep you updated on all the bands' activities. We hope you'll enjoy it and share with all your friends of big band jazz.

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>

THE HARDEST ARRANGEMENT IN THE WORLD

For all the Pat Metheny fans, we've been working on a big band arrangement of "The First Circle" off 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. With a bit of luck (and a few more months of rehearsals) we're hoping to debut it when we play The Rex at the end of May. Wish us luck !

BIG BAND OPEN MIC

The sixth edition of what's turning out to be an annual event will be happening again on Saturday, April the 8th at Cooksville United Church. The band will be in concert with 12 amazing singers for an evening of big band vocal jazz. We've started working with the singers and if the first 3 are any indication of the talent to come, it should be another amazing show. Tickets will be available soon for \$20 (\$10 for seniors, students & children).

TWITTER, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

We just started a Twitter page (#MississaugaJazz). Please check it out and follow us.

Facebook has our band (<https://www.facebook.com/mbbjz/>) 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's all the details about our upcoming gigs for the spring:

Big Band Open Mic

Saturday, April 8 th	7:00 PM	Cooksville United Church 2500 Mimosa Row MISSISSAUGA)
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The Rex

Saturday, May 27 th	3:30 – 6:30 PM	The Rex Jazz & Blues Bar 194 Queen St W. TORONTO
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Seven44 Restaurant & Lounge

Monday, May 29 th	7:00 – 10:00 PM	Seven44 Restaurant & Lounge 744 Mount Pleasant Road TORONTO
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That's all the news for now. We'll be back with our Summer Newsletter and a list of all the performances of what looks to be a very busy summer 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!