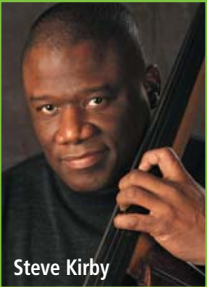




2017-2018 SEASON



Steve Kirby

The 2017-18 line-up is the hottest yet! Prepare to be dazzled and amazed by piano wizard Christian Sands. He is no less than spellbinding! Then we take a trip to Cuba. Soulful Latin vocalist and percussionist Pedrito Martinez will sing, dance and groove his way into your heart. You'll be out of your seat and on your feet! Next we have René Marie, a modern torch song vocalist who is a double threat as a pianist and songwriter. Her sound comes from the Carman McRae-Nancy Wilson-Nina Simone lineage but she has her own special twist. The Claytons have been on our stage before and they always deliver a powerhouse performance. They are proof that jazz is not dead—it's just funky as all get-out! We round out the year with The Hot Sardines, a force to be reckoned with—so much style, so much polish, so much flavor! This group transports you to hot jazz in Paris with precision vocals, slick horn arrangements, and sultry clarinet solos. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Steve Kirby, Artistic Director

Beverly Aronovitch, Producer

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Piano Prodigy CHRISTIAN SANDS QUARTET

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Five-time Grammy nominee Christian Sands is on his way to jazz stardom. He's an emerging jazz force and a master of taste and swing. At only 20 years old (he's now 27), Sands was invited to join Grammy award-winning bassist Christian McBride's trio. Since then, Sands has become the brightest new star on the New York jazz scene, sharing the stage with jazz luminaries like Wynton Marsalis and the late Oscar Peterson. The power and prowess of his playing have taken him to every major jazz festival and jazz club around the world. We are thrilled to catch him on his way up!

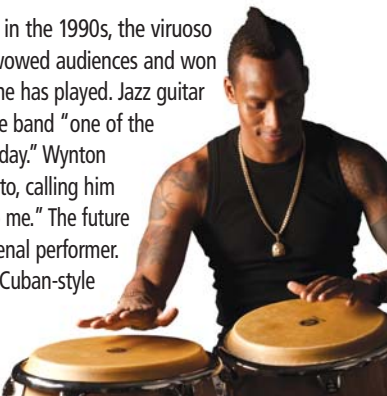


Afro-Cuban Sensation THE PEDRITO MARTINEZ GROUP

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 3:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
West End Cultural Centre

"An incomparable performer"
- (New York Times)

Since his arrival in the US in the 1990s, the virtuoso Cuban percussionist has wowed audiences and won critics' praise everywhere he has played. Jazz guitar icon John Scofield calls the band "one of the greatest groups playing today." Wynton Marsalis raves about Pedrito, calling him "a genius... a revelation to me." The future is on fire for this phenomenal performer. Get your rhumba on for a Cuban-style party by one of the most exciting Latin groups on the planet. Don't miss it!



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Sassy & Soulful RENÉ MARIE

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

2016 Grammy nominee for
Best Vocal Jazz Album

**"Exceptional jazz singing...
not to be missed" - (Jazz Journal)**

Singer René Marie has won the hearts of audiences worldwide with her infectious and deeply personal style. Rave reviews follow every performance praising her "vocal agility, pitch-perfect musical sensibility and charisma" (The Charleston Post and Courier). Her most recent recordings have earned her two Grammy nominations. A brilliant song-writer, Marie mixes elements of jazz, blues, folk and gospel in an unforgettable celebration of the human spirit. Her performances are so honest, so personable, so intimate that it is impossible to resist her charms. Come and be captured by her magic!



All performances in the Berney Theatre, Asper Jewish Community Campus
123 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, except October 7, 2017
at the West End Cultural Centre & May 12, 2018 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

Masters of Swing THE CLAYTON BROTHERS QUINTET

Saturday, April 21, 2018 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Three-time Grammy-nominated bassist/composer/conductor John Clayton is one of the most in-demand jazz musicians in North America. A master of swingin' straight ahead groove, John returns to our stage for the third time with his superb quintet featuring his equally famous brother Jeff on saxophone, gifted son Gerald on piano, and trumpet virtuoso Terrell Stafford. His last visit brought down the house. We're thrilled to have him back!



Super Hot Jazz THE HOT SARDINES

Saturday, May 12, 2018 3:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Winnipeg Art Gallery

**"One of the best Jazz bands in
New York today" - (Forbes)**

The Hot Sardines, the New York-based eight-piece brass jazz band (including a tap dancer!) are an international sensation. Critics around the world rave about them, praising their performance as "crisp musicianship going hand in hand with immaculate and witty showmanship" (The London Times). The Sardines' joyous revival of music of the first half of the century infuses old-time jazz with new-time energy and style, bringing audiences to their feet everywhere they perform. A spectacular finale to a great season!

