

**VANCOUVER
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Vancouver International Jazz Festival Announces Artists in Residence, Free Workshops and Youth Performances for 2023

(Vancouver, BC) – Coastal Jazz & Blues Society is pleased to announce our Artists in Residence, free workshops and youth performances scheduled for the 2023 Vancouver International Jazz Festival (June 23 - July 2, 2023).

The Festival's **Artist in Residence** program invites selected artists to share their work in various formats, including performances, talks and experimentations where they can connect with other creative individuals. This year's artists are Farida Amadou and Pura Fé, who make special appearances throughout the Festival, including:

June 23 - Liturgy w/BIG|BRAVE & Farida Amadou

June 27 - VIFF screening of feature documentary RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World + A Conversation with Pura Fé

June 28 - Workshop and discussion with Farida Amadou & Zoh Amba, Moderated by Dylan Van Der Schyff

June 29 - Pura Fé & Jesse Zubot Chamber of Bones: Open Rehearsal
In association with Talking Stick Festival

June 29 - Farida Amadou with White People Killed Them

July 1 - NOW with Farida Amadou

Free Public Workshops

The International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation (IICSI) hosts IISCI COLLOQUIUM: IMPROVISING FUTURES, as the annual gathering of artists, academics and community members focussed on the transformative work of the improvisational arts. In association with Coastal Jazz and Western Front, this year's iteration *Improvising Futures*, invites diverse cultural perspectives into conversation through workshops and discussions.

All events are free and open to all; no registration is required.

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[Western Front](#) (303 East 8th Avenue)

- Sona Jobarteh workshop/discussion, moderated by scholar and vocalist Julia Ulehla - June 27, 3 pm
- Farida Amadou and Zoh Amba workshop/discussion, moderated by scholar and percussionist Dylan van der Schyff - June 28, 3 pm
- Pura Fé & Jesse Zubot Chamber of Bones: Open Rehearsal. In association with Talking Stick Festival - June 29, 3 pm
- Pulitzer Prize-winning interdisciplinary artist Raven Chacon, inventive guitarist John Dieterich of Deerhoof, and percussionist/Music Research Strategist Marshall Trammell, moderated by Vancouver New Music Artistic Director Giorgio Magnanensi. In association with Vancouver New Music - June 30, 3 pm

The Vancouver International Jazz Festival offers additional free workshops and lectures in association with Tom Lee Music for jazz fans and musicians to learn firsthand from some of our local and international performers.

[Tom Lee Music Hall](#) (728 Granville Street)

- Alvaro Rojas - June 26, 1 pm
- David Blake - June 27, 1 pm
- Meredith Bates - June 29, 1 pm
- Jessica Ackerley - June 30, 1 pm

Anthem Sounds of Youth Stage

The Downtown Jazz Weekend highlights BC's young talent at the **Anthem Sounds of Youth Stage** at Robson Square (800 Robson Street). Music education is an essential part of the jazz ecosystem. This initiative showcases some of the best high school bands from Metro Vancouver and around the province. Performances are presented by Anthem Properties and Tom Lee Music in cooperation with Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festivals and Surrey Schools.

Saturday, June 24 -

- Magee Secondary Senior Jazz Ensemble - 12 pm
- Holy Cross Senior Jazz Ensemble - 1:15 pm
- Lord Tweedsmuir Senior Jazz Ensemble - 2:30 pm
- École Salish Senior Jazz Ensemble - 3:45 pm
- Semiahmoo Grade 11 Jazz Ensemble - 5 pm



Sunday, June 25 -

- Gleneagle Senior Jazz Ensemble - 12 pm
- Robert Bateman Senior Jazz Ensemble - 1:15 pm
- Gladstone Senior Jazz Ensemble - 2:30 pm
- White Rock Christian Senior Jazz Ensemble - 3:45 pm
- Langley Fine Arts Senior Jazz Ensemble - 5 pm

High School Jazz Intensive

Coastal Jazz and the Fraser MacPherson Jazz Fund are delighted to co-present the return of the High School Jazz Intensive. This program provides high school students in the Lower Mainland with a unique opportunity to be part of a free multi-week music residency led by guest conductor Fred Stride. Up to 21 talented teens are selected from an audition process open to students in Grades 10-12 from over 150 schools across the Lower Mainland. Successful participants receive extensive rehearsal sessions, complimentary concerts, and the opportunity to perform live on stage at Performance Works (Sunday, July 2 at 2 pm).

The 38th edition of the Vancouver International Jazz Festival will offer 140 shows, including more than 50 free performances from June 23 to July 2, 2023. The Festival kicks off with a free Downtown Jazz concert series outside the Vancouver Art Gallery and ʔxwʼłənəq Xwtl'e7énk Square and includes marquee shows at Queen Elizabeth Theatre and Vancouver Playhouse, plus club shows at various downtown venues, and culminates on Canada Day weekend at Granville Island venues including Performance Works, Ocean Artworks and The Revue Stage.

Access previous Press Releases [here](#).

Access 2023 Artist information [here](#).

For more information on the 2023 Vancouver International Jazz Festival events and performances, please visit us on the following channels and follow #VanJazzFest:

Website: www.coastaljazz.ca

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About Coastal Jazz & Blues Society:

Founded in 1985 and incorporated in 1986, the [Coastal Jazz & Blues Society](http://www.coastaljazz.ca) is a community-based, not-for-profit, charitable arts organization that has worked diligently to establish Vancouver as a centre for creating and exchanging sounds and ideas between local, national, and international music communities. The Society's mission is not only to increase the appreciation of music but to strengthen the arts community by developing special projects, artistic exchanges, partnerships, educational initiatives, community programs, and collaborations that further the art form. Ranked as British Columbia's largest not-for-profit music presenter, The Coastal Jazz & Blues Society produces the annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival and year-round concerts and has a long-standing commitment to music education with the Sounds of Youth performance stage, workshops, children's music programs, and more. The Society is proud to be a significant part of Vancouver's and B.C.'s economic engine and tourism industry, attracting over half a million people to its annual festival and generating over \$30 million in economic activity. www.coastaljazz.ca

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