



Call for New Board Members 2023

About the Coastal Jazz & Blues Society

Founded in 1985, the Coastal Jazz & Blues Society (CJBS) is a community-based, not-for-profit, charitable arts organization that has worked diligently to establish Vancouver as a centre for the creation and exchange of sounds and ideas between local, national, and international music communities. The Society's mission is to connect, transform, inspire and nurture artists and audiences through the joy, passion, and power of jazz, blues, and other forms of improvised music. We aim to strengthen the arts community by developing special projects, artistic exchanges, partnerships, educational initiatives, community programs, and collaborations that further the art form. Coastal Jazz & Blues Society produces the annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival, 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. We acknowledge our duty - both as a musical organization and part of a larger arts community - to proactively address systemic barriers and cultivate participation and a sense of belonging. To that end we are committed to building practices and policies that support an equitable and inclusive organization. Coastal Jazz and Blues Society operates on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Swxwú7mesh (Squamish), Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations

About a Coastal Jazz Board Member

To reflect our strategic priorities, we are seeking board members that are comfortable with uncertainty as we identify and practice new ways of relation, with a desire to learn, explore, and democratize processes within the non-profit arts sector. The Board should endeavor to constitute itself with a group of individuals who combine to make a thoughtful, responsive, and responsible team and who possess a diverse range of the following:

- competencies and gifts (knowledge, behaviours, attitudes, and skills)
- life experiences
- generational outlooks
- 2SLGBTQ+ and gender identities
- communication styles
- forms of conflict fluency and literacy
- regionality

- worldviews, and
- ethnocultural identities

The Board should be reflective of Vancouver's ethnoculturally diverse community, and bring a range of perspectives to the table, for we believe that our strength lies in our differences. We welcome those to the board with a commitment to consensus-based decision making, circle process, and other Indigenous community and group protocols, and anyone with a passion for jazz, blues, and improvised music and its capacity to contribute to healthy, vibrant communities and a more equitable society.

Additionally, we welcome those individuals with professional experience or expertise in the following areas:

- Live performing arts and music
- Finance
- Law
- Community-centred fundraising

Reciprocity and Purposeful Action:

Fostering reciprocal relationships and a socially-engaged community are core values of CJBS. In exchange for your time and expertise, CJBS will support you with access to relevant training and to select Coastal events.

Board member duties and expectations:

- 6-8 hours per month
- Monthly meetings (on Zoom, one meeting each quarter in person)
- Quarterly Town Hall meetings
- Involvement in special projects and committees
- Attending training events, when relevant

To apply:

[Please complete the following intake form](#) to express your interest before October 27th, 2023. In order to be eligible as a board member, you must be a member of the society in good standing. Membership is \$5 and can be obtained at <https://www.coastaljazz.ca/donate/>. A board member will be in touch with you by mid-November. If you have any questions please contact cjbsboard@coastaljazz.ca.