

For Immediate Release
May 12, 2025

**Vancouver International Jazz Festival Announces Final Slate of 2025 Programming,
including Free Workshops, Artist Talks, Club Series and Late Night Jams**

(Vancouver, BC) – [Coastal Jazz](#) is pleased to present free workshops, artist talks, and additional programming planned throughout downtown and the North Shore during the 2025 Vancouver International Jazz Festival, from June 20 to July 1, 2025.

[Free Workshops at Tom Lee Music Hall](#)

In association with Tom Lee Music, the Vancouver International Jazz Festival offers five free workshops for jazz fans and musicians to learn firsthand from select local and international performers.

Workshops are free and open to the public, and take place at 1:00 pm at 728 Granville Street, Vancouver.

June 23 - Colin Sankey, *Bassist*, instructor

June 24 - Thanya Iyer, *Multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter*

June 25 - Fabien Kallerdahl, *Pianist, composer*

June 26 - Izumi Kimura, *Pianist, improviser*, and educator

June 27 - Theo Carbo, *Guitarist, composer*, electronic musician, *producer*, and *sound engineer*

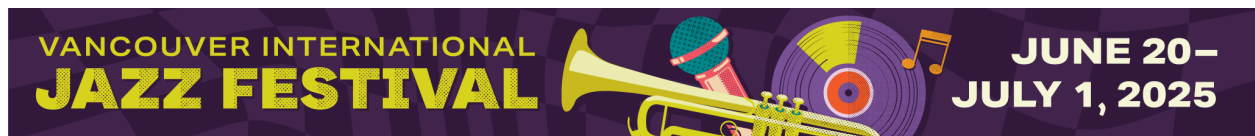
[Artist Talks at the Western Front](#)

The Festival's two Artists in Residence, *pianist* and *composer* Eve Risser and *composer*, *percussionist*, and *sound artist* Susie Ibarra, appear in free artist talks moderated by Vancouver International Jazz Festival performers.

Artist talks are free to the public at 3:30 pm at 303 East 8th Avenue, Vancouver.

June 25 - [Eve Risser](#), *Moderated by Dylan van der Schyff*

Whether venturing solo into the depths of her prepared piano, experimenting with the retro-futuristic sounds of an electric harpsichord, or exploring the expressive potential of a hybrid and modular mini big band, composer and improviser Eve Risser invents as she breathes. The stunning artistic success of her large-ensemble albums *White Desert Orchestra*



(2015) and *Red Desert Orchestra* (2018) placed her among the most prominent creators on the European scene.

June 26 - [Susie Ibarra. Moderated by François Houle](#)

Susie Ibarra is a Filipinx-American *composer, percussionist, and sound artist*. She is a 2025 Pulitzer Prize in Music winner, recently honoured with the esteemed award “for distinguished musical composition by an American” for *Sky Islands*, her piece about ecosystems and biodiversity. Her work encompasses performance, mobile sound-mapping applications, multichannel audio installations, recording, and production. Across her interdisciplinary practice, many of Ibarra’s projects are based in cultural and environmental preservation. Her sound research focuses on the stewardship of glaciers and fresh waters, and she has published writing on the ecology of rhythm in the environment.

North Shore Jazz

For decades, North Shore Jazz has operated as a “mini-festival” within the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, featuring free and ticketed shows at various venues across North and West Vancouver. This year’s lineup includes eight concerts spanning several musical genres.

June 20 - [Farah Siraj](#)

West Vancouver Memorial Library (1950 Marine Drive, West Vancouver), 7:30 pm • Free

June 21 - [Waahli & Guests](#)

Civic Plaza (126 14th Street W, North Vancouver), 1:00 pm • Free

June 21 - [Mary Ancheta's MAQkestra Performs the Music of Betty Davis](#)

BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts (2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver), 8:00 pm • \$40

June 22 - [Honeybear. The Band](#)

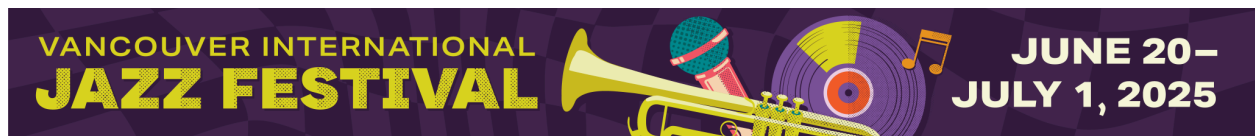
Lynn Valley Village (1277 Lynn Valley Rd, North Vancouver), 1:00 pm • Free

June 23 - [Mick Flannery](#)

BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts (2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver), 7:30 pm • \$40

June 26 - [Corey Harris](#)

BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts (2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver), 7:30 pm • \$40



June 28 - [Taras Luka](#)

Civic Plaza (126 14th Street W, North Vancouver), 1:00 pm • Free

June 29 - [Tina Leon](#)

The Shipyards (125 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver), 7:00 pm • Free

Tyrant Studios

In partnership with Coastal Jazz, [Tyrant Studios](#), located at 1019 Seymour Street, hosts ten live jazz performances followed by the Festival's signature, late-night, open jazz jams. The historic venue, located above Vancouver's legendary Penthouse Nightclub, has been a frequent haunt for the greats of performing arts history, including Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday and Oscar Peterson, dating back to 1947.

All Tyrant Studio shows begin at 9:30 pm and include one set. Afterwards, the headliner becomes host, sharing the stage with visiting Festival artists and local players starting at 11:00 pm. Jam signup begins at 10:45 pm. Admission is \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Admission to the jam only is \$10 at the door.

June 20 – [Jimi James Fraser Sextet](#)

June 21 – [Ard 'n Saul](#)

June 22 – [Biboye Onanuga New Standards Quartet](#)

June 23 – [Chris Fraser Quartet](#)

June 24 – [MUSICMUSICMUSIC](#)

June 25 – [Let's Make the Water Turn Black – Frank Zappa Tribute](#)

June 26 – [David Blake Trio](#)

June 27 – [Mili Hong and Friends](#)

June 28 – [Tom Wherrett Group](#)

June 29 – [Daniel Deorksen Band](#)

Club Series

The Vancouver International Jazz Festival Club Series includes Vancouver-based venues: 2nd Floor Gastown at the Water St. Grill, Coquette Brasserie, La Fabrique St. George Winery, Frankie's Jazz Club, Guilt & Co., and Prophecy Bar. Each club presents a deep roster of talented musicians and ensembles scheduled throughout the week.

Coquette Brasserie

- Located at 2685 Arbutus Street

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL



**JUNE 20–
JULY 1, 2025**

- Admission is free while dining
- Performers include The Dog Ears, Van Django Trio, The Lesley Branton Trio, Paul Caldwell, Crimson and Blue, Jim Hopson Groove Trio and Mad Jazz Live

[2nd Floor Gastown at Water St. Café](#)

- Located at 300 Water Street
- Admission is \$18 per person
- Performers include Q3, David Sikula Trio, K-Sonic, John Gross Trio, Pressley Murillo Trio, Lucy Lambert Trio, Ruthie Ha Trio, Soul Driver, The New Vida Blues, and Angela Kelman and her 'Brothers from Another Mother'

[Frankie's Jazz Club](#)

- Located at 755 Beatty Street
- Admission ranges from \$17.50 to \$40, depending on the show
- Performers include Cory Weeds Quartet featuring special guest Tyler Henderson, Julian Borkowski Chordless Quartet, Anthony D'Allesandro Quartet, Graham Villette Quartet, Arvind Ramdas Quintet, Brad Turner Trio Plus One, Andrea Superstein, John Lee Trio featuring special guest Ralph Moore, Maiden Voyage, and Vancouver Orchestra Plays Dave Robbins Happy Faces

[Guilt & Co.](#)

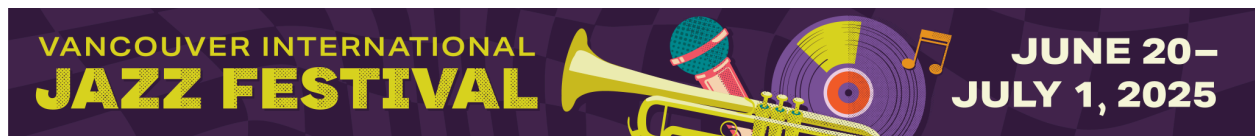
- Located at 1 Alexander Street, Underground
- Admission is \$7 per person for every set a guest attends
- Performers include Retro Replay, Coco Jafro, Mivule, Jack Garton, Daniel Lew, Taras Luka, Emmett Jerome, Just a Season, The Black Space Jam featuring ebonempress, The Rocket Revellers, Cassandra Maze, Hot Jazz Wednesday featuring Josh Roberts, Groundup featuring the Lowdown Brass Band, Paul Fabb, The Matinee, Big Fate, Frankie Hidalgo and the MVPs, Silent Street J, and Brejera

[La Fabrique St. George Winery](#)

- Located at 7 East 7th Avenue
- \$20 admission includes a \$10 credit to food or drink for the day of the show only
- Performers include Sharon Minemoto Quartet, Chris Gestrin Trio, Bonnie Northgraves Quartet, Bill Coon / Jon Bentley Quartet Plays Sonny Rollins *The Bridge* and Benjamin Sigerson Trio

[Prophecy Bar](#)

- Located at 801 W. Georgia Street (Entrance on Howe Street)
- Admission is \$10
- Performers include Malcolm Aiken, Jimi, Scott Hills, and Adam Robert Thomas Trio



The 40th Anniversary edition of the Vancouver International Jazz Festival will feature 187 events with 50 free shows, including the return of Downtown Jazz, a free concert series outside the Vancouver Art Gallery on ʔənəq Xwtl'e7énk Square, June 21 and 22 and a new Bentall Centre Happy Hour Series on the Dunsmuir Patio. Vancouver Playhouse hosts headlining performances by the Bill Frisell Trio with Thomas Morgan and Rudy Royston, and Richard Bona Asante Trio. Granville Island will be the hub for Festival activity, with afternoon and evening shows scheduled at Performance Works, Ocean Artworks and the Revue Stage, culminating in a slate of free shows at Ocean Artworks on July 1st.

Access 2025 Vancouver International Jazz Festival artist photos [here](#).

Access past photos of the Vancouver International Jazz Festival [here](#).

For more information on the 2025 **Vancouver International Jazz Festival** events and performances, please visit us on the following channels and follow #VanJazzFest:

Website: www.coastaljazz.ca

Instagram: www.instagram.com/coastaljazz

Facebook: www.facebook.com/coastaljazz

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@coastaljazzsociety

[About Coastal Jazz:](#)

Founded in 1985 and incorporated in 1986 as the Coastal Jazz & Blues Society, Coastal Jazz is a community-based, not-for-profit, charitable arts organization that has worked diligently over 40 years to establish Vancouver as a centre for creating and exchanging sounds and ideas between local, national, and international music communities. Coastal Jazz's mission is to increase the appreciation of jazz music in all its creative forms and strengthen the arts community by developing special projects, artistic exchanges, partnerships, collaborations, and music education initiatives. Coastal Jazz produces the annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival, celebrating its 40th edition in 2025. Coastal Jazz is proud to be a significant part of Vancouver's and B.C.'s economic engine and tourism industry, attracting over 100,000 people to its annual festival and generating an estimated \$20 million in economic impact.

Media Contact:

Fawn Mulcahy

604.961.3314

fm@fawnzcreative.com