WINNIPEG JAZZ ORCHESTRA 2020 2021

1 IN A MELLOW TONE with trombonist Jenny Kellogg

For our season premiere, the WJO welcomes Jenny Kellogg playing Duke Ellington's music with driving swing, impeccable time, and a mellow tone of which Duke himself would approve.

OCTOBER 25, 2020 | 2 PM & 7:30 PM | WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

2 BASIE STRAIGHT AHEAD with conductor and trumpeter Derrick Gardner

Steeped in the blues, Basie's straight-ahead swing was the style arrangers (like Frank Foster, Sammy Nestico, and Neil Hefti) channelled when they arranged for his band. With the help of trumpeter Derrick Gardner, who spent some time in Basie's trumpet section, the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra will explore music from those legendary composers – alongside other Basie staples.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020, 2 PM | SEVEN OAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

3 SOUL WITH A CAPITAL 'S' with vocalist Charlotte Martin

It's a fusion of soul, funk, and big band with powerhouse vocalist Charlotte Martin and the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra! With a tip of the cap to Tower of Power, James Brown, and Earth, Wind & Fire, the WJO arranges fiery horn lines, groovy melodies, and catchy lyrics for the full 18-piece orchestra.

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 | 2 PM & 7:30 PM | CENTRE CULTUREL FRANCO-MANITOBAIN

4 FELIZ NAVIDAD with Trio Bembe

In many Latin countries, the arrival of the holiday season is marked by *parrandas*: joyous street festivals with colourful lights, food, fireworks, and music. Trio Bembe joins the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra for a holiday concert that captures that joy and paints a musical tableau of Latin American Christmas.

DECEMBER 12, 2020, 3 PM | DECEMBER 13, 2020, 2 PM | WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

5 CHEEK TO CHEEK with vocalist Charito

Filipino vocalist Charito grew up listening to Nat King Cole and Stevie Wonder. Her highly personal, expressive vocal style reflects the breadth of her musical interests, from straight-ahead soulful ballads to hard-swinging grooves. Her passion for jazz passion brings her to Winnipeg next February for a Valentine's Day to remember!

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | 2 PM & 7:30 PM | WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

6 GIANTS OF JAZZ – Exploring Miles Davis & John Coltrane

In 1959, Miles Davis released *Kind of Blue*. The record's sparse melodies, simple chord progressions, and extended improvisations struck a chord with listeners. John Coltrane's ferocious, endlessly searching sound and torrential soloing were the perfect foil for Miles. Adapted for big band, the WJO explores Miles and Trane, two musicians who changed the jazz landscape forever.

MARCH 21, 2021 | 2 PM & 7:30 PM | CENTRE CULTUREL FRANCO-MANITOBAIN

7 THE BEST IS YET TO COME
with vocalists Del Baroni & Jennifer Hanson

Del Baroni's silky vocals have been a fixture on the Atlanta music scene for more than two decades. Together with Flin Flon-born singer Jennifer Hanson and a handful of surprise guests, the WJO's season finale promises a program of signature swing chart-toppers that are synonymous with the sound of Big Band.

MAY 2, 2021 | 2 PM & 7:30 PM | WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

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