



# MUSIC'N' MAVENS

Winnipeg's foremost AFTERNOON  
concert and speaker series

Karen Barg

**January 9 - March 28, 2024**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Rady JCC  
123 Doncaster Street

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## Welcome to the 2024 Season of Music 'N' Mavens!



**Rob Berkowits**  
Executive Director  
Rady JCC

Dear Rady Friends,

On behalf of the Rady JCC, I am beyond thrilled to welcome you home to the gathering place you know so well. Being able to sit together to share a common experience is a very special thing.

Our annual Music 'N' Mavens series features incredible musicians and engaging speakers who will bring you to your feet, leave you breathless, and inspire you on many different levels.

Thank you to our sponsors and our supporters who continue to allow us to offer this incredible series. Your unwavering commitment to Music 'N' Mavens is truly amazing.

So sit back, get comfortable, and prepare yourselves to be filled with beauty, love, and excitement.

Enjoy the show.

– Rob Berkowits, Executive Director, Rady JCC



**Karla Berbrayer**  
Founding Producer  
Music 'N' Mavens

Dear Music 'N' Mavens Family,

We have a wonderful season in store for you. Mark your Tuesdays and Thursdays for 2:00 pm!

From our opening concert with Mal Magorel singing the music of Carole King's beloved album *Tapestry*, to Erin Propp's presentation of Paul McCartney and Wings album *Band on the Run*, there is a 70s theme in several concerts. We close out the season with a return visit from Dirty Catfish Brass Band, to ensure we dance our way through 2024.

Concert Passes give the greatest savings and ease of entry. Make sure to take advantage of the passes while they are on sale.

Our speakers challenge us with thought-provoking topics. Jino Distasio shares his research on homelessness in Canada, Meir Serfaty discusses separatist movements in Spain, and Rachel Krause explains the science of Covid.

Lots to chew on this season!

For culture, entertainment and education every Tuesday and Thursday, come join us at Music 'N' Mavens at the Rady JCC.

– Karla Berbrayer, Founding Producer, Music 'N' Mavens





Thomas Axworthy

**TUESDAY JANUARY 9**

**Leaders I Have Known.** Thomas Axworthy served as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and was a key strategist on repatriation of the Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He is currently the Chair of Public Policy at Massey College and a distinguished senior fellow at both the Munk School of Global Affairs and Massey College. He is the author of numerous books and articles of which the best known is *Towards a Just Society*, co-authored with Pierre Trudeau.



Mal Magorel

**THURSDAY JANUARY 11**

**Tapestry: Mal Magorel Sings the Music of Carole King.** This five-piece band led by Mal Magorel recreates Carole King's signature album. Released in 1971, Tapestry is one of the biggest selling albums of all time, earning four Grammy awards. Experience the record from beginning to end, including such hits as *I Feel the Earth Move*, *So Far Away*, *Beautiful*, *It's Too Late*, and *Natural Woman*.



Allan Levine

**TUESDAY JANUARY 16**

**Reflections on My Relationship with Peter C. Newman and the Writing of Non-Fiction in Canada.** Allan Levine is an award-winning author and historian who has written sixteen books, including *Miracle at the Forks: The Museum that Dares Make a Difference*, which he co-wrote with Peter C. Newman. Dr. Levine's articles and reviews have appeared in the *Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, *Toronto Star*, *Winnipeg Free Press*, *Maclean's* and *Tablet*, among other publications.



Gabi Epstein

**THURSDAY JANUARY 18**

**Cross-Country Cabaret with Gabi Epstein.** Join multi award winning stage and cabaret artist Gabi Epstein for an intimate afternoon of songs and stories from her almost 20-year career of cross-country performances. Accompanied by the outstanding Mark Camilleri, audiences will enjoy songs from the many shows Gabi has had the pleasure of performing in, such as *Funny Girl* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, as well as her own arrangements of jazz/pop classics featured on her two studio albums. Presented in collaboration with Winnipeg Jewish Theatre.



Yuri Hooker

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27**

**Rapt in Rachmaninov.** Father and son duo, Yuri Hooker, principal cello for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and Ari Hooker, accomplished young pianist and winner of the 2023 Women's Musical Club Scholarship, will team up for this Music 'N' Mavens recital. Featuring Sergei Rachmaninov's Sonata in G Minor for Cello and Piano, this piece first premiered in Moscow in 1901.



Meir Serfaty

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29**

**The Challenge of Separatist Movements to Spain's National Identity.** Meir Serfaty was born and grew up in Melilla, Spain and developed a passion for studying politics as a youth during the Franco regime. Lack of political freedom led him to pursue his university education abroad. Dr Serfaty was Professor of Political Science at Brandon University, where he held numerous administrative posts including Director of International Activities, and Vice President Academic and Research, prior to his retirement in 2019.



Karen Barg

**TUESDAY MARCH 5**

**From Bach to AC/DC.** The Luminous String Quartet, led by Artistic Director Karen Barg, offers a highly diverse repertoire spanning the classical music eras as well as custom arrangements of popular music. Made up of two violins, viola and cello, this eclectic string quartet will span musical history from the baroque to present day in a decidedly non-conventional way. Featuring highlights from Bach and Vivaldi, to Neil Young and AC/DC, expect many surprises along the way.



Onna Lou

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 6**

**1:30 pm at Gwen Sectar Creative Living Centre  
1588 Main Street**

**Onna Lou Sings Songs of Latin America.**

Onna Lou came to Winnipeg from Buenos Aires in 2016. She is a singer-songwriter and producer known for her heartfelt lyrics, and unique way of blending traditional folk genres with a contemporary fresh style. With Julian Vidal on vocals and percussion, this duo will take you on a journey through South America.

*Call Gwen Sectar at 204.339.1701 to register*





Myron Schultz

## 🎵 TUESDAY JANUARY 23

**The Clarinet Summit.** Clarinetists **Myron Schultz** (of FINJAN, Black Sea Station and Mayors of Sambor fame) and **Naoum Gomon** (soloist, teacher and technician) are doubling down on the fun. In a concert of duos, trios and quartets, they present a wide range of classical and traditional inspired music highlighting the history and versatility of the clarinet. Joined for this event by **Chris Wolf** (musician, teacher and Music Director at Classic 107) and a surprise guest, this group is sure to enthrall.



Mark Hudson

## 🎵 THURSDAY JANUARY 25

### **Climate Change and the Working Class.**

Dr. **Mark Hudson** is Professor in the department of Sociology & Criminology and Coordinator of the Global Political Economy Program at the University of Manitoba. He is the author and co-author of several books and articles on topics including community economic development, ideology in economics, and welfare state policy, as well as a Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives of Manitoba.

## 🎵 TUESDAY JANUARY 30

**Crime, Drugs, and Social Disorder in Winnipeg: What Can We Do Better?** Katharina Maier is a criminologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Winnipeg. Her research interests focus on punishment, prisoner reentry, social marginalization, drug use, and public health. She is currently co-leading a multi-year, multi-side study investigating homelessness, drug use, and victimization across Canada.



Katharina Maier

## 🎵 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1

**Putting Housing First in Supporting Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Canada.** Jino Distasio is a professor of Urban Geography at the University of Winnipeg. His research over the past 25 years has focused on topics including housing and homelessness. He was the lead investigator on the Mental Health Commission of Canada's At Home/Chez Soi project which was a \$110 million trial of Housing First. This project helped support 1000 Canadians transition from homelessness into housing.



Jino Distasio



Barry Prentice

## 🎵 THURSDAY MARCH 7

**Housing Shortages in Northern Canada: Cargo Airships are the Answer.** Dr. Prentice is a Professor of Supply Chain Management, at the I.H. Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, and Director of the Transport Institute. He is the President of ISO Polar Airships, a not-for-profit research institute to promote the use of airships as sustainable transport for the northern latitudes.

## 🎵 TUESDAY MARCH 12

**Tom Jobim: Where's the Love?** Nova Brasil Collective showcases the work of the most influential Brazilian composer of all time, Antonio Carlos (Tom) Jobim. Featuring classics from early Bossa Nova, such as *The Girl from Ipanema*, and *One Note Samba*, as well as later works inspired by nature; Nova Brasil captures the breadth of Jobim's life as a composer. Sung in Portuguese and English, this large ten-person ensemble of musicians from Brazil and Canada portrays the sonority of Jobim's original musical ensemble.



Nova Brasil

## 🎵 THURSDAY MARCH 14

**Groovin' Through the 60s and 70s.** The Family Planners are a Winnipeg funk/soul group that have dedicated themselves to the groove, to making people move, to live music – and all the magic it brings. Performing a collection of covers and originals, with tight rehearsed parts to organic improvisation, this concert includes the music of Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Elton John, The Commodores, Burton Cummings ... too many great songs to list.



The Family Planners

## 🎵 TUESDAY MARCH 19

**The Covid 19 Pandemic: Science and Pseudo-Science.** Dr. Rachel Krause is an Associate Professor of Biology at Canadian Mennonite University. She holds a PhD in Parasitology from McGill University. Her teaching is in the areas of ecology, evolution and global health. She conducts research in Canada and Panama focused on disease ecology of wildlife and human populations.



## Music 'N' Mavens Takes a Break



Murray Peterson

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

***The Architectural Signature of Winnipeg's Max Blankstein.*** Murray Peterson, principal of Peterson Projects, writes about Canadian history, its people, buildings and important events. From Indigenous research to family genealogy to published institutional histories and interpretive panels and displays, Murray has successfully completed a wide range of projects for government departments, companies, groups and individuals. He is an award-winning author who can also be found in the classroom sharing his knowledge with students of all ages.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

***Erin Propp presents Paul McCartney and Wings Album Band on the Run.*** Erin Propp brings her signature joy and precision to the stage, but with a decidedly new sound in the presentation of the 1973 album *Band on the Run*. Leading an all-star Winnipeg cast of Karly Epp, Karl Kohut, Joyce German, Kasey Kurtz, and Graham Carter, Erin delivers a vocal-heavy, highly satisfying set that befits the genius of Paul McCartney at his peak.



Erin Propp



Aaron Hutton

### THURSDAY MARCH 21

***In Tribute to Tony Bennett.*** The fabulous duo of Aaron Hutton, singer, and Danny Carroll, piano, pay tribute to the great American jazz and traditional pop singer, known professionally as Tony Bennett. A winner of twenty Grammy Awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award, and two Primetime Emmy Awards, Bennett sold more than 50 million records worldwide. The world lost this great singer in July 2023. Savour some of his best-known songs such as *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, and *Stranger in Paradise*.

### TUESDAY MARCH 26

***Lady Muse & The Inspirations.*** Join Lady Muse for a glamorous drag performance featuring covers of everything from pop diva hits to vintage cabaret gems. Her live musical show features The Inspirations – a band made up of some of Canada's best – and best looking – musicians. Together, they play funky covers of songs by classic divas, updates of vintage cabaret gems, creative renditions of pop goddess anthems, and just enough rock and roll to make you feel all the good and happy feels.



Lady Muse

### THURSDAY MARCH 28

***A Trip to New Orleans. Dirty Catfish Brass Band*** closes out our season with a blast. Invoking the sounds of brass bands and funk ensembles, the collective dares to reimagine the streets of a prairie city as one that is hot, alive and brimming with soul. The crew strives to pay homage to the New Orleans tradition by giving it a new audience in an unsuspecting locale. But mostly, they just want you on your feet. Get ready to move!



Dirty Catfish Brass Band



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Laura Marjovsky, Director of Programming, Rady JCC

Shira Newman, Coordinator of Arts and Older Adult  
Programming, Rady JCC



Erin Propp

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#### TRANSPORTATION

Available for a nominal fee. Advance registration required.

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