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## Welcome to the 2022 Season of Music 'N' Mavens!



**Rob Berkowits**  
Executive Director  
Rady JCC

Dear Rady Friends,

Music 'N' Mavens is back!

On behalf of the Rady JCC, I am beyond thrilled to welcome you home to the gathering place you know so well after being away for so long. Being able to gather together to share a common experience is a very special thing. It is also something that none of us will ever take for granted ever again.

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.

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

– Rob Berkowits, Executive Director, Rady JCC



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

Dear Music 'N' Mavens Family,

We can't wait to welcome you back to Music 'N' Mavens!

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have made some changes to the regular format to be able to bring you a season in 2022.

Traditionally, Music 'N' Mavens has been a series which alternates between concerts and speakers throughout the run of the season.

For 2022, the season will be divided into two components:

**SPEAKERS:** will run on a virtual basis - **January 25 - February 15**

**CONCERTS:** will launch live at the Rady JCC - **February 22 - March 24**

Please note that this year's schedule may change as per provincial health laws.

Please make sure to check the Rady JCC website – [www.radyjcc.com](http://www.radyjcc.com) for updates on all performances.

I look forward to chatting with you – be it live or virtually!

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

To register email Shira: [snewman@radyjcc.com](mailto:snewman@radyjcc.com) (a Zoom link will be sent to you)

Register



Dr. Orysia Kulick

### TUESDAY JANUARY 25

**Lukashenko: What is he Thinking?** Dr. Orysia Kulick teaches in the departments of Political Studies and German and Slavic Studies at the University of Manitoba. She received her PhD in History from Stanford University, after which she held post-doctoral fellowships at Trinity College Dublin and the University of Toronto. Her dissertation analysed local Ukrainian bureaucracies and the personal networks that shaped Soviet Ukrainian relations with the Kremlin. This presentation aims to clarify the evolving situation in Poland and Belarus, involving the migrants from the Middle East.



Laurie Lam

### THURSDAY JANUARY 27

**Second-Hand Intrigue: A Third-Generation Treasure-Hunter Talks Shop.** Laurie Lam worked for 25 years as the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's Producer. Since her retirement in May, she has returned to her roots as a writer and editor. She recently co-wrote an essay for the Winnipeg Free Press with Ingeborg Boyens, whose photo albums she found in a North End thrift shop. The experience made her think about a lifetime of second-hand shopping, and the unexpected connections that come with rescuing the discarded objects of the world.



Genny Sacco-Bak

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

**Coffee Chat with Genny B.** Genny Sacco-Bak spills the beans on a wide range of caffeine-related topics and what brings her joy on her weekly podcast, "Coffee with Genny B". Leading up to her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, Genny visited 60 different Manitoba coffee spots. Her goal is to promote the rich and diverse coffee culture and community in Winnipeg and Manitoba, highlighting Manitoba small-batch roasters.



Doug Speirs

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3

**The Art of Being Funny.** Doug Speirs' humour column, *In the Doug House*, appeared in the pages of the Winnipeg Free Press three times a week starting in 2006. Doug held almost every job at the newspaper – reporter, city editor, night editor, tour guide, hand model – his colleagues were confident they'd eventually find something he was good at. He was known for columns on quirky news events, insights on raising teenagers, helpful insights on the key differences between men and women and his penchant for spending up to three hours floating in the bathtub.



Dr. Stephen Petersen

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8

**Manitoba's Polar Bears in a Changing Climate.** Dr. Stephen Petersen has been a wildlife biologist for more than 20 years and the Director of Conservation and Research for Assiniboine Park Zoo for the last 10 years. The Conservation and Research Department runs active field and zoo-based programs from the labs and offices at the Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre. His department has a strong focus on the ecology, behaviour, and genetics of Arctic marine mammals and has been conducting research in Churchill for almost a decade.



Radhika Desai

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10**

**Historic Crisis and Protest in Indian Agriculture: Whither India?** Radhika Desai, Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of Manitoba, will address the political economy of the farmers' protests. Will their success in forcing the government to repeal the three odious farm laws represent a reversal of the deep crisis of Indian agriculture, the result of decades of neoliberal policies? Will the humiliating U-turn they imposed on the Modi government represent a turning of the decades-long tide of Hindutva in Indian politics and help remove Modi and his fascist forces from power?



Terry MacLeod

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15**

**Rediscovering Roostertown.** Terry MacLeod is an independent Emmy-nominated journalist and recipient of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. In his 23 years with CBC Winnipeg (and his 33 years with CBC nationally) he established himself as a respected, informed, inquisitive and compassionate presence. He is currently the producer, host and writer of the "Prairie Design Lab" podcast that he makes under the auspices of The Faculty of Architecture at The University of Manitoba. Terry will be joined by Darrell Sais, special Roostertown guest, for this presentation.

**CONCERTS**

**FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 24**

Tickets



Myron Schultz and Naoum Gomon

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22**

The **Clarinet Summit featuring Schultz & Gomon** brings a whole lot of clarinet to the Music 'N' Mavens stage. Naoum Gomon is an outstanding musician both as soloist and with orchestras, a respected educator, and renowned for his skills repairing instruments. That is how Myron Schultz – known for his work with *FINJAN*, *Black Sea Station* and *The Mayors of Sambor* – came to meet Naoum. After over 25 years of sharing a passion for the clarinet, the two made it official by creating The Clarinet Summit! Join the duo as they explore a varied repertoire of classical and traditional music.



Casati

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24**

**Casati** is a folk trio made up of Grace Hrabí, on vocals and ukulele, Jesse Popeski, on vocals and guitar, and Quintin Bart on vocals, double bass and (just for fun) the Hurdy-Gurdy. These three graduates of the University of Manitoba's Jazz Studies program have put together the program "**With a 50s and 60s Flair**" for Music 'N' Mavens, featuring Elvis Presley, The Beatles, and other artists that you're sure to want to sing along to!



Clara Trio

**TUESDAY MARCH 1**

The newly formed **Clara Trio** features Minna Rose Chung, cello, Kerry DuWors, violin, and Katherine Dowling, piano. **The Singing Spirit** is an offering to fellow prairie dwellers - speaking to the present moment, and creating space for catharsis, for comfort, for hope. Featuring the work of Ludwig van Beethoven, Clara Schumann, Marjan Mozetich, Robert Schumann, and Felix Mendelssohn; all extraordinary artists who created at the springtime of Romanticism.



Ego Spank

**THURSDAY MARCH 3**

**Ego Spank** is comprised of three hugely talented musicians who mix up diverse musical influences to deliver their own complex funk rhythms, strong bass lines and infectious grooves. This trio of Gilles Fournier, bass and vocals, Murray Pulver, guitar and vocals, and Daniel Roy, drums and vocals, are creating **Apples to Oranges- Hits from the 60s to the 80s Reimagined** for the Music 'N' Mavens stage. They take famous hits and make them sound even better than the originals!



Samantha Ballard

**TUESDAY MARCH 8**

**Samantha Ballard** is a classically trained harpist, recording artist, and arranger. She has given live performances on three continents, maintains a teaching studio, and is passionate about arranging popular music and beloved soundtracks for the harp. Have you ever heard *The Beatles* played on the harp? How about *Queen* or *Pearl Jam*? In this program, ***Pops on the Harp***, Samantha Ballard will take you on a journey of pop music through the ages, showing you a new side to the songs you know and love.



Connie Gitlin

**THURSDAY MARCH 10**

**Connie Gitlin and Friends** features **Connie Gitlin**, clarinet, joined by local Klezmer celebrities **Shayla Fink**, piano and **Kinzey Posen**, bass. Connie has served for many years as Principal Clarinet with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, a position she also held with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Canadian Chamber Orchestra, Santa Fe Opera Orchestra and Colorado Philharmonic. Connie has performed recital works in Tel Aviv in collaboration with musicians of the Israel Philharmonic. Connie, Shayla and Kinzey will be performing music from the rich folkloric tradition of ***The Klezmer Clarinet***.



Monika Wall

**TUESDAY MARCH 15**

**The Monika Wall Ensemble** takes the stage ***In Celebration of Nina Simone***. Singer songwriter Monika Wall shared her love for Nina Simone’s blues and gospel music with a virtual Music ‘N’ Mavens audience in 2021. Having developed the music further to include Jonathan Alexiuk, piano, Richard Gillis, trumpet, Mitchell Mozdzen, bass, and Jim Johnston, drums, this concert returns to the 2022 stage as a grander, live performance of Nina Simone’s melodies.



Dirty Catfish Brass Band

**THURSDAY MARCH 17**

**Dirty Catfish Brass Band** brings ***A Trip to New Orleans*** to the Music ‘N’ Mavens season. 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.



Indian City

**TUESDAY MARCH 22**

**Indian City** is a seven-piece folk-pop band capturing the spirit and pulse of a vibrant Indigenous culture. Having just released their fourth album, *Code Red*, this collective voice of talent shares melodies, sound, and profound stories bringing the spirit of Canada’s Indigenous culture to a global community. Featuring four vocalists, with piano, bass, guitar, drums, and violin, this group teaches about their culture through song.



Sir Luc and The Dukes

**THURSDAY MARCH 24**

**Sir Luc and The Dukes** closes our 2022 season with ***Soul, Funk and a little bit of Motown***. With a rocking five- piece band, this ensemble is sure to make you want to dance in your seat. Billed as a jazz fusion dance band that performs funk soul and R&B, expect to hear the songs of Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye amongst other great musicians.