



## TD Canada Trust Jazz Education Program Youth All-Star Jazz Ensemble - 2010

The Prince Edward County Jazz Festival is pleased to announce the creation of a youth all-star jazz ensemble. This project is part of the TD Canada Trust Jazz Education Program. This ensemble will be open to students 20 years and under. The ensemble will be standard jazz orchestra instrumentation: 5 saxophones (2 alto, 2 tenor, 1 baritone), 4 - 5 trumpets, 4 trombones, piano, bass, drums, guitar.

The youth all-star jazz ensemble will perform as part of the 2010 Prince Edward County Jazz Festival on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Regent Theatre in Picton. This concert will feature the Youth All-Star Ensemble with special guests (tba) and the Rising Young Star Ensemble, which is made up of our past Rising Young Stars (Norbert Botos, Bram Geilen, Lucian Gray, and Daniel Jamieson). This concert will be the kick off to the second week of the Prince Edward County Jazz Festival.

The ensemble will rehearse once in the spring (tba) and then will spend Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in a full day rehearsal in Picton, with the sound check and the concert the next afternoon and evening. The ensemble will be directed by Blair Yarranton, director of the Centennial Secondary School Jazz Orchestra and member of the Brian Barlow Big Band.

Students will be chosen from: 1) students that are deemed to be capable through participation in the student jazz orchestra festival in May or 2) by arranged audition. Students must have a genuine interest in jazz and have developed a high level of proficiency on their instrument including reading, jazz articulation, time feel and improvisation.

All interested students should contact Blair Yarranton [byarranton@gmail.com](mailto:byarranton@gmail.com). All applicants will be required to submit a letter of recommendation (prior to the May festival or their audition) from their music teacher discussing their ability to perform as part of an all-star ensemble.