

The Cosmos Saxophone Quartet (estab. 2004) consists of four of the area's top saxophonists, Mike Tremblay, Vince Rimbach, Rene Lavoie and Ian Babb. Their repertoire includes both jazz and classical arrangements. The quartet has appeared at the Ottawa International Jazz Festival, The Clarica Centre Lunch Time Series and Les Mardis Classiques summer music series in Gatineau.

Mike Tremblay – Soprano Saxophone - A native of Ottawa, Mike has more than 20 years experience in the music industry as a saxophonist and educator. Mike holds a BA Mus. from Carleton University, where he now teaches saxophone. His teachers include Kirk MacDonald, Alex Dean, and George Garzone. Mike adjudicates for Musicfest Canada (jazz ensembles) and the Kiwanis Music Festival (concert bands, jazz ensembles, and woodwinds). He is the musical director of the 2010 OCDSB Secondary School All-Star Jazz Ensemble. In 2007, Mike founded the Ottawa Saxophone Camp (incl. 47 saxophonists of all ages and abilities). Performance and recording credits include Natalie Cole, Josh Groban, Alanis Morissette, John Pizzarelli, Lou Rawls, Bob Newhart, and Bernadette Peters. Mike frequently performs with the National Arts centre Orchestra as part of the CTV POPS series and, recently, has been touring theatres throughout Canada and the United States as part of Holly Larocque and the Mark Ferguson orchestra. The group will be touring New Mexico, Arizona, and California in April 2010. In 2009 Mike co-released the CD "HOME" with pianist Mark Ferguson which has enjoyed frequent airplay including CBC's "Tonic" with Katie Malloch.

Vince Rimbach – Alto Saxophone - Originally from New Jersey, Vince studied composition and arranging with famed composer/arranger Herb Pomeroy as well as saxophone with Joseph Viola and George Garzone at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Other teachers included Bill Evans (saxophone), Steve Grossman and Jerry Bergonzi. Performance and recording credits include Clark Terry, Bill Watrous, Diana Krall, The Artie Shaw Band, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Carnival Cruise Lines, CJOH-TV, The New RO, CBC Television and Radio, The National Arts Centre, Deux Saisons, Los Gringos, Ottawa International Jazz Festival, Holly Larocque, Carol Channing, Sid Ceasar and Jerry Van Dyke.

Rene Lavoie – Tenor Saxophone - Born in Cornwall, Ontario, Rene Lavoie is a jazz saxophone and flute player. He completed his bachelor in music at the University of Ottawa in 1979 and his Master's Degree in Jazz Studies at the University of Miami in Florida in 1983. Rene studied privately with the legendary saxophone teacher Joseph Allard in New York City in 1986. Other teachers include Sonny Stitt, Eddie Daniels, Bob Mover, Don Menza, Jimmy Heath, David Leibman, Kirby Campbell, Jean Guy Brault and Denis Deblasio. Rene has recorded and performed in numerous jazz concerts for the C.B.C. and worked as a freelance musician in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Gatineau.

Ian Babb – Baritone Saxophone - Born in Oregon, Ian grew up in Burlington, Ontario. He then moved to Montreal where he obtained a B.Mus at McGill University and spent ten years as a freelance musician on saxophone, clarinet and flute. Since moving to Ottawa in 1998 he has become one of the cities busiest reed players, playing with a wide variety of performers from Gladys Knight to Glen Campbell to the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

PROGRAMME

- Organ Fugue in G Minor *J.S Bach (1686 –1750)*
- Diffusion For Saxophone Quartet in Four Movements
#1 Allegro *Gordon Goodwin (b. 1954)*
- Samuel Barber Quartet, Op. 11
Movement #2 *S.Barber (1910 –1981)*
arr. Samantha Tremblay
- Cosmos Saxophone Suite* *Vince Rimbach (b. 1962)*
- Two Preludes and Fugues for Saxophone Quartet
Movement #2 Fuge *J.S Bach (1686 –1750)*
Transcribed by Reinhard Huuck
- Blue Rondo Ala Turk *Dave Brubeck (b.1920)*
- Three Improvisations for Sax Quartet
Movement #2 *Phil Woods (b. 1931)*
- Quartet #2 in Three Movements
Movement #1 Montuno *Bob Mintzer (b.1953)*
- Old Folks *W. Robison (1894 –1968)*
Arr. Vince Rimbach (b.1962)
- Diffusion For Saxophone Quartet in Four Movements
#4 Hip Hop *Gordon Goodwin (b. 1954)*
- Night in Tunisia *D. Gillespie (1917 –1993)*
arr. Ian Babb

* **Premier**