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The 2009 Edmonton International Jazz Festival presents

## The MacLab Series

*Six nights of music by internationally-acclaimed artists*

The **2009 Edmonton International Jazz Festival**, running **June 25 to July 05**, proudly presents its **MacLab Series**, celebrating music in six evenings of great jazz featuring artists from around the world, the country and city. All shows begin at 7:30pm at the Citadel's MacLab Theatre (9828 101A Avenue). Tickets and discounted packages are **on sale now** at the **Citadel Theatre Box Office**, call **780-425-1820** or visit [www.citadeltheatre.com](http://www.citadeltheatre.com).

One of Brazil's most beloved and influential female vocalists, **Joyce**, opens the JazzFest. **Brazilian Nights** puts Joyce's talent for songwriting, bossa-style guitar-playing, and singing centre stage Friday, **June 26**.

Several celebrated Canadian jazz legends team up for a swinging night of music on Saturday, **June 27**, in **An Evening of Swing and Dixie with the Tommy Banks Quartet, Peter Appleyard, Rollanda Lee and the Canadian Hot Stars Jazz Band**.

Six-time Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Kurt Elling is considered a virtuoso musician rather than a singer. **The Kurt Elling Quartet** showcases a repertoire ranging from Elling's compositions to modern interpretations of jazz standards Tuesday, **June 30**. Edmonton's **Nuf Sed** opens the evening.

Venerable pianist **Kenny Werner** recorded his first single with an orchestra when he was 11, and his love of piano launched him into the heights of the jazz world. Werner brings his acclaimed improvisational style to the JazzFest Thursday, **July 2**, with opening act the **Jim Head Trio**.

Montreal's 15-year old musical prodigy, **Nikki Yanofsky**, channels jazz's greatest songbirds. Her young career has already seen her work alongside jazz luminaries, including Etta James, Diana Krall and Herbie Hancock. Nikki, with opening act the **Chris Andrew Trio**, appears at the **MacLab Theatre** Friday, **July 3**.

**Jimmy Cobb**, the drummer recorded on the most popular jazz album in history, brings his **So What Band**, featuring Wallace Roney, Vincent Herring, Javon Jackson, Larry Willis and Buster Williams, to the city. **Remembering the Miles Davis Classic Kind of Blue at 50** plays Saturday, **July 4**.

**Tickets** for the MacLab Series presentations range from **\$40 to \$45**, plus GST and fees. Discount ticket packages\* include: the **\$199 Featured Artist 6-Pack**; the **\$99 Vocal Jazz Pack** (Brazilian Nights/Elling/Yanofsky); the **\$99 Instrumental Jazz Pack** (Dixie/Werner/Cobb); and the **JazzFest Mini-Pack**, 10% off any two shows. (\*All tickets must be purchased at once to qualify for discount.) Student/senior discounts are also available.

Stay tuned for more exciting details about **the Edmonton International Jazz Festival**, running **June 26 – July 05**, 2009! For more information, please visit [www.edmontonjazz.com](http://www.edmontonjazz.com).