



## JAZZ WINNIPEG REPORTS RESULTS OF THE 2023 TD WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

**(July 19, 2023 - Winnipeg, MB)** Jazz Winnipeg is proud to reveal the results of the 2023 TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival. 2023 marked the 32nd festival in Jazz Winnipeg's 34-year history. 2024 will mark the organization's 35th anniversary.

As the largest music festival within Winnipeg's city limits, this year the festival welcomed more than **42,535 attendees** to the Exchange District over 11 days of ticketed concerts and free programming, bringing energy, community, and direct economic benefits to downtown Winnipeg.

Artistically, the festival presented **91 artists**, with **7 international acts**, including headline artists Angèlique Kidjo, Keyon Harrold, Emmet Cohen, Sun Ra Arkestra, and Postmodern Jukebox, **16 touring Canadian artists**, and **68 local acts**, with musicians from across Manitoba featured on the jazz festival stage. This was made possible with the support of **329 volunteers** who contributed more than **5,824 scheduled hours**.

"We're so thrilled at the turnout of this year's festival and the response the fest received from our enthusiastic audiences, sponsors, donors, and venue partners. This festival truly felt like we bounced back from the pandemic. We were happy to see music lovers fill Winnipeg's downtown in the Exchange District and celebrate the start of festival season, reminding us of the importance of the TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival in this city," said Jazz Winnipeg executive producer, Angela Heck. "It was great to see everyone grooving together this June."

"There was truly something for everyone to enjoy, from world-class headliners and a focus on Canadian women in jazz at the Royal Albert, to a devoted weekend of blues at the Pyramid Cabaret, and the Spirit of '73 tribute series and Swing Night at the Fort Garry Hotel, to highlighting the jazz stars of tomorrow with the High School Honour Jazz bands at the West End Cultural Centre and emerging local artists at the Dave Barber Cinematheque, and an incredibly diverse line-up of talent at the free stage in Old Market Square."

### The 2023 TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival by the numbers:

- **11 days:** Wednesday, June 14 to Saturday, June 24, 2023
- **9 venues:** Burton Cummings Theatre, Royal MTC John Hirsch Mainstage, Royal MTC Tom Hendry Warehouse, Royal Albert Arms, Pyramid Cabaret, The Cube at Old Market Square, Dave Barber Cinematheque, West End Cultural Centre, and Fort Garry Hotel.
- **42,535 attendees** - the majority of which attended the Old Market Square free stage (9 days)

- **329 volunteers** contributed more than **5,824 scheduled hours**
- **91 Artists** including:
  - 7 international acts - from countries including Australia, USA, and Mexico
  - 16 touring Canadian artists
  - 68 local acts - from cities and regions throughout Manitoba
- **50%** of featured acts **were women or non-binary led**

**What people are saying:**

“The Exchange District comes alive each June during the [TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival] with an elevated music experience, introducing new visitors. Music lovers spill out of Old Market Square and into the streets of the Exchange District, exploring all the neighbourhood has to offer. We truly value our partnership.”

- David Pensanto, Executive Director, Exchange District BIZ

“Sun Ra Arkestra was spectacular! They are so connected to the music, each other, and the audience. Legends.”

- 2023 TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival attendee

“I love the atmosphere at The Cube in the Exchange. Nothing better than good music under a big sky!”

- 2023 TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival attendee

Check out festival photos on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)

**Sign up to our newsletter at [jazzwinnipeg.com](http://jazzwinnipeg.com) to keep up to date on our upcoming programming. Jazz at the Fort Garry Hotel returns this September with weekly shows on Sunday and Wednesday nights.**

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**About Jazz Winnipeg**

[Jazz Winnipeg](#) is a charitable, non-profit organization promoting the art of jazz through concert presentations and community engagement including the annual TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival. Donations are tax deductible and gratefully accepted through our website at [Jazz Winnipeg](#) or at [CanadaHelps](#).

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