

# *Kent Sangster's Obsessions Octet*

*"Kent Sangster's Obsessions Octet performed a terrific concert on MidAmerica Production's chamber music series in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Their acoustic performance in this hall was acutely balanced, nuanced and musically varied. They were well received by the enthusiastic audience eager for their unique musical expressions from this combination of instruments. We certainly look forward to presenting them again." Norman Dunfee, President, Executive Director, MidAmerica Productions Inc.*

## Media Release

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## For Immediate Release

### Obsessions Octet Hits the Road to Europe 2014



**Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton Petroleum Club  
11110-108 St., Edmonton**

The Obsessions Octet, a Juno nominated cross-over ensemble, was founded in 2005 by saxophonist Kent Sangster and his wife Joanna Ciapka-Sangster, a classically-trained violinist. This Edmonton based collective's distinct sound is an elegant blend of classical, tango and jazz. On October 6, 2012, Kent Sangster's Obsessions Octet performed an outstanding concert in Carnegie Hall, in New York, to an enthusiastic audience, sold out house, a standing ovation and rave reviews. In November 2013 all members of the ensemble received a Salute to Excellence Award from the Mayor of Edmonton for their outstanding achievements.

After over 18 months of hard work planning, negotiating, organizing and fundraising, they are proud to hit the road in July for a 20 day tour with twelve planned concerts! The "Hit the Road to Europe" concert in Edmonton will feature some of Edmonton's finest musicians: **Kent Sangster** (director/saxophones), **Joanna Ciapka-Sangster** (violin), **Neda Yamach** (violin), **Leanne Maitland** (viola), **Ronda Metszies** (cello), **Chris Andrew** (piano), **John Taylor** (double bass), and **Owen Howard** (drums).

The concert will take place on **Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edmonton Petroleum Club**. Obsessions Octet will be performing the music of Kent Sangster, Astor Piazzolla, Chick Corea, Duke Ellington, Chucho Valdes and more!

**Tickets** are \$25 at the door - \$20 in advance - \$15 students/seniors 55+ - (plus service fees) and can be purchased through TIX on the Square at 780-420-1757 or online at [www.tixonthesquare.ca](http://www.tixonthesquare.ca).

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