

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Obsessions Octet “Oh Canada Series” Edmonton Send Off Concert**

**The Kent Sangster’s Obsessions Octet** is proud to present the **“Oh Canada! Series Edmonton send-off performance”** on, Monday, **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm** at the **Yardbird Suite**. This concert represents the beginning of the journey the octet will take to represent Alberta at the **Rochester International Jazz Festival 2016** taking place in Rochester, New York.

**The Canada Council for the Arts**, and the **Rochester International Jazz Festival**, teamed up together to bring the “Oh Canada” showcase across the border to the **Rochester Club**. Each province throughout the country will be represented by a musical group to show off the best in Canadian music. **The Obsessions Octet** has the prestige to officially represent Alberta. The group, led by **Juno Nominated** saxophonist and composer **Kent Sangster**, has made their mark throughout the world with their fuse of classical, tango, and jazz repertoire. “This is a very honorable opportunity for us, to represent our province”, says **Joanna Ciapka**, violinist and wife of Sangster. The group’s performance will be held on **June 25<sup>th</sup>** at the **Rochester Club**, and will be recorded by **PBS** for future broadcast.

To celebrate this prodigious opportunity, the octet will be host to a performance at the **Yardbird Suite** on Monday, **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. This showcase will give the audience an idea of what the **Obsessions Octet** have to offer, and to show great pride in their experience to represent Alberta. The group consists of eight musicians including Kent Sangster (Saxophones), Joanna Ciapka (Violin), Neda Yamach (Violin), Clayton Leung (Viola), Ronda Metszies (Cello), John Taylor (Bass), Chris Andrew (Piano), and Efa Etoroma (drums).

The Obsessions Octet **“Oh Canada! Edmonton send-off performance”** will be held on **Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm** at the **Yardbird Suite** (11 Tommy Banks Way). Tickets are \$22 for adult and \$15 for student/senior or \$25 at the door. You can purchase tickets through **Tix On The Square**. For more information, visit [www.obsessionsoctet.com](http://www.obsessionsoctet.com) and [http://rochesterjazz.com/artist\\_lineup/?artist\\_id=159](http://rochesterjazz.com/artist_lineup/?artist_id=159)

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