

# *Kent Sangster's Obsessions Octet*

*"The Obsessions Octet performed as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Festival of the Aegen on the Island of Syros (Greece) July 2014 in two appearances... it was a great and impressive success. These extraordinary, virtuosic and creative visiting artists brought an elegance and uniqueness to the Festival which was simply amazing. They are world-unique and we look forward to having them return soon." Peter Tiboris, General Director & Music Director MidAm International Inc., Festival of the Aegean in Syros, Greece*

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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Obsessions Octet 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**



**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.  
Yardbird Suite - 11 Tommy Banks Way, Edmonton**

**A Decade together!** Ten years ago, in the summer of 2005, the musicians that make up Kent Sangster's Obsessions Octet came together to perform in the Yardbird Jazz Festival. That concert was the first taste Edmonton had of the musical synergy that still makes up Obsessions and its unique blend of music, spirit and friendship. In ten short years, Kent's Octet has become one of Edmonton's leading crossover musical ensembles and an ambassador for our city in both the United States and Europe. They have recorded two CDs to rave reviews and awards (Western Canadian Music Award and Juno nomination for "Obsession" and another WCMA nomination for "Melodia"), performed in New York City at Carnegie Hall in 2012 (which was recognized with a City of Edmonton Salute to Excellence Performance Award), and in 2014 went on their first European Tour, resulting in many outstanding reviews. The Obsessions Octet has a solid reputation in the music community, a devoted fan-base, and is now one of the most popular musical collectives in Edmonton.

To celebrate this milestone Obsessions is performing a concert featuring music from both CDs as well as new pieces by Astor Piazzolla and Kent Sangster.

Join us at the **Yardbird Suite**, on **Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert will feature some of Edmonton's finest musicians: **Kent Sangster** (director/saxophones), **Joanna Ciapka-Sangster** (violin), **Neda Yamach** (violin), **Rhonda Henshaw** (viola), **Ronda Metszies** (cello), **John Taylor** (double bass), **Chris Andrew** (piano), and **Jamie Cooper** (drums).

**Tickets** are \$25 at the door - \$20 in advance - \$17.50 students/seniors 65+ (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).

For more information about Obsessions Octet visit our website at: <http://www.obsessionsoctet.com/>

