

**OTTAWA  
JAZZ  
FESTIVAL**

# Ottawa Jazz Festival 2025

JUNE 20-JUNE 29

# Welcome to the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Ottawa Jazz Festival

For the most up-to-date version of this document and the recording, visit <https://ottawajazzfestival.com/volunteer/> at the bottom of the page

This PDF serves as a companion document to the recorded meeting held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Follow this link to the recording: (to be updated after meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> )

Use our APP for programming and up-to-date notifications, available on  
**Apple Store:**

<https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/ottawa-jazz-festival/id1491237630>

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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ottawajazzfestival.gazebo&hl=en>

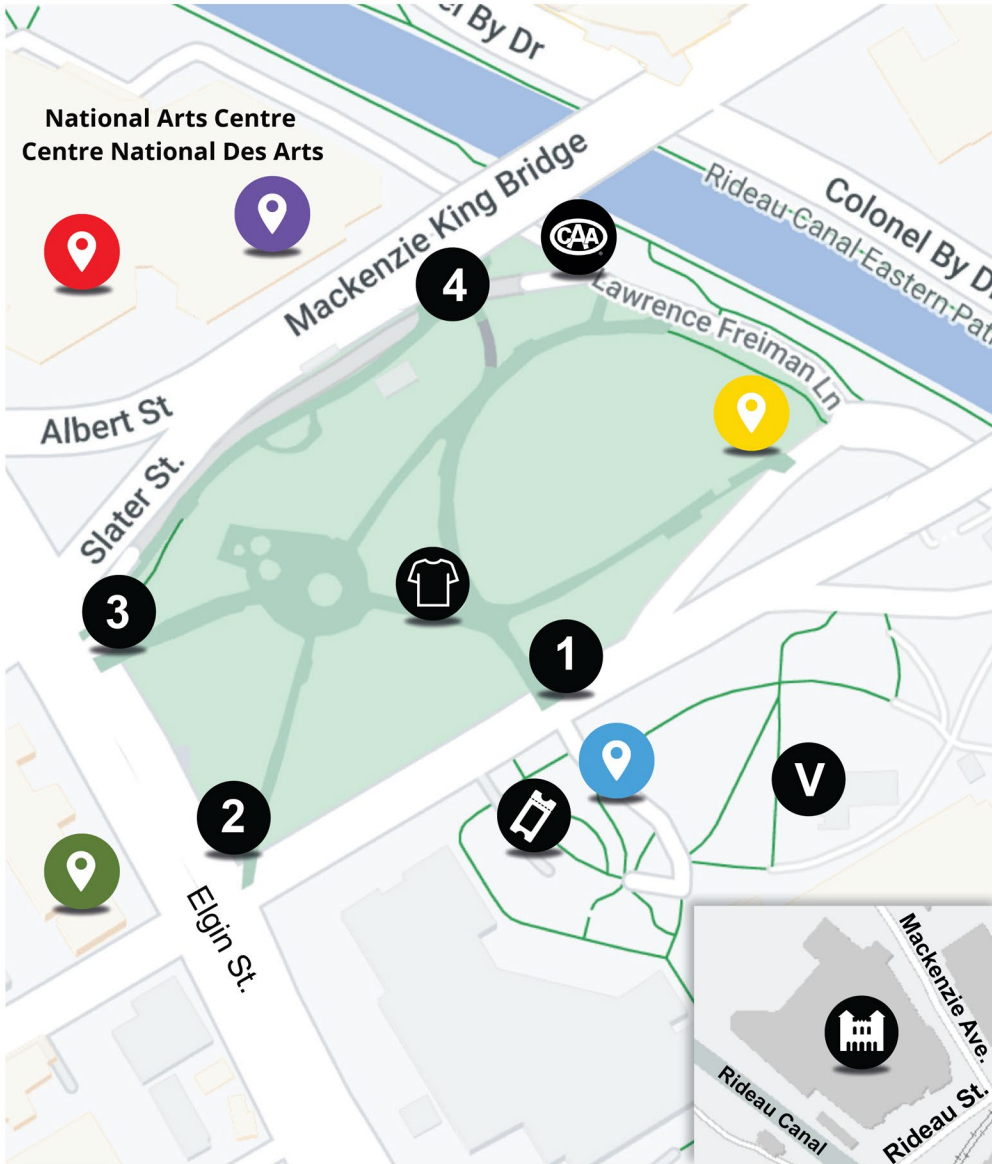
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 **Main Stage**  
Confederation Park

 **OLG Stage**  
Marion Dewar Plaza

 **NAC Fourth Stage**  
National Arts Centre

 **NAC Azrieli Studio**  
National Arts Centre

 **Forty One**  
Lord Elgin Hotel

 **Jazz at the Castle**  
Fairmont Château Laurier

 **CAA Entrance / Gate 5**  
Lawrence Freiman Lane

**1** Gate 1

**2** Gate 2

**3** Gate 3

**4** Gate 4

**V** Volunteer Village

 Merchandise

 Box Office

# 2025 Program Includes

- Homegrown Series June 12 - 19 at participating local venues.
- During festival (June 20 - 29) Free programming featuring local artists at participating venues.
- June 29th - no programming except for Secret Show at Irene's Pub.
- June 23 - no programming.
- Paid programming June 20 - 29 at NAC, Confederation Park, Marion Dewar Plaza.
- See complete paid schedule below. Once the free programming is confirmed an updated schedule that includes local programming will be available on a revised version of this document. Check the APP and our website for the latest schedules.

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Friday/vendredi



Carl Mayotte Quintet



Christine Jensen Quartet



Richard Bona



Tanika Charles



Allison Russell

Francois Houle's  
The Secret Lives of Colour

The Bros. Landreth

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Saturday/samedi



Open Thread

Deborah Davis  
and Segue to JazzMarc Copland Trio ft.  
John Hebert and Colin Stranahan

Sexmob



Kombilesa Mi



Mavis Staples



Anna Webber's Simple Trio



La Pambelé

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Sunday/dimanche



Shuffle Demons



Marc Copland &amp; Roddy Elias



Marc Ribot's Ceramic Dog



Pony Girl



The Roots



Eve Riser &amp; John Hollenbeck



SNACKTIME



DJ Questlove

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Monday/lundi

**NO PROGRAMMING  
PAS DE PROGRAMMATION**



### Member Benefits

As a valued CAA Member, you are entitled to the following exclusive perks:

15% Off Day and Bronze Passes

Gate 5 Priority Access

Free Chair Check

Free Chair Rental

• Non-Members pay a \$15 deposit which is refunded when the chair is returned in good condition.

Don't forget your CAA card!

### Avantages pour les Membres

À titre de Membre CAA, vous avez droit aux avantages exclusifs suivants:

Rabais de 15 % sur les passeports quotidiens et Bronze

Accès prioritaire à la porte 5

Entreposage gratuit de chaises

Emprunt gratuit de chaises  
• Les non-membres doivent faire un dépôt de 15 \$, remboursé au retour en bon état de la chaise.

N'oubliez pas votre carte CAA!

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Tuesday/mardi



The Prime Rib Big Band

Peter Van Huffel's  
"CALLISTO"

Kneebody



Polky

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra  
with Wynton Marsalis

Gary Clark Jr.

Izumi Kimura &  
Gerry Hemingway

Balkan Paradise Orchestra

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Wednesday/mecredi



Canadian Jazz Collective Septet



Folklore to Jazz



Arooj Aftab



Tony D



Gary Clark Jr.



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Anna Gréta Sigurðardóttir  
& Sigurður Flosason

Keyon Harrold

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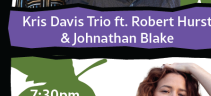
Wednesday/mecredi



Carn Davidson 9



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Kris Davis Trio ft. Robert Hurst  
& Johnathan Blake

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Broken Social Scene



Sophie Soliveau



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Makaya McCraven

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Thursday/jeudi



Steve Amireault



Kepler

The Bill Frisell Trio featuring  
Rudy Royston & Thomas Morgan

Brekky Boy



Samara Joy

The Bill Frisell Trio featuring  
Rudy Royston & Thomas Morgan

Anke Helfich Trio



Ghost-Note

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Friday/vendredi



Thanya Iyer



New Jazz Underground



Mike Stern Band



Magi Merlin



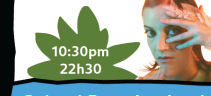
Chris Botti



Utopia Ontario



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Salami Rose Joe Louis

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Saturday/samedi



Jazz Youth Summit



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Isaiah Collier  
"The World is on Fire!"

Branford Marsalis Quartet



Nubya Garcia



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Schedule subject to change without notice. Please verify the website or our app for updates  
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Toutes les photos des artistes sont utilisées avec l'autorisation expresse de leurs agences ou de leurs gérants.



# Tom McLay - Volunteer Coordinator

**Volunteer Coordinator Team** - Jan Finlay, Susan Head, and Stephen Rowat

I wish to thank the team for their dedication and support as we work towards opening day (Friday, 20 June)

It has been very busy, we have achieved so much, but there is still lots to get done.

## **2025 Festival Volunteer Information:**

- Total Volunteers (as of today) - 575 in Opportunities. (75% returning, 25% new)
- Additional volunteers needed is estimated to be about 50.
- In the volunteer pool we have around around 105 volunteers still hoping to volunteer this summer.

## **2025 Festival General Information (as of today):**

- 20 Volunteer Opportunities (a later slide will list them)
- 2700 identified shifts across all of the festival Opportunities.
- Over 800 of those are already scheduled. There is a lot of work to be done to fill all the specific shifts. So watch for emails from your coordinators.



# Volunteer Etiquette

- The Festival welcomes everyone regardless of ethnic or cultural background, language orientation, and gender orientation. Disrespectful, inappropriate behavior or bullying of any kind to your fellow volunteers, staff, artists, or audience members will not be tolerated. If you feel you are being treated inappropriately, please report the behavior to your supervisor as soon as possible
- All volunteers must complete the AODA Online Training. Please find the information and training at the [AODA website](https://www.aoda.ca/free-online-training/). (<https://www.aoda.ca/free-online-training/>)
- As the face of the Ottawa Jazz Festival, we ask that you are pleasant with all. If a situation arises where you or a customer loses their cool, please notify a supervisor or staff member and we will assist
- If you need to step away from your position, please ensure someone else has taken over your roll prior to stepping away unless there's an emergency

# Volunteer Do's & Don't's

## **Volunteers Must Nots:**

- Give or lend your volunteer t-shirt or badge to anyone; these are the property of the Festival and are to be used by you and only you
- Approach artists for a selfie, photo or autograph at any time; artists are there to perform and not to be distracted with such requests
- Consume any alcohol or other such drugs while working
- Utilize any of the VIP Tent, Gold seats or Platinum seats, even if space appears to be available. These are for invited guests only or guests who have paid for the privilege

# Volunteer Do's & Don't's

## **Volunteers Musts and Shoulds:**

- Must report to your Supervisor at the time and date you have agreed to volunteer; if you cannot make your shift, you must contact your supervisor as soon as possible
- Should see as many shows as you can! Your volunteer badge gives you complimentary access to all shows that are not sold out, subject to availability
- Must wear both the volunteer t-shirt and volunteer badge when you are working your shift; but do not wear the t-shirt when you are seeing shows
- Should answer questions but only if you know the answer; if you don't, please refer the patron to the Box Office or a Staff Member

# Volunteer Perks

- Free Ottawa Jazz Festival 45th Anniversary branded t-shirt and branded lanyard
- Free access to shows (subject to availability)
- 10% discount on tickets and passes for friends and family!
- 10% discount on festival merch
- Free pizza in Volunteer Village daily
- Support the arts! (Did you know that the Ottawa Jazz Festival is a not-for-profit organization?)
- Gain experience
- Meet new friends
- High school volunteer hours
- End of festival volunteer thank you party (With complimentary beer, wine, cider, and food/snacks!)



# Volunteer Committees

- BBQ
- Beer
- Box Office
- Corporate VIP
- Gold
- Jazz Office
- Logistics
- Lunchtime Jazz
- Media
- NAC
- OLG
- Hospitality
- Site
- Scanner
- Merchandise
- Tech
- Transport
- Platinum
- 50/50



Thank you for coming!

**ENJOY THE FESTIVAL AND  
THANK YOU!**