

Peter Dong-Woo Kang, Baritone Saxophone4th Year Recital

Joseph Funk, Trumpet Hayden Stapleton, Alto Saxophone Samuel Herbert, Tenor Saxophone Isaac Kashino, Trombone

Matthew O'Halloran, Piano Ben Payne, Bass Pablo Marin-Marquez, Drums

This recital is in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Music Degree in Jazz Performance. Peter Dong-Woo Kang is a Hannah Barstow and Wallace Halladay.

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:30 PM | Heliconian Hall, 35 Hazelton Ave, Toronto.

PROGRAMME:

Quartet:

My Shining Hour (1942)

It Happens Quietly (2011)

Three Roses Park (2024)

Harold Arlen (1905-1986)

Jacqui Dankwroth (1963)

Peter Dong-Woo Kang (2001)

Quintet:

 Just Friends (1931)
 John Klenner (1899-1955)

 Recorda Me (1963)
 Joe Henderson (1937-2001)

 Out Here (2023)
 Peter Dong-Woo Kang (2001)

 This I Dig of You (1960)
 Hank Mobley (1930-1986)

Octet:

Witches Pit (1956) Pepper Adams (1930-1986)

Arranged by Peter Dong-Woo Kang
Three in One (1958)
Thad Jones (1923-1986)
Arranged by Peter Dong-Woo Kang

111-44 (1961) Oliver Nelson (1932-1975)

Arranged by Peter Dong-Woo Kang

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BIOGRAPHY:

Raised in Nanaimo BC, Peter Dong-Woo Kang is a baritone saxophonist, composer, and arranger. His sound has been described as having a glimpse of both Park "Pepper" Adams and Gary Smulyan. From a young age, Kang has shown great interest in music, leading him to pick up the saxophone at age 11, progressing and advancing both his musical knowledge and abilities, playing from grades 10-12. Kang has won numerous awards and scholarships from a variety of jazz festivals in North America. From this experience, he was given the opportunity to sub into the world-renowned Lionel Hamtpon Big Band. Relocating to Toronto in 2019 to attend the University of Toronto's Jazz Performance program, Kang received guidance and mentorship from Canada's top musicians. This past year, he picked up the classical saxophone under the guidance of Wallace Halladay. This past semester Kang, delved deeper into piano, arranging, and composition studying with Hannah Barstow. For four semesters Kang has been part of the University of Toronto Jazz Orchestra and Kang's musical voice and identity has developed enormously and is promising.

PROGRAM NOTES:

The setlist is a combination of some of my favourite tunes from the past 4 years, including pieces that I have both composed and arranged. These two works of mine are titled "Out Here" and "Three Roses Park." "Out Here" is a contrafact of "Out of Nowhere" composed by Johnny Green in 1931. "Three Roses Park" was inspired while I was learning "Day of Wine and Roses" by Henry Mancini for the ensemble placement audition at the beginning of the year. The melody and harmony are heavily inspired by Pepper Adams as he has been my greatest influence on the jazz baritone saxophone sound.