

Ottawa Suite

A TIME TRAVEL JOURNEY THROUGH
OTTAWA'S JAZZ ROOTS

WHAT



Get ready for a humorous and thoughtful conversation between the old and the new in this retrospective and whimsical look at the vibrant jazz and creative music scene of our city through song. The inspiration will come from the 'stops' we will make. These are some of the city's treasured spots from back in the day including...

Trocadero: 30's/40's - Club on Stilts at Westboro Beach, was not licensed and people famously snuck in moonshine and such. Had Vaudeville and swing influences.

Chaudière: a popular swing/early bop dance club that was like a Barrymore's of the 1950's-60's. Hosted Louis Armstrong & Duke Ellington, cool.

Le Hibou: a true coffee house run by hippies in the 60's with poetry and cozy vibes. Elvin Jones once played here in a blizzard! It was home to early folk like Joni Mitchell and Gordon Lightfoot and cool bands like Heaven's radio.

Café Wim: 80's/ 90's - Café Wim run by a fellow named Wim from Holland with a wife named Iris (after Dutch irises) that hosted self promoted gigs to bridge jazz, lounge and club styles.

Key features of the journey will include creative audience engagement, and a multimedia experience with sounds, visuals, and spoken word.



WHO

13 musicians and 2 singers create a sonic adventure. Ottawa local 'Captain Rob Frayne' will be heading the time travel craft as his band transports you by invoking the energy of the past.

Your crew:

Captain Rob Frayne: tenor sax
Petr Cancura : tenor sax
Linsey Wellman: baritone sax
Alvaro de Minaya: percussion/vibes
Liz Hanson: percussion/marimba
Mike Essoudry: drums
Don Cummings: hammond organ
Vince Halfhide: guitar
Megan Jerome: voice

Janet Gieger: flute
Sylvie Duchesneux: clarinet

Special Guests:

Rebecca Hennessy: trumpet
Rebecca Campbell: voice
Terri Loretto: narrator
Paul Rainville: actor



WHY

Your tour guide "narrator" will weave tidbits of history and true tales into this trip that transcends time and space, and celebrates the rich groovy musical history that Ottawa holds.

WHEN

Fall 2022, TBA. Stay tuned!

WHERE

TBA A theatre style venue in Ottawa.



Expect the
unexpected
and buckle up!