

GEOFF LAPP

BIOGRAPHY

GEOFF LAPP, A MONTREAL NATIVE, WAS BORN IN 1953, AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF CANADA'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED PIANISTS/COMPOSERS; HE IS A MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER ACCOMPANIST FOR A HOST OF TOP CANADIAN PERFORMERS.

ORIGINALLY TRAINED IN THE CLASSICAL TRADITION, MR. LAPP STUDIED AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY UNDER THE WIDELY RESPECTED ART MAISTE. OVER TIME, HE BECAME KNOWN FOR HIS EXCELLENT TECHNIQUE AND LARGE REPERTOIRE OF JAZZ STANDARDS. AFTER GAINING EXPERIENCE IN THE POP MUSIC WORLD TOURING WITH THE LIKES OF MICHEL PAGLIARO, HE PERFORMED IN SALSA, COUNTRY, FUNK AND ROCK BANDS. IN THE EARLY '80'S HE BECAME COMMITTED TO THE JAZZ IDIOM AND HAS NOT LOOKED BACK SINCE THEN.

HE HAS PERFORMED WITH RENOWNED JAZZMEN SUCH AS PAQUITO D'RIVERA, DON MENZA, RICHIE COLE, SONNY FORTUNE, AND SLIDE HAMPTON, AMONG OTHERS. ON ONE OCCASION, LIZA MINNELLI, IN TOWN FOR A CONCERT APPEARANCE AND FINDING HERSELF AT BIDDLES LATER THAT EVENING, LIKED THE BAND SO MUCH THAT SHE SPONTANEOUSLY JAMMED WITH THEM AT THE LANDMARK MONTREAL NIGHTCLUB. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GEOFF LAPP IS ONE OF THE FEW CANADIAN JAZZ MUSICIANS WITH SUCH AN EXTENSIVE CLUB GIG; LENGTH OF WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED NO DOUBT TO HIS EVOLUTION AS A PLAYER.) LAPP HAS PERFORMED EXTENSIVELY WORLDWIDE, IN FESTIVALS AND CLUBS BOTH IN NORTH AMERICA (LAFAYETTE, LAKE TAHOE, LOS ANGELES, THE CARIBBEAN) AND OVERSEAS (BEIJING, CHINA, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND IN EUROPE).

AT HOME IN QUEBEC, HE IS A MAINSTAY ON THE VIBRANT JAZZ SCENE, AND HAS PERFORMED WITH A WHO'S WHO OF LOCAL LUMINARIES: DAVE TURNER—MICHEL DONATO — JERI BROWN — BOB MOVER — KEVIN DEAN—PETER LEITCH — JANIS STEPRANS — RANEE LEE — GEORGE EVANS —DENZIL SINCLAIR —JOHN LABELLE — MICHEL LAMBERT — RON SEGUIN — CHARLIE BIDDLE — CHARLES ELLISON AND THE MONTREAL JUBILATION GOSPEL CHOIR.

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