



Livestream Cabaret Concert Series Returns

Little Big Band and Kelly Holiff Concerts Rescheduled for July 22 & 29

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Drayton Entertainment is pleased to announce that the final two concerts in the **free** Livestream Cabaret Concert Series have been rescheduled for late July. The **Little Big Band** and **Kelly Holiff** concerts will be streamed on Facebook in real-time live from St. Jacobs Country Playhouse on **Thursday, July 22** and **Thursday, July 29** at **7:00 p.m.** The concerts were originally scheduled as part of a six-concert series that ran in March and April. The first four concerts were presented as scheduled with thousands of online viewers, but the not-for-profit charitable arts organization was forced to cancel the final two concerts in the series when the provincial government imposed a Stay-At-Home Order for all of Ontario in April.

The live performance industry was one of the first sectors impacted by closures in March 2020 and it will likely be one of the last to resume operations. Musicians and theatre performers have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Without the ability to gather, many artists have seen most of their jobs postponed or cancelled, resulting in significant loss of income. The Livestream Cabaret Concert Series puts the spotlight on these artists and gives them the much-needed opportunity to play and perform live. The series is presented in partnership with the Music Performance Trust Fund, which requires the use of Facebook as the streaming platform. Previous concerts in the series included Michael Vanhevel, The Mantini Sisters, Lee Siegel, and Mark Cassius.

The final two upcoming concerts are:

Little Big Band

A 7-piece "Little" Big Band Plays Modern Jazz Hits and Updated Classics!

Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. EST (New Date)

It's all about the music as a "little" Big Band plays an array of modern and classic jazz tunes and Big Band-era favourites. The 7-piece band features Music Director Brigham Phillips on piano, Sasha Boychouk on woodwinds, Howard Gaul on drums, Peter Hysen on trombone, Will Jarvis on bass, Paul Mitchell on trumpet, and Dave Thompson on guitar.

Kelly Holiff

Broadway and Pop Hits!

Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. EST (New Date)

Vocal powerhouse Kelly Holiff sings songs by Broadway and popular composers who shaped her life including Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You", Céline Dion's "It's All Coming Back To Me Now" and "Defying Gravity" from the hit musical Wicked. Kelly is accompanied by Music Director Jeannie Wyse on piano, Erik Patterson on guitar, Pol Coussée on reeds, Jamie Drake on drums and Ross MacIntyre on bass.

Established in 1948, the Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) is a non-profit independent public service organization whose mission includes contributing to the public knowledge and appreciation of music, as well as making music a part of every child's life experience. Headquartered in New York City, MPTF evolved from a landmark collective bargaining agreement between the American Federation of Musicians and the major recording companies of the day. Today, it is a vital organization that brings music to the public and supplements the income of musicians at no cost to those enjoying the concerts.

The final two concerts will be livestreamed from the Drayton Entertainment Facebook page. The concerts are not pre-recorded and cannot be viewed at a later date. Audiences must tune into the livestreams in order to watch.

The Livestream Cabaret Concert Series is made possible through the generous support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and sponsors Nestle, Strassburger Windows & Doors, Hay Communications, and Emerge2 Digital.

For more information about the free Livestream Cabaret Concert Series, please visit: <https://www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/article/cabaret-series>

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