

Jazz Festivals Canada Proposal 2026



This year **EFFENDI RECORDS** celebrates its **25th anniversary** of creation and artistic exchange, a quarter of a century embodying Québécois/Canadian jazz in all its diversity and dynamism with more than 50 leaders, 172 albums, 2,024 concerts; 124 national and international tours; 170 nominations; 89 awards; and most recently, the 2025 Opus Award for “International Recognition” from the Conseil Québécois de la Musique. For this occasion, the **Francois Bourassa Quartet** and the **Auguste Quartet** will represent Effendi Records and their 25th anniversary season. For this special double bill they would each perform a 40–45-minute set and an encore together if it fits. Effendi Records will also utilize the services of a publicist for the tour dates. Both bands are available for the run of festival dates.

FRANCOIS BOURASSA QUARTET



François Bourassa’s award-winning eponymous quartet has been a staple of Montreal’s jazz landscape for more than 25 years, an example of consistency and evolution inspired by artists such as Ornette Coleman, Fred Hersch, George Russell and Carla Bley among others. In Nov 2024 they toured their latest oeuvre *Swirl*, which was well received in Europe; we are giving Canadians a chance to hear this work for the first time with some newer pieces as well.

(They) take listeners on a sonic journey of exploration that needs to be experienced. Melodies and motifs blossom and loop as the four musicians share in thoughtful instrumental conversation **David Reed, Whig Standard, Kingston, ON**

The great thing about François Bourassa is that his music is his and his alone (tr)
Live review, **Ludovic Florin, Jazz Magazine Paris**

The Quartet's 10 th album: *Swirl* (rec. Live @ Studio Piccolo in Montréal), rel 2023 Effendi Records. **Francois Bourassa** (p), **André Leroux** (sax – and 2025 JUNO Award winner!) **Guy Boisvert** (b), and **Guillaume Pilote** (dr)

Live video at *Jazzahead*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxfSr8WcYrk&t=2s>

Tour support available from **Canada Council, SODEC or Musicaction**

Links : [Website](#) - [Youtube](#) - [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#)

AUGUSTE QUARTET



For 2 decades, **Alain Bédard** has been pursuing a very active career with **AUGUSTE Quartet**, which he has taken to every continent. Playing only original music, the group has performed in Asia, Mexico, USA, Europe, UK, Russia, Morocco and Canada. **Alain Bédard** (double bass) is joined by **Erik Hove** (sax), **Marie-Fatima Rudolf** (piano) and **Michel Lambert** (drums).

"A living embodiment of the spirit of jazz!" (tr) **Jazz Magazine, France**

"...ten boundary pushing pieces...challenging...innovative...exciting" **Whole Note, ON**

He has released 6 albums and has received nominations for ADISQ and JUNO awards.
His latest ***Particules Sonores*** - Unquantifiable in Time and Space in what will be toured.

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