

## **The Jillian McKenna Project:**

Genre of music: Jazz and original jazz influenced music

The Jillian McKenna project is a jazz-influenced group made up of some of the top both established and up-and-coming Canadian musicians on today's scene. Merging her Canadian swinging roots with her recent experience abroad, McKenna composes music with modern grooves and catchy melodic interplay, encompassed in a moving harmony attracting listeners of all types. With Adrean Farrugia on piano and Mackenzie Read on the drums, this intergenerational trio takes the music to new places with each performance.

### **Band Bios**

#### ***Jillian McKenna***

Jillian McKenna is a Canadian bassist, composer and arranger from Hamilton, Ontario. Regardless of style, McKenna's impactful sound on the bass resonates through whatever music she is a part of. No stranger to versatility, she can be found playing in jazz combos, big bands, pit bands, bluegrass groups, alongside singer-songwriters, and performing a variety of new and original music in venues across the globe. With a passion for listening, McKenna's unique approach to the instrument makes her a sought after musician in today's industry

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#### ***Adrean Farrugia***

Award winning pianist and composer Adrean Farrugia is one of Canada's most distinct voices on the piano. Since the late 1990s Adrean has been in high demand as a freelance performer and teacher. Keeping a busy touring schedule, mainly as a sideman, Adrean has toured extensively across Canada and the United States as well as in venues across Europe and in Japan. Adrean has performed/recorded with some of jazz's greatest and most diverse artists including: Larry Carlton, Curtis Fuller, Tom Scott, Bob Brookmeyer, Randy Brecker, Eric Alexander, Chris Potter, Joel Frahm, Matt Penman, Brad Goode, Kenny Wheeler, Darcy James Argue, Don Thompson, Lorne Lofsky, Kevin Turcotte, Kelly Jefferson, and Pat Labarbera.

Adrean Farrugia is a Shigeru Kawai artist.

#### ***Mackenzie Read***

Mackenzie Read is a Toronto-based jazz drummer.

He discovered his love of drumming at the age of six and has pursued his musical passions ever since. Since moving to Toronto, Mackenzie has been performing at various venues recording for a variety of projects and musicians, and teaching on the side, all while pursuing his degree in Jazz Performance at the University of Toronto.

Mackenzie's philosophy is based around the belief that mastering rudiments with an unerring solid beat is the key to playing any musical style, which is evident in his performances and studio work throughout the Greater Toronto Area.