

## HARRY VETRO'S NORTHERN RANGER - BIO INFO

The quartet configuration includes piano, violin, upright bass, and drums. All four members of Northern Ranger are highly talented young Canadian musicians representing a new generation of Jazz in Canada. The touring members include: Noah Franche-Nolan (piano), Nelson Moneo (violin), Jillian McKenna (upright bass), and Harry Vetro (drums).

Canadian drummer and composer **Harry Vetro** (b. 1995,) is a graduate of the University of Toronto Jazz program. Vetro leads an active performing career playing at major jazz festivals and venues across Canada: Jazz YYC (Calgary, AB), Yardbird Jazz Fest (Edmonton, AB), Toronto Jazz Festival, Ottawa Jazz Festival, Rex Hotel & Jazz Bistro (Toronto, ON), Jazz Room (Waterloo, ON), Resonance Café (Montreal, QC). Vetro has been featured as a rising star drummer in the Ottawa and Sudbury jazz festivals in Ontario. He currently leads a monthly residency at The Tranzac (Toronto's premiere creative music club,) featuring new compositions inspired by nature and landscape.

British Columbia bred violinist **Nelson Moneo** is an active performer and composer with a special interest in improvisation. He recently graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music where he studied both classical violin performance and jazz improvisation. Nelson comes from a diverse performance background that includes working with the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, touring Europe with the Lucerne Festival Academy Orchestra, recording the soundtrack for the Final Fantasy XII video game.

**Noah Franche-Nolan** is a Toronto-based musician who has shared the bandstand with musicians such as Jim Vivian, Andrew Downing, Dan Fortin, Bernie Arai, Thelma Gibson, and Nick Fraser. He has toured across Canada with Harry Vetro's Northern Ranger Project, appeared on three records as a side man, released his debut record, opened for the Dave Young Trio and the Penderecki String Quartet at the 2018 Festival of Sound in Perry Sound, and has played in notable Canadian Jazz Festivals and Canadian Jazz Venues.

**Jillian McKenna** is a Canadian bassist and composer from Hamilton, Ontario. Regardless of style, McKenna's impactful sound on the bass resonates through whatever music she is a part of. In 2015 she moved to New York City to attend the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music in Manhattan. It was there where she had the opportunity to work with a number of esteemed artists including Matt Wilson, and Joel Frahm to name a few. Today McKenna can be found performing across the country with a variety of musicians including her jazz group, The Jillian McKenna Project.