

(Text of Nugget Press Release re: February 27 2018 Jazz at the Junction event)

**Mike Landoni** is the new kid in town and has lots to offer the music scene here in North Bay. Mike moved to North Bay in July 2017 with his wife, Jessica, and three year old son, Maxwell. Mike was born and raised in Lynden, Ontario, a small farming community of 500 and is the son of Charlie and Lois Landoni. He comes from a musical family: his father performs in a local theatre group; his mother sings in the community and church choir. As a young boy he was also involved in musical theatre, choir and piano lessons. He attended Western University where he obtained his Bachelor of Music degree followed by further studies at University of Toronto's OISE and Humber College where he studied jazz performance and obtained his Bachelor of Education degree. He also played in the Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Denny Christianson. He studied flute and clarinet privately under the direction of Mark Promane. Mike plays four instruments of the woodwind family: alto and tenor saxophone, clarinet and flute; a musical wonder!

Mike resided in Toronto for the past thirteen years where he worked as an educator teaching grades 4–8 for Toronto School District School Board. He also worked as a woodwind instructor for Yamaha Music Canada, teaching private lessons. He currently teaches a grade 7/8 music program at one of our local secondary schools and in his spare time enjoys dabbling in cooking and snowboarding.

Mike was actively involved in the Toronto music scene, performing at the Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival and Beaches Jazz Fest. His variety of styles included jazz, rock, reggae, funk, Brazilian choro and klezmer. (Klezmer refers to the music of the exiled Jewish people of Eastern Europe circa 1920.) He was a regular performer at The Rex, Gate 403, Horseshoe Tavern, Rivoli, the Revival, weddings, bar mitzvahs, playing under band names of The Mike Landoni Quartet and The Fugitive Minds. Mike credits Wayne Shorter, Chris Potter and Benny Golson as some of his top saxophone musical influences.

Mike is a welcome addition to our musical community and can be spotted at the Raven and Republic on Wednesday evenings along with band members Mark DeSousa, Rob Joannis, Ryan Rogers, Garry White and Jake Thomas. On Tuesday, February 27, **Jazz at the Junction** will be presenting a night of jazz entertainment featuring the **Marco Souza Trio with Mike Landoni as a special guest performer** at the West Ferris Legion, Branch 599, here in North Bay, located at 30 Legion Drive, aptly named for its location at the junction of Hwy 11/17 and Lakeshore Drive exit. This concert features original compositions and arrangements of Marco Souza, with Mike Landoni on tenor saxophone- an evening of jazz entertainment you are sure to enjoy!

Further information on this exciting concert can be found on facebook: **Nipissing Parry Sound Music and Jazz Corporation** and on our website: [www.nippsjazz.com](http://www.nippsjazz.com)

Thank-you!

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