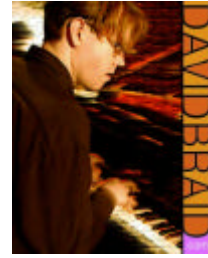


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Jazz Up Close – David Braid & Hideaki Tokunaga

Down beat award-winning Hideaki Tokunaga teams up with Juno Award-winning David Braid for intimate jazz guitar and piano performances in Toronto (April 19-21, 25) and Hamilton (April 22).



Hideaki Tokunaga, who is making his first appearance in Toronto with our very own David Braid (who just won SOCAN Composer of the Year at yesterday's 2007 National Jazz Awards), will capture the musical hearts of those who experience the guitar work of this Japanese born, Los Angeles-based musician. Praised by renowned bass virtuoso Charlie Haden for his talent, Tokunaga has a warm, beautiful, solid and grooving guitar sound.

Inspired by the tradition of Jim Hall and Bill Evans, Tokunaga and Braid will perform jazz standards, Japanese folk songs and original compositions to delicately express interplay, melody, swing and harmonic subtlety. Among their repertoire includes a popular folk song from Kyushu region of Japan, where Tokunaga and Braid first toured together in 2004.

The pair will also finish their new CD, which was started in Los Angeles in 2006 with bassist Putter Smith, and jazz-legend drummer, Albert "Tootie" Heath.

Upcoming Events:

Toronto

Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21: 8:00 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
Opal Jazz Lounge, 472 Queen Street West, Toronto (416) 646-OPAL

Wednesday, April 25: 9:30 p.m. (2 sets) with bassist Mike McClennan, and drummer Terry Clarke
The Rex Hotel & Jazz Bar, 194 Queen St. West, Toronto (416) 598-2475

Hamilton

Sunday, April 22: 7:30 p.m.
First Unitarian Church, 170 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton
\$20 – general; \$10 – students/seniors (tickets available at the door which opens at 7:00 p.m.)

Brampton

Tuesday, April 24: Mayfield Secondary School (workshops)

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