

BIO – JODI PROZNICK

JUNO-nominated bassist, composer, bandleader, and educator Jodi Proznick has earned a reputation as one of Canada's finest jazz artists. She has won numerous National Jazz Awards, including Bassist of the Year in '08 and '09. Her group, the Jodi Proznick Quartet, was awarded the Acoustic Group of the Year and Album of the Year in '08 and the Galaxie Rising Star at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival in '04.

In addition to leading her own group, Jodi has performed with many of Canada's top jazz musicians, including PJ Perry, Don Thompson, Phil Dwyer and Guido Basso. She is regularly in demand to perform and record with visiting jazz artists including Michael Bubl , David "Fathead" Newman, Bucky Pizzarelli, Ed Thigpen, Jeff Hamilton and Peter Bernstein. She has been featured on over 40 albums as a side person.

After completing her B.Mus. at McGill University, Jodi's deep passion for education lead her to pursue a Masters Degree in Education at Simon Fraser University. She is currently a faculty member at Kwantlen Polytechnic University where she teaches improvisation, jazz theory, jazz history, popular music history, rudiments, jazz combo and bass lessons. Jodi is the Artistic Director of the VSO School of Music Summer Jazz Workshop and has been a guest adjudicator and clinician at many festivals, colleges, universities, and conferences across Canada.

Her recent release of original compositions, *Sun Songs* (CellarLive) is a collection of songs that explores the duality of life. It debuted at #2 on the iTunes Canadian Jazz Charts in December 2017.

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