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The Girl With the Horn Returns

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Trumpet player and vocalist Anita Eccleston, returned to her hometown for her ninth appearance as part of the Music in the Park series. She was formerly with the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra and a few other musical groups in town.



Her talented jazz quintet, for this performance, included locals Kris Ruston on guitar, Richard Graham on drums, Alex Ward on bass, and she brought cellist Doug Gorkoff with her from Vancouver. He sometimes played sans bow.





Her set list was a mix of jazz standards and some poppy original compositions. The original Scarlet Scribbles and the classic Summertime from Porgy and Bess, were particularly popular with the large crowd. A strong wind added to the difficulties of live performing, but the band paid little attention to it and Eccleston made jokes about it. She and Ruston played most of the lead parts, but time was allotted for solos by the rhythm section. Eccleston showed her dexterity at times by switching to vocal tracks after long trumpet sections. Jazz is sparingly scheduled in Music in the Park and it was great to see such skilled musicians play this very accessible show.

