

Eccleston and band welcome CBC with show taped for Hot Air

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Anita Eccleston

If you're Canadian and a jazz fan, there's a good chance you've listened to CBC Radio's long-running program Hot Air.

The show has celebrated all things jazz since 1947. And, for as long as Kamloops-born jazz musician Anita Eccleston can remember, she's tuned in.

As Eccleston's musical career took off - she released her first solo album earlier this year - her one desire has been to have her music played on Hot Air.

"I remember saying to myself a couple of years ago that, if I could get my music on the CBC, I'd really be going in the right direction," Eccleston told The Daily News during a phone interview from her Vancouver home. "It would be the next plateau."

That plateau will be reached Tuesday when Eccleston and her jazz quartet perform at an opening party for the CBC's new Kamloops bureau.

The celebration takes place at the Parkside Lounge in the Interior Savings Centre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the Anita Eccleston Quartet take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Much to Eccleston's delight, the concert is being recorded for an upcoming episode of Hot Air.

"It's like a dream," said an excited Eccleston.

The concert is open to the public and free, but anyone planning to attend should email rsvp.radio@cbc.ca and put Hot Air in Kamloops in the subject. Eccleston suggested including the number of people who want to attend in the body of the email.

"They told me, the more the merrier," she said.

The Hi-Fi Quartet out of Victoria will also perform.

Eccleston developed a passion for music while a student at Westsyde secondary and performed trumpet with the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra.