

FIFTH ELEMENT

jazz quintet

Fifth Element breathes new life into the Great American Songbook and familiar jazz standards in live performance, bringing audiences a listening experience that entertains and delights. This ensemble featuring vocalist **Nina Richmond** backed by **Ron Johnston** on bass, **Jack Gelbloom** on piano, **Glenn Anderson** on drums and **Dave Coules** on tenor sax, highlights the diversity of this music with arrangements that engage jazz fans at all levels through both individual and collective artistry.

Performing regularly since its formation in 2016, Fifth Element is packing concert venues adding new fans each time it hits the stage, including performances at the Jazz Lounge in Old Mill Toronto, The Jazz Room in Waterloo, Reid's Distillery and West End Jazz in Oakville!



"FIFTH ELEMENT" - Winner of Best Jazz Album 9th Annual OWMR Awards 2021



WHAT AUDIENCES SAY ABOUT FIFTH ELEMENT LIVE SHOWS:

"I just want to say that was one of the best nights at the Jazz Room. Why was it so different? You taught us more about music." -Janet Dawson Brock, Board Member, Grand River Jazz Society

"For those of you who have not yet experienced the unique and talented renderings of the Fifth Element, you are missing a real treat. This is no "run of the mill" quintet but a blending of musical magic that is uncommon in the GTA. Do yourself a favour. Get off your couch and give them a listen." -K.C.

"A quintet-essential experience! Fifth Element is a great way to hear jazz in Toronto. We have come again and again and are always captured by the moment." -T.M.

CONNECTING WITH THE AUDIENCE: In the words of Spike Wilmer (proprietor of Smalls in NYC), *"Some jazz musicians treat music and art as if it is above the audience...but I believe the essence of jazz is that it is a shared experience between the musician and the audience"*. Fifth Element is dedicated to connecting with our audience beyond the performance of each tune. As part of the experience, listeners are drawn in to jazz that is not only musically accessible but enhanced by delivery of the story behind each song. The energy, joy and fun the band brings to each performance gives authenticity to this commitment.



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