

For Immediate Release:**Multiple Award Winning Saxophonist, Kirk MacDonald plays Duo Show with Guitarist Lorne Lofsky at Zolas Restaurant, Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 7:30 and 9:30 pm.**

Acknowledged as one of **Canada's premier saxophonists** for over 25 years, winner of numerous awards, and tributes, including a recent "**Lifetime Achievement Award**" from the Toronto Musicians' Association and the **2015 SOCAN Haygood Hardy Award for Composition**, Toronto saxophonist and composer **Kirk MacDonald** comes to Ottawa with his creative partner, **guitarist Lorne Lofsky** for an evening at **Zolas Restaurant on Saturday, July 18th**.

"We are really thrilled to have saxophonist **Kirk MacDonald** with guitarist **Lorne Lofsky** at **Zolas on July 18th**" said Gina Vacchio, Manager of Zolas Restaurant, 2194 Robertson Road in Bells Corners. "Kirk has won **4 major National awards for Jazz recordings and composition this year.... it's truly amazing**, and **tickets for the show are going fast**". Reservations are recommended – call 613-721-0227 with tickets available before July 13th for \$15.00 and at the door for \$18.00. www.zolas.ca.

His latest release, **Winner of the 2015 JUNO Award for Jazz Album of the Year, Solo, "Vista Obscura"** featuring Harold Mabern, Pat LaBarbera, Neil Swainson & André White, makes it's **US debut at Dizzy's Club Coca Cola at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York this October**, and is receiving accolades from around the world.

"On **Macdonald's East Coast Music Award Winning CD, "Symmetry"**, each member of the quintet is an all-star in his own right. Assembling five world-class musicians in a studio to record doesn't always pay dividends. However here, it's truly inspired, thanks in part to their easygoing rapport and in even larger measure to MacDonald's admirable compositions and arrangements, which bring out the best his colleagues have to offer," wrote **Jack Bowers for All About Jazz Website, January 12, 2014**.

A prolific Jazz composer, **Kirk** also leads the **Kirk MacDonald Jazz Orchestra (KMJO)**, a 19-piece all-star ensemble which performs his original compositions and features arrangements by leading Canadian and US Jazz composers. An active educator for over 27 years at major Jazz studies programs such as at McGill University and the **University of Toronto**, Kirk is a full professor at **Humber College** in Toronto, in the Music Degree Program and the Community Music School. Kirk is also the Artistic Director for the "**Youth Jazz Canada**" project and directs the "**National Youth Jazz Combo**". www.kirkmacdonald.com

For the duo show at **Zolas**, **Kirk** is joined by his **long time musical collaborator**, well-known Toronto guitarist and jazz educator, **Lorne Lofsky**. "Lorne plays the guitar as if it is an extension of his brain; he seems to have no limitations technically on the instrument. Sometimes you'll hear very lush, complex voicings, other times long rhythmically complex single-note lines. He plays his instrument in a very interactive way, always stimulating interplay amongst the musicians he is working with." .. **Roots Magazine, Toronto**.

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