



**The Toronto Jazz Orchestra and Idioteque present
The Radiohead Jazz Project 2**
Sunday, July 1, 2012, 7:30 pm
The Rex Hotel, 194 Queen Street West

For immediate release – Toronto, May 15, 2012: The Toronto Jazz Orchestra and Idioteque, Toronto's top Radiohead tribute band, close off The Rex Hotel's 2012 TD Toronto Jazz Festival programming with **The Radiohead Jazz Project 2** on Sunday July 1, 2012 starting at 7:30 pm. The evening will feature two sets by the Toronto Jazz Orchestra with guest vocalist Alex Samaras, followed by an extended set by Idioteque.

The two ensembles teamed up in December to present the first Radiohead Jazz Project to a standing-room-only crowd. For The Radiohead Jazz Project 2, the format remains the same but each group is working on new repertoire. The evening begins at 7:30 pm with two sets by the **Toronto Jazz Orchestra**. About half of the arrangements to be performed on the program were co-commissioned by the Frankfurt Radio Bigband and the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music (Wisconsin), and have been created by acclaimed writers such as Sherisse Rogers, Fred Sturm, Bob Washut and Dan Cavanagh. The other half of the tunes have been created specifically for this project by local arrangers Chris Hunt, Christian Overton, Mike Downes, Tara Davidson and Josh Grossman. Vocal heavyweight Alex Samaras will join the ensemble on most of the arrangements, as will vibraphonist Michael Davidson.

At 10:30 pm Radiohead tribute band **Idioteque** takes to the stage for an extended set of note-for-note reproductions of songs taken from Radiohead's eight studio albums. Featuring some of Toronto's top young jazz musicians, the band performs with impressive artistry and technical mastery. Idioteque is Don Scott (vocals, guitar), Jessica Stuart (guitar, vocals), Harley Card (guitar), Teri Parker (keyboards), Matt Fong (bass) and Ernesto Cervini (drums, vocals).

"We had a blast with the first Radiohead Jazz Project back in December, so when Tom asked us if we'd like to close off the festival with a repeat performance it was an easy choice," said Toronto Jazz Orchestra Artistic Director Josh Grossman. "We're especially pleased this time to be presenting six works by local arrangers. The published charts are excellent, but the home-grown charts add a special element to the evening."

The **Toronto Jazz Orchestra (TJO)** was formed in 1998 by Artistic Director and Conductor Josh Grossman and is made up of some of the top emerging jazz talent in Toronto. The TJO performs regularly at the Rex Hotel, has released three CDs and has performed with nationally and internationally acclaimed guest artists such as Phil Nimmons, Ingrid Jensen, Kevin Turcotte, Seamus Blake, Geoffrey Keezer and Kurt Elling. The Radiohead Jazz Project is part of the ensemble's annual tradition of dedicating one performance to the "music of" an influential ensemble or composer. Previous presentations have included the music of Phil Nimmons, the Stan Kenton Orchestra, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Duke Ellington and *West Side Story*, as well as genre-specific presentations including Afro-Cuban and Funk.

For more information on the Toronto Jazz Orchestra and the July 1st performance please call (416) 899-5299, email thetjo@mnsi.net or visit www.thetjo.com.

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