



**The Toronto Jazz Orchestra and Idiotique present
The Radiohead Jazz Project III**
Monday, February 18, 2013, 8:30 pm
The Rex Hotel, 194 Queen Street West

For immediate release – Toronto, February 7, 2013: The Toronto Jazz Orchestra and Idiotique, Toronto's top Radiohead tribute band, are pleased to announce the Radiohead Jazz Project III, Monday February 18, starting at 8:30 pm. The evening will feature one set by the Toronto Jazz Orchestra with guest vocalist Alex Samaras, followed by an extended set by Idiotique.

The February 18th performance will be the third installment of the Radiohead Jazz Project, and the third time the two ensembles have worked together. The two previous installments – presented in December, 2011 and then July, 2012 as part of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival – have been great successes, with standing-room-only crowds, enthusiastic sing-alongs and demands for encores.

The evening begins at 8:30 pm with 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. The 17-piece ensemble will be enhanced by vocal heavyweight Alex Samaras; Ian Sinclair will play piano as the ensemble's usual pianist, Carissa Neufeld, plays vibraphone.

At 10:30 pm Radiohead tribute band **Idiotique** 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 emerging jazz talent, the band performs with impressive artistry and technical mastery. Idiotique is Don Scott (vocals, guitar), Jessica Stuart (guitar, vocals), Harley Card (guitar), Teri Parker (keyboards), Liam Smith (bass) and Ernesto Cervini (drums, vocals, and soon-to-be father).

"We've had so much fun with the Radiohead Jazz Project so far," said Toronto Jazz Orchestra Artistic Director Josh Grossman. "The big band arrangements are excellent, which means the musicians enjoy playing them, and the audience has clearly enjoyed hearing them – we don't often get to experience audiences singing along with our performances!"

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 musicians 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 mandate of presenting special projects. Previous presentations have included the music of Phil Nimmons, the Stan Kenton Orchestra, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Duke Ellington, *West Side Story* and Gil Evans' *Miles Ahead*, as well as genre-specific presentations including Afro-Cuban and Funk.

For more information on the Toronto Jazz Orchestra and the February 18th performance please call (416) 899-5299, email thetjo@mnsi.net or visit www.thetjo.com.

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