



**SPRING 2025 ISSUE**

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President McNall (left) and  
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kick off Jazz Appreciation Month

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Seth McNall, President

Hello fellow musicians!

This is my first newsletter as President, and I'm very proud to be representing and working for you. I plan to build off the amazing work done by Past President Rob Weatherstone - who is now helping the transition as Vice President - and Doug Eyre, who is staying at the helm as Secretary Treasurer. I'd like to welcome member Ken Baldwin as a newly elected member of the Executive Board.

If anyone would like to be more involved in the union, please let us know.

If we haven't had the pleasure of working together, here is a little about me. I play trombone ([www.sethmcnall.com](http://www.sethmcnall.com)), am director of the newly formed London Jazz Association ([www.jazzassociationlondon.com](http://www.jazzassociationlondon.com)), sit on the committee for the London Jazz Festival ([www.londonjazzfestival.ca](http://www.londonjazzfestival.ca)) and teach for Thames Valley District School Board.

I'm happy to report that we have a new collective agreement with Drayton Entertainment that spans three locals. President Paul Mitchell (Central Ontario Musicians Association Local 226) and Executive Director Dusty Kelly (Local 149 Toronto Musicians Association) and I worked together as a team with Drayton management to reach a great agreement for our members.

London Symphonia's contract is coming up for renewal this year, and I look forward to working with all parties involved to create a strong agreement for our members there as well.

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A few of my goals are to update the website (in process), have a stronger relationship with the City and find ways for all music organizations to work together to create a stronger, more diverse and positive music scene in London. I hope in my tenure we get the chance to meet and perform together.

In solidarity,  
Seth



## Upcoming Events



28 Events  
35 Groups  
9 Venues  
April, 2025



Springbank Garden  
Concerts Series  
12 performances being  
held Sundays beginning  
June 22 through  
September 7

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Easter and are looking forward to warmer weather.

I'd to take this opportunity to formally welcome Seth McNall as he settles into his new role as President of the LMA. I look forward to working with Seth!

We are pleased to announce that the Committee for the Springbank Garden Concerts Series met and confirmed the Series will host 12 performances being held Sundays from June 22 to September 7. Special thanks go out to Paula Jesty of Woodshed Concert Series for her leadership, Sandy MacKay for lining up the acts and the City of London for facilitating the event space. We look forward to another great season!

April is Jazz Appreciation Month across North America and again this year with generous funding from the Musicians Performance Trust Fund we were able to provide employment for musicians at 9 venues across the city. A shout out also goes to members Seth



## Office Notes Doug Eyre Secretary Treasurer

McNall and Jason Jamieson of the Jazz Association Of London for their efforts in making the 2nd annual London Jazz Festival a major success again this year.

It was requested by the Canadian Federation of Musicians head office that I share the following information to our membership:  
*DIRECTORY OF CANADIAN UNION-MADE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES*  
*With the impact of Trump's tariffs already being deeply felt by workers across Canada, and with far deeper impacts still to come throughout this tariff crisis and trade war in the days, weeks, and months ahead, it's worth mentioning and that buying union-made Canadian products, and patronizing*

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*unionized hotels, automotive dealers, and other unionized services, supports good jobs in Canada. It's not just where it's made, it's how it's made.*

*When you buy union-made, you're backing good jobs, fair wages, and safe working conditions in communities across Canada. The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) has now launched a new bilingual comprehensive online directory of Canadian union-made products and services so you can support fellow workers, our economy, and good Canadian jobs where workers can collectively bargain for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. The "Buy Union" directory can be found online at:  
<https://canadianlabour.ca/buy-union/>*

I hope to see you at the General Members meeting May 12, 2025, 7:00 via Zoom.

In Solidarity,  
Doug

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

President / 1st Delegate: - Seth McNall  
Vice President / Alternative Delegate: - Rob Weatherstone  
Secretary Treasurer / 2nd Delegate: - Doug Eyre  
Executive Officers: - Sandy MacKay, Tom McInerney, Bobbi Thompson,  
Andrew Petراسيunas, Ken Baldwin.

**Reminder**



**General Members meeting  
May 12, 2025, 7:00 via Zoom.**



Growing up in a family of musicians, country music filled her childhood home, sparking the passion and creativity that shine through her songs. Amanda Keeles' heartfelt lyrics and dynamic stage presence have captivated audiences throughout her musical journey. She has graced numerous stages across Canada, performing in piano lounges, festivals, and country bars. Her performances are diverse, ranging from acoustic versions of her original songs and covers to high-energy rocking country tunes.

Keeles' relatable and uplifting songwriting, combined with her vocal prowess, takes center stage as she performs her original works, high-energy country covers, and beloved classic rock favorites. The title track of her debut album and tour, "Can't Stop Me Now," was released in January 2024 and achieved remarkable success on Canadian radio, quickly becoming an anthem for dream chasers.

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## MEMBER NEWS

Have something to share in the next newsletter or on social media?

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