

N.O.W.

New Orchestra Workshop provides a focus for the creation of an original west coast Canadian musical idiom. Members and affiliates from across Canada and abroad join with Vancouver musicians and composers to present innovative programming of original compositions and multi-media works.

Music Performance

Promotion of Original Compositions

Public Workshops on Improvised and Composed Music

Exchange programs: Canada, United States, Europe and Japan

Multi-Media Collaborations: Music*Poetry*Visual Art*Film*Video*Dance

History

New Orchestra Workshop was formed in 1977 by a group of Vancouver musicians to fulfill a need in the local creative music community for workshop, rehearsal and performance space. Achievements include: Canada Council Explorations Grant in 1978; Sponsorship of Workshops by Dr. Karl Berger of the Creative Music Studio, Woodstock, New York; organization of Three Creative Music Festivals in 1979, 1980 and 1981; Album Releases: "Up Til Now" by the New Orchestra Quintet, 1979, "Music for the Living" by E.S.B., 1981, "Blue Tales in Time" by Paul Cram and the N.O.W. Band ("Blue Tales in Time" was nominated for a Juno Award as Best Jazz Album of 1982), "Veji", 1984 and "Classic Veji", 1986.

Recent Programming

NOW Creative Music Series at the Centre Culturel Colombien

Charlie Haden Workshop

Participation in Vancouver, Edmonton, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal International Jazz Festivals in 1986

Vancouver Art Trio performance at the Robert Creeley Reading, Vancouver

Paul Plimley Trio collaboration with Poet Gerry Gilbert, Western Front

Hugh Fraser Quintet winner of 1987 ALCAN Jazz Competition: Pacific Division.

Finals to be held at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal

Up Coming Events

NOW Ensembles to Perform in the 1987 Canadian Jazz Festivals: Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Saskatchewan, Montreal, Ottawa and Victoriaville

NOW Workshop Series with Visiting Artists at Vancouver Jazz Festival

Centre Culturel Colombien Creative Music Series: September-December 1987

Sequences: a Multi Media work to be premiered: 1987 Fringe Festival

Affiliates

Canada Council; Traqu'en Art, Montreal; Western Front; Coastal Jazz and Blues Society; CAPAC; Pro Can; Music Gallery, Toronto; CFRO FM; Pro Musica; Centre Culturel Colombien; Canadian Music Centre; From Be-Bop to Now Records; Nine Winds Records, Los Angeles; CODA Magazine, Toronto; Fringe Festival; CBC Radio; University of B.C.; Simon Fraser University; Vancouver Community College; Banff School of Fine Arts; Vancouver Poetry Front; West Coast Surrealist Group; Vancouver Community Arts Council; Vancouver Partnership for Business and the Arts.

**VANCOUVER ART TRIO * VEJI * LUNAR ADVENTURES * JAZZOIDS
PAUL PLIMLEY TRIO & OCTET * HUGH FRASER QUINTET
COAST QUARTET * CHIEF FEATURE**

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