

# BLYTHWOOD WINDS

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### **About BW**

The Blythwood Winds is one of Toronto's most sought after wind ensembles. Founded in 2010, the quintet presents concerts at many of Toronto's musical and cultural venues. Deeply committed to Canadian music, in 2015, the quintet gave a concert at the Music Gallery, featuring world premieres by Toronto-based composers. They also performed at the 2015 JUNOfest Classical Nominees' Showcase.

The Blythwood Winds has a fruitful relationship with the Canadian Music Centre including performances of music by many Canadian composers, and have been recorded for the CMC's online music service, CentreStreams. The quintet has also been involved with the CMC's OPUS Testing, a co-presentation/workshop with Musica Reflecta. Last summer, they presented a concert at the Toronto Music Garden, and this August, they perform at Music in St. James Park.

As an initiative to promote Canadian music, Blythwood Winds presents the second Hogtown Roundup, a concert of newly commissioned music, this June.

Blythwood Winds is passionate about spreading music to all audiences. They also perform standard repertoire and their own arrangements of different musical genres at Toronto bars.

### **Just the Facts**

- A group of young Canadian artists committed to sharing music with their community
- Many concerts in partnership with new music organizations
- A wind quintet supporting the commission of new repertoire for this chamber ensemble

### **Mission Statement**

Over the past five years, Blythwood Winds has established itself as a professional chamber ensemble in the city of Toronto.

We seek to:

- Share much-loved repertoire with our audiences
- Promote the composition and performance of new music
- Enrich our community through the exploration of art and culture through music
- Contribute to the high level of musical offerings within the city of Toronto

Blythwood Winds prides itself on its particular passion for the creation and performance of new music.

### **Selected Favourite Repertoire**

- Kevin Lau, *Living Miniatures*
- Samuel Barber, *Summer Music*

- Jacques Hétu, *Quintette, op. 13*
- David Maslanka, *Quintet No. 3*
- John Williams, *Midway March* (arr. Vander Hyden)

### Reviews

“Blythwood Winds is certainly creating a name for themselves with superb chamber music playing and their dedication to commissioning and performing new Canadian works.” – April 18, 2015 “Blythwood Winds: Hogtown Roundup” (Sharon Lee, Toronto Guardian)\*

### Photo



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