

BLYTHWOOD WINDS

SHORT BIO

Blythwood Winds is one of Toronto's most sought-after wind ensembles. Founded in 2010, the quintet plays at many of the city's musical venues. Deeply committed to the performance of Canadian music, the quintet produces annual concerts of all Canadian programs, featuring world premieres from Canadian composers. Starting in 2015, their concerts have featured world premieres by composers including William Rowson, Kevin Lau, Jason Doell, Elisha Denburg, Bekah Simms, Anna Höstman, and Emilie LeBel.

In 2015, the group was also featured on the Junofest Classical Nominees Showcase presented by CBC Music and the CMC. Blythwood Winds has a fruitful relationship with the Canadian Music Centre. As well as concerts of Canadian music, the quintet has also been involved with the CMC's OPUS Testing, a co-presentation with Musica Reflecta in which they premiered pieces for wind quintet and narrator. Blythwood Winds has recordings on the CMC's digital audio archive CentreStreams, and has plans to release an album on Centrediscs featuring a selection of their new repertoire in the near future.

A founding member of Wind Quintet International, they were a part of a 2018 nation-wide project showcasing commissions from five composers (Carmen Brayden, Cris Derksen, Emily Doolittle, Daniel Janke, and Cameron Wilson) in collaboration with five quintets active in other parts of Canada.

Blythwood is also passionate about sharing music with all audiences, performing arrangements of different musical genres in fun, casual venues like pubs.

Sarah Yunji Moon, flute

Elizabeth Eccleston, oboe

Anthony Thompson, clarinet

Kevin Harris, bassoon

Curtis Vander Hyden, horn