

William Carn

Trombonist, Composer, Clinician

Trombonist William Carn has emerged as one of Canada's leading contemporary jazz composers and performers. He has performed and recorded with jazz artists such as Rob McConnell, Randy Brecker, David Binney, Kenny Wheeler, Barry Harris, Jane Bunnett, Kevin Mahogany, Mike Murley, Hilario Duran, Andrew Downing, Bernie Senensky, Don Thompson, and Phil Dwyer. His debut release, *Other Stories*, was nominated for a **2007 Juno Award** as *Traditional Jazz Album of the Year*. He has also been nominated for *Trombonist of the Year* at the **National Jazz Awards** in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

As a bandleader, William currently leads the ***William Carn Quintet***, featuring some of Canada's finest musicians. The group includes Kelly Jefferson, saxophones; David Braid, piano; Kieran Overs, bass; and Anthony Michelli, drums. The group will be releasing their follow-up recording, ***Lessons Learned*** in the spring of 2007 and with the generous support of the Canada Council for the Arts, will be supporting it with a 14-city tour, which will take them across Canada.

The ***William Carn Quintet***'s has performed all across Canada as well as headlining at the ***Beaches International Jazz Festival*** in Toronto.

William also enjoys a diverse freelance career in Toronto having worked with classical ensembles like the *Niagara Brass Quintet*, musicals including *The Producers*, *Frank: A Life in Song* and *Grease*, and also numerous studio and concert engagements for commercial artists such as Sarah Slean, Hawksley Workman, Emily Haynes, Kathleen Edwards, Dionne Taylor, Sophie Millman, Jeff Healy, Colin James, Jack Soul, Jarvis Church, Jon Secada, Peabo Bryson, Sheena Easton, Christopher Cross, Sisqo, Frankie Valli, and Don Rickles.

As a clinician and teacher, William has taught throughout Canada for such distinguished institutions as the University of Toronto, Capilano College, Grant MacEwan College, Mohawk College and for the Toronto, York and Etobicoke boards of Education.

Currently William is a member of several ensembles including the the *Hilario Duran Big Band*, *Kieran Overs Dectet*, the *Bernie Senensky Septet*, the *Andy Ballantyne Large Ensemble (ABLE)*, the *Paul Read Orchestra (PRO)*, the *Art of Jazz Orchestra*, the *Heilig Manoeuvre*, the *Vern Dorge Sextet*, the *Urban Arts Brass Ensemble*, and the *Laura Hubert Band*.

William is a Yamaha artist and clinician as well as an instructor for both the University of Toronto Jazz Studies program and Humber College.