

The Mike Allen Quartet - Celebrating Sonny Greenwich

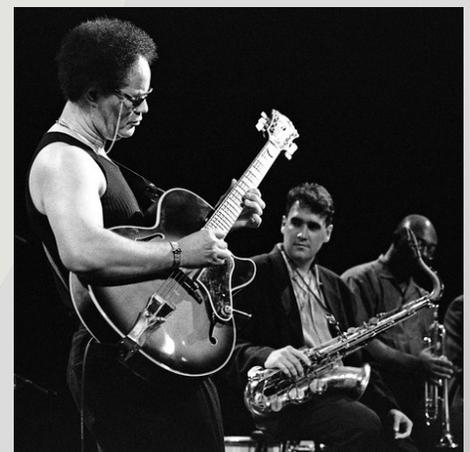


Acclaimed Canadian jazz tenor saxophonist Mike Allen and his quartet (featuring Miles Black-piano&guitar, Steve Holy-bass and Dave Robbins-drums) hit the road in BC and Alberta in support of their new album "Celebrating Sonny Greenwich" (ALM 17711). This is Mike's 17th album as a leader and 14th on his own label ALMUS JAZZ. The band will be performing new and vintage compositions by legendary Canadian jazz guitarist Sonny Greenwich as well as music written by Allen and select jazz standards.

The MAQ will be at **Muninn's Post (Kelowna, BC) on May 21 @7pm**, **Lorenzo's Cafe (Enderby, BC) on May 22 @8pm**, **The Nexus At First (Salmon Arm, BC) on May 23 @7pm**, **Yardbird Suite (Edmonton, AB) on May 25 @8pm**, and **King Eddy (Calgary, AB) on May 26 @8pm**.

Mike Allen, 53, is a Conn-Selmer Artist, has a Masters In Jazz Performance from New York University, appears on Michael Bublé's Grammy Award winning Crazy Love and is hailed by the Ottawa Citizen as "Canada's top saxophonist". Originally from Kingston Ontario, Allen spent years on the Montreal, New York and Vancouver jazz scenes with credits on over 40 albums as a leader and sideman.

About Sonny Greenwich: Known for his uplifting, over-driven guitar solos, Sonny Greenwich is a legend in Canadian Jazz, a member of the Order Of Canada and a multiple time recipient of Jazz Guitarist of the Year (Jazz Report Awards). From 1990 to 2002 Mike was a member of Sonny's band, recording several CBC radio programs and two full-length albums, Fragments Of A Memory (Cornerstone) and Standard Idioms (Kleo) which was nominated for both JUNO and FELIX jazz awards. They also performed sold-out jazz festival concerts and club shows in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. Mike says of Sonny "since the beginning of my career he has been my primary musical inspiration. I consider him my Miles Davis and am blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from him in such a direct and personal way. I was especially honoured to be the first saxophonist he invited into his band since the mid 1970s. Our friendship and artistic connection continues to this day".



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