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Saxophones dominate on recent Canadian albums

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Tara Davidson performs a series of duets on her new album.

IT'S time to catch up on some Canadian jazz recordings, ranging from duets to nonets, from Montreal to home.

And if saxophones tend to predominate, don't read it as a trend; it just happened that way.



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Toronto saxophonist Tara Davidson steps back from her usual recording format of quartet to nonet for a series of 13 duets with six top musicians, including tenor saxophonist Mike Murley, her first jazz saxophone teacher, to expat pianist Laila Biali, now based in New York City.

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Can Premier Greg Selinger win the leadership race and lead the NDP to an election victory?

Versatile sax player Tevet Sela plays hard on Lying Sun. (SUPPLIED PHOTO)

Davidson, playing alto and soprano saxophones, performs with a wide range of emotions to suit the material and her duet partners' styles on the disc Duets (Addo Records). There is some boppish back-and-forth on 130 E. 39th St. with Murley,

pianist David Braid sets up an odd-metered groove on Lele's Tune Part 1 and Biali conjures the sun on The Good Earth.

There is a definite chemistry among the musicians here, which includes tenor saxophonist Trevor Hogg, bassist and cellist Andrew Downing and guitarist David Occhipinti. They are hand-picked friends and musical associates of Davidson, which means they're starting from a sympathetic place, unlike some contrived matches.

Former Winnipegger Cameron Wallis, a Montreal-based saxophonist, takes the bulk of the composition duties on the first album by the Montreal Hard Bop Five, MTL HB5 (Independent).

The quintet -- pianist Jonathan Cayer, bassist Fred Grenier, drummer Alain Bourgeois, trumpeter David Carboneau and Wallis -- is making a name for itself in Montreal as purveyors and interpreters of what band leader Grenier calls "the revered hard-bop school of jazz."

Wallis composed six of the nine tunes, Cayer wrote one and the band performs two by Montreal saxophonist Dave Turner.

Grenier wasn't kidding when he said they revere hard bop by the likes of Horace Silver, Art Blakey, Donald Byrd and Cannonball Adderley.

And who can blame them? It's great music and the five band members play it well, treat the genre with respect and add to the repertoire. And they can swing, such as on Turner's Miriam and Down at Dino's.

Wallis and Cayer stand out, but the entire band is bright, with a sense of jazz history and the chops to make it fresh.

Montreal saxophonist Tevet Sela, a transplant from Tel Aviv since 2010, plays like hell on his CD Lying Sun (Effendi Records).

The alto and soprano player gets help from pianist John Roney, bassist Morgan Moore and drummer Martin Auguste on tunes such as Morganic and Field of Dreams.

This is a very tight ensemble throughout with contributions from everyone. Roney does a lot of heavy lifting and really shines on numbers like Genie is Out.

Sela plays hard, especially on the title track and takes it easy on Getting Younger. He's versatile, and has a nice warm tone.

Winnipegger Julie Husband plays flute and bass flute on her disc Bach to Bolling and Beyond (Elegant Music), on which she performs music such as Claude Bolling's Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano and Moe Koffman's Swingin' Shepherd Blues.

The Bolling suite, composed in 1973 for classical flute and a jazz piano trio, was originally recorded in 1975, became a crossover hit and earned a Grammy nomination for best chamber music performance.

The melding of the two genres works well in its seven movements and is an engaging, accessible work, especially when you have a pianist as adept as Will Bonness combining with Husband's flute playing.

There is something infinitely Canadian and reassuring about listening to Koffman's signature tune. Husband's fine flute work, Bonness's solos and comping, Nedad Zdjelar's bass and Tony Cyre's drums bring back fond memories.

Bach is represented by Valse by Claus Ogerman, based on a Bach theme, and Badinerie (Suite in B Minor), arranged by saxophonist Janice Finlay and including some tasty bass playing.

The disc was recorded live in Winnipeg.

Husband, a stalwart in the orchestra pit at Rainbow Stage, was the first musician to have her portrait hung on the open-air theatre's Wall of Fame this summer.

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- Yes. He has the experience and resolve.
- No, but one of his challengers might if they win the leadership race.
- No way. The NDP has no chance, whoever wins the race.

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