**Jake Moodie Trio**

**Show Description**

Celebrate International Jazz Day in style! 🎷 On Wednesday, April 30, Jake Moodie (bass), Emilio Geremia (piano), and Mason Guite (drums) will light up the stage with fresh grooves, fearless improvisation, and unstoppable energy. This high-energy performance is brought to you in partnership with Niagara Falls University - Don’t miss this unforgettable night of next-gen jazz!

**Jake Moodie - Leader + Bass**

Jake Moodie (JakeBassist) is a well-renowned acoustic and electric bassist from Ontario, Canada, currently based in Toronto. With a deep passion for both jazz and classical music, Jake has carved out a reputation as a versatile and dynamic performer, inspiring musicians and bassists worldwide. His artistry and technical prowess have led him to collaborate with some of the finest musicians in the industry, including acclaimed trumpet player Brownman Ali. Jake’s playing is defined by precision, emotion, and a deep musical sensibility.

**Emilio Geremia - Piano**

Emilio Geremia, from Welland, Ontario, is 17 years old and has been studying piano since he was 3 ½ years old. For the last two years, he has been the piano accompanist for the Brock University Jazz Ensemble and the Brock University Wind Ensemble under the direction of Zoltan Kalman. He has completed his Grade 9 Canadian National Conservatory of Music (CNCM) Piano performance exam and has twice been the recipient of the CNCM Silver Medal for achieving the highest mark in Canada for his grade level classical piano accomplishments.

In the summers of 2019 and 2020, he also won first place in the TD Niagara Jazz Festival’s “Jazz for the Ages” Youth Competition in the 12 and under category, and in the summer of 2021, he again won first place in the TD Niagara Jazz Festival’s “Jazz for the Ages” Youth Competition in the 13-17 age-category. During December 2019, he was honoured to perform with the Peter Shea Trio in a musical tribute to “A Charlie Brown Christmas” along with Order of Canada member Terry Clarke on the drums and Pat LaBarbera on tenor saxophone.

Recently, Emilio was most honoured to be selected as the pianist for the 2023 Canadian National Youth Jazz Combo which will be practicing and performing at this year’s MusicFest Canada in Niagara Falls later this month under the direction of Dr. Noam Lemish of York University. He is one of six youth selected from across Canada to be part of this National ensemble and is excited to perform at such a prestigious event.

Emilio is currently a Grade 12 student at Notre Dame College High School in Welland, Ontario and plays in the Notre Dame Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble. He also plays piano and organ at his parish, St. Kevin’s Church in Welland every weekend.

Emilio performs locally at various wineries and private events in the region from Vieni Estates Winery to the Spirit in Niagara Distillery. He enjoys playing various genres of music, he loves to improvise and compose and he has even learned how to play the saxophone and the guitar in his music class at school, thanks to his elementary school music teacher Dean Jessome, and high school music teacher Ann Bourdages.

In the Fall of 2024, Emilio was also deeply honoured to be the first-ever recipient of the Peter Shea Music Award. Presented by the Niagara Jazz Festival, this award recognizes the achievements of a multi-instrumentalist student in grades 8 to 12. [CLICK HERE](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C_vSZvLupbR/) to watch Emilio receiving his award.

Beyond his accomplishments in music, Emilio is actively working on his aircraft pilot’s license, having achieved his solo license in the spring of 2022 at the age of 14 years old. When he’s not at the piano or flying high in the sky, he was recently elected as one of two student high school Trustees to represent the Niagara Catholic District School Board, and is also involved in his school’s Students’ Council, Social Climate Club, Ecoclub and Cross-country team.

**Jude Leynes - Drums**

Jude is a third year music major from Laurier who is currently studying jazz with Ted Warren.