

## JP Saxe Band



Pianist, songwriter and singer JP Saxe (Trading Hearts) has put together a killer jazz/pop band especially for the New Generation Stage. JP's band will be playing a combination of original and new arrangements of some best-loved standards.

JP is a rising star in the music community and at only 18 years of age has garnered lots of attention in the Toronto scene. He has played with Nikki Yanofsky, and has collaborated with her on songwriting. Winner of several battle of the bands, and arts awards, his performances have been selected to be part of Jazz FM's Jazz Safaris.

*"He's an old soul." Jaymz Bee*

JP has been performing in jazz clubs since the age of 14, and has performed with Robert Scott, Julie Michaels, Rob Christian and Nathan Hiltz. He is also a frequent special guest of 'Down by Riverside' and Rehan Dalal. His voice has been compared to Jamie Cullum and Jason Mraz. His songwriting combines a catchy and heartfelt combination of jazz and pop sensibilities.

JP will be joined by Jack Emblem (Trading Hearts) on drums, and award winning guitarist and songwriter, TJ Whitelaw and other surprise guests. JP with TJ performed on our Youth Stage at the Beaches Jazz Festival during the inaugural year of the Beaches Youth Initiatives' Program.

JP is an active member of Free the Children and has travelled to India and Kenya as a volunteer. These trips have lent inspiration to many of his original songs.

***To see some great videos search 'JP Saxe and TJ Whitelaw' on youtube.com***