

King Music Collective brings together high-caliber music and food

By Mark Pavilons

A King Township home will be transformed into an intimate lounge, filled with the silky smooth sounds of contemporary jazz. The latest artistic endeavour ? The King Music Collective ? will bring together music and food through in-home concerts over the next year.

Hopes are the brand new ?music society? will feature monthly musical performances from internationally renowned jazz and music artists, as well as musicians, in an intimate setting.

The series launches Dec. 13 with an afternoon concert featuring an amazing jazz trio. On tap will be one of Canada's finest composers and producers, John Sherwood on piano, with Juno Award winner Paul Novotny on bass and multiple Grammy and Juno winner Terry Clarke on drums. The trio will be performing the music of the late, great Peter Appleyard and Oscar Peterson, as well as other familiar and much-loved jazz gems.

The event will be hosted by Michele Mele at her 8th Concession home. It runs from 2 to 5 p.m. that day and tickets are \$30, which include a snack. Students with ID can pay \$15 at the door. Caliber Wines and Schomberg restaurant Port Soiree are supplying the beverages and food.

Sherwood will be performing on Mele's legendary Fazioli piano, arguably one of the finest pianos in the world.

In addition, there will be a special and unique circus performance during intermission.

Mele herself is an accomplished artist. The unique and eclectic sound of Mele's music has something for all artistic tastes, from smoothly flowing jazz rifts and bossa nova beats to pop-rock rhythms and electronic accents.

Mele said she's been tossing the idea around for years and decided to open her home as the venue for this new local endeavour. She wants to draw a local audience of music aficionados who can enjoy world-class music close to home.

Her home offers great acoustics and her Fazioli piano is simply amazing.

The Fazioli Company has produced grand and concert-grand pianos since 1981, when the company was founded by pianist and engineer Paolo Fazioli. Each instrument is individually handcrafted combining high quality materials with the finest workmanship and technology. The Fazioli factory is in the northeastern part of Italy, an area renowned for an ancient and prestigious tradition in woodworking.

Mele is lining up other artists to perform and she hopes to have a special Valentine's event Feb. 14. In the summer, Mele would love to open up her patio and back yard for jazz garden parties.

For more on Mele herself, visit www.michelemele.com

The King Music Collective plans to offer these small concerts from April through October 2015. The complete 2015 performance series lineup will be announced soon.

For more information and tickets, visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/943557>. You can also contact Lesley Mitchell-Clarke at 416-486-6742 or Amanda@lmcmmedia.ca