



Mike Downes Parallel Streams Ensemble

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"As gifted a composer as he is a bassist." - *Chris Kosky, International Society of Bassists*
"In it (the "*In the Current*" suite), Downes shows a keen ear for melody and phrasing, as he does elsewhere, and his charts are contemporary in the best sense of the word - *Jack Bowers, All About Jazz*
"Listed in Top Canadian Jazz CDs of 2013 - *Peter Hum, Ottawa Citizen*

The Parallel Streams Ensemble is an 11-piece jazz group featuring some of the top musicians in Toronto. Led by Juno award winner Mike Downes, the group showcases his melodic compositional approach that takes full advantage of the textural possibilities of the ensemble. Drawing inspiration from "third stream" music, in which Gil Evans, Miles Davis, Gunther Schuller and others fused elements of Western art music with jazz in the 1950s, Mike is moving into 2014 with music that "emanates from all the experiences in my life and from the many tributaries that have converged into the collective stream of music" ***In the Current*** was released on Addo Records in early 2014.

Mike Downes *bass, conductor*, **Colleen Allen** *alto and soprano saxophones, flute, clarinet and bass clarinet*, **Kelly Jefferson** *tenor and soprano saxophones*, **Shirantha Beddage** *baritone, tenor and soprano saxophones, flute, clarinet and bass clarinet*, **Jonathan Challoner** *trumpet and flugelhorn*, **James MacDonald** *F/Bb horn, descant horn*, **Kelsley Grant** *trombone*, **N. Jay Burr** *tuba*, **Brian Dickinson** *piano and keyboard*, **Ted Quinlan** *guitar*, **Mark Kelso** *drums and percussion*.

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