

## **Bill Coon**

Juno nominated guitarist-composer-arranger Bill Coon is one of Canada's most highly respected and sought after musicians as well as winner of the 2009 National Jazz Awards "Guitarist of the Year".

He has performed with award winning artists such as Jimmy Heath, Eddie Daniels, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Dee Daniels, P.J. Perry and Campbell Ryga. Some of his more notable collaborations have been with vocalist/pianist Denzal Sinclair and hip-hop artist K-OS.

His writing and performing has been documented on over thirty CD's to date, while jazz ensembles and symphony orchestras throughout the world have performed his arrangements. He is a regular performer at both the Jazz Cellar and O'Doul's Restaurant in Vancouver and tours throughout BC, Canada, and the rest of North America.

Bill performs regularly as a leader with Two Much Guitar (a collaboration with legendary guitarist Oliver Gannon), the Bill Coon Quartet featuring Ross Taggart and the BC Double Quartet (jazz quartet and string quartet) featuring Brad Turner.

He has recorded and performed with Jill Townsend Big Band, Jennifer Scott, Karin Plato, Laura Crema, Wow Jazz Orchestra, Kevin Elashuk Trio, Kate Hammett-Vaughan and Miles Black. His keen interest in Brazilian music has inspired performances with Ray Piper and Tom Keenlyside in the Choro ensemble Gostosinhoas well as a duo with pianist Michael Creber.

In addition to a busy performance and recording schedule, Bill is in high demand as an educator. He teaches arranging, composition and jazz guitar at Capilano University in North Vancouver and is a clinician and adjudicator for music festivals throughout Canada.

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