

# JAZZ SUDBURY



EMERGING  
ARTIST  
SHOWCASE  
**2025**

SUBMISSION  
**GUIDELINES**



Emerging  
Artists



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# WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE NEXT GREAT JAZZ ARTISTS FROM ONTARIO!

The Jazz Sudbury Emerging Artist program is presented in conjunction with the Jazz Sudbury Festival. To enter, simply submit a video of your best live performance on the Jazz Sudbury Facebook page.

The top three finalists will be announced 11 July 2025. Each finalist act will receive \$500, a live performance at the Emerging Artist Showcase Finals (details to be announced), passes to the mainstage events at Jazz Sudbury Festival [September 2025] and a jazz masterclass with a professional touring jazz musician.

The Emerging Artist winner will receive an additional \$1000 prize, one-on-one mentorship courtesy of Canada's Music Incubator and will perform on the mainstage at the Jazz Sudbury Festival in September.

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS 30 JUNE 2025

### ELIGIBILITY

Performers must:

- currently reside in the province of Ontario;
- submit a video with current band personnel;
- appear in only one submission;
- not be signed to a major recording contract;
- not have appeared professionally at other festivals;
- obtain performance rights for non-original compositions where necessary.

#### STEP 1 select your song

An original composition is preferable but not mandatory. Your song choice must fall into the jazz music genre (jazz, swing, bebop, fusion, funk, Latin jazz, blues, etc.)

#### STEP 2 shoot your video

Videos should be three to five minutes in length. Performances are to be recorded live with no over-dubs or additional instrumentation introduced in post-production.

#### STEP 3 upload your video

You are first required to agree to the Official Rules. Download the Artist Release and Agreement form at [jazzsudbury.com](http://jazzsudbury.com) and email the completed form to [director@jazzsudbury.com](mailto:director@jazzsudbury.com) along with a short bio and photo. Upload your video by Monday 30 June 2025 at 11.59 pm.

#### STEP 4 judging

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of music industry experts. The panel will select three finalists who will be invited to perform live at the Emerging Artist Showcase Finals event in Sudbury. The act that scores highest on a combination of video submission and live performance will be declared the winner at the end of the evening.

**BY ENTERING THIS CONTEST YOU FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREE TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES WHICH ARE FINAL AND BINDING IN ALL RELATED MATTERS.**

## **OFFICIAL RULES**

All participants selected for the final round of voting will be invited to perform at the Emerging Artist Showcase Finals event in Sudbury where they will receive a \$500 performance fee. The grand prize winner will also perform on the mainstage at the Jazz Sudbury Festival.

### **finalist requirements**

Jazz Sudbury reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify this competition, or any part of it, if any factors impair its integrity or proper functioning, as determined by Jazz Sudbury in its sole discretion. Jazz Sudbury reserves the right to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the submission process or the operation of the competition or to be acting in violation of these Official Rules or any other promotion or in an unfair, dishonourable or disruptive manner and void all associated submissions.

### **general conditions**

If your submission is chosen for the finalist round, you will be notified through a post on the Jazz Sudbury Facebook page.

### **finalist notification**

Winners of previous Jazz Sudbury Emerging Artist Showcase competitions are not eligible for entry. Employees and relatives or spouses of an employee of the Jazz Sudbury Festival are not eligible to participate. Video submissions must not contain footage, images or artwork not created by the entrant. Videos must not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent, obscene, hateful, defamatory, slanderous, illegal or libelous. By entering the competition, you grant Jazz Sudbury the right to display your video on the Jazz Sudbury website and on any other media platform for public viewing. Your video will not be visible to visitors of the website until it has been reviewed and approved by the Jazz Sudbury Board of Directors and the website administrator. All individual musicians appearing in your video must complete the Artist Release and Agreement form available at [jazzsudbury.com](http://jazzsudbury.com). If you are under the age of eighteen you must have a parent or legal guardian complete and sign the appropriate section of the release form. Signed forms should be scanned and emailed to [director@jazzsudbury.com](mailto:director@jazzsudbury.com).

### **regulations**



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