



# STRAIGHT AHEAD

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**Straight Ahead** offers an exciting, quality jazz experience that will leave you challenged! Community performers and Providence students come together with a “big band” sound, dazzling jazz festival audiences and church congregations with their toe-tapping, attention-grabbing pieces. This past year, the group also stirred up some local jazz energy by performing and leading music workshops at two Manitoba schools. This talented ensemble has an obvious love of music and a desire to use it in new ways to bring glory to God.

Straight Ahead will surprise you, not only with the music they play, but also with their energy and enthusiasm! Do not miss your opportunity to experience this one of a kind band!

In addition to delivering concert-quality performances for audiences of all ages, this group can also provide a program that can be modified to suit the needs of your event.

They are particularly thrilled when talking jazz with fellow music lovers in a comfortable workshop setting. An event with them can include these elements:

- ❖ Lively, dynamic jazz music
- ❖ Educational workshops on the components of jazz performance (available to church/school bands upon request)

All members of Providence touring ensembles are selected on the basis of their skills and talents, as well as their commitment to excellence in performing and service to others. Our performers provide a real-life example of the academic excellence and character development we strive for at Providence. We believe that our ensembles can and will have a significant impact on their audiences through the expression of their artistic talents and personal interaction with the public.



2010-2011 Straight Ahead Band Members

Some of our hosts choose to give us a financial gift in the form of an honorarium or free will offering. You are invited to do so but are not obligated to give financially. What we do request is an extension of hospitality on the day of the event. Due to scheduling, this may involve a meal or even overnight accommodations.

## ***What People are saying...***

“I thoroughly enjoyed the program. My husband used to do sound events for the school division and our daughter sang and played jazz, so we really enjoyed our music. It was excellent!! They definitely showed an enthusiasm for their music and were obviously well trained by Providence. Thank you for coming!!”

Mrs. Vivian Johnson, The Church at Pine Ridge  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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## Who We Are

Providence College and Seminary is a Christian academic community in the evangelical tradition that teaches people to grow in knowledge and character for leadership and service. It offers accredited graduate degree programs in Ministerial Training, Theological Studies and Counseling, and accredited undergraduate degree programs in the Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. Providence is located in Otterburne, Manitoba.

## Book this Touring Ensemble

For more information on this group and all the touring ensembles that Providence College offers, please visit Student Life on the [providencecollege.ca](http://providencecollege.ca) website. Thank you for your interest and we hope to be able to visit you soon!

To book this group, please contact Tracy Doerksen, Tour Ensembles Coordinator, at [tracy.doerksen@prov.ca](mailto:tracy.doerksen@prov.ca).



*(Clockwise from above)*  
*Straight Ahead in Concert. Joel Jolly on the Saxophone; Straight Ahead director Matt Neufeld joins the group on Trumpet.*

*(All band photos courtesy of Brenda Peters)*