NICK MACLEAN QUARTET is:

Nick Maclean - keys, Brownman Ali - trumpet, Ben Duff - bass, Jacob Wutzke - drums

Nick Maclean – bandleader / pianist / composer

Born in Ottawa and now based in Toronto NICK MACLEAN is the winner of 8 Global Music Awards and has quickly become one of the most in demand piano players in Toronto's bustling jazz scene. Maclean received his Bachelors of Music from Humber College studying with David Restivo, Bernie Senensky and Nancy Walker. He then went on to do a Masters in Jazz Performance at the University of Toronto researching synthesizer pedagogy while studying under David Occhipinti, Andrew Downing, Chris Donnelly & David Braid. Braid in particular had an enormous influence on how Maclean approaches playing and composing. Maclean has also been mentored by acclaimed trumpet player Brownman Ali since he was 22, who signed him to Browntasauras Records shortly after meeting. From Miles & Hancock to Weather Report & Snarky Puppy, Maclean's musical influences are diverse. Maclean also leads the award-winning, groove-based, electric-jazz project SNAGGLE, who's release THE LONG SLOG was awarded 3 Gold-Standard Global Music Awards and has received international critical acclaim. The future is bright for this young visionary as he continues his upward ascent in jazz artforms of all shapes & sizes.

Brownman Ali – trumpet / producer

Trinidadian-born, NYC-schooled & heralded as "Canada's preeminent Jazz trumpeter" by NYC's Village Voice, multi-award winning trumpet player Brownman Ali stands at the forefront of innovation in the Canadian jazz community. A 2x National Jazz Award winner, and protégé to his teacher, Grammy-winning trumpet legend Randy Brecker, he tirelessly leads 8 unique ensembles of his own including the internationally acclaimed, Miles Davis influenced, BROWNMAN ELECTRYC TRIO. In 2009 he launched his own record label: Browntasauras Records, which is now a home to all his ensembles as well as the NICK MACLEAN QUARTET. Now, using the label as a breeding ground for new and visionary talent in the modern jazz realm, Browntasauras and Brownman himself are widely regarded as vanguards for the evolution of Jazz in Canada.

Ben Duff – acoustic bass

Born in Hamilton, and a winner of Humber College's prestigious Eddy Sossin Jazz award, Ben Duff is one of the most in-demand young bassists in the Toronto jazz scene. Known for his virtuosity and stylistic flexibility, he's the anchor of countless rhythm sections as well as being a brilliant and inventive improviser.

Jacob Wutzke - drums

A graduate of Humber College & McGill University, and now a mainstay in the Montreal & Toronto scenes, Jacob Wutzke's drumming is often lauded for his exceptional technique, his creative brilliance, and his fearless improvisatory intuition. A highly in demand sideman, he's performed with luminaries like Juno winners Caity Gyorgy, Allison Au, and Pat Labarbera.