

Ralph Barrat *MUSIC!*

Ralph Barrat is a jazz pianist and singer from the Comox Valley and has been playing jazz and blues for many years. He has been the vocalist for the Georgia Straight Big Band, the pianist and vocalist in Jazztet and The Jenn Forsland Group, and most recently in his own trio. The RB Trio spent the last winter playing in Bucerias, Mexico, including weekly at Armi Grano's Encore Jazz Restaurant.

Among his biggest influences are pianist/vocalists such as Harry Connick Jr., Nat King Cole, and Mose Allison. You can also hear the influences of Sinatra, and Chet Baker in his voice and currently his favourite jazz pianists are the Keith Jarrett Trio, Tommy Flanagan, and as always, Bill Evans.

Ralph currently plays with various jazz groups on the Island but likes nothing better than going it alone with just his keyboard and a microphone. You will hear jazz standards from sultry ballads to cool latin grooves to hot swinging tunes.

Please visit Ralph's website: ralphbarrat.com

