

## Company Bio

### *About the Collective...*

ZESTcreative is a collective of emerging dance artists with a vision for dance to be a part of peoples' daily lives. Zoë Kenneally, Eva Connelly-Miller, and Sarah McLennan are graduates of Ryerson University's dance program and are performance artists based out of Toronto, Ontario. It is the group's mission to make dance accessible and create works that resonate with people outside of the dance community. The collective hopes to incorporate dance arts into popular culture by collaborating with artists from other disciplines. ZESTcreative is passionate about making dance a relatable form of expression while staying true to our own artistic point of view.

### *About the Musicians...*

**Emily Steinwall** is a saxophone player, vocalist, flautist and bandleader based in Toronto. Her latest project, under her own name, is a sharp turn from her past work as a bandleader, with a genre-blending sound that features for the first time her abilities as a lyricist.

Steinwall toured as a backup singer with Alessia Cara from April 2018 until January 2019, and through that has performed on the "Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon", the "Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and "Austin City Limits", among other notable television broadcasts. She has also performed on world renowned stages, including Madison Square Garden, Scotiabank Arena, and at MTV's European Music Awards. In 2018, Steinwall was named the Prince Edward County Jazz Festival's 2018 Rising Young Star. In 2017, at only 22 years old, she was named one of CBC's "35 best Canadian jazz artists under 35", and was the recipient of the prestigious Mary Alice Stewart Award (presented by JazzFM91.1).

**Hannah Barstow** is an up-and-coming pianist, vocalist and composer in the Toronto music scene. As a performer, she is firmly rooted in the tradition of jazz, and is strongly influenced by the classic trios and quartets of Shirley Horn, Ahmad Jamal and Blossom Dearie. As a composer, her jazz, classical, pop, and Bossa Nova influences come through. She composes and arranges "tunes" for groups as small as her trio to large women's choirs and big bands.

Hannah's trio has regularly performed at the Rex Hotel Jazz & Blues Bar since June of 2015, and they were featured as the student performers at the Ken Page Memorial Trust Fundraising Gala in October of 2015. She has also led groups at the Prince Edward County Jazz Festival for the past twelve years, including the summer of 2016 when she was featured as the Rising Young Star. She has performed with a number of renowned Canadian artists including Emilie Claire Barlow, Mike Murley, Steve Wallace, Pat Collins, the Brian Barlow Big Band, the Greg Runions Big Band with the Kingston Symphony, and most recently was commissioned to write and arrange for the Kingston women's choir She Sings! led by Martha Hill Duncan. In November of 2018 she performed on a short tour in Santiago and Viña del Mar, Chile, with Mike Murley.

**Julien Bradley-Combs** is a promising Toronto-based guitarist and composer. He has recently completed his Bachelors degree in Music, with Honours, from Humber College where he was the recipient of the Yamaha Music Award and the Musiccounts Award

Julien is a regular performer around Toronto and Southern Ontario, and plays a variety of musical genres. He has performed in several local jazz festivals (Toronto Jazz fest, Niagara Jazz Fest, Kensington Market Jazz Fest, Orangeville Jazz Fest), as well as at Toronto venues such as The Rex Hotel, The Home Smith Bar, The Emmet Ray, 120 Diner, and many others. Julien has performed with many acclaimed musicians, such as Christian McBride and Emilie-Claire Barlow during their residencies at Humber College, Ted Quinlan, Vaughan Meisner and Drew Jurecka.

Julien is currently completing a Masters Degree in Jazz Performance at the University of Toronto, and is a teacher at the Toronto Institute for the Enjoyment of Music.