

## **Mark Godfrey Bio**

***Bassist Mark Godfrey is quickly becoming one of the new faces in Canadian jazz. Hailing from Southwestern Ontario and currently living in Toronto, he has established himself a mainstay in this national community and was named the 2019 Emerging Jazz Artist by the Toronto Arts Foundation. Composing and performing for many years with his contemporary jazz group, Pram Trio, Mark's work as a co-leader, bassist, and composer has garnered international recognition. In 2014, this group was awarded the Grand Prix de Jazz from the Montreal Jazz Festival and has performed as a feature artist at jazz festivals across Canada including those in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, and Rimouski.***

***Following the release of Pram Trio's most recent album in 2016, Mark began composing for five-piece jazz ensemble and in 2017 started the Mark Godfrey Quintet. This group released their debut EP, Prologue, in 2018, and on February 21st, 2020 will be releasing their first full-length album, Square Peg. Featuring ten original compositions, the recording includes Mark on double bass, Allison Au on alto saxophone, Matt Woroshyl on tenor saxophone, Chris Pruden on piano, and Nick Fraser on drums.***

***His versatility on both electric and double bass has led him to regularly work with a variety of Canadian jazz artists beyond of his own groups including: Kellylee Evans, Barbra Lica, Joanna Majoko, and The Toronto Jazz Orchestra. Also working as a jazz educator, Mark is the private double bass instructor at Mayfield Secondary School for the Arts in Brampton and De La Salle College in Toronto. Over the summer months, he teaches at the National Music Camp in Ontario and at the International Music Camp in Manitoba and North Dakota.***