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NICK LaRIVIERE

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Remember this bad joke from the 90s? “What’s the definition of an optimist? A trombone player with a pager.” Nick LaRiviere put that gag to rest and singlehandedly made a powerful statement: it’s got less to do with what you have and everything to do with how you present it.

LaRiviere is one of this region’s most in demand performers. His schedule is so full that bandleaders must sometimes call months in advance to book him. His travels take him all over the US and Canada as well as on numerous tours in Europe and the Caribbean.

A motivated self starter, LaRiviere obtained a music degree from UVIC and promptly launched a successful career as soloist, sideperson, composer, arranger, recording artist, promoter and producer. His group Trombone Mayhem includes two independent repertoires, jazz and dance. And the Nick LaRiviere Septet showcases his unique and inventive composition and arranging abilities with piano/bass/drums backing plus a string quartet. As if that’s not enough to grab you, he’ll highlight the show with a dazzling conch shell solo.

LaRiviere has written countless arrangements on a freelance basis. His reputation for this is well known and his concise, easily read pages are well known to most freelancers. In addition, he is highly skilled in his own well equipped project studio where he regularly creates tracks for any number of clients requiring solo trombone or horn section parts.

The Paperboys, Ken Lavigne, Michael Kaeshammer, The Timebenders, The Honeycrooners, The Paul Wainwright Band, The Midnights, Southern Urge, Yiddish Columbia State Orchestra are just some of the groups on his tour list. A visit to his website reveals a slate of exceptional gigs



including the Vancouver FolkFest, Victoria JazzFest, The Vancouver Olympics mainstage, with shows coming up in New York, Germany and elsewhere.

His 2009 release *Too Much to Do* has received critical acclaim. LaRiviere’s skilled composing and arranging abilities resulted in outstanding performances by a roster of top players captured in this collection. A new release is presently in the works.

A dedicated and committed artist, LaRiviere is always on the lookout for new opportunities to perform and new players to interact with. “I may be busy, but don’t let that stop you from calling” is a sentiment he lives by.

If you need something done, page the busy guy...

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