



PJ PERRY

PJ Perry is a Canadian jazz saxophonist. He began his career playing in his father's dance band in 1956 and refers to this experience as attending the University of Paul Perry.

By 1958 PJ was fully employed in the music scenes of Vancouver and Toronto, playing alto, tenor, and soprano saxophones as well as clarinet and flute.

PJ is a two-time Juno Award winner and has recorded 12 CDs under his own name. He has also recorded with other artists too numerous to name.

While in New York in 2010 he was a featured soloist on Twyla Tharpe's Broadway production of *Come Fly Away*.

He has been recognized for his contributions to Canadian culture with: the Order of Canada [2016]; an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Alberta [2007]; the Lifetime Achievement Award from City of Edmonton [2005]; and an Honorary Diploma in Music from Grant MacEwan Community College [1996]. He is a seven-time winner of the Best Alto Sax National Jazz Award.

PJ is currently busy playing jazz clubs across the country. He is looking forward to performing *Dreaming of the Masters I*, an original composition written by Allan Gilliland. He will perform it with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in January 2018.