



Wednesday, April 8, 2026

MacEwan University's Bent River Records launching new album by John Sweeney at Yardbird Suite, including student performances

Edmonton – MacEwan University's Bent River Records invites you to the release of *Mysticism for Intellectuals*, the newest album by tenor saxophonist and composer John Sweeney.

The album launch and night of live music will take place at Edmonton's Yardbird Suite.

This album and performance blend bebop, modern jazz and indie rock into a bandstand-driven celebration of composition and improvisation, leaving no harmonic or melodic stone unturned.

The evening will open with a two-song performance by MacEwan students Sydney Amber and Talon Bassani.

Media are invited to join us:

Thursday, April 9

Doors open at 7 p.m.

Show starts at 8 p.m.

Yardbird Suite

11 Tommy Banks Way, Edmonton

Tickets can be purchased in advance on the [Yardbird Suite Website](#). Free admission for MacEwan students if

they register [here](#). All proceeds go to supporting student scholarships and awards at MacEwan.



About Bent River Records

Bent River Records is an innovative and artist-focused record label at MacEwan University in Edmonton that inspires community and student engagement. It was conceived and designed with the dual purpose of providing a support network for recording artists while providing an important and rare educational and research platform for students to obtain hands-on experience in the music industry.

For more information, please contact bentriverrecords@macewan.ca

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 90 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.