

# BIO

## Guido Basso

*flugelhorn, trumpet*

Guido Basso is considered one of Canada's finest horn players. His many distinctions include the Order of Canada, a National Jazz Award for Jazz Musician of the Year, an Allan Slaight Artist of Distinction and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Toronto Musician's Association. During his stint as leader of orchestras for CBC's TV series "In the Mood" and "Bandwagon", he performed with such greats as Benny Goodman, Woody Herman, Gerry Mulligan, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Kenton, Quincy Jones, Nancy Wilson, Maynard Ferguson, and Count Basie. Basso has also played in Ron Collier's band, Nimmons 'N' Nine Plus Six, and in various band configurations that Rob McConnell experimented with until the birth of the Boss Brass, in which Basso became a founding member and soloist. The band recorded dozens of wonderful albums including sessions with Singers Unlimited, the HiLos, Mel Torme, and Phil Woods.

Today, Basso is best known for his lyric flugelhorn work on jazz ballads, a reputation carried far afield by Grammy and Juno-winning recordings with the Boss Brass, and he is equally capable of incisive trumpet playing in the bebop style. Basso is featured on Diana Panton's third album, "Pink" and fifth album, "Christmas Kiss".