

BIO

Phil Dwyer C.M.

Saxophone

Saxophonist Phil Dwyer has been a fixture on the Canadian, and international, music scenes since he was a teenager. He studied with Lee Konitz and David Liebman at the Banff Centre(1982/83) and then at 17 moved to New York where he studied with Steve Grossman. Phil lived in Toronto from 1988 to 2004, during which time he was a first-call sideman in studios, concert halls and jazz clubs. His distinctive saxophone sound was featured on hundreds of recordings, including Juno Award-winning albums with Hugh Fraser, Dave Young, Guido Basso, Joe Sealy and Don Thompson. He also toured extensively in Canada, Europe, Asia and South America.

As of 2004, Phil has resided on Vancouver Island. Since that time, he has appeared on Juno-winning releases from Diana Panton, Molly Johnson, Terry Clarke and his own Changing Seasons project. Since 2005, he has operated the Phil Dwyer Academy of Musical and Culinary Arts and also given master classes and clinics at McGill University, Danish Royal Academy and for three years at the Banff Centre. He is currently a practicing lawyer and works as an advocate for mental health awareness. Phil is also featured on several of Diana 's releases, including her latest.