

# Refiner names to know

## **Angie Tysseland**

### **Artistic Director**

Angie Tysseland (pronounced TIZ-land) is a musician, composer, and performer who received her Bachelor in Music with Great Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan. She has been heard often on CBC Radio, has four CDs and two musicals in her portfolio, and is currently writing an opera called *The Rev*. She has shared the stage and/or studied with several internationally-renowned women artists such as Jane Siberry, Chloe Goodchild, Shirley Eickhardt and Louise Rose. Angie is the music director for St. James' Anglican Church and the Refinery. She was recently honoured with the YWCA's "Women of Distinction" award.

## **Skip Kutz**

### **Producer**

### **Bass**

A veteran of the Saskatoon music scene and a member of the Saskatoon Symphony for 20 years, Skip produced "Angel on the Roof." His sister, renowned Canadian soprano Kerry-Anne Kutz, can be heard on "The Refiner's Fire (1997). The Kutz family of musicians are an institution in Saskatchewan; Skip's father, the late Barney Kutz, was a driving force behind the local jazz and blues scene for decades. In addition to many years as a studio musician and player in countless jazz combos, Skip has also played with such diverse groups as the National Ballet of Canada orchestra, the Mamas and Papas and Colin James.

## **Terry Long**

### **Soloist**

From the halls of many recording studios as a backup singer to a main stage soloist, Terry has headlined with the Refiners since 1999. Bob Mackenzie of the Ontario based "Soundbytes Review", Canada's pre-eminent new music website says, "The voice of Terry Long is flawless and lovely...beautiful". Terry is the lead singer of Tysseland Long, a duo which is gaining acclaim as a new presence on the original music front.

**Kenny Marco****Guitar**

Kenny has played and/or recorded with names such as Dr. Music, Blood Sweat & Tears, Jackie De Shannon and the great Etta James. While living in Los Angeles, he appeared on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, the Dick Cavett Show, two Henry Mancini television specials and several midnight specials with John Denver and Wolfman Jack as hosts.

**Don Tatchell****Drums**

Don brings many years of experience to the group. He played for several years with the RCMP band in Ottawa and in the years since has played with countless groups and combos, from Dixieland and small group jazz to big band. Don is a regular at The Bassment in Saskatoon as well as at the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, and has been heard on CBC radio many times. He is currently a member of several groups out of North Battleford, including the Battlefords Big Band, which he manages.

**Ross Nykiforuk****Keyboard**

Not just another gifted Saskatonian, Ross operates his own Cosmic Pad recording studio, composes for film where he's won the SMPA award and Blizzard award for Best Film Score, has been seen on Mike Bullard and Vickie Gabereau's shows, has toured with the Northern Pikes and plays with Vesti Hanson and her band, the Vexations. Ross received first prize in the National Songwriting Competition and his music can be heard internationally on numerous specials for the Discovery Channel including 39 episodes of the acclaimed nature series "Cotter's Wilderness Trails".