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# Andy Mac's Hot 5-tet



*Traditional New Orleans Jazz from Montréal*



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Guitar • Banjo • Trumpet • Cornet • Tuba • C-Melody Sax • Bass Sax • Vocals

★ **Now Accepting Bookings for Summer 2026** ★

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## About the Band

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Andy Mac's Hot 5-tet is a Montréal collective dedicated to the lively sounds of traditional New Orleans jazz. Led by guitarist, composer and 2024 Juno-nominee Andy MacDonald, the group brings together five of the city's most accomplished early jazz musicians to put an original Montreal spin on traditional New Orleans jazz. The group puts a distinct local spin on classic repertoire. For example, Fats Waller's *Honeysuckle Rose* becomes Andy's *'Maple Syrup'*.

With a front line of trumpet, cornet, tuba, and C-melody and bass saxophone, the band commands an unusually wide tonal palette while staying true to the acoustic texture of early New Orleans jazz. Every musician in the group also sings, giving the band a vocal depth rare in the genre.

The band's repertoire is all about New Orleans jazz: stomps and blues from King Oliver and Louis Armstrong's Hot Five, the street-parade energy of second-line tradition, and original tunes that MacDonald composed while working with New Orleans artists. Based in Montréal, a city that has cultivated its own vital early jazz community, the Hot 5-tet has quickly established itself as a fixture on the city's early jazz scene.

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## The Musicians

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<b>Andy MacDonald</b>	Guitar / Vocals // Bandleader <i>2024 Juno-Nominated Guitarist &amp; Singer</i>
<b>Louis Levesque</b>	Banjo / Vocals <i>Founder of Les Royal Pickles</i>
<b>Blanche Moisan Méthé</b>	Tuba / Cornet / Vocals <i>Solo project BLAMM</i>
<b>Bertrand Margelidon</b>	Trumpet / Vocals <i>Performs as Marsö</i>
<b>Tommy Daudlin</b>	C-Melody Sax / Bass Sax / Vocals <i>Early jazz specialist</i>

## Musician Biographies

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### **Andy MacDonald // Guitar / Vocals (Bandleader)**

A guitarist, banjo player, singer, and composer rooted in the early jazz traditions of New Orleans and the jazz manouche of Django Reinhardt, Andy MacDonald moved from Toronto to Montréal in 2015 and immersed himself in the scene. With several albums to his name, including *Asking For a Friend* (2019) and *Seeking Home* (2022), and performances across North America, Europe, and Morocco, he is a compelling voice in the early jazz revival.

### **Louis Levesque // Banjo / Vocals**

Vocalist, banjo player, and founder of the beloved Montréal group Les Royal Pickles, Louis Levesque has been a driving force on the Montréal swing and hot jazz scene since 2013. An ardent enthusiast of the music of the 1920s and 30s, he brings encyclopedic knowledge and infectious joy to everything he plays.

### **Blanche Moisan Méthé // Tuba / Cornet / Vocals**

A trumpeter, tubist, and vocalist specializing in New Orleans swing, Blanche Moisan Méthé is the multifaceted artist behind the solo project BLAMM. Having collaborated with groups as diverse as Tintamarre and the Montréal Jubilation Gospel Choir, she brings a wide stylistic range and powerful low-end presence to the Hot 5-tet.

### **Bertrand Margelidon // Trumpet / Vocals**

A French-born, Montréal-based trumpeter and singer-songwriter performing under the name Marsö, Bertrand Margelidon has forged a career spanning jazz, salsa, reggae, funk, and afrobeat. A winner of the Francophonie des Amériques prize, he brings a warm, lyrical trumpet voice to the band's front line.

### **Tommy Daudlin // C-Melody Sax / Bass Sax / Vocals**

A dedicated early jazz musician, Tommy Daudlin specializes in two of the tradition's most distinctive voices: the warm, vintage C-melody saxophone and the thunderous bass saxophone. His deep roots in the pre-war jazz repertoire make him an ideal anchor for the band's sound.

## Press

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"Our century's Tom Lehrer goes to Eddie Condon."

// Jazz Lives, USA

"Exciting breath of fresh air in a genre that is often mired in traditionalism."

// Republic of Jazz, Spain

"A unique touch on the Django sound with exquisite, self-contained compositions."

// MVT, Sweden

"Exceeding expectations."

// Metro Review, Sweden

"MacDonald doesn't attempt to emulate Django... what he plays is delightful and original."

// ArtMusicLounge, USA

"Satisfying introduction to the idiom."

// The WholeNote, Toronto

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## Selected Discography

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### **Doin' Things** (2025)

*Latest single*

### **Seeking Home** (2022)

*Full-length album; original compositions for small jazz ensemble*

### **Suite Solitude** (2021)

*Video EP of solitude-themed compositions*

### **Asking For a Friend** (2019)

*Debut album of original swing tunes*

### **Little Bit a' Love** (Denielle Bassels, 2023)

*Sideman; Juno-nominated, Vocal Jazz Album of the Year 2024*

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## Performance Information

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### **Set Length & Format**

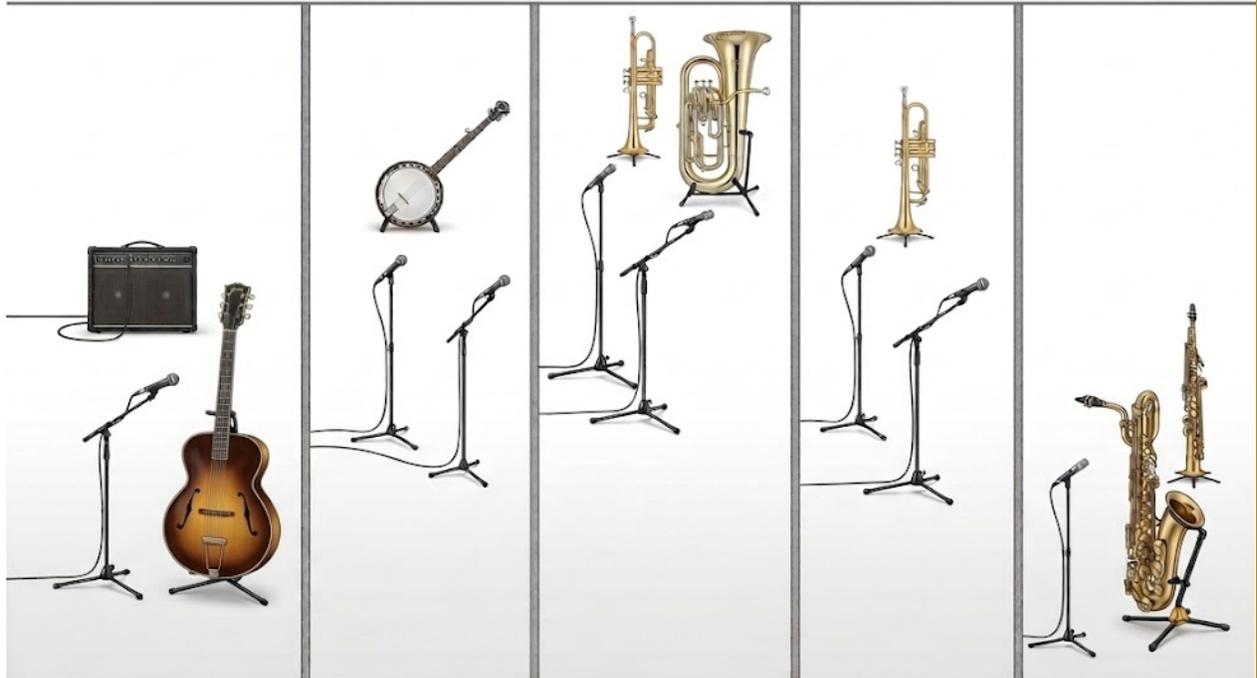
Sets of 45–90 minutes; single or multiple-set formats. Concert stage, dance hall, or parade. Repertoire adaptable to any context. Reach out for full repertoire list.

## Technical Requirements

Primarily acoustic. For larger venues: 5 vocal mics, 1 guitar/banjo mic or DI, 2-3 horn mics, 1 tuba mic, basic monitor mix (1-2 wedges), 5 chairs. No music stands required. Fully acoustic for intimate settings and parades.

## Stage Plot

### BAND STAGE PLOT & INPUT LIST



-DI out from acoustic  
L7 guitar  
-vocal mic 1

-DI for banjo (will bring)  
-instrument mic (will bring)  
-vocal mic 2

-instrument mic (tpt)  
-instrument mic (tuba)

Will bring tuba  
mic, just need line

-instrument mic  
(tpt)  
-vocal mic 3

-instrument mic  
(bass sax)  
-instrument mic  
(soprano sax)

## Music & Media

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- Website:** [andymacdonaldmusic.ca](http://andymacdonaldmusic.ca)
- Bandcamp:** [andymacdonald.bandcamp.com](http://andymacdonald.bandcamp.com)
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