



Press Release – March 6, 2008

Coming to 2008 artsPeak Arts Festival

### Amos Garrett Band and Rob Young's "Simply Sinatra Quintet"

Canmore's premier arts festival is thrilled to announce it's mainstage performers, for what is sure to be a couple of great not-to-be-missed shows this June 13,14,15 2008.

On Friday June 13th Canmore's artsPeak Arts Festival will be presenting Alberta's premier blues guitarist Amos Garrett and his band, the Eh Team, at the Canmore Miner's Union Hall.

Amos Garrett certainly is one of the most accomplished guitar players working today. Ask Stevie Wonder, Chet Atkins, or any of ten dozen players who know that guitar invention is the mother of rock and roll. Amos plays better one-handed on an off-night than most guitar players can put together on a good one. His friends say it's always been that way. Early in his career, Anne Murray hired him to play on the sessions that produced Snowbird. Even more importantly, Ian and Sylvia Tyson asked him to play with The Great Speckled Bird, which (along with The Byrds) was one of the very first country rock groups that changed the direction of pop music.

On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, artsPeak presents openMic which will feature the talents of some of Canmore's local musicians.

As part of artsPeak's mandate to create opportunities for local performers, openMic will present a cast of local performers with a history of performance on their respective instruments to take the stage, "our idea is to create a jam session of sorts, only that we will be selecting the lineup in advance to ensure a great evening of local entertainment", explains Ric Proctor, artsPeak Event Coordinator. Details on the audition process will be available soon!

On Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> artsPeak presents a Sunday brunch concert with the next best thing to Frank Sinatra, "Simply Sinatra". Rob Young, a long standing Calgary entertainer and promoter of great jazz will be presenting his tribute show to the legendary singer Frank Sinatra

Old Blue Eyes - The Chairman Of The Board - The Entertainer Of The Century could sing, dance, act and tell jokes. And so in tribute to the greatest entertainer of the century, Calgary's Rob Young steps out from behind the scenes and onto the stage with his crooning rendition of Sinatra classics and all time favorite melodies from an era now past but never to be forgotten.

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### Lots to See and Do

artsPeak promises a weekend of great events and arts related activities with something for everyone. "We encourage folks to visit [www.artspeakcanmore.com](http://www.artspeakcanmore.com) to learn more and get updates on the festival weekend... and to mark it in their calendars", suggest Ric.

The artsPeak arts Festival will be working hard in the months ahead to put on a great weekend, "We still have openings for a few good folks who believe in the arts and wish to be a part this great event that strives to "inspire, create and celebrate" the arts in Canmore" says Ric. For anyone interested in getting involved as a volunteer they can call Ric Proctor, Event Coordinator or visit [www.artspeakcanmore.com](http://www.artspeakcanmore.com)

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### Contact and Press Info

Amos Garrett website: [http://www.melmusic.com/amos\\_garrett/](http://www.melmusic.com/amos_garrett/)  
(Press kit and other related press material available for download)

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