

# Presenting the *Heather Pierson Jazz Trio*



**The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio:** Based in New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley, Heather is a pianist, singer/songwriter, and performer, known for her bell tone vocals, equal parts New Orleans-Oscar-Brubeck jazz piano leanings. In addition to her touring schedule with the Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio, Heather also leads her own jazz trio, with Shawn Nadeau on bass and Craig Bryan on drums, performing for audiences all over the Northeast. The jazz trio performs a rich variety of Heather's originals, jazz and blues standards, and unique reworkings of familiar American music. The three are best known for their annual Charlie Brown Christmas tour, wherein they present their interpretations of the work of the late great jazz pianist and composer Vince Guaraldi.

**Heather Pierson** (*lead vocals, piano, tenor banjo*) is an award-winning singer/songwriter, pianist, and performer. From New Orleans traditional jazz to blues to rousing Americana and poignant folk, Heather's songs and musicianship embody joy, honesty, and a desire to share from the heart.



**Shawn Nadeau** (*bass, harmony vocals*) is a self-taught phenom who brings an unassuming rock-solid foundation and a keen awareness to every moment of every song, informed by over two decades of wildly varying musical performances, from punk rock to reggae to jazz.

**Craig Bryan** (*drums*) is one of the most in-demand drummers in the Northeast. He has been a professional drummer and teacher since age 18 with studies at Berklee College of Music. Craig's skills bring a worldly flavor and sensibility, dynamic energy, and impeccable timing, all of which makes him an invaluable member of the Trio.



# *The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio Performances*

The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio have performed at a variety of venues, including clubs, festivals, theaters, opera houses, performing art centers, schools, libraries, private concerts.



Heather, her Acoustic Trio, and her Jazz Trio also enjoy performing for local charitable events and each year working with students at the New Orleans Traditional Jazz Camp (Heather is adjunct-faculty).



Shows are generally promoted via press releases to local media, live interviews with radio, television and print media, local calendars, the Heather Pierson Website, newsletters, and social media - Face book, Instagram, Twitter, and the Heather Pierson Podcast.



*"Some people try to get very philosophical and cerebral about what they're trying to say with jazz. You don't need any prologues, you just play. If you have something to say of any worth then people will listen to you." Oscar Peterson*

# *The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio*

## *Holiday Concert Tour*



The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio performs a "Charlie Brown Christmas" during their Holiday Concert tour in New England. The Jazz Trio performs the entirety of the Charlie Brown Christmas album as recorded by the Vince Guaraldi Trio.

A Charlie Brown Christmas was originally telecast in December 1965 and was an instant hit with audiences who connected with Peanuts creator Charles M. Schultz's cast of characters – especially with its rounded-headed hero Charlie Brown, his woefully scrawny Christmas tree, and his typewriter-wielding dog Snoopy. Nearly given the ax by CBS studios at the time of its release, this beloved holiday classic resonates with both children and adults of every generation. Fifty years on, it still holds up as one of the most endearing Christmas tales ever told, and the story of commercialism run rampant echoes clearly to this day.

The musical score for A Charlie Brown Christmas, composed by the late Vince Guaraldi, is just as poignant and touching as the story and includes the hugely popular hit "Linus and Lucy". His gentle jazz riffs established musical trademarks that, to this day, still prompt smiles of recognition.



### **YouTube Performance Videos**

**Heather Pierson Jazz Trio - O Tannenbaum**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xuPzTf1EPg>

**Heather Pierson Jazz Trio - The Christmas Song**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnUAfhTRNqE>

**Please visit the website at:**

**[www.heatherpierson.com/calendar](http://www.heatherpierson.com/calendar) for the 2019  
Charlie Brown Christmas Concert Schedule.**

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# Media Comments

*"We were thrilled to see The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio at The Whitney Center in Jackson. What a venue. They sounded great! Not only are they outrageously talented musicians but they played a variety of music and interacted with the audience in a fun way. If you like Jazz, this is a group that should not be missed."*

**Alison Verran | Whitney Community Center | Jackson, NH**

*"The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio has quickly grown to an audience favorite at our venue. They are consummate performers who engage the crowd and always leave them asking for more."*

**Joshua Gass | Bangor Arts Exchange | Bangor, ME**

*"(Heather's Jazz Trio Charlie Brown Christmas show) is a festive show that brings together jazz heads and families of all ages, all coming to hear a virtuoso knock out a classic."*

**Jeff Beam | One Longfellow Square | Portland, ME**

*"She killed it in a New Orleans style jazzy blues that didn't seem to be able to come from such a youthful reserved woman!"*

**Eddie "Edge" Ferranti | HoustonMusicReview.com**

*"Heather is like two great acts in one, sliding from sweet acoustic Appalachian old-timey vibe with Patty Griffinesque lyrics to brassy New Orleans blues piano with a bone thrown to Bessie Smith."*

**DC Bloom | Lone Star Music Magazine**

*"Whether its folk, bluegrass or Dave Brubeck jazz, Heather Pierson always puts on an impeccable show."*

**Mark L. Smith | Crab Donkey Showcases**

*"Heather captivated our audience with beautiful vocals and keyboard work, across a wide variety of genres including blues and jazz... Heather and Shawn are pros at what they do... Highly recommended."*

**Lee Herman | Windy City House Concerts | Chicago, IL**

*"Heather Pierson is an amazing talent. Her gorgeous, rich vocals are filled with soul. She can mesmerize you on the piano, the guitar - even the melodica. She's as comfortable and adept with bluegrass as she is with jazz. With Heather, there is absolutely nothing not to like. Don't you dare miss an opportunity to hear her live or to purchase her recordings."*

**Al Kniola | 88.1 WVPE Public Radio**

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