



## **Curtis Nowosad Bio (200 words)**

CURTIS NOWOSAD is a New York-based drummer, composer and bandleader. A native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Nowosad has distinguished himself touring coast-to-coast with his quintet, and performing in the bands of such world-class musicians as Marc Cary, Philip Harper, Craig Harris and Jacques Schwarz-Bart, among others. In 2013 he recorded with NEA Jazz Master, Kenny Barron.

His quintet's critically-acclaimed, WCMA-winning and JUNO-nominated album *Dialectics* (Cellar Live, 2015) features Jimmy Greene, Derrick Gardner, Steve Kirby and Will Bonness. The album made DownBeat Magazine's "Best of 2015" list, receiving a 4 1/2 star review ("...fiery and scalding one moment, breezy and swinging the next, and perpetually inventive throughout."). The quintet's debut album, *The Skeptic & the Cynic* (2012), featured special guest and two-time GRAMMY nominee Taylor Eigsti on piano.

A recipient of several awards and scholarships, in 2014 Curtis performed in Amsterdam, NL as a winner of the Keep an Eye Jazz Award. He was twice selected to participate in Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and in 2012 attended the Banff Jazz Workshop. Nowosad is an alumnus of Manhattan School of Music and the University of Manitoba.