

# TOBIASMEIS

Tobias Meis has been studying double bass since he was tall enough to pick one up. Music continues to be his **focus** as he finishes his Bachelor of Music Performance at the University of Calgary, where he has had the opportunity to study with the principal bass of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Charles Garrett. Tobias has also studied with notable Canadian bass players John Geggie and Michelle Donato. Growing up in Ottawa Tobias played in the National Capital Music Academy program, starting at age eight in string **ensembles** and progressing on through the program to become the principal bassist of the Ottawa Youth Orchestra. He was also the principal bassist at the Canterbury Arts High School and began learning jazz there in the Canterbury **Jazz** Band and Stage Band. He was the bassist for the Nepean All City Jazz Band for two years. While studying at the U of C Tobias has been a part of the Red Band (U of C big band), University Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and World Ensemble. Professionally he has performed with the Okanagan **Symphony**, the Symphony of the Kootenays, the Lethbridge Symphony, and the RedDeer Symphony. Tobias has been **broadcast** on CJSW and CBC radio, but at home in Calgary he plays regularly as the bassist in the Jonny Bose Jazz Trio. He is continually amazed at the variety of music that a bass player can be part of, and continues to perform in bands and ensembles playing bluegrass, blues, jazz, latin, classical, celtic and world music in Alberta and BC.