



## the Arboreal Quartet

### Instrumental music featuring the *sarod*

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**The Arboreal Quartet**, from Montréal, Québec, was founded by multi-instrumentalist **John Wrinch Williams**. John's musical background includes formal training in Hindustani music in India and in California, jazz instruction in Toronto, apprenticeships in traditional music in Ontario and Québec, teaching, and much experience in performance and composition for a variety of instruments and ensembles. John plays the *sarod*, the 25-stringed relative of the sitar, and is the composer/arranger.

On acoustic guitar, **Tom Eliosoff** is very active in the Montréal jazz scene, performing with the **Chet Doxas Quartet** and **Eric Thibodeau**, teaching, and hosting jazz nights at noted Montréal jazz clubs such as Grumpy's and Upstairs. On upright bass, **JF Martins**, from Schefferville, Québec, is a multi-instrumentalist himself and brings a melodic touch to the instrument. Drummer **Fernando Gelso**, originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, is also a member of the **Franco Proietti Morph-tet** along with JF.

The quartet's music draws from folk/roots, jazz, and North Indian Classical music in a style that crosses borders. Some related moods include **Kelly Joe Phelps**, **Ry Cooder & Vishwa Mohan Bhatt** and **Harry Manx**. The Arboreal Quartet's debut – a self-titled CD – is an independent release and features art by **Carl David Ruttan**. It was recorded live in one studio session. The CD launched on Friday March 5th, 2010 at **O Patro Vys** in Montréal, and has since received significant radio airplay in Canada:

- #1 – **!earshot** Jazz chart – June 8, 2010
- #2 – **ChartAttack** Jazz/Blues chart – June 12, 2010
- #3 – **Exclaim!** magazine Jazz chart – July 2010 issue
- #4 – **Exclaim!** magazine Jazz chart – June 2010 issue

*“It's unbelievable the different musical influences that (John) manages to make shine in this quartet's music.”*  
- Laurie Brown - “The Signal” - CBC Radio 2

## Upcoming shows in Montréal

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- Sunday July 11th - **Divan Orange**, 4234 St-Laurent, Montréal, QC
- Tuesday August 17th - **Casa del Popolo**, 4873 St-Laurent, Montréal, QC

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