

# SPEED CONTROL

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*“It’s like seeing the Police before they broke in ’77. A band with this much drive is unstoppable.”*

*David J. Taylor*

*Multiple award-winning  
songwriter/producer/  
engineer*

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

*From Rags to Rock* showcases the evolution of rock music from 1898 to the present in a romp through the history of popular music. From the Mills Brothers and Johnny Cash to AC-DC and original compositions, the trio delivers all tunes with vibrant on-stage energy. Using their knowledge of music, stemming from their childhood to the present, Speed Control rocks so hard that their songs will inevitably make you jump up and dance.

While studying at the University of Toronto’s Jazz Performance Program, multi-instrumentalist **Graeme Peters** embraced all musical genres which resulted in the formation of a highly successful teaching studio. Graeme has recorded and played with Canadian jazz greats Ingrid Jensen and Terry Promane as well as Inuit throat singer, Tanya Tagaq. In 2012, he co-wrote a rock opera, *The Busker and The Barista*, which features Speed Control as both band and actors. Graeme studied education prior to transferring into the jazz program and specializes in working with behavior-challenged youth.

**Jody Peters** has grown up immersed in the music industry. He learned the business from every angle: from performing and touring to artist management. He has a Bachelor of Education Degree in Music and French from University of Alberta and currently teaches in a French immersion school. He has been on faculty and was administrator of the Yukon Summer Music Camp. Jody is a board member of the Canadian Music Educators Association and volunteers on trombone with the Whitehorse All City Band.

With twelve years of drumming in his pockets, **Ian March** gives a fantastic performance to students to help spark their interest in music. Ian has studied with Canadian Jazz heavy weight Blaine Wikjord and Latin guru Gilberto Moreaux during his time at Capilano University’s Music Program. Now focusing all his time on Speed Control he is able to use his talent to anchor the band with a hard-hitting technical sound.



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"With Yamaha's highly respected Music Education System and our over 40 year experience with teaching in our own programs, we saw the connection Speed Control had with the kids. We became aware of their touring activities and school shows across the country, and saw real value in being connected musically and philosophically with such talented and engaging artists"

*Rob Barg, Senior VP of Yamaha Canada Music, and official sponsor of Speed Control*

"Speed Control were GREAT! The enjoyment for music, specifically Rock and Roll, echoed throughout our school. Coincidentally I had School Council after the performance - each parent couldn't express how much their children enjoyed it. In talking with staff - they loved it. They felt that it was the way in which the performers engaged the audience, students and staff alike that made the greatest impact in sharing their music.

"The spirit of the band and the connection to all of our students was incredible. I have already recommended them to other Principals in our area of the city.

"Just a fantastic, fun and humor-filled afternoon! "

*Mike Heberton, Roland Michener  
Elementary School, Calgary*

"WOW! You guys send out so much energy from the stage we should hook you up to the grid. Our newest renewable energy source. Thanks for coming to the Majestic Theatre in Biggar."

*Marilyn Craig, Biggar and District  
Arts Council*



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