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Former Amirault's Hill resident launches new CD

Jazz musician Greg Amirault has released a new CD called *East of the Sun*. A member of the musically talented Amirault family has released a new CD. Greg Amirault is originally from Amirault's Hill and has been living in Montreal since 1987, where he is an active member of the local jazz scene. Jazz critic Christophe Rodriguez describes Amirault's new *East of the Sun* CD as "artistically impeccable with a rich sound."



The nine tracks are mostly jazz standards with two original compositions. Amirault's first CD is called *Acadian Folk Song*, and features original music.

He says some of his earliest musical memories are of him and his brother Steve, playing *Takin' Care of Business* and *Smoke on the Water* most mornings before walking to school in Amirault's Hill. [Steve Amirault](#), who has released five CDs, is now playing a 4½-month gig

at the Grand Hyatt Fukuoka in Japan. Their father, Ivan, was a popular Yarmouth-area musician. "He preferred the old jazz standards and that was my first introduction to jazz," said Amirault, who adds that he was also always drawn to music that was different than everything on the radio.

One of the tracks on the new CD is titled the *Lighthouse Route*. "I guess it's kind of cliché but I really like the ocean and I went to the Yarmouth Lighthouse many times," said Amirault. He also drove the Lighthouse route between Yarmouth and Halifax a lot and since the tune is an original he decided to name it something that means a lot to him. He says two of the things he misses the most about home are his family and the laid back pace of life.

East of the Sun sells for \$8.91 through iTunes. It can also be downloaded from www.cdbaby.com for \$9.99. A hard copy can be purchased from Amirault for \$15 through his [website](#).