

Brisbane Jazz Club Newsletter



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President's Report

I recently spent some time in the Philippines where the whole country buzzes with live music and lots - and I mean lots - of singing. At the waterfront of the city they have created an extraordinary strip of open air restaurants and bars interspersed every few metres with a stage featuring any manner of music: pop, rock, reggae, jazz, classical. The streets were alive with music and it was a wonderful feeling ... although I did of course miss our own little piece of waterside music magic, the Brisbane Jazz Club!

As you read in our June mini-newsletter we are trialling another creative solution to the club's ongoing noise issues which is to have an acoustic set from 10 pm until 11pm. I hope that you will all support this change and we believe it might spur some pretty special musical moments at the club. The management committee are also putting plans in place to cost and, funds permitting, air-condition our club within the next 6-9 months. This work will help both members' comfort inside the club and will, by enabling further sound proofing, have benefits for our residential neighbours.

With this newsletter you will find enclosed your membership renewal form. Please complete the form as soon as possible and renew your membership early to be one of the lucky first 40 people to win a Prize pack including a copy of our first Brisbane Jazz Club CD, "High Tide".

Thanks to all of you for your support of the club and live jazz and we are keen to see you return!

I would also encourage you to consider the notice in this application about vacancies on the BJC Management Committee for the 2007-2008 year. A few members of the executive have been serving on the committee for 5 years or more and are ready for a well-deserved break. There will be three or four vacancies on the committee (which is a committee of nine in total) and if you are keen to contribute your skills to this exciting group we would love to hear from you. It is more than likely that due to performance commitments I will not be standing as President again this year, but I do hope to continue on with the club in a slightly different capacity.

Keep jazz live! See you at the club soon.

Melissa Western (President)

** NOTICE: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS **

Don't forget that renewals are due by June 30, 2007. Be one of the first 40 people to renew your membership and you will receive a prize pack valued at over \$70 which includes a copy of the first ever BJC compilation CD "High Tide"!

Shannon Marshall CD Launch

SATURDAY 23 JUNE

7.30 - 11pm

Members \$10/ Guests \$15



MANY of you may know Shannon from his regular performances at the Club playing trumpet & flugelhorn as a sideman for many prominent local acts, but what you may not be so familiar with is Shannon's performances as leader of his own band the 'Shannon Marshall Trio' - a seriously swingin' Hammond trio featuring Shannon on vocals as well as his trademark horn playing.

A ten year collaboration with local Hammond organ master Dale Rabic has resulted in a recently recorded album presenting fresh new arrangements of jazz, soul & Brazilian standards performed by some of Brisbane's finest musicians.

Shannon will be performing tracks from his new album including some beautifully intimate Brazilian duets with well known guitar guru Jamie Clark, the trio side-winding its way between Latin & swing, and a quartet laying down Ray Charles-like soul and New Orleans feel-good grooves.

Please come and join us for the Club's launch of Shannon's new album and be entertained by a stellar line-up of musicians including Dale Rabic on organ & pedal bass, Jamie Clark on guitar, Andrew Johnson on electric bass and Paul Hudson on drums. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness the unveiling of a local legend's latest work!



'High Tide at the Brisbane Jazz Club' CD Launch Weekend **FRIDAY 29 JUNE – SUNDAY 1 JULY**

29/6 Friday Night Fiasco: a musical extravaganza unfolds!

7.30 – 11pm ~ Members \$10/ Guests \$15

ENTRY + CD \$25

THE moment has arrived for the Brisbane Jazz Club's first compilation CD creation to be unveiled to the rest of the world! The opening night of this incredible weekend will cook along thanks to the magnificent rhythm section of Dave Spicer - piano, Lee Matthews - double bass and Dave Cotgreave - drums (Jazz Australis) and feature special guests from the 'High Tide' compilation CD Sandie White - voice, Kristina Kelman - voice and Johnny Nicol - voice and guitar. It's bound to go off like a frog in a sock!

30/6 Saturday night Superstars: help us celebrate in style!

7.30 – 11pm ~ Members \$10/ Guests \$15

ENTRY + CD \$25

JUST when you thought Friday Night Fiasco had topped your all-time list of amazing music performances, Saturday night shifts things into another gear! Rohan Somasekaran - piano, Toby Wren - guitar, Bela Piri - double bass and Joe Marchisella - drums dig in to propel to new heights of musical mayhem a star-studded line-up featuring instrumental legends Graeme Norris - saxophones, Shannon Marshall - trumpet and flugelhorn and John Smallcombe - tenor saxophone. Strap yourself in for this one!

1/7 Sunday Gypsy Jazz Breakfast with Mystery Pacific: gypsy yourself awake!

8.30 – 11.30am ~ Members/ Guests \$25 inc breakfast

ENTRY + B'FAST + CD \$35

WHAT better way to awaken more fully to your beautiful surrounds than by filling your stomach with gourmet buffet breakfast, then dancing a gleeful jig to some fantastically entertaining Manouche gypsy jazz music, provided by the High Tide CD's enchanting Mystery Pacific? It's a rhetorical question: there is no better way!

1/7 Sunday Night Tradfest Finale: insert exclamation here!

6 – 9pm ~ Members \$10/ Guests \$15

ENTRY + CD \$25

SUNDAY slams the weekend home with a healthy dose of traditional jazz jam sessions set to well and truly swing the kasbah! Representatives from all the trad acts on the High Tide compilation CD cram onto the stage for a piece of the action! What promises to be an all-star finale to this great weekend of music. The sessions will feature Clare Hansson - piano, Peter Freeman - double bass, Bob Watson - drums, Jim Mackenzie - reeds, Mal Jennings - trumpet, John Braben - trumpet, Mike Hawthorne - trombone.

The View From Madeleine's Couch

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

7.30 – 11pm

Members \$10/ Guests \$15

TVFMC continue to lead the way as one of Australia's finest Brazilian music ensembles. From award-nominated original songs to classic bossa nova & samba, the band presents a wonderful array of sounds from Brazil led by the fluid vibes of Kym Ambrose and the gorgeous voice of Anje West. TVFMC will give their BJC audience a sneak peek at some of the new tunes they've just recorded.

The group have built a loyal following during their eight years together, and it is always a pleasure to have them at the Brisbane Jazz Club. With special guest Jamie Clark on guitar, along with the fabulous Madcouch rhythm section of OJ Newcomb (bass) and Mark Henman (drums), it will be another wonderful evening of lush Portuguese lyricism, gorgeous bossa and some rhythmic mayhem!



Thank You!

A really big thank you to all our volunteers, old and new, who continue to give their time selflessly to the club. The club simply could not exist without your dedication and we are blessed to have you on the team.

For anyone wishing to help the club by donating one night every month to helping out, please contact Judi Walters on judithwalters3@bigpond.com.au or 0418 759 377.

To all of those who have donated raffle prizes recently we also give you a big thanks. Our raffles are a great way of promoting the club and assisting with its running. Your donations are highly appreciated.

2007-2008 Committee Vacancies

PLEASE be advised that there will be a number of vacancies on the 2007-2008 committee. Many committee members will be re-nominating this year, but there will be some vacancies on this exciting team. If you are interested, please give Melissa Western a call on 0414 267 009 after 6pm.

The Brisbane Jazz Club management committee is a dynamic and diverse group. Time commitments involve three-weekly meetings, Duty Manager shifts once a fortnight and other events and functions where necessary.

If you love jazz and are ready to make a genuine contribution, then we'd love to hear from you.

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\$5000 SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the musicians, members and visitors who attended the solo piano concert "You, Me and the Keys" to raise funds for wheelchair access to the club. We raised a massive \$5000 which will be used to help build a wheelchair ramp into the club's front entrance. This is just the first small step of many which will continue to make the club more accessible to wheelchair-bound jazz lovers. Thanks for your support!

OJ Newcomb's Number Two Express

FRIDAY 15 JUNE
7.30 - 11pm
Members \$10/ Guests \$15

NEW sound, old spirit might be the best way to distil the impact of the 'Number 2 Express'.

A classy band comprising of up to 8 of Brisbane's finest Jazz Musicians, Number 2 Express expands on the ideals of contemporary jazz through traditional roots as well as creating a balance of eloquence and exploration in a setting and with an attitude that can only expand their circle of fans and reinforce the Number 2 Express' place among the vanguard of Brisbane 'JASS' bands.

Performing many times at one of Brisbane's longest standing jazz nights, Wednesday's at the Press Club as well as a plethora of classy corporate and private functions, the N2E present a repertoire and sound that sets a mood and ambiance capable of transporting an audience directly to a stylish New York Jazz Club.



Toby Wren Trio

SATURDAY 16 JUNE
7.30 - 11pm
Members \$10/ Guests \$15



THE Toby Wren Trio presents a striking and original perspective on contemporary jazz where multiple influences combine to produce highly charged and often humorous interactions between these long-term collaborators. Fresh from a national tour (funded by the Contemporary Music Touring Program) this special BJC concert will feature music from their recent CD "Umlaut" and new works based on Toby's recent study tour in India.

A multitude of influences and styles can be heard and the warmth and appeal of their acoustic sound create an immersive and absorbing listening experience.

Toby Wren (guitar), Andrew Shaw (double bass), Joseph Marchisella (drumset)

"Every track [on Umlaut] is a masterpiece... a significant contribution to Australian Jazz"
JAZZ.ORG. (The National Jazz Website)

"timeless and unaffected... sweet, bluesy and inscrutable" THE COURIER MAIL

"worth a listen... full of ideas" THE AUSTRALIAN

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