

# Brisbane Jazz Club

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## President's Report

AT this time of the year it is good to act on Art Blakey's advice that Jazz washes away the dust of every day life. In May we are well and truly into the fullness of 2009 and our work and responsibilities. It is good to remember to do the things, which give enjoyment. We continue to get great feedback from our members and visitors on the quality of the music program and the lovely atmosphere at the club.

This month I would like to applaud the significant contributions of the committee and also remind you that we will have our AGM in September. I would like to mention some of the recent work of the committee. Alan Webster is our Approved Manager for our liquor license and has spent many long days in the process of negotiations for our license and preparation for a recent Tribunal process. Alan and David Hardiker have recently completely sound proofed the Annie Street wall. David has also organised improvements such as the painting of the club and facilities for food and bar service. Rita Laurie is our secretary, club liaison person and volunteer coordinator. The current level of professionalism in the operation of the club is a result of Rita's great work. Neil Walsh has now established a music and promotion program, which is delivering excellent results and is achieving our goal of providing fantastic and accessible jazz music. Anne-Marie Keleher now leads our Talking Jazz program with a talented and emerging group of students now engaged in this year's program. Alan Western has now re-established the club Big band on a Sunday night with great success judging by the large attendances and many dancers. Kathy Goodwin is our newest committee member and our acting Treasurer and has taken on the big job without any fuss. David Herbert is always there when we need the expertise of a JP and a measured and professional approach to the endless engagements with statutory bodies and other authorities, which a club such as ours has to deal with.

We also now have 50 current volunteers and at our recent Working Bee our members -Brad, Lynne, Lorraine, John and Leslie, Ros, Katherine, Peter and Judy, Mike, Keith, Christine, Red, Warwick and Lou - did a great job. Thank-you again to Rita for organising a very productive work schedule that co-ordinated all the available skills.

Thank-you to Ingrid once again as the jazz Singer's Jam night continues to entertain and provide good exposure for professional and budding jazz singers - it is always a fun and relaxed night for our members and visitors.

See you next weekend.

*Yvonne D'Occhio - President BJC.*

## The Joe Marchisella Group

**FRIDAY MAY 1**

**Open 6.30pm, Band 7.30pm - 11pm**

**\$10 - Members \$15 - Non-Members**

**[Cool Jazz/ Swing/Mainstream/Vocal Jazz]**



Just returned from an 11 month World Tour playing for the highly acclaimed "The Ten Tenors", Joe will lead his fantastic group of hard swinging Brisbane talent on a journey of cool swing, latin and some vocal favourites. Having won the James Morrison Scholarship in 1997, Joe has performed with James and John Morrison, Joe Chindamo, Don Burrows and Japanese Jazz Great 'Malta'. Join Joe and his brother Pat on double bass with James Sherlock- Guitar, Graeme Norris - Saxes and two special guests for a night of cool jazz and some hot licks.

## David Ades Quintet [Byron Bay]

**SATURDAY 2 MAY**

**Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm - 11pm**

**\$15 members, \$20 Non-Members**

**[Vocal Jazz/ New York & Cutting Edge Jazz/ Hard Bop/ Ballad Jazz]**

This is the first time the Brisbane Jazz Club has had David Ades and his band perform at the club. We are indeed lucky to have one Australia's finest saxophonists who has shared the stage with Freddie Hubbard, Stanley Turrentine, Roy Haynes, Sonny Stitt, Jack Mcduff during his four years living in Harlem, New York. He has worked with Jazz Elite of Australia also. During his musical adventures throughout Asia he performed with Winton Marsalis, Arturo Sandoval and Chisty Lloyd Smith as a featured artist at major Jazz Festivals. David is a regular featured artist with "The Cat Empire" and the Australian Youth Orchestra. Joining David at The Brisbane Jazz Club for his exclusive gig are Natalie Carey - Vocals, Matt Smith - Guitar, Thierry Fossmalle - Bass and Joe Marchisella - Drums. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!**



## Ian McCrae Big Band

**SUNDAY 3 MAY**

**Open 5.30pm**

**Band 7.30pm - 11pm**

**Members \$10, Non-Members \$15**

**[Big Band for Dancing and Listening]**

Join the Swingin' Ian McCrae Big Band for a special night of great swing by some of the hottest players around. Featuring Shannon Marshall and Andrew Johnson - Trumpets, Trevor Beyer - Trombone, Leon Wensley and Scott Griffiths - Reeds, Jack Thorncraft - Double Bass, Paul Hudson - Drums, Special Guest on Vocals - can you guess who? Piano/ Bandleader - Ian McCrae. What a way to spend a Sunday evening with your friends watching the world swing on by at Brisbane's home of Jazz, The Brisbane Jazz Club.

## Brisbane Big Band

**SUNDAY 10 MAY**

**Open 5.30pm Band 6pm - 9pm**

**\$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members**

**[Big Band for Dancing]**

Don't forget your dancing shoes for this popular gig as the Brisbane Big Band strike up the sounds of yesteryear with some stirring renditions of all your classic Big Band tunes. Led by Brad Espensen and smooth vocals from Alan Western, this must for your Sunday night jazz calendar.



## Members' Noticeboard

### Working Bee

Many hands make light work....that was certainly the case at the working bee held at the club on Sat 4 April. The amount of work achieved by a hard working group of 15, made up some of our regular volunteers, members and committee was probably beyond my wildest dreams. The check list of jobs completed was a testament to the work accomplished and I'd like to say a heartfelt thankyou to you all. It's so heart warming to know that members and volunteers are interested in, not only our Club nights, but are willing to help the committee maintain the high standards of our wonderful venue. Again, thankyou, thank you, thank you. And to those who weren't able to come but promised to be there next time...I know who you are !!!

*Rita Laurie, Secretary*

### Want to see more great Live Jazz? Want to meet other people who love Jazz?

By becoming a volunteer at the Brisbane Jazz Club you are joining one of the happiest groups of people who love Live Jazz. Our volunteers are the first people our guests meet when they arrive at the Club. Your smiling faces will set the scene and help create a wonderful Live Jazz experience that the Brisbane Jazz Club is known for. Please contact Rita at the Club for more details.

## Jazzgroove Mothership Orchestra



**THURSDAY MAY 7**

**Open 6pm Band 7pm- 10pm  
\$20 - Members \$25 - Non-Members**

**[Big Band for Listening]**

**Special Night  
Special Band  
Special Show**

The Jazzgroove Mothership Orchestra [nominated as the Australian Jazz Ensemble of the Year 2006 and 2007] is arguably Australia's finest and most dynamic jazz orchestra. Come and hear the incredible Belgian trumpeter and composer Bert Joris [Brussels Jazz Orchestra, Village Vanguard Orchestra], a major force in the European jazz scene with some of the hottest improvisers in Australia today. The Mothership's members have dominated Australia's top prizes over the last decade including 10 National Jazz Awards Finalists [including 3 winners], Freedman Fellows [including 2 winners], 2 Australian Jazz Artists of the Year [Bell Awards], 2 James Morrison Scholarship Winners and finalist's in the Thelonias Monk Trumpet Competition and Hoolieart International Jazz Competition [Belgium]. Don't miss the chance to see this brilliant Australian Ensemble with a leading figure in European Jazz.

### **STOP PRESS**

Due to difficulties with Liquor Licensing caused in the main by our neighbours these nights will be **B.Y.O.** We are sorry for any inconvenience.

## Jazz Singers Jam Nights

Every first and third Tuesday  
Dinner from 7pm till 8:15pm  
Join in the fun and jazz spirit of our popular  
Jazz Singers Jam Night!  
Come hear great singers from around town and beyond tell there swinging stories.

Please contact  
Event Organiser Ingrid James at  
[ingridjames@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ingridjames@optusnet.com.au)  
for more information or  
to book a place at the jam.

## The Dan Quigley Quintet

**FRIDAY MAY 8**

**Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm - 11pm  
\$10 - Members, \$15 - Non - Members**

**[Cool Bop/ Standards/Vocal Jazz]**

One of Brisbane's finest exponents on trumpet/ vocals, Dan Quigley and his cookin' band will play standards from artists such as Kenny Dorham, Clifford Brown, Freddie Hubbard and many other cool jazz writers.

Featuring the awesome talents of Graeme Norris - Saxes and Dave Sanders [Byron Bay] - Drums, this is the coolest way to start your jazz weekend here at the Brisbane Jazz Club.

## The Clare Hansson Quartet

**Tribute to Blossom Dearie - featuring Sue Wighton [Vocals], Dennis Ashton [Double Bass] and a special guest.**

**SUNDAY 17 MAY**

**Open 5.30pm Band 6pm - 9pm  
\$10 - Members, \$15 - Non - Members**

**[Vocal Jazz/ Standards]**

This is a special night of Jazz with the Clare Hansson Quartet, as one of Australia's finest piano players takes you on a "Nostalgic Journey" playing popular songs across the decades with a splash of Blossom Dearie and many other fine composers. The wonderful voice of Sue Wighton and the smooth Double Bass of Dennis Ashton with a special guest is a must see on Sunday 17 May.



**Smokin'**

## Joe Robinson

With The David Bentley Trio [Support]

for one night only at the  
Brisbane Jazz Club

**FRIDAY 22 MAY**

Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm – 11pm  
\$10 – Members \$15 – Non-Members

[New Orleans Groove/ Vocal Jazz/  
Western Swing/ Instrumental Jazz]

At just 17 years of age, Joe Robinson has secured a reputation as one of the world's finest young guitarists. His unique acoustic guitar style has caught the attention of Les Paul, Steve Vai, Brad Paisley, Tommy Emmanuel and many others. From winning the hit television series 'Australia's Got Talent' to recording in Nashville with CMA "Producer of the Year", Frank Rogers – few doubt that this humble young man is destined for greatness.

Warming up the stage will be the Bluesy New Orleans story telling master David Bentley and his trio. A night not to be missed!



## Blackwood

Featuring Sean O'Boyle- Clarinet/Leader

**SATURDAY 9 MAY**

Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm – 11pm  
\$15 – members, \$20 – Non-Members

[Vocal Jazz/ Standards/ Originals/ Latin]

Blackwood – featuring Sean O'Boyle [ Clarinet/ Leader ] Dale Rabic – Piano/ Organ, Wes Taylor – Guitars, Andrew Johnson – Bass/ Trumpet and Steve Francis – Drums/ Percussion. "Blackwood" performs a blend of Latin grooves mixed with swing and a touch of rhythm and blues. The cornerstone of the "Blackwood" philosophy is there is nothing better than a fantastic melody with a great groove – "Blackwood" performs reworked standards coupled with dazzling original tunes of lush colour and depth.

This hot Australian Jazz outfit have toured all over the world and have performed many styles of Jazz with a variety of artists including James Morrison, The Qld Orchestra, The Qld Ballet and Kate Ceberano.

"Blackwood" is joined by the seriously seductive vocals of Leona Collier. Another hot Saturday at the Brisbane Jazz Club!

## Michael Rodgers Quintet

**FRIDAY 15 MAY**

Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm – 11pm  
\$15 – Members, \$20 – Non-Members



[Standards/ Latin/ Vocal Jazz]

Michael Rodgers is a hot Brisbane talent with his sweet trumpet sounds and under-rated vocals guarantee a great night of world class entertainment. He is the driving force and frontman for "Miguel" and "Doch" as well as appearing regularly with other great jazz artists such as James Morrison, The Qld Orchestra, Tony Gould and Jim Pugh. He brings a very cool Quintet into the Brisbane Jazz Club for one night only of hip standards and spicy Latin numbers to show his versatility as a rising figure in Australian Jazz.

## Rohan Somasekaran Quartet

+ Angela Fabian [USA]

**SATURDAY 16 MAY**

Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm  
\$15 – Members, \$20 Non-Members

[Vocal Jazz]

Featuring standards and originals by Rohan and keeping a soulful Blue Note groove as an undercurrent, this music is designed to appeal to everyone. Joining Rohan's quartet is acclaimed USA jazz vocalist, Angela Fabian. Together they will be presenting a night of top class, hard swinging, soulful jazz music.

## Leah Cotterell and Pearly Black

'For one very special night of beautiful music'

**SATURDAY 23 MAY**

Open 6.30pm  
Band 7.30pm – 11pm  
\$15 Members  
\$20 Non-Members



[Vocal Jazz/ Songs for the Soul]

Join these two soulful diva's as they present a night of beautiful jazz with an all-star band featuring the dazzling Marc Hannaford [ Melbourne ] on Piano. Leah Cotterell and Pearly Black, two of the most glorious voices you'll here anywhere, come together to create a remarkable showcase of all that is silky, soulful and swinging.

**BJC Office Hours**  
4 – 7pm, Tues – Fri

**President**  
Yvonne D'Occhio  
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[Vocals]  
&  
**Paul  
Bollenback**  
[Guitar]



John Hoffman [Trumpet / Flugelhorn]  
Paul Hudson [Drums]  
Steve Newcomb [Piano]  
Helen Russell [Double Bass]

Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

**FRIDAY 29 MAY AND SATURDAY 30 MAY**

Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm – 11pm  
Members \$20 Non- Members \$25

[ Vocal Jazz / Standards / Concert Jazz ]

Don't miss these awesome musicians in two contrasting shows over two hot nights of jazz at the Brisbane Jazz Club. Chris McNulty delivers blues, swing, pop and funk in a unique and expressive style. Her last album "Whispers The Heart" was voted one of the Top ten releases of 2006 by the Jazz Journalist Association. She has one of the richest and most expressive voices on the international jazz circuit.

## BJC Review's ... BJC Review's ...

### Andrea Keller Quartet Sunday 5 April

A small but appreciative audience listened intently and enjoyed the music of the Andrea Keller Quartet + John Rodgers [ Violin ]. The very talented musicians played in most cases the outer limits of the broad spectrum of music called Jazz.

Alan Webster

### Caxton St Jazz Band Friday 3 April

Always a crowd drawer and pleaser, the Caxton St Jazz Band didn't disappoint last night. All tables were booked, there was the usual relaxed camaraderie amongst the band members, Bernice took advantage of the newly tuned ' honky tonk ' piano and all was right with the world. The band

presented a variety of material and styles including several numbers which are always crowd favourites. Several guests commented to me - ' love this type of jazz ; ' what a fabulous evening, ' we've never been to the Jazz Club before but if this is the sort of music, then we are definitely coming again.

The Caxton St Jazz Band will be with us in June.  
*Rita Laurie.*

Several members spoke to me over the weekend 3rd, 4th, 5th April congratulating us on the vitality of the club...and the ever changing style of jazz we present. We should and I'm sure, are very proud of what we are achieving as Queensland's premier venue of Live Jazz.  
*Rita Laurie.*

## "Wizard and Oz"



**SUNDAY 31 MAY**

Open 1.30pm Band 2pm – 5pm  
Members \$15 Non- Members \$20

An Afternoon of Fun & Great Music!

[ Vocal Jazz / Swing / Blues ]

Back from a sell out Australian Tour, the Wizard and Oz Show is back at the Brisbane Jazz Club for another Sunday Special. Don't miss the fantastic guitar and piano with superb vocal arrangements and harmonies as these two talented artists weave their way through a special blend of story telling jazz.

## Jazz Breakfast

with

### Shannon Marshall [Vocals/Flugelhorn] and James Sherlock [Guitar]

**SUNDAY 31 MAY**

Open 8.15am Band 8.45am – 11.30am

\$25 – includes a great breakfast or standard door prices apply

[Cruisy Standards/Soulful Latin]

These two heavy weights in jazz team up for another great Sunday Jazz Breakfast featuring a wide selection of choice standards with a cool Sunday morning feel.

Such a wonderful warm up to the Wizard and Oz later in the day.

## Jazz on the Radio...

Monday and Friday 1 - 2pm Lunchtime Jazz **103.7 fm 4MBS Classic fm**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30pm - 12midnight **103.7 fm 4MBS Classic fm**

Tuesday 8pm with Gloria Davey Lady Jazz **Bay fm 100.3**

Tuesday Jazz 3 - 5pm with Brian Fane **101.3 fm Noosa Community Radio**

Sunday News Blues and Views 10am – 12 noon. Blue Monday with Al Hensley 12 - 2pm

Wed 10am - 12 noon with Iris Pyle **101.5 fm Logan**

Saturday & Sunday 5 - 7pm Jazztrack with Mal Stanley **106.1 fm ABC Classic**

Sunday 6pm - 7.30pm with Barry Ralph All That Jazz **101 fm**

Sun 8am - 11am Knox Lovell Jazz Show **102.1 fm 4zzz**

Sunday 6 – 9pm Lance Passmore **99.7 fm**

Mostly Jazz and Swing **94.1 fm Radio Hope Island**



Jazz Around Town...

We often get asked where to find jazz around town in Brisbane when the Brisbane Jazz Club is not open. One of the best places to find out what to catch in town is to log on to the gig guide at [www.brisbanejazz.com](http://www.brisbanejazz.com) and [www.jazzqueensland.com](http://www.jazzqueensland.com)

You can find out what's going on and what's coming up in all sorts of places – it's a wonderful resource for those of us who just **can't get enough jazz!**