

# Brisbane Jazz Club

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April Program  
2008

Huge river deck | Fully Licensed bar | Meals & platters | Onsite car-parking | Friendly atmosphere

On the river at 1 Annie St Kangaroo Point (next to the Holman Street ferry stop) | Bookings - 07 3391 2006 | fax - 07 3891 9931 | bookings@brisbanejazzclub.com.au

Unless otherwise noted, admission prices are Members \$10 Visitors \$15 Concessions \$12

## EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

### Strictly Beginners Dance Class 6-7pm

A casual and social dance-hour with some tuition for beginners. FREE. Bookings: publicity@brisbanejazzclub.com.au

## TUESDAY 1 APRIL \*\* NEW EVENT\*\*

### JQ Jazz Singers' Jam Night [vocal jazz/ swing] Open 7pm. Music 7.15pm – 10pm. \$7/ \$5 BJC + JQ Members

The Brisbane Jazz Club are thrilled to host **Jazz Queensland's** highly successful and popular **Jazz Singers' Jam Night** series in 2008. Already enjoying popularity in their new home, these monthly sessions (first Tuesday of the month – mark it in your diaries now!) feature up to 10 singers, including **Kristie Whiteley, Mick Hadley, Jack Comino, Di Clark and Natalie de Jager** in April, backed by the wonderful **James Sherlock Trio**. This fabulous night of fun and entertainment will be MC'ed by the wonderful **Stuart Fisher**. For enquiries about the event or to book a place to sing at future Jam Nights, please e-mail event organiser **Ingrid James** at [ingridjames@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ingridjames@optusnet.com.au)

NEW Event

## THURSDAY 3 APRIL \*\* SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

### Melissa and the Cunning Accompanist

[cabaret/ original jazz] Open 7pm. Show 7.30 – 9pm. \$15/ \$10 BJC Members

Fresh off the road from her East Coast tour to jazz and cabaret venues in Sydney, Melbourne and the Adelaide Fringe, **Melissa Western** is happy to be coming home to the BJC! Ms Western is ready to bring it on home at her favourite jazz club, with pianist **Tnee** supplying the musical fuel to her fire. **Melissa and the Cunning Accompanist** features a mix of enchanting original music and a selection of gorgeous jazz standards close to the hearts of these two incredible performers. Get ready for a night where anything can and probably will happen! **Melissa Western – voice, Tnee – piano.**

Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

## FRIDAY 4 APRIL \*\* SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

### Caxton Street Jazz Band

[traditional/ hot jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

One of Australia's hottest jazz bands, the CSJB is the BJC's greatest crowd-puller. Now in its 31st year, the Caxton Street Jazz Band always delights with its versatile repertoire, superb instrumentalists, and exciting playing. **John Braben – Trumpet, Paul Williams – Reeds, Tom Nicolson – Trombone/Banjo/Vocal, Bernice Haydock - Piano/Vocal, Dennis Ashton - Double Bass, Bob Mair - Drums/Washboard.**

Special Event  
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## SATURDAY 5 APRIL

### KIDNEY - CD Launch! [Hammond combo/ swing] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

The long-awaited CD release of Brisbane's favourite organ band is here!! **KIDNEY** has a sound that is solidly groove based with hints of funk, samba and gospel. The repertoire, placing blood-pumping original music alongside compositions by **Thelonious Monk, Kenny Dorham and Wayne Shorter**, has bounce and soul. As if this combination of music and instrumentation wasn't enough to swing your socks off already, **Kidney** brings together some of Brisbane's greatest jazz musicians: **Graeme Norris – saxophones; James Sherlock – guitar; Steve Newcomb – organ; and Joseph Marchisella – drums.**

## SUNDAY 6 APRIL

### Chicago Five [dixieland] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm.

The Chicago Five, are a group of musical friends with a passion for playing, bring Dixieland at its best to their first ever BJC appearance! Passion, the driving force of any adventure, takes this hot five on a foray into the jazz age – 1920's Chicago. Their motto: "Don't just listen to it, feel it!". **Crazy Bear Robinson – banjo and voice, Tony Ashby – reeds, Steve Wood – cornet and voice, Nikola Shaw – tuba and Tom Nicholson – trombone and voice.**

## THURSDAY 10 APRIL

### Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation #8 Theme: Choose Your Own Listening Adventure! 7 – 9pm

Ever wished you could just hang out in a relaxed environment and learn more about jazz? Following in the footsteps of the BJC's highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable Jazz Appreciation sessions, a new generation of sessions is here! These nights are focussed on making this wonderful artform accessible to anyone with an interest in learning more. Tonight we get a special visit from a wonderful drummer, jazz enthusiast and avid record collector **Steve Powell** to spin some groovy vinyl at your request! **Entry is by Donation.**

## FRIDAY 11 APRIL

### The View From Madeleine's Couch [Brazilian/ latin jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Catch TVFMC, leaders among Australia's Brazilian music ensembles, before they head off on a tour of the land where it all began – Brasil! From award nominated original songs to classic bossa nova & samba, the band will present a wonderful array of Brazilian sounds, giving you a sneak preview of some new material and a good swag of old favourites. TVFMC are **Anje West - Vocals & percussion Kym Ambrose – vibes, percussion Owen Newcomb – bass, Mark Henman – drums, Jamie Clark – guitar.**

## SATURDAY 12 APRIL

### Camaron Ford Flamenco + Gypsy Quartet – CD Launch!

[Manouche gypsy/ world jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

After two years of hard work, inspirational travel, study, composition and performances spanning the globe, Cam is proud to present the launch of his long-awaited first CD – **The Guitar Artistry of Camaron**. Come on a journey with the multifarious talents of Camaron and friends! Experience a unique blend of flamenco, jazz and contemporary music, beginning with a set of Camaron's original compositions for the flamenco guitar. The adventure continues with the non-stop pumping rhythms and crazy melodies of his **Gypsy Jazz Quartet!** The cast of characters is: **Camaron Ford - Flamenco Guitar and Gypsy Guitar, Shenten Gregory - Violin and percussion, Peter Walters - Electric and Double Bass, Miranda Deutsch - Rhythm Guitar.**

### SUNDAY 13 APRIL

#### Brisbane Big Band

[big band – for dancing!] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm

Here at the BJC, people are rediscovering the long-forgotten secret – dancing is fun! On the 2nd Sunday of every month, the dance floor fills with fans of the **Brisbane Big Band** and the good times begin. The BBB has been swingin' people around these floorboards since the day the BJC was born and they're here every month to make your night – the perfect place to bring a date for dinner and dancing! The BBB often features the vocal magic of father and daughter team **Alan and Melissa Western** and is led by the wonderful **Rod Bridges**.

### FRIDAY 18 APRIL

#### Old-time Double Bill: Dirt Music Club + special guest Mark Ziza

[blues/ ragtime] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

If you've got a hankerin' for something different, then this is the night for you! **Dirt Music Club** is the very spirit of ol' timey, bluesy, raggy, mountain and hokey roots music personified. Their god fearin' audiences are taken on a rompin', stompin' guided tour of these styles - and all without an electric instrument in sight! The gang go by the names of: **Mark Anderson - voice, banjo, mandolin; Coojee Timms - voice, guitar, bad attitude; 'OI Deliverance - steel body guitar, mando; Max "thumpin' pig" Christensen - snare and bottom flute; and for one nite only, Big Mal Nebe - double bass.** The good ol' times begin with a very special solo set from renowned Brisbane **guitarist/ vocalist Mark Ziza**.

### SATURDAY 19 APRIL

#### April 2008 Talkin' Jazz Jam Session

[young jazz musicians' educational series] Beginners 2 – 3pm; Int./ Adv. 3.30 – 4.30pm

Talkin' Jazz is an active engagement program open to all high school aged jazz musicians. This month's TJ session features one of Australia's leading jazz innovators, guitarist **James Sherlock**, who is widely recognised as both an exceptional performer and an inspiring educator. This exceptional performer will host an interactive discussion with the students about the joys of playing jazz music, followed by a hands-on workshop and jam session guaranteed to be full of youthful energy and fun!

#### Ingrid James & the East Coast Ensemble \*\* SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

[cool jazz/ vocal jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11.30pm. \$20/ \$15 Members

This superb ensemble draws its inspiration from the Cannonball Quintet era post 50's, with a goal to reconnect with audiences. Bringing together Brisbane's award-winning vocal diva and an all-star band, The East Coast Ensemble brings a fresh, vibrant and exciting new perspective to Queensland's jazz scene. Music that's soulful and articulate, East Coast Ensemble brings the swing back to contemporary jazz, engaging audiences with style and energy. The line-up features **Ingrid James on vocals; Dan Quigley, trumpet; Graeme Norris, sax; John Reeves, piano; Helen Russell, bass and Paul Hudson on drums.**

Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

### SUNDAY 20 APRIL

#### Brisbane Contemporary Jazz Orchestra

[big band – for listening] Open 5pm. Music 6pm – 9pm.

The BCJO, led by renowned big band advocate **David Humphries** and featuring some of the best Brisbane musicians, performs a wide range of modern big band music including latin, funk, swing and gospel. For a big band experience that engages the ears and the mind, it's hard to go past the BCJO for an original big band sound.

### THURSDAY 24 APRIL

#### Jazz Appreciation Session #4 7pm – 9pm

**Special Guest: Stuart Fisher.** Join superb entertainer and loveable host Alan Western for another delightful jazz appreciation event in its classic format. At the beginning of the night we meet a man who seamlessly blends his two lives as comedian and jazz singer into pure entertainment, **Stuart Fisher**. In the second half of the night we view an excellent jazz documentary – providing a great insight into the history of jazz. **Members FREE. Non-members \$5.**

### FRIDAY 25 APRIL

#### David Bentley Quartet

[blues / vocal jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

The bluesy style and jazz approach of **singer-songwriter-pianist David Bentley** is always a crowd-pleaser at the BJC. Tonight David joins forces with three of the East Coast's most accomplished musicians – **bassist Greg Lyon, drummer Kym Ambrose and guitarist Jim Kelly** - to perform music from his recent album, *Last Man Standing*, as well as a collection of standards handpicked from the jazz repertoire.

### SATURDAY 26 APRIL

#### Peter Walters Quartet with guest vocalist Kristina Kelman

[vocal jazz/ contemporary originals] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

The Peter Walters Quartet highlights Pete's latest compositions and arrangements with vocalist **Kristina Kelman**, as well as his usual menu of modern instrumental jazz. The smaller group will focus more on the subtle interplay between piano guitar and drums as a perfect backdrop to **Kristina's** own new material. **Peter Walters – double and electric basses, Paul Henderson- guitars, John Parker – drums, Domonic Motto – piano, Kristina Kelman – voice.**

### SUNDAY 27 APRIL \*\* BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

#### Mi Luna Mi Sol

[latin jazz/ gypsy swing] Open 8.30am. Band 8.45 – 11.30am

From the sultry Brazilian bossa nova to the swinging gypsy jazz, wake up to the sounds of **Mi Luna Mi Sol**. Breakfast never tasted so good as it will when your ears are feasting on the music of this captivating trio. **Miranda Camille – guitar, voice; Suzie Hull – flute, voice; Peter Walters – double bass. \$25 entry + breakfast OR regular prices for entry only.**

Special Event  
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#### Swing Chronicles

[big band – for dancing!] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm.

Swing kids ruled the dance floor in the 1930's. Giants of big band music roamed the earth, letting people in on the secret one dance hall at a time: when a big band swings into top gear, just move those feet, hold on tight - everything's gonna be alright! **Swing Chronicles**, cookin' with the danceable fervour found among this city's top echelon of big bands, bring this message right to your ears and feet. Strap on your dancing shoes for a night of scintillating entertainment, guided by the baton of their stellar leader **Rod Bridges** and featuring the wonderful vocal team of **Catrina Cross and Mal Wood**.