

Brisbane Jazz Club

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August Program
2007

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 | 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

FRIDAY 3 AUGUST

Duende [smooth jazz for the soul] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

The members of Duende draw from a vast and worldly experience in both life and music to bring you well-known songs with a new meaning and experience as a listener. Drawing from their expertise in both the classical and jazz arenas, Duende is a polished musical act which exudes professionalism, perfectionism, but most importantly, soul. **Voice - Libby Gleadhill, Guitar - Sean Flynn, Drums - Rich Seymour, Double Bass - Bela Piri.**

SATURDAY 4 AUGUST ** SPECIAL EVENT - BOOKINGS NECESSARY **

West End Composers' Collective + Alessandro Bellino Duo \$18/ \$12 Members

[world-class champions of original jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

After delighting a packed crowd at the BJC in April, the ten-piece 'West End Composers' Collective' returns in a night that features the crème of Brisbane's creative improvising musicians playing especially written original works and arrangements by local composers. Their debut CD "Downstream" has received much praise. See them live in Brisbane before they head to Townsville for the Palmer Street Jazz Festival. **Musical Director – Steve Newcomb.** Just to make an awesome night even better, our acoustic set from 10.15 – 11pm will feature a unique performance from sensational duo **Alessandro Bellino (voice) and Georgia Weber (double bass).** Stick around and enjoy some more magic from this unique combination.

SUNDAY 5 AUGUST

Swing Chronicles [great big band swing – dancing!] Open 6.30pm. Bands 7.30pm – 11pm

Join the big band that has them swinging from the chandeliers. Get out the glad rags for a super night of fun and dancing. Scintillating, smooth entertainment guided by the baton of their stellar leader **Rod Bridges** and featuring the wonderful team of **Catrina Cross** and **Mal Woods** on vocals.

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST

Alan Western and the Jazz Gang [jazz with everything]

Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Forget the cares of the week and get set for another great weekend at the BJC. Easy-going entertainer and jazz vocalist Alan Western with his fine musical cats, the Jazz Gang, play it hot and swingy or smoochy and smooth. Plenty of fun and great music for dancers or listeners - the weekend starts here, with **Alan Western - vocals; Paul Gibens - reeds; Kylie Foster - keyboards; Amby Dowdeswell - bass; Jim Howard - drums.**

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST

Steve Russell Trio [the band from Byron returns] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

You've seen this consummate musician perform often at the club, providing wonderful backing for singers and instrumentalists from all over the place. Now come and see him in his element with his own jazz trio. **Steve Russell – piano, Thierry Fossemale – double bass, Scott Hills - drums.**

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST

Brisbane Big Band [superb big band entertainment] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm

This "home grown" (ORIGINALLY KNOWN as The Brisbane Jazz Club Big Band) band will be offering the audience a taste of sophisticated and superb big band music to the delight of the dancing public. Great dancing and entertainment. Featuring **Alan Western** on vocals and led by the wonderful **Rod Bridges.**

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST

** NEW ** Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation

Theme: Era-Spanning Artists

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. The first of this new breed of educational nights will focus on a handful of very special artists who have successfully spent several decades making music under the jazz umbrella. Jazz ninjas like Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock and Quincy Jones have well and truly stood the test of time - we're going listen to some tunes and watch some clips that will show us why! **Members FREE. Non-members \$5.**

FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

John Reeves Trio [smooth swing and standards] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Exploring the worlds of small ensemble playing and improvisation, the John Reeves Trio will be performing a selection of jazz standards, tunes from the modern jazz era (Miles Davis, Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock) and many of John's original compositions. Featuring **John Reeves on piano** and a rhythm section TBA but STBS (Sure To Be Swingin'!)

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST

August 2007 Talkin' Jazz Jam Session [young jazz musicians' educational series]

Performance 3.30pm, Workshop and Jam Session 4pm – 6.30pm

This event is open to all high school aged jazz musicians. This Talkin' Jazz session sees one of this country's greatest jazz entertainers of all time, **Johnny Nicol**, hook in with his all-star rhythm section to give a special half hour performance for the students, followed by a hands-on workshop and jam session guaranteed to be full of youthful energy and fun! The tireless work of TJ Creative Director **Trevor Hart** continues to make the sessions more incredible and worthwhile each month.

Johnny Nicol – 50 years making great music!

** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ** \$18 Non-members/ \$12 Members

[celebrating 50 years in show-business!] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Those entertainers who reach out and touch the hearts of audiences everywhere they go are a rare breed. A legend among legends, Johnny Nicol has been doing just that all over the world for the last 50 years! Join us for a night of exceptional music and an unparalleled experience of this wonderful performer doing what he loves best and help us celebrate this incredible milestone. **Johnny (guitar/ voice) is joined by his all-star rhythm section Glen Walton (piano), Ian Beddoes (bass) and Joe Delalande (drums).**

SUNDAY 19 AUGUST

Brisbane Contemporary Jazz Orchestra Concert Series – Part 1 of 5 – BUDDY RICH

[first of five amazing tribute shows] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm.

With his incredible technique, speed, power Buddy Rich became known as “the world’s greatest drummer.” A precocious genius, Buddy Rich started playing drums in vaudeville as “Traps, the Drum Wonder” when he was only 18 months old. By 1938 he was playing with Joe Marsala, followed by Bunny Berigan’s orchestra and Artie Shaw, and then from 1939-1945 he became the famous drummer with Tommy Dorsey. Under the direction of jazz educator and local visionary **David Humphries**, BCJO will perform many of the famous songs from the repertoire of Buddy Rich, including West Side Story, Norwegian Wood and Love for Sale.

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

Stuart Fisher Quartet [ultimate jazz entertainment] Open 6.30pm. Bands 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

First and foremost in the minds of the Stuart Fisher Quartet is the desire to entertain. Performance is the primary goal and the music of some of Brisbane’s best jazz players feeds energy into Stuart’s incomparable stage presence. Each brief pause between songs is like a glimmer of insight into this unique Brisbane comic’s performing skills and it’s easy to see why he has audiences in stitches wherever he goes. Amidst standards and contemporary popular material, you’ll get a first-hand sneak preview of elements being developed for a performance by the quartet at the 2008 Melbourne International Comedy Festival! **Stuart Fisher – voice/ presence, Dave Spicer – piano, AJ Hall – bass, Rich Seymour – drums.**

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST

The Little Big Band Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

This exciting and diverse sextet bring an accumulation of some 400 years of musicking experiences to the floor! Drawing on their time together in the famous Brisbane Big Band as well as influences from brass bands, musicals, teaching, circus bands and jazz small groups, the Little Big Band will entertain you with music ranging from jazz ballads to dixie, blues, rock and swing. Absorb yourself in their music – there’s a dance floor just begging to see your happy feet! **Warwick Denton - trumpet & flugel, Paul Gibens - tenor sax, Ron Patrick – trombone, Yvonne Anthony – piano, Dan Simpson – drums, Ambrose Dowdeswell – bass.**

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST

Riverside Breakfast with Mystery Pacific

** BOOKINGS NECESSARY ** [formidable, irresistible Manouche jazz] Open 8.30am. Band 8.45 – 11.30am

The gypsy/Manouche music in the style of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli is a real hit on Sunday morning and we have been very lucky to capture some of Brisbane’s best musicians at the lead of **Ewan MacKenzie (guitar)**. Also featuring **Rick Caskey (double bass), Bruce Woodward (guitar) and Luke Moller (violin)**. \$25 for BOTH members AND non-members incl. entry & breakfast OR regular prices for entry only.

BJC House Band Jam Open 5pm. Band 5.30pm – 8.30pm

The last few House Band Jams have gone off like frogs in various socks, made special by the willingness of the audience members to go along with the spirit of fun music. Come along for some great entertainment with an eclectic mix of musically talented members, volunteers and committee of the Brisbane Jazz Club. A fun night where entry is by donation.

THURSDAY 30 AUGUST

Jazz Appreciation Session #8 7pm – 9pm

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 will have an informative presentation from a prominent local jazz artist and will listen to famous recordings of jazz legends. 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 31 AUGUST

Damian Sim Quintet – Duke Ellington Tribute Show [great music honouring a great man] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

The pairing of Duke Ellington and his musical partner, Billy Strayhorn is undoubtedly one of the most significant in jazz. Covering a broad range of moods and styles, this quintet will explore a broad ducal repertoire, including classics such as “In A Sentimental Mood”, “Mood Indigo” and “Take the ‘A’ Train”. Witness a wonderful meeting of Brisbane’s most experienced and established musicians with some of the most promising young talent, uniting to offer a great night of music and entertainment with something for everybody. **Damian Sim (piano) / Hannah Macklin (vocals) / James Sherlock (guitar) / Helen Russell (double bass) / Nathan Goldman (drums).**

