



Brisbane Jazz Club

December Program 2007

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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 30 NOVEMBER

Karen Anderson Quintet [vocal jazz / swing-mainstream] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

The BJC welcomes the return of local chanteuse **Karen Anderson** for a night of beautiful ballads, sassy swing and some blues and R&B inspired takes on popular songs that will inspire you, make your toes tap and pull on your heart strings. Joining Karen for this performance will be **Ewan Mackenzie (guitar)**, **Peter Walters (double bass)**, **Joe Marchisella (drums)** and **Dominic Motto (keyboard)**. It's supper club time on the river so don't miss this wonderful singer and her friends doing what they do so well.

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER

John Smallcombe's 'SmallCombo' [jazz blues / swing-mainstream] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Small Combo is a jazz quartet that plays a variety of music within the jazz style ranging from cool jazz to jazz funk. When this band plays together they always manage to have a swingin' good time. **John Smallcombe (saxophone/clarinet)**, **Rohan Somasekaran (piano)**, **Rich Seymour (drums)**, **tbc (double bass)**.

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Sandie White & Melissa Western: Lady Be Good [vocal jazz] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm \$15/ \$10 BJC Members

An intimate night of top notch jazz cabaret entertainment. Sandie White's illustrious career spans the globe and she has worked with jazz luminaries for over four decades. Melissa Western is a stunning jazz vocalist who loves nothing more than to put on a show. **Sandie White – vocals**, **Melissa Western - vocals**, **John Reeves – piano**, **Bela Piri – bass**.



FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

Mystery Pacific [manouche/gypsy jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Mystery Pacific are one of Australia's premier Gypsy Swing bands. They share a love for the style of music pioneered by Django Reinhardt - known as Jazz Manouche, Gypsy Jazz or Gypsy swing. They take the compositions of Django as their canon, together with 20th Century standards and their own original material, and their show features a hot rhythm section and virtuosic soloing. **Ewan MacKenzie - guitar**, **Luke Moller - violin**, **Rick Caskey - bass**, **Bruce Woodward – guitar**.

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

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

Singer-songwriter-pianist David Bentley joins forces with three of Brisbane's most accomplished musicians – **bassist Andrew Shaw**, **drummer Jeff Lotze** and **reedman Ric Halstead** - to perform music from his recent album, Last Man Standing, as well as to explore a collection of standards from the jazz repertoire.

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

Brisbane Big Band

[big band entertainment – dancing!] Open 5.30pm. 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 the vocal magic of father and daughter team **Alan and Melissa Western** and led by the wonderful **Rod Bridges**.

TUESDAY 11 & WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Tim Rogers and Louis Macklin: The Reprobate's Agreement Tour Open 7.15pm. Support act: 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Show: 9pm.

To support the release of The Luxury of Hysteria, **Tim Rogers (guitar/vocals)** graces the club again with **Louis Macklin (piano)** for the The Reprobate's Agreement Tour. If you missed out on The Gentlemen's Agreement last time then you better get in early because we don't know how many agreements they can come up with! Tim is one of Australia's foremost singer-songwriters and leads the popular band You Am I. Tickets: Moshtix 1300 438 849. www.moshtix.com.au

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

** NEW ** Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation #5 Theme: New Orleans Music , 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. **Entry is by Donation**.

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

The Hammond Combo [Hammond combo/ swing] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

The Hammond Combo swing into the BJC to sweep away your weekday blues with a big fat boogaloo shuffle. Ranging from funk to jazz and some cabaret style tossed in for good measure, these cats know how to entertain. Featuring **Matt Murphy – Hammond Organ**, **Mal Wood – trumpet and voice**, **Nick Aggs – tenor saxophone** and **Joe Marchisella – drums**.

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

December 2007 Talkin' Jazz Jam Session

[young jazz musicians' educational series] Workshop and Jam Session 2pm – 5pm

This event is open to all high school aged jazz musicians. This Talkin' Jazz session features **Steve Newcomb**, one of Brisbane's finest piano player / jazz educator / Musical Director with a wealth of experience both on the bandstand and behind the scenes. 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! 2007 TJ Creative Director **Trevor Hart** will also be on hand to help keep the energy happenin'.

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

West End Composers' Collective [big band – for listening] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

After packed shows at the Jazz Club in April and August this year, the West End Composers Collective returns with a program of music written especially for the band since its beginnings in 2003. This will be the Collectives last gig for 2007 before they head into the studio for a new album featuring the music of Rafael Karlen, so pocket their previous release "Downstream" as a christmas present for someone special! **Hannah Macklin – vocal, James Sherlock – guitar, Steve Newcomb – piano, Georgia Weber – bass, Joe Marchisella – drums, Mark Spencer - alto sax, Rafael Karlen - tenor sax, Graeme Norris - bari sax, Shannon Marshall – trumpet, Mikael Strand – trombone.**

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

Brisbane Contemporary Jazz Orchestra Concert Series – Part 5 of 5 – The Music of Suave Superstar WOODY HERMAN

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

The BCJO are taking audiences by storm with their sensational concert tribute series! A fine swing clarinetist, an altoist and soprano saxophonist, and a spirited blues vocalist, Woody Herman's greatest significance to jazz was as the leader of a long line of big bands. BCJO will perform many of the famous tunes of Woody Herman, including Four Brothers, Woodchopper's Ball and Fanfare for the Common Man.

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

DQ7's Swingin' Xmas plus special guests [vocal jazz – swing/mainstream] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.

Club open until 11.30pm. \$20/ \$15 BJC Members

DQ7 plus Special guests, Xmas Special is a 7 piece jazz band featuring some of Brisbane's finest established musicians. Each guest including **Ingrid James, Melissa Western and Stuart Fisher**, will perform swingin' Xmas carol's and the band will play a mix of straight-ahead jazz standards and xmas medley's. **Dan Quigley - Trumpet and vocals, Graeme Norris - saxophones, Andrew Garton - saxophones, Bruce Woodward - Guitar, John Reeves - Piano, Andrew Shaw - Double Bass and Joe Marchisella - Drums.**

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SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Paul Armstrong (USA) meets Ingrid James (Brisvegas!) [cool jazz, bebop, swing & latin]

Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm. \$20/ \$15 BJC Members

Meet Paul Armstrong, based in Baltimore, USA, the lead jazz trumpet player in the Jazz Ambassadors. His arrangement and playing experience stretches to such jazz identities as Diane Schuur, Marvin Hamlisch, Burt Bacharach, Michael Feinstein, Phil Woods, Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Bobby Sew, Ray Pizzi, Bob Schneider, Slide Hampton and many more. Paul will join Ingrid James and her quartet in a special evening. **Paul Armstrong (USA) trumpet, Ingrid James, vocals; John Reeves, piano; Owen Newcomb, bass and Paul Hudson, drums.**

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SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

Swing Chronicles [big band swing – dancing!] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm

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 Wood on vocals.**

THURSDAY 27 DECEMBER

Jazz Appreciation Session #12 7pm – 9pm

Special Guest: Paul Gibens. 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 reeds man (saxes, clarinet, flute +), arranger and band leader extraordinaire Paul Gibens. 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 28 DECEMBER

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

Pianist, Blues Singer, Composer, Arranger: call him whatever you will, **JEFF USHER** is one of Australia's leading exponents of jazz and blues piano-&-vocals. Like his fellow blind musician **RAY CHARLES**, **JEFF** has not just played the blues, he has lived the blues all his life. **JEFF USHER (piano/vocals)** will be supported by **Warren Trout Senior on drums, Andrew Shaw on bass and Brad Esbensen on Trumpet.**

SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER

John Reeves [African piano] Open 6.30pm. Music 7.30 – 11pm

London-born, Brisbane-based pianist John Reeves recently returned from Ghana, West Africa, where he attended the Kusun Study Tour. Set in Nungua, a village 15 kms from the capital Accra, John engaged in the rich and varied culture of Ghana. John studied drumming, dancing and singing with lead teacher Nii Tetteh Tetteh who heads the Kusun Ensemble, a band in high demand on the international circuit. John will present music influenced by his experiences in Ghana, along with a selection of music representing his ongoing interest in African music as a whole and its links to jazz.

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER ** BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Riverside Breakfast with Cameron Ford Quartet [manouche/gypsy 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 **Cameron Ford (guitar)**. Also featuring **Peter Walters (bass), Jérémie Nagabbo (guitar) and Shenten Gregory (violin)**. \$25 for BOTH members AND non-members incl. entry & breakfast OR regular prices for entry only.

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Moodswing – Viv Middleton Trio feat Irene Bartlett [vocal jazz] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm

The Viv Middleton Trio featuring Vocalist Irene Bartlett is a group that brings a vast degree of expertise and experience to their performances. The music covers many genres, and always creates a freshness, excitement and level of presentation to each song that they perform. **Irene Bartlett (vocals) Viv Middleton (piano) Loch Easton (Bass)**. You can be assured of a night to remember.

MONDAY 31 DECEMBER ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

New Year's Eve: Caxton Street Jazz Band + support

Open 7pm. Bands play 7.30pm – 12.30am. \$60 Members/ \$70 Non-members.

Preferential Bookings for members during November.

This event will sell out so if you're planning on coming along get those bookings in fast! Featuring one of the club's most popular bands, the **Caxton Street Jazz Band**. We'll get the party started earlier with the support of a group of hip young musicians who will blow your socks off! Two bands + delicious food provided by Jennifer's Catering.

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