

Brisbane Jazz Club

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December
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 | bookings@brisbanejazzclub.com.au

Unless otherwise noted regular club prices are \$10 members / \$15 visitors

Friday 5 December * BOOKINGS AVAILABLE *****

Caxton Street Jazz Band [hot jazz / trad]

Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.

John Braben - trumpet Paul Williams - reeds Tom Nicolson - trombone/banjo/vocals Bernice Haydock - piano/vocals Dennis Ashton – double bass Bob Mair - drums/washboard. The BJC's biggest crowd pullers. A band true to its roots in authentic hot jazz but versatile in repertoire. Hot and tight, not to be missed.

Saturday 6 December

Stuart Fisher Quartet + special guests [vocal jazz / comedy]

Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.

The big man of Brisbane Jazz also happens to be one of the funniest stand-up comedians in the country. Come and check out a rare mixture of beautiful jazz mixed with laugh-out-loud humour and incredible entertainment. Featuring some of Brisbane's best musicians, you'll be sure to be enthralled.

Sunday 7 December

The View from Madeleine's Couch [latin]

Open 5.30pm. Band 6-9pm.

Recently returned from study in Brazil, Anje West (percussion and voice) and Kym Ambrose (vibes) are set to bring their unique style of Brazilian jazz to the Brisbane Jazz Club. TVFMC regularly spread their musical good vibes around Brisbane, gigging at live music hotspots Ric's Bar and The Press Club, interspersed with touring, festival appearances, private parties/celebrations, and high profile corporate events.

Thursday 11 December ***BYO event*******

Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation 6 – 8pm

Ever wished you could just hang out in a relaxed environment and learn more about jazz? These nights are focussed on making this wonderful artform accessible to anyone with an interest in learning more. This session will be hosted by jazz enthusiasts Steve Powell and Greg Gottlieb! Entry is by Donation.

Friday 12 December

Pugsley Buzzard with support act The Tnee Trio [swing / stride / blues]

Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.

Pugsley Buzzard is a piano player and gravel voiced singer whose performances draw from a rich vein of piano based music from Harlem Stride, New Orleans Funk, Swampshack Jazz, Barrelhouse Blues to Modern Improvisations. Don't miss support act The Tnee Trio, a high-energy piano-based trio guaranteed to entertain!

Saturday 13 December

Jo's Bellingham Wizard's of Jazz [traditional]

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

This top Traditional Band carries on the already strong musical ties between Bellingham and Southern Queensland. Their repertoire is drawn from the first half of the 20th century and is played with passion and respect. John Braben - trumpet, Geoff Speed - clarinet, saxes, Mike Hawthorne - trombone, vocals, Jo Bloomfield - piano, Wally Furst - banjo, guitar, Ian Cocking - bass, Mauri Thomas - drums.

Sunday 14 December

Brisbane Big Band: Christmas Charisma [big band – for dancing!]

Open 5.30pm. Band 6pm-9pm.

Christmas comes but once a year, but you can hear the wonderful sounds of the Brisbane Big Band every month all year round! The club's very own new-look band is in fabulous form, so this month MD Brad Esbensen invites you to enjoy the 'Christmas Charisma' of presentation and vocals by Alan Western and our special guest, the BJC's very own diva - the lovely Melissa Western.

Tuesday 16 December

JQ Jazz Singers' Jam Night [vocal jazz/ swing]

Open 7pm. Music 7.15pm – 10pm. \$8/ \$6 BJC + JQ Members

Yes, it's **Jazz Queensland's** highly successful and popular **Jazz Singers' Jam Night** series. Join us for one of the most unique jazz nights on the local calendar. This month's jam will be a Christmas celebration, so come along and spread the cheer. 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

Friday 19 December

Mal Wood's Swingin' Christmas [swingin' standards + xmas cheer!]

Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.

There's nothing like a bit of Christmas cheer to start the countdown to the Christmas week. Trumpet player, singer and frontman all in one, Malcolm Wood is one of the best entertainers around. He'll be joined by a swingin' band featuring some great jazz arrangements of perennially favourite songs of seasons greetings.

Saturday 20 December**Mike Ross & Friends** [swing / mainstream / dixie]**Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.**

Join one of the club's long time personalities - Mike Ross. He's joined by a group of great quality jazz musos. Col Jones- Trumpet, Mike Hawthorne - trombone ,Tony Ashby - Reeds, Jo bloomfield - Piano, Russel Bayne-Guitar, Peter Freeman - Bass, Mike Ross – Drums & Vocals.

Sunday 21 December**Brisbane Contemporary Jazz Orchestra with special guests Ipswich City Big Band [big band – for listening!]****Open 5.30pm. Band 6pm-9pm**

BCJO with Ipswich City Big Band. ICBB wowed the audience with their tight ensemble playing and swinging arrangements, featuring Cilla Slack on vocals, when they performed in September. BCJO need no introduction as the only big band focussing on the modern big band sound in Brisbane and featuring some of the best established and emerging musicians. Come and join us for a spectacular night of mainstream and modern big band music.

Friday 26 December**Jeff Usher Quartet** [jazz blues]**Open 6.30pm. Music 7.30pm – 11pm.**

Jeff Usher has been working as a professional pianist for more than twenty years, and has earned a reputation as one of Queensland's leading exponents of Jazz and Blues. He is also highly regarded as a Composer, Arranger, Teacher, vocalist and Music Consultant. He has worked extensively throughout Australia and abroad both as a solo performer and as a combo player. Jeff will lead a fun night of music with a jazz blues twist.

Saturday 27 December**Rohan Somasekaran Quintet + Angela Fabian (USA vocals)** [vocal jazz]**Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm.**

Focussing more on standards and originals by Rohan, but keeping that soulful Blue Note groove as an undercurrent, this new quartet's music is designed to appeal to everyone. It's jazz music for 2008 and beyond; it has respect for the tradition but is played with eyes towards the future. Joining Rohan's quartet is acclaimed USA jazz vocalist, Angela Fabian. Together they will be presenting night of top class, hard swinging, soulful jazz music.

Sunday 28 December * Bookings reommended *******Riverside Breakfast with the Luke Moller Trio** [jazz violin trio]**Open 8.15am. Band 8.45am-11.30am**

A delightful way to get jazzy on a Sunday morning. Luke Moller has been performing in various jazz ensembles around the country to great acclaim. Join his very own trio for a morning of delightful music teamed with a great personality. \$25 including breakfast or regular entry prices without breakfast.

Sunday 28 December**David Rankin's Paradise City Jazz Band** [trad]**Open 5.30pm. Bands 6-9pm.**

David Rankin's Paradise City Jazz Band (PCJB) is recognized as one of Brisbane's and south east Queensland's leading jazz and function bands. While a jazz group (swing / Dixieland / mainstream & blues), their extensive range of music offers a night of music to entertain all ages and interests. Gordon Richardson – piano, Wayne Harper - electric bass & vocal, Glen Flenady - guitar & banjo, Col Jones – trumpet, Wayne Moore - trombone & vocal, David Rankin - clarinet & saxophone – leader.

Wednesday 31 December * Preferential Booking period for members closes on December 1 *******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 cocktail food provided by Jennifer's Catering.