

# Brisbane Jazz Club

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June Program  
2008

Huge river deck | Fully Licensed bar | Meals & platters | Fully Air-conditioned | 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

## PLEASE NOTE RE: DANCE CLASS

Alas, we have had to discontinue our FREE monthly dance class.

Watch this space and keep an eye on [www.brisbanejazzclub.com.au](http://www.brisbanejazzclub.com.au) for when this fun event might be returning in the future!

## SATURDAY 31 MAY \*\*BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR – BOOK NOW!! \*\*

### BJC Birthday Celebration Ball – celebrating our 36th birthday!

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

Get all dressed up in your best finery, come to an old fashioned jazz ball and celebrate our 36th year as Brisbane's home of jazz! Re-live the glamorous dance band experience of a bygone era with the **Royal Australian Artillery Band Brisbane, featuring Melissa Western.**

## SUNDAY 1 JUNE \*\* SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

### GALAPAGOS DUCK – Australia's most famous jazz band

[swing/ mainstream] Open 12pm. Lunch 12.30 – 1.30pm. Band 1.30pm – 4pm.

\$25/ \$20 Members – Full Lunch Menu Available!

Join us at the BJC for the jazz concert of the year, as we invite you to have lunch with **the Duck!** Described by famous jazz critic Leonard Feather in the LA Times as, "Australia's best known jazz band... an expert professional quintet that steers directly down the mainstream", **Galapagos Duck** have amassed a following of dedicated fans worldwide. The nucleus of this band has existed for over 30 years and this concert is Brisbane's chance to see why their impressive reputation is well-deserved! The Duck are: **Greg Foster - trombone/harmonica, John Conley - bass, Matt Baker - piano, vocals, Will Qua - reeds, drums (a founding member), Rodney Ford - drums, vocals.**

### BJC Jam Night \*\* NEW EVENT \*\*

[anything goes] Open 5pm. Jam 6pm – 9pm. \$15/ \$10 Members/ FREE for afternoon concert-goers!

Bring back the Jam! Come and hear the magic of the jam sessions that jazz clubs are famous for. **The BJC Jam Night** is all about giving up and comers the chance to play with some of Brisbane's best jazz musicians. Witness the excitement of music created on the fly: that's improvisation – that's jazz! The house rhythm section for this inaugural jam is the **James Sherlock Trio**. Interested musicians should e-mail [james@jamesherlock.com](mailto:james@jamesherlock.com) to book in.

## TUESDAY 3 JUNE \*\* NEW EVENT \*\*

### JQ Jazz Singers' Jam Night [vocal jazz/ swing] Open 7pm. Music 7.15pm – 10pm. \$8/ \$6 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 **Andrew Kerr, Cate Shaw & Peter Vance (duo), Jan Gillies, Stan Steindl and Lenna Basha** in June, backed by the wonderful **Rohan Somasekaran 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)

## THURSDAY 5 JUNE

### Susy Blue's Music Fiesta: EP Launch

[vocal jazz/ gypsy jazz] Open 7pm. Music 7.30 – 10pm. \$10/ \$8 BJC Members

Singer/songwriter/flautist **Susy Blue** releases her debut EP in a night of folk/jazz/world flavoured original music. Come along to hear a unique mixture of inventive songs with a full band, horns, strings, luscious vocal harmonies and exotic instrumentation. Joining the fiesta will be **Laique** with their infectious gypsy grooves and Parisian swing, and **Miranda Camille** weaving her acoustic magic.

## FRIDAY 6 JUNE \*\* 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.**

## SATURDAY 7 JUNE

### Solo Piano Night with special guest Pugsley Buzzard [solo jazz piano] Open 6.30pm. Music 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

A fun filled night with four top class pianists. **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. Pure entertainment delivered with a vaudevillian nuance and humour. Also featuring support solo sets from local legends **Clare Hansson, Viv Middleton and David Bentley.**

## SUNDAY 8 JUNE

### Brisbane Big Band – featuring Count Basie tribute [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. This month's performance will feature a tribute to the hot Kansas City music of Count Basie's dance bands of the 30's. Experience the vocal magic of **Alan Western** and Queensland's finest big band players, led by the wonderful **Rod Bridges**. ~-myspace.com/brisbanebigband~-

## THURSDAY 12 JUNE

### Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation #9 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. The sessions are hosted by musicians and jazz enthusiasts **Greg Gottlieb and Steve Powell**, waxing lyrical and playing records and CDs at your request! **Entry is by Donation.**

## FRIDAY 13 JUNE

### Roger Gonzalez Quintet [latin jazz/ Afro-Cuban] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

**Roger Gonzalez Quintet** combines Jazz, Afro-Cuban and Spanish influences to create a new style of Latin Jazz. Inspired by a visit to Madrid, Spain, Roger Gonzalez brings home a brand of Latin Jazz that is fresh, having also played on the European Jazz scene with such artists such as Alain Perez and Pepe Rivero. **Roger Gonzalez - Congas, Shannon Marshall – Trumpet/ Flugel, Dave Kemp - Drums, Rohan Somasekaran - Piano, Justin Bliss – Bass.**

PLEASE NOTE:  
Change of pricing options.  
\$35/ \$30 Mmbrs entry only OR  
\$65/ \$60 inc 3-course meal.  
Increased number of  
places avail.

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## SATURDAY 14 JUNE

### Mike Ross and Friends

[mainstream/ vocal jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11.30pm.

Everyone's favourite singing drummer is back! Mike Ross has been playing drums, singing songs and entertaining with his cheeky humour for three decades, leading from the back with an impressive array of Brisbane's finest hot trad acts. He is joined on the bandstand tonight by a fantastic cast of friends: **Mike Ross – drums/ voice, Bill Croft - Reeds, Mike Hawthorne - Trombone, Col Jones - Trumpet, Jo Bloomfield - Piano, Russell Bayne - Guitar, Ian Cocking – Bass.**

## SUNDAY 15 JUNE

### What a Con!: John Hoffman and the Con big bands

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

The BJC is very proud to showcase the rising stars of Brisbane's jazz community as the QLD Conservatorium's big bands take to the stage. Their incredible talents will be displayed at the musical direction of US born trumpet/flugelhorn player **John Hoffman**, who famous for his personable prowess as an educator and equally well-known for his "exquisite sense of musicality and his mellifluous, warm tone" [Ingrid James]. Come along and support the next wave of amazing musicians!

## FRIDAY 20 JUNE

### Katie Wighton Quartet

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

Rising star on the Brisbane jazz scene **Katie Wighton** joins forces with a selection of Brisbane's finest jazz players to bring you a night of beautiful song. In 2007 Katie won the Generations in Jazz Vocal Scholarship and the BJC/ Clare Hansson Young Jazz Recording Prize. She has performed alongside musical greats such as James Morrison, John Morrison, James Muller and Phil Stack. **Katie Wighton – voice, Toby Wren – Guitar, Pat Marchisella – double bass, Sacha Kloostra – drums.**

## SATURDAY 21 JUNE \*\* SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

### June 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 pianist **Steve Newcomb**, whose reputation as an accomplished educator is matched by his renown as an extraordinary musician. 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!

### Lee Gunness with the Caxton Street Jazz Band

[vocal jazz/ trad jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm. \$20/ \$15 Members

'With a voice that hit me like a bullet' (Marcel Joly - American Jazzbeat Magazine), **Lee Gunness** has been hailed as one of Australia's finest traditional jazz, gospel and blues singers. A career spanning twenty years has seen Lee perform at all major Australian Jazz festivals and many international festivals. Influenced by New Orleans, Lee has been likened to many of the great singers including Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald and Mahalia Jackson! Tonight she is backed by Brisbane's favourite trad cats, the **Caxton Street Jazz Band.**

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## SUNDAY 22 JUNE

### New Groove Jazz Orchestra

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

By popular demand, the **New Groove Jazz Ensemble** is back, with new faces, new tunes, but still that fabulous "old big band swing"! Bring your dancing shoes or simply "toe-tap" along with one Brisbane's favourite Big Bands, led by **Mr Ken Lincoln** with special guest appearances by **Dada, Donny and Jacob.**

## THURSDAY 26 JUNE

### Jazz Appreciation Session #5 7pm – 9pm

**Special Guest: Clare Hansson.** 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 Doctor Jazz herself, **Clare Hansson.** One of Brisbane's most celebrated jazz pianists, Clare was the subject of our first ever Jazz App session a few years ago and is back in the chair for more great stories about her life in music. 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 27 JUNE

### Sue Bond Jazz Quartet

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

The **Sue Bond Jazz Quartet** has appeared at many national jazz festivals. They feature an exciting repertoire of songs from the Great American Song Book played in a contemporary style. **Sue Bond - voice, Geoff Proud - drums, AJ Hall - double bass, Dave Spicer - piano.**

## SAT 28 JUNE

### Rohan Somasekaran Quintet feat. Angela Fabian (US Jazz Singer)

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

Rohan Somasekaran launches a brand new configuration of five of the hottest jazz players in town to explore some sweeter corners of the jazz sounds. Focussing more on standards, but keeping that soulful Blue Note groove as an undercurrent, the new quintet's music is designed to appeal to everyone. It's jazz music for 2008; it has respect for the tradition but is played with eyes towards the future. **Rohan Somasekaran – piano, Angela Fabian – vocals, tbc - double bass, Dave Kemp – vibes and percussion, Rich Seymour – drums.**

## SUNDAY 29 JUNE

### Riverside breakfast with Paris Dreaming \*\* BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED \*\*

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

**Paris Dreaming** is the latest duo project of Brisbane's Manouche maestro, guitarist **Ewan Mackenzie** and passionate gypsy jazz accordionist **Kay Sullivan.** Since their feted formation in September 2006, Paris Dreaming have released two CDs, collections of the beautiful Musette waltzes, Gypsy Swing, Django Reinhardt tunes and Ewan's originals you will hear at this month's delicious breakfast concert. **\$25 entry + breakfast OR regular prices for entry only.**

### Swing and the Singin' Sisters

[vocal jazz/ swing] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm.

This swingin' septet will take your cares away with the sweet sounds of vocal jazz in the style of the Andrews Sisters, Mills Brothers, Modernaires, Pied Pipers and more! Featuring the gorgeous harmonised voices of **Cherryn Lomas, Rachel Taylor and Christine Bowden** and at the musical direction of **Paul Wilmington**, this will be one cool way to end the month!

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