

Brisbane Jazz Club

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March 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

FRIDAY 29 FEBRUARY ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Leap Year Special: The Incomparable Margret RoadKnight Farewells Brisvegas

[folk, blues and vocal jazz] Open 6.30pm. Margret 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm. \$20/ \$15 Members

Join us on that quirky day wedged into the middle of the year for a very special event: **Margret RoadKnight's** last Brisbane gig before resettling in Victoria! A unique and passionate artist, renowned for her powerful vocals and wide-ranging roots-based repertoire with lyrics full of wit and wisdom, Margret RoadKnight survives and thrives outside the mainstream music scene with flair and soul. Margret will thrill and entertain you with songs and stories from over 40 years in the biz. This won't be your usual night at the BJC, but it will surely be one to remember!

Special Event
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SATURDAY 1 MARCH

SUPER AWESOME DUO NIGHT: Volume IV

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

Together, **Lauren Lucille and Toby Wren** create a pleasing and personal atmosphere where music soothes the soul. Lauren sings sweet lullabys and up-tempo swing tunes and Toby deftly accompanies her with his inimitable guitar style and intricate but always-musical solos. **Rohan Somasekaran and Dave Kemp** join forces to present the intimate pairing of piano and vibes – a duo match made in heaven. Expect a delicious mix of standards, modern jazz and original material along with excursions into Argentinean, Brazilian and Caribbean folk music. **Mal Wood Hammond Duo** is all about feelin' good. To end the night, **Saucy Mal**, inspired by **Dale Rabic** at the **Hammond organ**, will take you and your heart on a funky and swingin' adventure with tunes for all ages to make you feel happy and breathe easier - the perfect late night musical conversations shared by band and audience... ah!

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

JOHN MORRISON'S NEW GENERATION WITH JACKI COOPER: A Lazy Sunday Afternoon

[swing/ vocal jazz] Open 12.30pm. Band 1.30pm – 4pm. \$20/ \$15 Members – Full Lunch Menu Available!

John Morrison, well-known leader of the highly celebrated big band **Swing City**, proudly presents his outstanding chamber group **New Generation**. Featuring Sydney's top young jazz stars, this outstanding line up also includes the remarkable vocal talents of **Jacki Cooper**. Jacki has been living and working in the USA, Europe, and Asia since 1989. Her career highlights include performing with international jazz greats, Mark Murphy, Mulgrew Miller, Lewis Nash, John Clayton, Madeline Eastman, and Jim Cullum, and lecturing in jazz voice Stanford University in California. **New Generation** are: **John Morrison – drums, Jacki Cooper – voice, Karl Dunicliff – double bass, Tim Fisher – piano.**

Special Event
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

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

There's no better way to end the weekend than by joining us at the BJC to hear, see and dance to the big band that has them swinging from the chandeliers. Get out the glad rags for a super night of fun and dancing as this hot band displays the kind of swingin' musicianship that primes the dance floor for action. 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.**

TUESDAY 4 MARCH ** 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. Kicking off the new year in their new home, these monthly sessions (first Tuesday of the month – mark it in your diaries now!) will feature up to 10 singers, including **Beth Nunn, Jan Gillies, Stan Steindl, Andrew Kerr** and special guest from **Byron Bay Ian Beddows, backed by the Paula Girvan Trio featuring Myka Wallace on drums and Helen Russell on bass.** 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

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

SCAT – live album recording! [cool jazz/ mainstream swing] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Join us at the BJC and be a part of the ecstatic audience noise on SCAT's live album being recorded right here tonight! SCAT is a young Brisbane four piece jazz band that is building a reputation for playing electric toe tapping jazz with integrity. SCAT has developed a cult following over recent years due to their ability provide a night of laughs and unexpected surprises. With SCAT you never know what's going to happen next! **Craig Burnett (vocals) Jeremy O'Connor (double bass) Chris Poulsen (keys) Trent Bryson-Dean (drums).**

SATURDAY 8 MARCH

Mal Jennings' Jazz Giants – Farewell Brisbane [Dixieland/ mainstream] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

Get your fix of traditional Dixieland and mainstream jazz with Mal Jennings' superb band – before it's too late! At the BJC for their last performance before Mal relocates to Perth, this band will really whip their audience into a frenzy with their big sound and high energy. Featuring some of Brisbane's best trad musicians: **Mal Jennings - Trumpet, leader, Vocals, Paul Williams – Reeds, John Murray – Trombone, Jo Bloomfield – Piano, Moss Carpenter – Drums, Dennis Ashton - Bass.**

SUNDAY 9 MARCH

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

THURSDAY 13 MARCH

Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation #7 Theme: Jazz Organ Combos 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, organ enthusiast and avid record collector **Steve Powell** to spin some groovy vinyl for us! **Entry is by Donation.**

FRIDAY 14 MARCH

Funky Double Bill: Paul Young Trio + Pseudo Playdoh [swing/ jazz funk] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

The Brisbane Jazz Club are dancing with joy to be presenting two hip, funky, jazz-informed ensembles for the price of one! Connected by the shared presence of drummer Paul Young, both PY3 and Pseudo Playdoh play with groove. PY3 is a highly energetic ensemble that fuses Latin jazz, swing, and funk into a new original dimension, while Pseudo Playdoh's music is drawn from a broader, looser palette of musical influences including both improvised and pre-arranged sources, jazz, funk and World Music styles. Featuring the talented musicianship of: **Paul Young – drums, Parris Rose – Piano, Matt Buckley – guitar, James McEwan – double bass.**

SATURDAY 15 MARCH

March 2008 Talkin' Jazz Jam Session [young jazz musicians' educational series] Beginners 2 – 3pm; Int./ Adv. 3.30 – 4.30pm

This event is open to all high school aged jazz musicians. After last month's fun and informative orientation session, we're ready to get stuck into 2008 with a Talkin' Jazz session featuring one of Brisbane's truly great jazz vocalists, chanteuse **Ingrid James**, who is nationally renowned for her astounding technique and deeply committed delivery. 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!

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

Entertainment is the primary goal of the Stuart Fisher Quartet; the music of some of Brisbane's best jazz players feeds energy into Stuart's incomparable stage presence. Stuart, who just became a father, exudes a natural warmth and gentleness, shattered momentarily by timely outbursts of hilarious stand-up comedy (a glimpse into his other profession). 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 Melbourne International Comedy Festival! **Stuart Fisher – voice/ presence, Dave Spicer – piano, Bela Piri – bass, Rich Seymour – drums.**

SUNDAY 16 MARCH ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS NECESSARY **

Jamie Oehlers Quartet [modern jazz/ contemporary originals] Open 5pm. Jam 6pm – 9pm. \$20/ \$15 Members

Winner of the Australian Jazz Award for Australian Jazz Artist of the Year last year, and winner of the 2003 World Saxophone Competition, **Jamie Oehlers** brings his high energy quartet to Brisbane for one night only. The group will be performing material from their award winning CDs, ranging from bolero, to drum and bass, bop and beyond. **Jamie Oehlers – Saxophone, Sam Keevers – Piano, Sam Anning – Bass, Ben Vanderwal – Drums.**

Special Event
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

** GOOD FRIDAY – CLUB CLOSED **

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Irene Bartlett Quartet [cool jazz/ vocal jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11.30pm

The Irene Bartlett Quartet is a group that brings a vast degree of expertise and experience to their performances. The music covers many styles of jazz and the dynamic group interaction always creates a freshness, excitement and level of presentation to each song that they perform. When you're at the Club with the likes of **Irene Bartlett (vocals), Viv Middleton (piano), Loch Easton (Bass) and Moss Carpenter (drums)**, you can be assured of a night to remember!

SUNDAY 23 MARCH ** BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Tell Heaven Gospel Brunch [gospel] Open 9.30am. Band 10am – 12pm

For the third year running, classic gospel group Tell Heaven raise the roof of the BJC Easter Sunday morning with their big, bold, exciting harmony sound. Brisbane's most eclectic and esteemed musicians pay a big hearted homage to the heavenly voice of Mahalia Jackson and the profound picking of Clarence White, the soul-stirring Staples Singers and the high lonesome Louvin Brothers, Boogie Woogie Sister Rosetta Tharpe and the Man in Black, Johnny Cash. **Leah Cotterell and Pearly Black – vocals, Jamie Clark – Guitar and harmony vocals, John Rodgers – vocals, piano, violin, Helen Russell – bass and harmony vocals, Kym Ambrose – drums.**

Special Event
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The Hammond Combo – CD Launch! [Hammond combo/ swing] Open 6pm. Music 7pm – 10.30pm.

Can I hear you say 'Yeah!?' **The Hammond Combo** deliver you from the weekend right on into the public holiday with sacred-swingin', soul-singin' funky beats, propelled by the infusion of Brother Nick Aggs and Mr Matt Murphy's dream of sweet groove and good vibe salvation. There's nothin' like the feelin' of a kick-ass 6-piece Hammond outfit checkin' it in da pocket to get your feet groovin' and your body feelin' alright. At the end of the night, you can take home a CD that'll make you feel alright again on your home stereo! **Mal Wood – voice/ trumpet, Nick Aggs – tenor saxophone, Darcy McNulty – saxophones, Matt Murphy – Hammond organ, Lachlan Mitchell – guitar, Joseph Marchisella – drums.**

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

Jazz Appreciation Session #3 7pm – 9pm

Special Guest: Bobby McGhee. 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 revered among Brisbane musicians as a trumpet legend, Bobby McGhee. 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 MARCH

Ray Charles Tribute Night with the Jeff Usher Quartet

[blues / vocal jazz] 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 MARCH ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Swing Central: Swing Era Dress-up Theme Night

[swing / vocal jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm. \$25/ \$20 Members

Get hip to the scene and throw on your best threads for a happenin' night with the swingin'est cats around. Fronted by the incomparable **Brad Leaver, Swing Central** will croon you through the 40's and 50's in the vein of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Nat King Cole. Backed by a piano trio led by **Ian Macrae, with Paul Hudson on drums and Jack Thorncraft on double bass**, strap yourselves in for an unforgettable night of swing and bossa nova classics.

Special Event
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

SUNDAY 30 MARCH

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

We missed not having them in February so much that we decided to open and close March with two performances from Swing Chronicles, cookin' with the danceable fervour found among this city's top echelon of big bands! Get out the glad rags for a super night of fun and dancing as this hot band displays the kind of swingin' musicianship that primes the dance floor for action. Scintillating, smooth entertainment guided by the baton of their stellar leader **Rod Bridges** and featuring the wonderful **vocal team of Catrina Cross and Mal Wood.**

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.**