

Brisbane Jazz Club

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May 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 for when this fun event might be returning in the future!

FRIDAY 2 MAY ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

JAZZ QLD VJF 2009 ALL-STAR FUNDRAISER

[All-star Fundraiser] Open 6.30pm. Bands 7pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm. \$30/ \$25 BJC & JQ Members

JAZZ QUEENSLAND in association with the BRISBANE JAZZ CLUB present an ALL-STAR FUNDRAISER for the BIENNIAL 2009 VALLEY JAZZ

FESTIVAL. Not only do all proceeds go to such a great cause, but for one low entry price, you get 30 Queensland jazz artists and bands including: The View from

Madeleine's Couch; Vox Montage; Hot Mambo; Mogo and the finale All Star Jam Session led by Mal Wood! For full program details visit www.jazzqueensland.com

Special Event
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

SATURDAY 3 MAY ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Andy Cowan – the King of Keys

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

One of Australia's most experienced and talented singer/songwriter/pianists in the soul-blues idiom, Andy Cowan has been described

justifiably as the "King of the Keys". He ripples, rolls and rocks through original compositions with passionate and soulful vocals, wrapping the audience in

his energy and weaving an emotional and spellbinding magic. Performing a very special concert-style solo set tonight, Andy will take to the stage after two sets from

special guest support act the Claire Walters Trio.

Special Event
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SUNDAY 4 MAY

Paul Gibens' Decahedron Band [big band – for dancing!] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm

Get ready for the sounds of this highly polished 10-piece band plus singers Alan Western and Melissa Western. Headed by composer/arranger extraordinaire Paul Gibens this is one band which always satisfies. Featuring a hot rhythm section in the back and saxes, trumpets and trombones out the front with the occasional flute or clarinet features, this band are great entertainment.

TUESDAY 6 MAY ** 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

Vox Montage (acapella quartet), Intrusion Fusion (vocal group, led by Peter Vance), Di Clark, Leena Hardy and Duncan Read in May, backed by the wonderful Glen

Walton Trio (Gold Coast). 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

NEW Event

THURSDAY 8 MAY

Jazz Appreciation Sessions – The New Generation #9

Theme: Degrees of Separation - the Jazz Family 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 9 MAY

Jo's Boys [trad jazz] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm

Fresh from standing ovations at the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club, Jo's Boys will perform a hot mixture of traditional and New Orleans jazz. A superb front line plus a swinging rhythm section equals an evening of good, stomping, hot jazz guaranteed to delight the audience. John Braben – Trumpet, Mike Hawthorne – Trombone, Bill Croft – Reeds, Jo Bloomfield – Piano, Wally Furst – Banjo, Dennis Ashton – Double Bass, Ben Elliott – Drums.

SATURDAY 10 MAY

Super Awesome Duo Night – volume V [vocal jazz/ latin jazz]

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

Duende features the sultry voice of Libby Maree and the shimmering guitar of Sean Flynn, playing jazz and contemporary classics with a twist. They draw inspiration from well-known artists such as Norah Jones and Madeline Perieux, through to late crooners Frank Sinatra and Miss Liza Minelli. Shannon Marshall Brazilian Duo perform a beautiful blend of bossa nova and samba, like a fresh breeze from Brasil, creating the perfect atmosphere. Featuring Shannon on flugelhorn and Jamie Clarke on guitar, this duo perform with a gorgeous sound sure to please your ears.

SUNDAY 11 MAY ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Mothers' Day Jazz Luncheon feat. Sue + Kate Wighton [swing/ vocal jazz]

Open 12pm. Lunch 12.30 – 1.30pm. Band 1.30pm – 4pm. \$20/ \$15 Members. Full Lunch Menu Available!

Bring Mum down to the river for lunch at the Brisbane Jazz Club. The mother and daughter team of Sue and Kate Wighton

will entertain you with smooth vocal jazz, the perfect way to spend the afternoon with Mum. They are joined by Dave Spicer – piano,

Jamie Clarke – guitar and AJ Hall – double bass.

Special Event
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SUNDAY 11 MAY

Brisbane Big Band – featuring Duke Ellington 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 dance music of Duke Ellington's 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~

FRIDAY 16 MAY ** SPECIAL EVENT – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Oscar Peterson Tribute feat. Clare Hansson's JATP Quintet

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

Clare Hansson has been profoundly inspired by Oscar Peterson in leading her own jazz trios. This tribute to the late, great OP is modelled on Oscar's legendary concerts at Norman Granz's famous *Jazz at the Philharmonic* series of the 40's and 50's. The program will range from cooking blues to grooving jazz standards to mellow ballads, all selections taken from landmark recordings made by Oscar Peterson over the years, including live @ JATP concerts. **Clare Hansson - Grand Piano, Dennis Ashton - Double Bass, Geoff Ovenden - Drums, Paul Williams - Reeds, Sue Wighton - Vocals.**

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SATURDAY 17 MAY

May 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 trumpeter and vocalist **Mal Wood**, whose insightful educating style and consummate musical knowledge have made him a Talkin' Jazz favourite. 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!

The Inswingers [vocal jazz/ swing] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11.30pm.

The Inswingers are one of Brisbane's classiest combos and consistent crowd favourites at the BJC. Their set encompasses the swingin' jazz of Sinatra, the breezy sambas of Jobim and the funky soul of Ray Charles. **Steve Taylor-Brown - vocals, Graeme Norris - saxes, James Sherlock - guitar, Jon Reeves - piano, Helen Russell - bass, Gene Stevens - drums.**

SUNDAY 18 MAY

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

Swing Chronicles, cookin' with the danceable fervour found among this city's top echelon of big bands, bring this message right to your ears and feet. Strap on your dancing shoes for a night of scintillating entertainment with some of Brisbane's best players, guided by the baton of their stellar leader **Rod Bridges** and featuring the wonderful vocal team of **Catrina Cross and Mal Wood.**

FRIDAY 23 MAY

The Mighty Mainstream Quintet: Loch Easton Band

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

Kick off your weekend with a mighty night of mainstream swing from some of Queensland's finest jazz players. Loch Easton leads from the back, his mighty bass sound driving this quintet into top gear for your listening pleasure. **Col Jones - trumpet, Tony Ashby - reeds, Phil Wright - guitar, Loch Easton - bass, Barry Sutton - drums.**

SATURDAY 24 MAY

DQ5: Dan Quigley Quintet [swing/ bebop] Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

After raising the roof and winning over a huge crowd with his Swingin' Xmas special last December, **Dan Quigley** is back at the Brisbane Jazz Club performing his favourite songs from the jazz repertoire. With a collective of Brisbane's finest musicians, this is sure to be a warm night of cool jazz. DQ5 are: **Dan Quigley (Trumpet, vocals), Graeme Norris (Sax), Bruce Woodward (Guitar), Helen Russell (Bass), Paul Hudson (Drums).**

SUNDAY 25 MAY ** BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED **

Riverside breakfast with Dave Bentley Trio [jazz blues] Open 8.30am. Band 8.45 – 11.30am

Stand by for a breakfast feast of jazz standards and bluesy originals, with the legendary **Jack Thorncraft on bass**, multi-talented **Kym Ambrose on drums and David Bentley on piano.** The trio delivers modern jazz grooves and funky blues in an easily digestible style. Featuring tunes from David's recent album *Last Man Standing* (playlisted by Radio National, standout track *Irretrievably Blue* on the ABC's compilation *Airplay 8*), this performance should not be missed. **\$25 entry + breakfast OR regular prices for entry only.**

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Alan Western – Singin' and Swingin' [swing/ mainstream] Open 5pm. Band 6pm – 9pm.

Forget the cares of the week to come and relish the end of 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 winds up here, with **Alan Western - voice, Paul Gibens - reeds, Amby Dowdeswell - Bass, Yvonne Anthony - piano, Jim Howard - Drums.**

THURSDAY 29 MAY

Jazz Appreciation Session #5 7pm – 9pm

Special Guest: Tony Ashby. 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 founding member of the Brisbane Jazz Club, avid jazz historian and masterfully swingin' reedsman **Tony Ashby.** 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**

FRI 30 MAY

Mal Wood and the Future [jazz blues/ swing]

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

The Sauce (aka **Mal Wood**) takes you on a journey into the future of jazz. A quartet of today's finest brings a trio of young talent to the stage and puts them through their paces for your entertainment. Come along and not only witness but be a part of supporting the next generation of truly talented artists to emerge in our jazz community.

Mal Wood Quartet + 3 special guests from the Gold Coast.

SAT 31 MAY **BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR – BOOK NOW!! **

BJC Black Tie Ball – celebrating our 36th birthday! Open 6.30pm. Band 7.30pm – 11pm. Club open until 11.30pm.

Limited places avail. \$100 pp. Includes 3-course meal + standard drinks.

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.**

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SUN 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.**

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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 comes 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 to book in.

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