



'Improvisations'



The newsletter of the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club

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Christmas in Paradise

We didn't think that we were going to have a Christmas party this year. But the Paradise Showroom had a cancellation for Saturday December 13 and when the Arts Centre offered it to us we grabbed it.

We have a special treat lined up for you on that evening. Not only the lovely ladies of the **Harmony in Paradise Chorus** (above) singing Christmas songs but in our first double bill we have brought **Dr. Don's Double Dose** from Sydney for the occasion. They were the stand-out sensation at the Newcastle Jazz Festival and we booked them there and then for our Christmas party. Details on page 5.

A couple of points: if you have booked for a gig and cannot come please let us know as early as possible before the gig. At the Roaring '20s Night we had no fewer 50 people who had reserved seats but did not turn up.

The Arts Centre Catering Department has created a tasty and affordable menu for our gigs and we urge you to support them by dining at the club.

As this is our last newsletter before Christmas your committee and I wish you a happy and safe festive season.

Roy McKeen
President/ Editor



JAZZ IN THE BASEMENT

Harry Lynn Quartet and a guest artist every week.

Every Saturday at 7p.m..

Gold Coast Arts Centre

135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise

Jazz in The Basement is an inviting, intimate evening of live music, fine food and wine and great company - don't miss it!

MEALS/BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM 6pm.

Tickets only \$15

Nov 1: Wynyard Davis, vocalist

**Nov 8: Marilane de Mello,
Brazilian vocalist**

**Nov 15: Sax Battle—Lothar
Schildhorst/Paul Gibens**

Nov 22: Andrea Szabo, vocalist

**Nov 29: Big Warwick Denton and
Malcolm Wood –trumpet**

**Dec 6: Apprentices Special run by
Cassie Godbold**

Dec 13: Sandie White, vocalist

Dec 20: Melissa Western& Willy Qua, sax



**Wynyard
Davis**



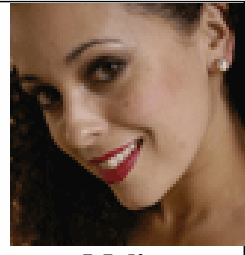
**Marilane
de Mello**



**Paul
Gibens**



**Lothar
Schildhorst**



**Melissa
Western**



Festivals, Conventions and other Jazz Events



November 7 – 9 : Hervey Bay Jazz & Blues Festival (07)4128 9643

December 8 - 12: Norfolk Island Jazz Festival 1800 11 653

Dec.26– 31: 63rd Australian Jazz Convention 1300 369 795

ADVANCE NOTICE

December 26 - 31 2009: 64th Australian Jazz Convention in Melbourne at La Trobe University Union on the Bandoora Campus. Unlimited parking, trams and buses to the city and lots of accommodation.

The Gold Coast Summerland Big Band

Friday 14th November 2008

The music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman,
Count Basie, Harry James in the Paradise Showroom at the

Gold Coast Arts Centre

featuring guest vocalist Tiffany



**This will be a night for the dancers and lovers of big band music.
The songs of your lifetime. You'll know every one. Every one a memory!**

*In the Mood, Let's Dance, American Patrol, Begin the Beguine, Skyliner, Cherokee,
One O'clock Jump, Perdido, Moonlight Serenade, After You've Gone, Sunny Side of
the Street, At Last, Flying Home, Tuxedo Junction, Take the 'A' Train, Swingin' the
Blues, Memories of You, I can't get started, Poor Butterfly, Woodchoppers Ball,
St. Louis Blues March, Lady be Good, Opus #1, Pennsylvania 65-000, String of Pearls,
Sweet Georgia Brown, Don't Be That Way, Little Brown Jug, King Porter Stomp,
Solitude, Serenade in Blue and others.*

Reservations on 0405-143-720 or bookings08@goldcoastjazzclub.com

Members \$15

Visitors \$20

Thanks to everyone who dressed up for Our Roaring '20s Night! Didn't we have fun?



You can see photographs of the evening at the website in the box at the bottom of the page.



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Special Christmas Double Bill

Saturday 13th December 2008

Dr. Don's Double Dose (Sydney)

and

Harmony in Paradise Chorus



G'day Fats !



FATS WALLER is considered one of the very best to have played in the stride style. However, it was his singing, songwriting, and lovable, roguish stage personality that sold his hundreds of recordings.

In the '50s with a rockin' piano **FATS DOMINO** came out of New Orleans to become one of the biggest sensations of that era. With 65 million record sales to his credit, **Fats Domino** out-sold every '50s artist except **Elvis Presley**.



In our Double Bill tonight we pay tribute to the talent and the legacy of Fats Waller and Fats Domino featuring **Dr. Don's Double Dose** who have come from Sydney especially for tonight's show. Don Hopkins (piano) and Rob Grosser (drums) are two men who sound like a whole band as they tear through the great songs of **Fats Waller** ('Ain't misbehaving', 'Honeysuckle Rose', 'Somebody stole my gal') and **Fats Domino** ('Blueberry Hill', 'Blue Monday', 'Walkin' to New Orleans') plus an earthy mix of boogie, country blues, jug band and soul.

Dr. Don's Double Dose created quite a sensation at the recent Newcastle Jazz Festival where several committee members from our club heard them and booked them immediately for tonight's gig. Yes! They are as good as that!

In the second part of the double bill we feature the **Harmony in Paradise Chorus**. Harmony in Paradise is a performance chorus of ladies who specialise in singing four-part a cappella music. The Chorus sings in the barbershop style which means they add movement, colour and drama to their performances of popular music from a variety of eras. Tonight the emphasis will be on the Christmas season.

Members \$15: Visitors \$20



Friday 7th—Sunday 9th November 2008

Aspiring jazz and blues artists will be given a rare opportunity to jam with the greats at the upcoming inaugural Hervey Bay Jazz and Blues Festival.

Held from 7th to 9th November in the city famous for its humpback whales, the Hervey Bay Jazz and Blues Festival will see the Urangan Marina transformed into a fusion of some of Australia's finest artists and the Bay's most celebrated talent.



Top quality artists such as the Bob Barnard Quartet, the Queen of the Noosa Jazz Festival, Ingrid James, Melbourne's The Hands and the formidable Society Syncopators are among those headlining the Festival and delivering other musicians with a rare learning experience.

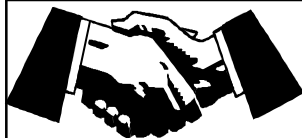
A series of Musicians' Workshops will allow jazz and blues musicians to sit down and learn in a hands on setting that celebrates fine music and the art of performance.

The Festival will also feature a street carnival on Saturday that will include continuous free entertainment at the Seashift Street Stage, street performers and food and wine stalls.

The Festival will crescendo on Saturday night as the Gala Dinner offers Gavin Franklin, the Ingrid James Trio and the Society Syncopators with a delicious meal in a one-night only event at The Boat Club.

**Tickets to the inaugural Hervey Bay Jazz and Blues Festival
and information regarding discounted accommodation are
available from the website**

www.herveybayjazzandbluesfestival.org



Welcome to our new members

Georgie Cook, Barbara Moore, Yiu Yan, Bob & Robyn Gilbert, Monike Spinks, John Appleton, Judy Jennings, Pixie Bayley, Leila Pester, Alan & Sarah Nelson

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email committee members.**

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expenses.
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Fri. 12th Dec: Jo Bloomfield's 'Wizards
of Jazz'
Greenhills on Tweed
River Street, Murwillumbah
Tel: (02) 6672-1697**



**78 Scarborough Street
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Tel: 5527 1816**

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Club Constitution

Following the annual general meeting in April the State Government authority which regulates incorporated associations has registered the minor alterations to our Constitution that were passed at the AGM.

If any member would like a copy of the Constitution please contact treasurer Bob Mirams or write to the club.

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Jazz and Swing
on the Gold Coast**



The club meets in the **Paradise Showroom in the Gold Coast Arts Centre**, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise. The bar and restaurant open at 6.00p.m. and the music starts at 7.30p.m. until 10.30p.m.. Visitors are welcome. Members of other Australian and jazz clubs world wide are welcome and admitted at members' rates. Website: www.goldcoastjazzclub.com
Please reserve your seats at bookings008@goldcoastjazzclub.com or **0405-143-720**.

Coming Soon to the Paradise Showroom



Friday 16th January 2009 : VIVA THE BAND from Sydney in our *International Night* playing the music of France, Spain, Russia, Argentina, Brazil, Britain, Ireland, USA etc.. . A welcome return after a very successful appearance at the Gold Coast Jazz Festivals in 2003/2004.



Friday 20th February 2009: JAMES FLYNN from Perth is another performer making a return visit. James was one of the star attractions at our Gold Coast Jazz Festivals in the Arts Centre in 2003 and 2004 and since then has made a couple of visit back to the Coast, the last one being his Bobby Darin Show. James has built up quite a fan base on this side of the continent with his singing style and witty patter.



Friday 20th March 2009: THE CAXTON STREET JAZZ BAND from Brisbane has been playing its particular style of Classic Jazz at our club for several years. The most recent appearance was when the band supported Lee Gunness. The band recently released its CD 'It's about time 2.' Crowd favourites.



Friday 17th April 2009: OZCATS from Sydney with one of the legends of Australian show business **LITTLE PATTIE**. OZCATS features some of the best jazz musicians in the country viz. Bob Barnard, Trevor Rippingale, Paul Furniss, Bob Henderson, Ed Wilson. Playing the music of Bob Crosby's Bobcats.

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