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Showtime: 7.30pm

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Friday 28 October



Bob Mair, drums



Bernice Haydock, piano



John Braben, trumpet



Paul Williams, reeds



Tom Nicolson, trombone



Andrew Shaw, bass



New Orleans, Louisiana is on the Mississippi River, near the Gulf of Mexico. Nicknamed the "Big Easy," it's known for its round-the-clock nightlife, vibrant live-music scene and spicy, singular cuisine reflecting its history as a melting pot of French, African and American cultures. Embodying its festive spirit is Mardi Gras, the late-winter carnival famed for raucous costumed parades and street parties. It is also recognised as the home of jazz.





On 26th December 2016 the 71st Australian Jazz Convention will again transform Ballarat, Victoria, into the centre of Australian Jazz for one fantastic week.

An overwhelming majority of those at the AGM of the 70th Australian Jazz Convention, that had in excess of 750 registered musicians and delegates, voted that the Convention should stay in Ballarat for 2016, the first time in over 65 years that a location has hosted back to back Conventions.

The 71st AJC will present premium Australian jazz across venues in the historic quarter of one of the gold mining icons from Boxing Day until New Year's Eve. Musicians will jam in parks, on the street, and in the pubs in addition to programmed performances accessible through registration for the week or a day pass.

The AJC Executive Task Force, the team that managed the very successful AJCs since the 68th, will manage this Convention with the assistance of the Ballarat Jazz Club, the Ballarat City Council, local business and residents. The AJC Executive Task Force is pleased to welcome new members to the team who reside in and close to Ballarat.

For further information go to www.2016jazzconvention.org.au

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

When making a reservation at the Box Office at The Arts Centre Gold Coast please advise the Box Office receptionist of your 2016 - 2017 membership number and those of all current members in your party.

If any of your party are not paid-up members of the club they are required to pay the admission price for visitors.

This protects the integrity of your rights as a paid-up member of the jazz club.

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into
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**The music of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington,
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Friday 23 September
The Paradise Showroom
Bookings at Box Office
Members \$25 Visitors \$30
Bar/Bistro open 6pm. - Show time 7.30pm.

Starring **Craig Schneider** (Melbourne)
leading a band of young musicians.

Presented by **GOLD COAST
Jazz & blues
club**

Craig Schneider provided Jazz & Blues Club members with a wonderfully varied programme devoted to some of the great crooners of the 20th Century – Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin and Nat King Cole – who could forget them?

Combine those wonderful memories with instrumentals provided by a specially chosen group of young musicians from the Brisbane Conservatorium of Music whose remarkable talents did complete justice to such great composers as Duke Ellington, Fats Waller and Count Basie and The Paradise Room at The Arts Centre Gold Coast was really swinging.

Craig's rousing introduction of "As Long As I'm Singin'" set the mood for the evening which lifted again with the next number "Feeling Good" which had a cracking beat that had everybody's toes tapping.

Next, a change of pace with Craig's own excellent arrangement of "Change Partners", a slow romantic number which provided a nice contrast to the previous upbeat numbers.

Craig Schneider is a very accomplished singer as well as an extremely talented pianist and had no trouble with his presentation of the complex Nat King Cole number, "Straighten Up And Fly Right" – no mean feat when it can be compared to the original version and more recently the excellent rendition performed by Robbie Williams in his tribute to the original Rat Pack at his concert "Live at the Albert".

A tribute to Count Basie was next with the swinging number "Jumpin' At The Woodside" followed by "The Best Is Yet To Come". A medley followed which

showcased each of the talented band members individually. Of course the inevitable "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" was a perfect choice for such an evening and this was followed by "All God's Children Got Rhythm" and "Just One Of Those Things".

Particularly impressive was the presentation of "Nice And Easy" just played in the bass alone by the talented Andrew Shaw, one of my favourite performances of the evening.

The drummer shone in the next presentation, Duke Ellington's "Caravan", his drum solo being reminiscent of the style of Gene Krupa. More nostalgia followed when Craig played and sang in the style of the fabulous Bobby Darin with "More".

A complete surprise was the swing adaption of Michael Jackson's rock song, "The Way You Make Me Feel" which was yet another Craig Schneider arrangement.

The Louis Jordan composition "Saturday Night Fish Fry" was a demonstration of good scat singing and a wickedly humorous lyric.

But the highlight was the performance of "Nature Boy" composed by Eden Ahbez for Nat King Cole. Craig explained how the eccentric composer handed the script to Cole's valet in order to get Nat King Cole to evaluate it after he was constantly ignored. Interesting – since it went on to become a number one hit for ages, even though it was different from popular music at the time. Craig's own original arrangement of "Nature Boy" left the audience spellbound as it was a haunting performance of a truly beautiful song.

Concert review by Desley Free



Italian Ristorante & Pizzeria





The Jazz Action Society Gold Coast trading as Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club was founded in 1985. The club meets monthly (except December) on advertised dates in the Paradise Showroom at The Arts Centre Gold Coast, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise. The club presents a wide variety of music and entertainment in the jazz and blues genre provided by bands and singers from all over Australia and the occasional overseas artists.

If you are a visitor to our club we invite you to become a member and take advantage of discounted admission prices and at the bar and bistro. You will receive the club's newsletter monthly either electronically or hard copy. Members are admitted at members rates at affiliated jazz clubs worldwide. Membership application forms can be found at the desk in the foyer or you can join on-line.

You will be made very welcome!

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Members Draw Winner



Joan Pearson was the winner of the Members Draw at "Swing into Spring" on 23 September. The prize was a voucher for dinner for two worth \$80 at Spaghetti & Jazz, Robina.

Please remember to zap your membership card at the desk in the foyer of the Paradise Showroom.



We welcome the following new members to our jazz club and hope that you enjoy the music and the camaraderie:-

Graham Daniel, Jeanene Firrell, John & Jennifer Gasston, Betty Grant, John & Leonie Quinn, Sue Savage, Geoff & Anne Sullivan, Ian Ward.

A HOT NIGHT IN MEMPHIS

Friday 25 November
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