

PERTH JAZZ SOCIETY NEWS

August 2011



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ILMILIEKKI QUARTET



ILMILIEKKI QUARTET (FINLAND)

Monday 1 August 2011 @ 8:00pm
Members \$25, Student members \$15, Non-members \$35

FINNISH group ILMILIEKKI Quartet returns to Australia with some of the best new jazz from Europe's urban edge. This superb Finnish combo has, since 2002, impressed all the right crowds and all the right critics while producing some of Europe's best new jazz. Since their debut album 'March of the Alpha Males' in 2003, ILMILIEKKI has won several highly coveted awards and their 2007 album, 'Take It With Me', made The Observer's list of the year's best albums.

The ILMILIEKKI Quartet flirt with pop without losing their urban edge, while drawing on inspiration from the many side-projects and solo gigs each member maintains. With his award winning project Aurora in 2009, leader/trumpeter Verner Pohjola won the Jazz-Emma Award (the Finnish equivalent of a Grammy) for Best Jazz Musician of the Year.

Tuomo Prattala (piano), Verner Pohjola (trumpet), Olavi Louhivuori (drums), Antti Lotjonen (bass).

'... awesome trumpet playing - real poetry...' - Ken Pickering, president Federation Canadian Jazz Festivals

'... led by remarkable trumpeter Verner Pohjola, 'Ilmiliekki' translates as the 'igniting flame', but the fire that animates these musicians is of a subtle, burnished kind. Their Wangaratta festival sets certainly contained moments of dramatic and rhythmic intensity...'

Jessica Nicholas, The Age (Nov'08)

JAZZ CHAT #8 - Brett Thompson - Guitar

Monday 8 August 2011 @ 7:00pm
Admission FREE

BRETT is in constant demand with many jazz ensembles. He has recently toured and recorded in Melbourne and earlier this year was accepted into the BANFF Jazz and Creative Music Workshop in Canada.

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MFO - BIG BAND, ROAD TRIP RETURN

Monday 8 August 2011 @ 8:00pm

Members \$12, Student members \$6, Non-members \$18

MFO closes their fourth national tour tonight at the PJS after a busy travelling schedule, covering 5 states with 11 shows in 10 days including headlining at the 20th annual Devonport Jazz Festival. Tonight's performance will feature music workshopped and refined from the tour - some new, some old. The band is sounding as tight as ever which can only happen after weeks on the road.

The lineup for tonight will be: Saxes; Brett Smith, Dan Hart, Sean Little, Mitch Boag. Trumpets; Ricki Malet, Andrew Gioia, Elliott Hughes. Trombones; Alex Benn, James Cross, Tilman Robinson. Guitar; Brett Thompson. Bass; Wayne Slater. Drums; Greg Brenton

"These layered compositions and scoring convey colour, atmosphere and movement far more effectively and with greater interest than the stock standard arrangements often heard from big bands."

John McBeath - The Weekend Australian

"Mace Francis and his ubiquitous orchestra are a dinky-di national treasure. Mace's name can rightly be spoken in the same rarefied breath as giant jazz genius Paul Grabowsky, whether we're talking composition, or orchestration. The MFO's 13 'pieces' are much more than the sum of its parts! You haven't heard how brilliantly bent a big band can be, until you've heard the MFO."

Lloyd Bradford (Brad) Syke - Australian Stage Online

For more on the music of MFO - go to www.macefrancis.com

MICHAEL PIGNEGUY QUARTET

Monday 15 August 2011 @ 8:00pm

Members \$12, Student members \$10, Non-members \$18

MICHAEL Pignégué departed Perth in 2006 and is now working with Arab artists in the Middle East. He has continued arranging work for pop musicians such as Ben Folds, the Panics and Tex'n'Tim and has also written and produced soundtracks for CNN and films produced in Dubai.

His activities now extend to lecturing at the new Qatar Music Academy, which features both Arab and Western departments, as well as performing with the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra.

This performance will include originals from each of the members and a selection of standards. Prior to leaving Perth, Michael played extensively with a group who will be joining him again tonight.

Michael (drums) will be joined by leading Australian musicians Carl Mackey (saxes), Peter Jeavons (acoustic bass) and Simon Jeans (guitar).

JAZZ CHAT #9 - Laura Corney - Saxophone

Monday 22 August 2011 @ 7:00pm

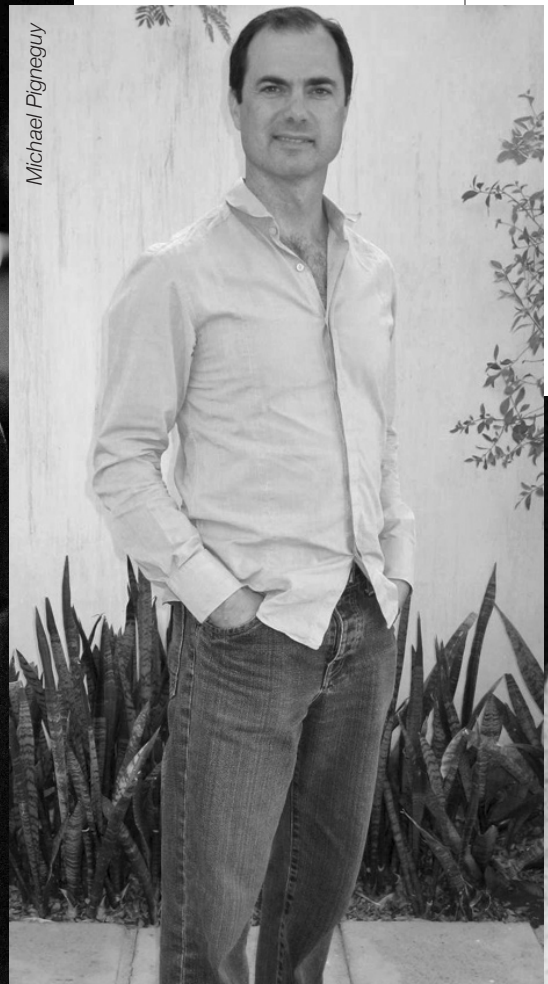
Admission FREE

A graduate from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with a Bachelor in Classical Performance, Laura is in her second year of Jazz studies at WAAPA.

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Mace Francis



Michael Pignégué

DENISE DALE with GARRY LEE TRIO

Monday 22 August 2011 @ 8:00pm

Members \$10, Student members \$5, Non-members \$15

WORKING as Café Society the quartet has enjoyed a fortnightly residency on Sunday afternoons at The Loft, Fremantle for over two years. Since appearing for PJS in 2010 the quartet also enjoyed a sell-out performance for Club Masala in Albany.

Garry recently returned from a successful performance for Melbourne Jazz Co-Operative at Bennett's Lane. He was joined by Australian jazz piano legend, Bob Sedergreen, drummer Sonja Horbelt and former Perth bassist, Anita Hustas. Anita asked to be remembered to her friends in Perth. She is enjoying an excellent career teaching at Victorian College of the Arts and performing regularly in Melbourne.

This year Garry has been made an endorser for US instrument maker MalletKat – an electronic keyboard played with mallets. The latest model of this instrument has just started production and it is hoped that it will be debuted at the PJS performance.

The quartet continues performing a blend of often latin/bop influenced originals as well as standards featuring Denise – jazz appealing to a broad variety of tastes.

The lineup for tonight is Denise Dale (vocals), Lukasz Slawomirski (keyboards), Tim Woolley (drums), Garry Lee (guitar/vibes).

Denise Dale and Garry Lee Trio



James Muller

JAMES MULLER (SYDNEY) TRIO

Monday 29 August 2011 @ 8:00pm

Members \$15, Student members \$10, Non-members \$20

SINCE moving from his home town of Adelaide in 1996, James Muller has become arguably Australia's most in-demand jazz guitar player. James has played and/or recorded with the likes of James Morrison, Vince Jones, Dale Barlow, Bernie McGann, Sean Wayland and Mike Nock as well as international luminaries such as John Scofield, Chad Wackerman and Christian McBride. He has also won an ARIA award for best jazz album (2000), two Mo awards (2001), the Freedman fellowship (2004) and came equal first place at the National Jazz awards at the Wangaratta Jazz Festival (2000).

He will be joined by young Sydney bass phenom Alex Boneham and local drummer Ben Vanderwal.

"James has it all, I love his playing." - John Scofield

"James Muller is a mountain of guitar virtuosity...All the things that are the most effective in jazz, rock, blues and country guitar emerge naturally at the right time, in the right place and it can give the listener shivers."

- John Clare (Sydney Morning Herald)

Glyn MacDonald Group to Beijing NineGates International Jazz Festival.

The Glyn MacDonald Group with Glyn MacDonald (pianist/composer/bandleader), Nick Abbey (bass), Michael Perkins (drums), Matthew Styles (saxophone) has been invited to perform at the 2011 Beijing NineGates International Jazz Festival. They have one performance on Saturday 17 September at the National Library Concert Hall, and another on Sunday 18 September at the Dong An Club.

Beijing NineGates Jazz Festival was founded in 2005 by a well-known Chinese bass player, Mr. Huang Yong (Adam). Since its inception, it has become known as one of the most professional and most contemporary festivals in China. Every year, top musicians and bands from more than 10 countries meet up in Beijing to deliver a jazz feast. There are 40 performances over the 10 days of the festival. This is the premier Jazz Festival in Beijing and only the second jazz festival in China. Musicians such as Mike Stern (USA) and Erik Truffaz (FRANCE) have performed at this festival.

The musicians in the Glyn MacDonald Group have collectively performed all over the world including Vancouver, Rome, Japan, Malaysia and across Australia. Their recent ABC Jazz live recording at the Ellington Jazz Club showcases the group's originality and its ability to reach, excite and propel listeners into an exciting musical journey.

Wowing audiences world-wide with their contemporary approach to original jazz the Glyn MacDonald Group spare not a wayward note on their journey through realms of stage, studio, composition and beyond. This group draws its influence from diverse ends of the musical spectrum from classical through to latin and coupled with a knack for infectious toe-tappin' swing, their collective works rest comfortably on a bed of groove-oriented originality.

For samples of their great music – go to Glyn's website at www.glynmacdonald.com

Perth Jazz Society High School Jazz Workshops

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THE second metropolitan school workshop was held at Lynwood Senior High School on Thursday 30 June. A most successful workshop. This time the performance was heard by more than 65 students and the workshop presentation to a group of 43. Dale Boaden (guitar), Djuna Lee (bass) and Matt Wright (drums) demonstrated and discussed the origins of jazz to an audience which was truly representative of the world ethnic groups. Lynwood SHS proudly boasts having students from 62 countries. Most impressive considering there are only 169 internationally recognised countries in the world!

A third workshop had been scheduled for Belmont City College on Tuesday 13 September. The first regional workshop has now been confirmed and will be at Albany Senior High School on Friday 16 September.

MEMBERS – WE CANNOT OPERATE WITHOUT A COMMITTEE

As we approach the AGM, current committee members are making decisions about whether to stand for committee for 2011-2012. In the light of falling membership and diminishing audiences the committee held planning sessions discussing the Perth Jazz Society's continued relevance in the Perth music scene. Those sessions and a very lively online Facebook discussion conducted by Johannes Luebbers produced some great suggestions for changes in the way we operate. We are now proposing to implement many of those changes and invite you to be part of the planning and implementation.

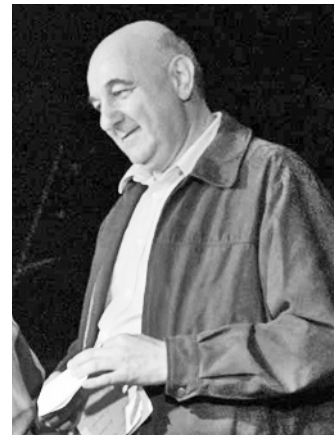
Call for Volunteers to fill executive committee positions

This year we have operated with a number of strategic committee positions vacant including vice president, newsletter editor, treasurer and front of house personnel. Steve Filmer our president has also performed the function of the treasurer. David Collins our administrator has also handled the newsletter role since we brought production back in-house to save costs. The front of house is managed by Marc Osborne; however we desperately need more assistance with the front of house roster. These are all positions which are placing a load on the current committee which would be better spread over new and energetic committee members.

We will be providing assistance to mentor any role that you might be interested in, so you won't be left with unfamiliar tasks to work on. It is an exciting opportunity to try your hand at new skills with assistance to get you going, or to offer your proven skills and be a part of the future of the Perth Jazz Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the PJS will be held on Monday 29 August at 6:00pm at The Charles Hotel, we urge you to think seriously about offering your services in some capacity as we already know the executive members of the current committee will not be re-nominating. This is a critical time for PJS and if you think we are still a relevant contributor to the Perth music scene and you would like to see it continue then PLEASE NOMINATE NOW!

Steve Filmer
President



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