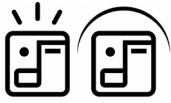


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## 'OUT OF FINLAND'



IIRO RANTALA



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### OUT OF FINLAND IIRO RANTALA & PEKKA KUUSISTO

Monday 2 May 2011 @ 8:00pm

Members \$25, Student members \$15, Non-members \$35

THE jazz piano and classical violin duo of our decade: IIRO RANTALA and PEKKA KUUSISTO. Meet these two internationally renowned virtuosi and with their charming wit and cheek let them start a jazz/tango fire in your soul! Iiro and Pekka are world class, and both travel the globe in their individual, illustrious careers, and have individually toured Australia many times – Pekka with the Orchestras (SSO, MSO, ACO and more) – Iiro with his former Trio Töykeät – ranking among the highest rated musicians world wide. They do so for

two reasons: both are top-notch instrumentalists and they are not afraid to constantly seek new grounds for expression.

Violinist Pekka Kuusisto is one of the most versatile and distinctive musicians working today. Always demonstrating his extraordinary individuality and imagination, Pekka is unusually free and fluid in his approach and has been acclaimed for the spontaneity and freshness in his playing. As he puts it: 'I don't play to be different or the same as anyone else, I just play it the way I think it and feel it.'

In 1995, Pekka became the first Finn to win the international Sibelius Violin Competition. He says of his country: 'I'm extremely proud that such a small country produced such a lot of really great music. Wherever I am, playing the Sibelius Concerto, I can see the landscapes of my homeland. It's a bit like carrying around a small box of soil from your garden.'

After touring the world for 18 years, including Australia, Finnish piano virtuoso Iiro Rantala ( [www.iiorantala.fi](http://www.iiorantala.fi) ) is refreshingly still at the forefront of international piano players. This energetic Finn crosses music genres and styles with flair and excitement, playing at his exhilarating and adventurous best: zany, unconventional and occasionally wicked, yet always entertaining and uncompromising. He is second to none when it comes to unsurpassable keyboard technique and flaring showmanship. Iiro became known as the founder of Trio Töykeät, which became Finland's best known jazz group, giving over 2,000 performances in more than 40 countries between 1988 and 2006, and released 8 albums. Iiro Rantala won all major jazz awards in Finland during his 22 year piano career.

### THE CHRIS SEALEY STANDARDS TRIO

Monday 9 May 2011 @ 8pm

Members \$10, Student members \$8, Non-members \$15

CHRIS Sealey is a promising up-and-coming guitarist on the Australian Jazz scene. Tonight he performs with his own project, The Chris Sealey Standards Trio, with Matt Wright on drums, and Djuna Lee on double bass.

The Standards Trio is a project aimed to revisit the tunes that helped shape the jazz repertoire and also shed new light on tunes slightly more obscure. Whilst these tunes are well known the trio strives to arrange the music in a new and exciting way using modern techniques and alternative musical styles as sources of inspiration. The group draws from the music of such greats as Peter Bernstein, Thelonius Monk, Wes Montgomery, Ari Hoenig, Bill Evans and Miles Davis.

Chris demonstrates a host of creative talents not just as a guitarist but also as a composer, arranger and bandleader. Compositions of his are highly acclaimed, and represent his fondness for texture, groove and melodic interest. Chris has had his work acknowledged by winning the WAM Song of the Year Jazz Category prize for 2010.

After this performance I am sure you will agree that Chris is one of the most exciting new jazz guitarists on the scene today.

Chris Sealey



### THE BILLIE HOLIDAY MUSIC STORY

Monday 16 May 2011 @ 8pm

Members \$16, Student members \$12, Non-members \$22

'BILLIE Holiday's influence today is stronger than when she was alive and although her story reads like a Greek tragedy, her spirit, optimism and humour saved her from being a tragic figure of history. She was a one off - a musician who couldn't read music, a gifted singer whose only mentor was Louis Armstrong and even today her recordings sell more than any other jazz singer alive or dead. By a cruel twist of fate Billie was never able to have a child but I think she would be happy to see those universal jazz children who keep her legacy alive.'

- Helen Matthews.

It has been ten years since this event was performed at the Perth Jazz Society - Hyde Park Hotel, it was also the most successful Country Arts regional tour of the year - performing from Broome to Albany and fifteen towns in between. Billie would have been delighted to have as her advocates on this night of celebration, three of the best vocalists and interpreters around - Victoria Newton, Libby Hammer and Allira Wilson along with the Chris Foster Quartet. The Billie Holiday Music Story will be told by American actor, Kenneth Ransom.

### DANIEL SUSNJAR - AFRO / PERUVIAN JAZZ QUARTET

Monday 23 May 2011 @ 8pm

Members \$16, Student members \$12, Non-members \$22

NEVER one to stand still when it comes to exploring the 'world of music', Daniel Susnjar will be returning to his home town this month with more musical treasures for WA audiences to experience.

Daniel has recently been working in New York with acclaimed trumpeter, Gabriel Alegria and his sextet and has been intoxicated by the sounds and rhythmical ways he teases out affinities between modern jazz and the African-influenced coastal music of Gabriel's native Peru.

As in previous return visits to Perth by Daniel this will undoubtedly be a memorable evening of exciting music heightened by the inclusion of three other outstanding jazz musicians: Carl Mackey (sax), Tom O'Halloran (tbc on piano), Sam Anning (bass) with Daniel on drums/percussion.



Billie Holiday

## ANEA DURATOVIC QUINTET

Monday 30 May 2011 @ 8pm

Members \$12, Student members \$8, Non-members \$15

Currently a 3rd year jazz student at the prestigious Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), Anea Duratovic is fast becoming one of Perth's finest jazz vocalists. Since the age of 4, Anea has been passionately involved with music, starting early in life on piano and then developing into a vocalist.

Anea is quickly becoming known on the jazz scene and has had performances at the Ellington Jazz Club as well as many other well-known venues such as Jazz Fremantle. Anea is also currently a member of the Western Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra (WAYJO), which has concerts regularly around Perth - including at the Perth Concert Hall.

Through her Croatian and Malaysia-Indian heritage, Anea has absorbed an array of different genres and styles of music throughout her childhood, contributing to a unique sound and layback feel. Her soulful and intricate interpretation of the lyric has her audience always on the edge of their seat.

The Anea Duratovic Quintet has been performing together since 2010 and comprising of Patrick Van Der Moezel on saxophone, Steve Vacca on guitar, Rohan Nelson on bass and Bronton Ainsworth on drums.

Tonight, the Anea Duratovic Quintet will be performing an array of jazz standards, ballads, Brazilian rhythms and including influences from Ella Fitzgerald, Gretchen Parlato and Kurt Elling. Esperanza Spalding - 2011 Grammy Award winning Bassist/vocalist.

## JAZZ CHAT

(See separate brochure for the full 2011 programme)

Welcome to Jazz Chat, a forum for the jazz lover, not the jazz critic. Jazz Chat is a place where we demystify the complexities of the music and change it into easy-listening music. Jazz Chat is for anyone who listens to jazz and thinks, 'I know I like this, but I don't know why.'

In a series of informal interviews and presentations with the musicians that make up our world-class jazz scene, we'll discuss various topics that each artist feels passionate about, be it a player, a genre, or even the contemporary Australian jazz scene.

This is not a lecture or a forum for musicians only. This is a place to have a beer, a nice meal and any of your questions answered by some of the most knowledgeable musicians in the country. Or just sit and listen.

Jazz Chat starts at 7pm on Mondays at the Charles Hotel in North Perth.

JAZZ CHAT #2 - Monday 2 May - Ben Matthews (piano)

JAZZ CHAT #3 - Monday 16 May - Helen Matthews (vocal)

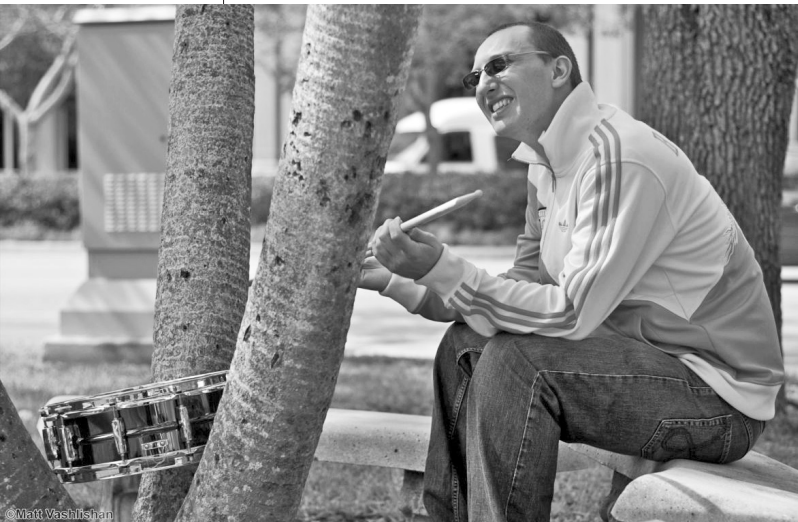
JAZZ CHAT #4 - Monday 30 May - Dale Boaden (guitar)

## VALE - JOHN GILL (GILLING) (28.1.1954 - 15.4.2011)

Last week we learnt of the sudden death of 'The Piano Man' John Gill. Since 1983 when he first arrived in WA he left an indelible mark on WA and the world of jazz, stride and ragtime piano. In America he was considered one of the great stride pianists of the modern era, he was also a classical pianist, a piano tuner and his passion for playing his old upright (and perfectly tuned) piano in Murray Street mall had universal appeal for all ages. It is with great sadness that we have lost a friend and an outstanding musician. The Perth Jazz Society committee, members and advocates of jazz send condolences to his family. John you will always be remembered as a legendary pianist. Requiem in Peace.

*'I recall when the American cast and musicians of Ain't Misbehavin' - who were performing the great musical show based on the music of Fats Waller at The Regal Theatre, were invited to the PJS when John was performing. They couldn't believe their ears and were in total awe of his playing.'*

(Helen Matthews)



Anea Duratovic

Daniel Susnjar

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### **JAZZ RADIO PROGRAMS**

ABC FM 97.7

Jazztrack - Sat 5pm-7pm, Sun 5pm-7pm

ABC RADIO NATIONAL 810

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Giant Steps - Sun 12 noon-2pm

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Jazz, Blues & Ballads - Sat 12 noon-1pm (every 5th week)

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That's Jazz - Wed 7pm-9pm

The Jazz Club - Sat 12 noon-2pm

101.3 YORK FM

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Sunday Jazz - Sun 2pm-4pm

89.7 FM TWIN CITIES

[www.twincitiesfm.com.au](http://www.twincitiesfm.com.au)

The Late Lounge - Fri 10pm-midnight

Mainly Sax - Sat 4pm-5pm

DIG JAZZ

[www.abc.net.au/dig](http://www.abc.net.au/dig)

Internet jazz twenty four hours also on Digital TV (radio)

90.5FM CAPITAL

Capital Jazz - Thur 6pm-8pm

Afternoon Gold, Jazz & Swing - Fri 12 noon-3pm

'The Weekend Planet' with Doug Spencer airs on Saturday & Sunday nights from 10.00 pm through to midnight. Go to [www.abc.net.au/rn/weekendplanet](http://www.abc.net.au/rn/weekendplanet). Audio on demand available from website for four weeks after radio broadcast. Play lists (richly detailed) are published not later than Friday prior to broadcast.

'The Daily Planet' with Lucky Oceans airs Monday to Friday afternoons from 2.20pm. Repeated Monday to Thursday at 11.20pm. The website is [www.abc.net.au/rn/dailyplanet](http://www.abc.net.au/rn/dailyplanet). Audio on demand available from the website for one week after radio broadcast.

### **PJS MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

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Jazz Club of WA - Tuesday at Yokine Bowling Club

Perth Blues Club - Tuesday at Charles Hotel

Jazz Fremantle - Sunday at Navy Club, Fremantle

Jazz Guitar Society of WA

WA Youth Jazz Orchestra

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