







Clarence Jazz Festival is a late summer music Festival that brings Hobart's Eastern Shore to life. Now in its 25th year, the Festival is back celebrating Tasmanian jazz over 5 days with the most incredible musicians the state has to offer. Clarence Jazz Festival will open with a special event at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) in collaboration with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. The beloved Twilight Series will then visit a winery and a seaside park, whilst the intimate Jazz Lounge will host premium ticketed events and musical masterclasses. The Big Day at Kangaroo Bay will have you dancing 'til the stars come out with the hottest Tasmanian jazz acts.



Clarence Jazz Festival 2021 Ambassador: Kelly Ottaway

The Clarence Jazz Festival is pleased to announce Kelly Ottaway's appointment as the first Tasmanian Festival ambassador. Kelly has played an instrumental role in shaping the 25th year celebrations. Kelly's primary interests are jazz composition and leading his jazz tenet The Modern Operative, as well as having a passion for music education working with Australia's leading performing arts schools. Kelly has worked extensively in the Tasmanian art scene, involved in many festivals such as MONA FOMA, Dark MOFO and The Festival Called PANAMA. Nationally, Kelly is involved with some of Australia's leading big bands, as arranger and composer for the Dan Barnett Big Band and the Jazzgroove Mothership Orchestra.

Kelly will perform as part of Kelly Ottaway Keys Supergroup at 8.30pm on the Festival's Big Day at Kangaroo Bay on Saturday 20 February and across the Festival



Clarence Jazz Festival 2021 Artist in Residence: Sam Dobransky

Sam Dobransky is an abstract contemporary artist currently residing in nipaluna/Hobart. His practice includes painting, installation and large-scale mural work that explores the meditative relationship of repetition within the artistic process.

For the Clarence Jazz Festival, Sam has created the diptych *Don't Worry 'Bout Me*, 2020 (Acrylic on marine hardwood) which is included in the striking festival brand. *Don't Worry 'Bout Me* playfully explores abstract repetition through an investigation into form and pattern. Sam has also created sculptural pieces that are presented across the Festival.



### Clarence Jazz Festival Scholarship Program

### Introducing our 2021 Scholars:

Sarah Eddleston – Piano and vibraphone Sacha Flores – Piano Erin Sherlock – Trumpet

Clarence Jazz Festival is dedicated to developing the next generation of young Tasmanian musical talent through its annual scholarship program. Delivered in partnership with the University of Tasmania's (UTAS) Conservatorium of Music.

This year's recipients will bring a wealth of talent to the 25th anniversary of the Festival. The 2021 recipients are Sarah Eddleston, Sacha Flores and Erin Sherlock. They have each received six months of weekly private tuition with UTAS Conservatorium tutors.

The Scholars will perform at 12pm on the kunanyi stage at Big Day at Kangaroo Bay on Saturday 20 February

# **Opening Event**

In collaboration with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Clarence Jazz Festival 2021 will kick off with a special opening event at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) celebrating 25 years of jazz in Clarence on the land of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people. The evening of music will include some of lutruwita/Tasmania's best acts that will warm your soul and get you dancing into the early evening. Cultural tours of the land will be held throughout the night, with food provided by Palawa kipli.

# Wednesday 17 FEB

piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) 5.30-9.00pm FREE with registered ticket

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& Opening Ceremony

Kartanya Maynard Quartet Warm and powerful vocals

**Danny Healy Trio** A modern jazz chordless saxophone trio

Jay Jarome Band A grooving blend of soul, funk, jazz and blues

Plus more

Nadira and Friends playing at Clarence Jazz Festival 2020

Image: Jacob Collings



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# **Twilight Series**

This year the Twilight Series will visit Pooley Wines in Richmond and Simmons Park in Lindisfarne with free outdoor concerts. Bring your family and friends to watch the sun go down as you listen to a fantastic array of local jazz bands.

# Thursday 18 FEB

### Pooley Wines, Richmond

**FREE** with registered ticket



6pm Nick Nugent Octet New compositions of emotional complexity showcasing exceptional ensemble playing and awe-inspiring improvisational skills

7.15pm

**Claire Vout Quartet** Classic and modern jazz favourites with creative arrangements

# Sunday 21 FEB

### Simmons Park, Lindisfarne

FREE with registered ticket

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6pm **Dan Sulzberger** Internationally inspired compositions

7.15pm **Crawstep** Original groove tunes and interpretations of jazz standards

8.15pm Nadira and Friends Fresh and intriguing jazz standards packaged in a fun and energetic on-stage presence

# Big Day at Kangaroo Bay Saturday 20 FEB

# Kangaroo Bay Parklands \$10 🗳 LC 🍴 🖅

Bring the whole family along to Kangaroo Bay for the biggest day of the Clarence Jazz Festival 2021. The Big Day event will showcase an incredible selection of Tasmania's hottest jazz acts across two stages from lunchtime through 'til the stars. Bream Creek Vineyard, Captain Bligh's and Lost Pippin will offer refreshing, locally made beverages for the event. Food and fresh produce will be provided by the Tasmanian Produce Market onsite.



# kunanyi stage

### 12pm

Clarence Jazz Festival Scholars' Supergroup

### 1pm

### Indigo

Voice, guitar and saxophone trio playing bluesy jazz

### 2pm

### **Black Swans of Trespass**

Playing forbidden banjo music that's funky & soulful, with a swampy, punky edge

### 3.15pm

### Sasha Gavlek Quartet

A mix of high intensity rhythmic ideas, alongside luscious melodies and soulful improvisation

### 4.30pm

### Steve Brien

Standards from the Great American songbook

### 5.45pm

### Brendon Siemsen Quartet

Playing all new original material written during lockdown

### 7pm

### Baba Bruja

nipaluna/Hobart's very own all original 12-piece afrobeat collective

### 8.30pm

### Kelly Ottaway Keys Supergroup

The 2021 Festival ambassador has put together a group of Tasmania's best keys players

### 10pm

### Zenny Teller

Curated by Sam Dowson, reviving Hip-Hop jazz classics from the 90s to 00s, utilising acoustic and programmed instrumentation

### **Playground stage**

### 12.30pm Good Vibes Quartet

Unique sounds and instrumentation

### 1.30pm

Mangus & Co. Growling vocals and guitar performance influenced by jazz,

blues, fingerstyle and slide

### 2.45pm

### Django's Tiger

Swinging gypsy jazz in the style of Django & Grappelli

### 4pm

### The Mentolists

An experimental ska band exploring the uses of banjo

### 5.15pm

### Saucy Jack & his Ripper Band

Playing original compositions inspired by roots jazz, blues and folk of the 1920s

### 6.30pm

### Dr Pete's New Orleans Footwarmers

An energetic traditional New Orleans jazz and blues style band playing high octane jazz getting the audience to groove with the band

# For more information and tickets go to:

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No Drinks (Dry event)
BYO Permitted
Licensed – No BYO
Bar
Food
Picnic
Free Event
Ticketed



# Jazz Lounge

Inside the Jazz Lounge, an intimate cabaret venue within Rosny Barn, there will be a series of premium ticketed concerts featuring a stellar line-up of Tasmanian musicians.

Hobart Brewing Co. and Willie Smith's will be serving up delicious beverages inside.



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## Friday 19 FEB Jazz Lounge at Rosny Barn Session 1 | 5pm-7.30pm | \$30

### 5pm

### Jason Whatley Quartet

Launching his latest album, On the Beak, a sophisticated second album from composer and pianist Jason Whatley. It's a hip nod to the past that maintains a roar and modern freshness

### 6.45pm

### Susannah Coleman-Brown Quartet

Be the first to hear Susannah Coleman-Brown Quartet perform a suite of stirring, intimate compositions, premiering her new jazz album material before entering the studio the following week

### Session 2 | 8.30pm-Late | \$30

### 8.30pm

### Spike Mason Quartet

Performing, composing and recording jazz for over 30 years, Spike Mason has played all around the world. This is not to be missed!

### 10.15pm

### McEntee & Mira

A new collaboration between jazz trombonist and composer Stephen McEntee and classical Arabic singer Mira Rizk. This 10-member ensemble blends traditional Arabic, Egyptian and North African melodies with modern jazz sounds

# Sunday 21 FEB Jazz Lounge at Rosny Barn

#### 3.45pm

The Gus Leighton Quartet \$15

Honest and emotionally charged jazz standards

### 5.30pm

### Liam & CO \$15

Led by Melbourne based drummer Liam O'Leary, playing well known standards in the style of Ahmad Jamal, Vince Guaraldi and Bobby Timmons

### 7.15pm Jamie Pregnall Quartet \$15

Original jazz guitar compositions



# Master Classes in the Jazz Lounge

This year we are introducing mind-melting masterclasses to the Festival program, offering participants the opportunity to delve deep into jazz with one of Tasmania's jazz masters. Master classes will be open to musicians of any level for an intensive 90 minutes of music within the beautiful sandstone walls of Rosny Barn.

# **Thursday 18 FEB** Jazz Lounge at Rosny Barn Tickets \$25 per class

### 5.30pm

### **Billy Whitton Masterclass**

A masterclass on jazz guitar styles and blues fingerpicking, including slide guitar, to demonstrate and discuss early and modern blues forms.

You will also discuss jazz harmony in relation to guitar demonstrating how jazz and blues come together in all forms of jazz.

### 7.30pm

### Konrad Park 'Stickrad' Masterclass

An invitation to you from Konrad Park aka Stickrad, to see and hear how the stick is played and to discover what new music he has composed on this stringed tapping instrument. Stickrad will showcase the instrument's capability by introducing you to the stick for the first time, hoping to dispel some of the myths associated with the newest member of the string family

### Sunday 21 FEB Jazz Lounge at Rosny Barn Tickets \$25 per class

#### 11am

### Dan Sulzberger Masterclass

Focusing on rhythm, harmony and melodic concepts by breaking these elements down into simple practice approaches for players to gain fluency, freedom and fun.

#### 1pm

### Spike Mason Jazz Improvisation Masterclass

How to improvise a melody over jazz changes. Catering for jazz musicians ranging from beginners to professionals. Brass players, woodwinds, vocalists or any melodic instrument... Participants are encouraged to bring their instrument and join in.

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### The City of Clarence on the Derwent River has over 200km of coastline dotted with beaches and parkland.

It's the home of the Coal River Valley with its wealth of fine food and wine producers, the historic Richmond township, winding tracks and trails, and coastal living. The city comes to life with the annual Clarence Jazz Festival held in locations throughout Clarence from the historic Rosny Barn to parks and leafy reserves.



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### **Clarence Jazz Festival 2021 partners:**



The City of Clarence acknowledges the Tasmanian Aboriginal community as the continuing custodians of the land and pays respect to elders, past, present and emerging.

### Accessibility

Clarence City Council are committed to making the Festival venues accessible to all. If you have specific requirements, please contact the Clarence Arts and Events team when booking or enquiring about the venues.

### Sustainability

Clarence City Council are committed to supporting the Australian arts and celebrating the very best of Tasmania's talent. Clarence City Council are committed to delivering environmentally sustainable events.

### Stay COVID Safe

The safety and well-being of our staff, artists and audiences is essential in the planning and delivery of our Festival.

Clarence City Council are following the federal and state health authorities' advice on how to deliver COVID safe events in Tasmania. As government recommendations evolve, we will continue to update our audience.

Clarence City Council will be implementing increased cleaning at our events for your safety.

Measures include:



If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend Clarence Jazz Festival



Maintain physical distancing whilst at our venues





Register your details through tickets before entering any of our events for contact tracing

