

Festival of Perth



JAZZ IN THE WARDLE ROOM

Riverside Plaza, Perth Concert Hall

Thursdays 9.45pm • Fridays and Saturdays 10.15pm • Sundays 7.30pm

PERTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA • 19 and 26 February

LAURENT DE WILDE QUARTET • 23-25 February

*With financial assistance from Association Française d'Action Artistique
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SERGEI TARENTIEV • 2-4 March

PETRAS VYSNIAUSKAS QUARTET • 9-11 March

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PERTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA



The Perth Jazz Orchestra was formed in 1992 by Artistic Director Gary France, as an outlet for gifted professional jazz musicians. The band now boasts a line-up of many of Perth's leading professionals and since its formation has been dedicated to live performance.

The mainstay of the band is its weekly Sunday night performances in the Wardle Room. This year the PJO's concert series will feature the best of local, national and international big band performers and guest artists. The PJO has performed for a wide variety of audiences in numerous venues including the Burswood Showroom, the Quarry Amphitheatre, and Caves House, Yallingup. Its repertoire features, among others, the music of Thad Jones, Count Basie and Duke Ellington as well as many other great composers from the contemporary and big band eras.

A non-profit organisation dedicated to the performance of Big Band Jazz, the PJO continues to promote West Australian composers and performers through public performance.

On 19 February the band will be joined by one of Australia's hottest vocalists, Suzanne Wyllie, and on 26 February by popular local singer, Marc Underwood.



Suzanne Wyllie



Marc Underwood

Petras Vyšniauskas Quartet (LITHUANIA)

Saxophonist Petras Vyšniauskas is considered the most prominent Lithuanian jazz figure in recent years. Appearances with the ROVA Saxophone Quartet, Jimmy Owens, Steve Lacy and several other contemporary jazz players have garnered Petras a reputation for saxophone playing of extraordinary intensity and emphatic timbre. For his first visit to Australia he brings an unusual quartet featuring folk singer, Veronika Povilionienė, a trumpeter and a kankles (Lithuanian zither) player. The resultant music is a highly original mixture of improv and traditional Lithuanian melodies.

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Perth Jazz Orchestra (AUSTRALIA)

The resident Wardle Room big band, the Perth Jazz Orchestra, has created quite a following in the last few months and Festival time will be no different. Boasting a line-up of young virtuosi and youthful veterans from the Perth scene, the ensemble is equally adept at blowing you away with power or caressing you with whisper-like playing.

Most Sundays during the Festival sees the Perth Jazz Orchestra dusting off a few standards as well as some lesser known tunes - a great way to finish off the weekend.

