

JOANNE BRACKEEN

As a solo pianist and artist working with a local rhythm section *Joanne Brackeen* has been the "find" of the World Series Jazz. Her concert on September 3 was superb. It is difficult for a trio to command attention for the duration of a P.J.S. concert, given the size of the room at the Hyde Park Hotel (probably twice the size of the Village Vanguard). *Brackeen* achieved this with consummate ease. Her command of the standard repertoire and her quirky originals provided for a well-balanced concert..

Murray Wilkins (double bass) and *Gary France* (Drums) gave excellent interaction and support throughout the evening proving yet again they are amongst Australia's finest on their respective instruments.

GARY LEE