

ABC-NewsOnline: Bellingen jazz festival attracts international line-up

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ABC Television: Noosa Jazz Festival

What a fantastic line-up... Bob Barnard, Monica Trappaga, Graeme Bell, Axle Whitehead Band (Melb), Ingrid James, Di Bird, Sue Bond (QLD), Jazz Factory (QLD), *Dixie Jam Session* (Hungary), 10th Ave Jazz Band (USA), Wil Sargisson (NZ) plus so many more... There are 45 free gigs, 30 venues all over Noosa, 160 musicians attending and over 300 performances.

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Bellingen Jazz Festival - Friday 18th to Sunday 20th August

The Bellingen Jazz and Blues Festival just keeps getting better and better - With over 35 performances during the Festival in 9 venues. For further info visit -

www.bellingenjazzfestival.com.au or Contact Festival Co-ordinator Ted Greenwood.

Hungarian Band "Dixie" Jam Session to open the 17th Bellingen Jazz and Blues Festival. Earlybird weekend passes at \$95 (save \$25) provide entry to all Festival performances. A BREAKFAST FEAST OF JAZZ AND BLUES

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According to Festival Coordinator Ted Greenwood "This will be a great start to a truly great Festival. With 43 performances over the weekend including Vince Jones in Concert and at Jarrett Park alongside Joe Camilleri, this will probably be the best Festival we have ever had." A large crowd is expected at the opening breakfast but there is plenty of space so bring your table and chairs or a picnic rug and enjoy an early start to the fabulous weekend of Jazz and Blues.

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Central Coast Leagues Club-news

Sunday 20th August featured the sensational *Dixie Jam Session* from Hungary. The highlight of the afternoon was their young trumpet player, Norbert Marton, who, at just sixteen, displayed great maturity and ability. Well done, , young man-You have a wonderful future in front of you.....



A BIG THANKS go to members who helped out when Hungarian band *Dixie Jam Session* played here in August... **Alan Jones** for drumkit, **Harry Harman** for amp, John O'Connor and Graham Black, cartage. Plus **Mark Cooney** for lending a double bass. I'm sure that all those who enjoyed this lively band will agree it was well worth the effort. Thanks fellahs!

NEWCASTLE JAZZ FESTIVAL

[Don't miss the special appearance of The Dixie Jam Session at Finnegan's Jazz Breakfast!](#)

The Dixie Jam Session hail from Hungary, and with the help of the local Rotary Club will be here in August in time for several festivals. Don't be misled because of the Hungarian background – they play quality Dixieland and have a few unexpected surprises – such as the young female drummer and just turned (in February) 17 year old trumpet player Norbert MÁRTON.

NOOSA JAZZ FESTIVAL

Pack your bags and head to sunny Noosa for the 15th Noosa Jazz Festival. Once again the festival will be offering a bevy of national and international talents from Thursday 31st August till Sunday 3rd September 2006. Over 160 musicians will be blowing up a storm in Noosa with free concerts in the park and all styles of jazz showcased in various restaurants and venues. Most of the entertainment will be free to the public with some door fees from as little as \$10 per ticket.

Sink your feet into the sand and witness some spontaneous music with a unique ocean backdrop in the Tingirana Room, our beachside jazz marquee.

Join us in welcoming some of Australia's celebrated Jazz musicians, such as Sydney's Bob Barnard, Graeme Bell, James Morrison, Monica Trapaga, Matt Baker, Adrian Cunningham, Col Nolan, Carol Ralph, Ed Gaston and the list goes on. Or from Melbourne, Creolle Bells, Michael McQuaid's young band Sweet Lowdowns, or female vocalist sensation Julie O'Hara. We promise to bring you jazz from all the corners of Australian talent and also from the United States, 10th Avenue Jazz Band will once again grace our shores as well as Dixie Jam Session from Hungary.

There will be plenty of opportunities to "trip the light fantastic" on many a dance floor, or just sit and soak up the atmosphere. The weekend promises to provide music for all age groups from traditional through to more contemporary styles, as well as some great Bourbon St blues...so don't miss out...bring the whole family and all your friends.

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Featured at: Bicentennial Hall, Tingirana Room

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„Hello Hatvani & Members of the band,

Again I would like to thank you for the great time at Noosa Jazz. I hope we can meet again someday somewhere!

Best regards,

Martijn Luttmmer – Holland”

„Hello Jenó,

I have heard excellent reports from other festivals where you appeared, so your band can be very proud of their tour out here. Please pass on my congratulations to all members of the band on a wonderful performance. We would love to have you again if you consider touring again in a few years time.

Kindess regards,

Ross & Judy Tighe- Dubbo Jazz Festival”

“Hello Jenó

By now I am sure you are home and recovering from your time in Australia. I hope you all enjoyed your time here, we certainly enjoyed having you in Bellingen.

Regards,

Ted Greenwood

Festival Coordinator”

„Szia Jenó,

Orulok, hogy epegeben hazaertetek! Remelem, hogy jól "nyaraltatok", ez amit az ausztralok "working holiday"-nak hivnak.

Orulok, hogy segithettem, amit tudtam, jo volt Titeket latni itt, egy magyar egyutttest, akik nem "magyar szinekbem" es propagandaval utaztak, hanem tenyleg igazi kozonseggel szembesultek es jól.

Janos”

„Hi Dixieland Jazz,

We loved your jazz We saw you in Australia at Gosford at the Leagues Club and the next week at the Newcastle Jazz Festival. You were so GOOD!!. We loved you .

Keep playing such great jazz and bringing so much pleasure to people.

Thank you

Barbara”