

The 52nd Manawatu International Jazz and Blues Festival 2019

The 52nd year of this hallmark festival will bring 8 days of top class jazz and blues to the people of the Manawatu. The Jazz cafe scene alone brings close to 120 performers all within walking distance of the CBDs of Palmerston North and Feilding. The Jazz Café scene is free to watch leaving the audience with more money for coffee and cake.

Local High schools students will also get a Jazz boost with workshops planned from the stars of the Festival, giving the students a unique opportunity to learn from the best, and with the High Schools jazz competition.

THE SCREEN VISTA GLOBE THEATRE SERIES

May 29 – Globe Theatre 8.00pm

Kevin Downing's 101 Lab Band

Special guests from the USA Guitarists: Chris Cain and Daniel Castro

May 30 – Globe Theatre 8.00pm

BLUES REVUE ' 19 - Featuring from the USA:

Chris Cain: Guitar & vocals

Chris Cain's bio is long, from touring New Zealand with the World Blues Revue, to being nominated for 6 "W.C. Handy" awards, which is the blues world equivalent of receiving a Grammy nomination.

Joe Bonamassa says "Chris Cain is one of my favorite blues guitarists".

"One of the best blues men we have today" – *Robben Ford*

"Chris Cain's a hot-shot guitarist and a singer with a relaxed style and mature expression of the old blues masters like Bobby Bland and B.B.King" – *The Washington Post*.

"His full-bodied tone and surprisingly big voice packed a punch that had me and other witnesses reeling" – *Guitar Player Magazine*

Daniel Castro: Guitar & Vocals

As he grew up in the LA area, Daniel was heavily influenced by the blues greats Albert King, BB King and Albert Collins. After cutting his teeth in South Central L.A. blues clubs with "Mighty Mouth" Delmar Evans, who worked with the Johnny Otis Show, Castro backed other great artists, including Pee Wee Clayton and Little Esther Phillips. He also recorded and toured with many other artists including legendary Small faces singer – bassist Ronnie Lane.

Bassist: Steve Evans has performed with Etta James, Bo Diddley, Charlie Musselwhite, Brain Auger, Maria Muldaur.

Drummer: Ron E Beck has performed with Tower of Power, Marilyn McCoo, John Lee Hooker, Lydia Pense Dr. Lonnie Smith and Bill Withers

Keyboardist: Ben Wilcock, one of New Zealand star keyboardists having performed with the Nick Granville Band, Erna Ferry, John Rae.

May 31 – Globe Theatre 8.00pm

Direct from Christchurch – **The All Girl Big Band**

The All Girl Big Band, formed in Christchurch January 2016, was brought about after a conversation between Lana Law and Kate Taylor at the and “Doug Caldwell Tribute Concert”. Out of the creative influence and the Musical Direction of Lana Law and the stunning vocals of Kate Taylor, the All Girl Big Band emerged. The All Girl Big Band debuted at In The Loop at the Court Theatre as part of their ‘Hidden Artist’ segment. Since then they have had stunning success with gigs for *Jazz After Work*, *The Swingtown Rebels* and the *Big Band Festival* where they presented a “Tribute to Natalie Cole”.

The band consists of any array of talented musicians – the majority are professional musicians or music teachers in Christchurch. Their ages range from high school students to the most mature member at 77, who took up the trombone in her late 40’s.

This is a unique band and they are very excited to play for you all.

June 02 – Globe Theatre 6.00pm

The Big Band Bash.

Featuring the Swamp City Big Band and The Manawatu Jazz Club Big Band

June 01 – Regent Theatre

High Schools Jazz Competition 9.30 – 3.30pm FREE ADMISSION

June 01 - Regent Theatre 8.00pm

THE JAZZ GALA

Featuring from the USA Drummer Gregg Bissonette , Vocalists Glenn Walters and UK Trumpet Star Louis Dowdeswell

Gregg Bissonette

Drummer for the Maynard Ferguson, David Lee Roth and Ringo Star’s Allstar Band.

One of Bissonette's first recordings is Brandon Field's *The Other Side of the Story* in 1985.^[1] It featured David Garfield on keyboards. A few years later Bissonette would start playing shows with Field, Garfield and [Steve Lukather](#) on guitar and with John Peña on bass as Los Lobotomys. These shows took place at the Baked Potato, a jazz club and restaurant in Los Angeles, California, playing rock, Latin, jazz and more.

From 1985-1992, Bissonette served as the drummer for former Van Halen frontman David Lee Roth, notably appearing on the "Eat 'Em And Smile" and "Skyscraper" albums and tours.

Louis Dowdeswell

This UK Trumpet Artist first caught the ear of the jazz / big band audience through his YouTube channel has amassed more than 3.5 millions views and is the most popular big band channel on the site. Since then Louis has performed with artists such as Al Jarreau, Michael

Buble, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, Sheridan Smith, Peter Andre, Hamish Stuart, Josh Groban, Seal, Alfie Bowe, Michael Ball, Brendan Cole, and many more. Orchestras he has been involved with, include the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, English National Orchestra, and the English Session Orchestra.

West End musical credits include Aladdin, Beautiful, Wicked, Big the Musical, Elf the Musical, Motown, Guys and Dolls, Barnum, High Society, Dance 'till Dawn, Last Tango and 42nd Street .

Glenn Walters

Vocalist from San Francisco is long respected as a "musician's singer" and workhorse of the ad-jingle industry in San Francisco. Former lead – singer with the The Hoodoo Rhythm Devils and The Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra is showcased on several CD's. As performs with the Ray Charles Project and has recorded on a CD produced by Doc Kupka baritone saxophone player from the famed band Tower of Power.

In concert with the Rodger Fox Big Band

June 01 – The Coachman Hotel 10.30pm

The after Jazz Gala jam session

Free Admission

June 02 – The Globe Theatre 10.00 – 11.30am

Jazz Education workshop

Free Admission

Other Events

May 24th "Jazz on Your Feet" Swing Dance - MJC Big Swing Band

7:30pm – 10pm Savage Club Hall cnr Campbell and Cuba St,
Door Sales \$10 light snacks available BYO

May 25 – 26 Broadway Radiology FEILDING JAZZ CAFÉ SCENE - Free

June 01 – 03 Broadway Radiology PALMERSTON NORTH CAFÉ SCENE – Free