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**THE ELLINGTON JAZZ CLUB
Grand Opening 5th – 8th March 2009**

After 2 years of meticulous planning, The Ellington Jazz Club will open its doors to the public on the 5th of March 2009. The Ellington offers the opportunity to hear live international, national and talented local artists in the chic, sophisticated setting of the tastefully restored heritage-listed building at 191 Beaufort Street Perth. Centrally located near the corner of Newcastle St and adjacent to Weld Square, The Ellington is close – but not too close – to the Northbridge entertainment precinct. The club provides Perth with the reality of a greatly desired late night jazz club and is the first venue to be granted a nightclub licence

Operating over two levels, the jazz club floor has a capacity of 140 and the upstairs lounge holds 100 and is an ideal space to hang out with mates or to just relax with your favourite tippie. Upstairs will be soundtracked with a diverse and unique playlist of music encompassing the world of jazz and its divergent streams and influences from blues to bossa nova, Afrobeat to funk. Upstairs will also be available for private functions and will be used as a gallery space for emerging Western Australian artists.

Graham Wood, professional jazz pianist and Program Director of Music at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and his business partner Bernard Kong encapsulated the spirit of the best jazz clubs of New York, London, Paris and Tokyo. Imagine iconic venues like the Village Vanguard in New York or Ronnie Scott's in London with a bit of local flair thrown in to create a truly unique venue for Perth. Patrons can enjoy tapas along with an excellent wine list, their favourite cocktail, top shelf spirits, quality coffee and premium service.

A line up of international and national artists scheduled to perform at The Ellington Jazz Club in 2009 include:

- Grammy award winning guitarist Martin Taylor and vocalist Alison Burns (UK) 13th and 14th of March
- Kirk Lightsey (USA) with Bernie McGann (Sydney) 12th of March

- Jon Gordon (USA) 3rd and 4th of April
- Carlo Actis Dato quartet (Italy) 15th of April
- Mark Issacs resurgence band (Sydney) 23rd of May
- Chris McNulty and Paul Bollenback (USA) 5th and 6th of June

The Ellington Jazz Club will also feature the best of Perth talent including:

Jamie Oehlers	Roger Garrood	Bill McAllister
Carl Mackey	Russell Holmes	Mace Francis
Matt Joddrell	Adrian Kelly	Michael Perkins
Andrew Fisenden	Bronwyn Sprogowski	James Flynn
Dane Alderson	Libby Hammer	Johannes Luebbers
Graham Wood	Daniel Susnjar	Ray Walker
Simon Jeans	Callum G'Froerer	Ricki Malet
Ric Eastman	Chris Foster	Ali Bodycoat
Chris Tarr	Benn Hodgkin	Helen Matthews
Paul Pooley	Ben Vanderwal	Konrad Paszkudzki
Freddie Grigson	Sam Anning	Tom OHalloran
Peter Jeavons	Troy Roberts	Penny King

The standard performance schedule will be:

- Wednesday - main act @ 8.00pm
- Thursday - main act @ 9.00pm
- Friday
 - Trio performance @ 6pm
 - Main act @ 8.00pm
 - Late night groove series @ midnight
- Saturday
 - Main act @ 8.00pm
 - Late night groove series @ midnight
- Sunday
 - Jam session y JAZZWA @ 8pm
- Tuesday
 - TURA New Music – Club Zho (once a month)

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