

20-23 FEBRUARY

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FESTIVAL 2025



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Dive into the 29th annual Clarence Jazz Festival, proudly presented by Clarence City Council.

Presented over four unforgettable days from Thursday 20–Sunday 23 February, the Clarence Jazz Festival is serving up an intoxicating mix of music, art, and culinary experiences.

As well as a hefty lineup of local legends, this year's program features more interstate and international acts than ever before, playing everything from trad-jazz to experimental fusion and everything in between.

In addition to world-class performances, you can expect the very best local food and drink offerings and activities for all ages – making the festival perfect for the whole family.

All this and more is yours to discover at the Festival Hub, which will be buzzing night and day with a perfect mix of free and ticketed gigs. Set across Rosny Farm and the scenic Rosny Parklands, the hub has plenty of room for everyone and is the beating heart of entertainment on the Eastern Shore.

Come join the fun and make yourself at home!

Welcome to Country

Ya pulingina karati mapali.
Welcome many friends.

Waranta lumi milaythina Mumirimina-ta.
We are in the land of the Mumirimina people.

The Mumirimina people of the Oyster Bay tribe were interconnected with land and waterways, skies, people, animals, and ancestors for at least 47,000 years. The Mumirimina fought and died resisting colonisation. Their land was never ceded.

Please find your way to pay respect to the Mumirimina people who are no longer here.

The Palawa community in Lutruwita are the ongoing custodians of these lands. Truth Telling and Treaty are pursued as pathways to healing and justice. Our stories lie in the land, and song and dance and language thrive today. We embrace cultural values for caring for country and share knowledge in keeping country healthy.

Join us in paying respect to Palawa elders past and present.

Now – pause a moment – take in a breath – taste the salt on your tongue from *Timtumili minanya* (Derwent River) flowing, and see the sparkling waters in the bay around *Kipanta* (Kangaroo Point).

Be mindful of *ruwinana* the seagull who does not need your food, hear *payarrwinina* the magpie, and *minungkana* the black cockatoo, and see *kaylarunya* the black swan glide to shore where *matharitina* the blue tongue and *trimanya* the echidna stay hidden.

May you rejoice as *tiyuratina* the wind carries your music *milaythina manina milaythina muka* (across land and sea).

Safe travels home whether near or far until we see you again.

Wulika

– Cheryl Mundy trimanya





2025 Jazz Ambassador: Kristin Berardi

Meet Kristin Berardi, our 2025 Clarence Jazz Festival Ambassador! This internationally acclaimed, multi-award-winning jazz vocalist has wowed audiences worldwide and collaborated with jazz legends like Kenny Werner, Mike Nock, and Kate Miller-Heidke.

Originally from Queensland, Kristin now calls Switzerland home, where she teaches at the prestigious Hochschule Luzern. We're thrilled to have her lead a series of special performances, workshops, and masterclasses throughout the festival.

Catch Kristin in a world first collaboration with Sandy Evans and Andrea Keller in KANDY on Friday night + appearances across the festival with many of our other acts!



2025 Commissioned Artist: Aleks Crossan

We're excited to welcome Aleks Crossan as the 2025 Clarence Jazz Festival Commissioned Artist. Born in Vienna and now based in nipaluna/Hobart, Aleks brings a global perspective to her work, blending dance, music composition, and contemporary abstract art. Her vibrant paintings, inspired by her musical background, form the visual identity of this year's festival, with her original artwork, '*Growing Bigger Until It Goes Boom*', featured across festival promotions and as the backdrop in the Jazz Lounge.

Catch Aleks' work featured across the festival site, on all our branding, and in a special live/ film performance on the Friday evening of the festival.



Jazz Scholars Program: A proud history

Meet our 2025 Jazz Scholars: Orlaith Badger, Xavier Stanford, Jamie Walton, and Ruben Beretta-Grande.

For 15 years, the Clarence Jazz Festival Scholarship has been a game-changer for emerging Tasmanian jazz musicians. This year, we're proud to introduce our talented scholars: Orlaith Badger (Trumpet, Elizabeth College), Xavier Stanford (Drums, Rosny College), Jamie Walton (Vocalist, Hobart College), and Ruben Beretta-Grande (Guitar, Elizabeth College).

These rising stars were chosen from a competitive field for their exceptional talent and promise. Our scholarship program offers one-on-one mentorship from powerhouse Katy Raucher, masterclasses with top jazz mentors, and performance opportunities at events like Swinging Christmas 2024 and the Clarence Jazz Festival Big Day.

Catch the scholars for their mainstage set on Saturday 22nd @ 1.10pm!

Festival pass

Your ticket to the ultimate festival experience!

Your 2025 Clarence Jazz Festival Pass includes:

- Entry for all six premium ticketed sessions at the Jazz Lounge
- Entry to the Big Day
- A reusable, branded festival cup

Why buy a pass?

Save money, skip the hassle, and guarantee your spot at every event.

But hurry—**passes are limited!**

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VIP Festival Pass: **\$190**



Sustainability

We're making this year's festival as eco-friendly as it is fun!

- To promote sustainability, **we won't be serving drinks in disposable cups. Branded festival cups will be available for \$2** – buy once and use throughout the festival for cold drinks, or bring your own.
- **Recycling and Composting:** Please use the labelled bins correctly and seek help from our friendly waste ambassadors.

Accessibility

We pride ourselves on being a festival for everyone.

- All venues are wheelchair accessible with accessible bathrooms.
- Disability accessible parking is available.
- Hearing augmentation packs are available for Jazz Lounge ticketed sessions. Please notify one of our friendly staff on the day if you require this technology.
- Companion cards accepted at all ticketed events.
- Wayfinding signage is provided across the festival sites.
- A quiet zone will be available for people who need it.

For specific accessibility enquires, contact us at events@ccc.tas.gov.au or **03 6217 9620**.



Food & Wine Program

Get ready to taste the best of Clarence! We've teamed up with the Coal River Valley Tasmania Tourism Association and CRAVE Harvest Festival to bring you a mouthwatering lineup of hyper-local food and drink. Enjoy amazing wines from the Coal River Valley paired with incredible Tasmanian produce from throughout the Clarence region—think cheeses, seafood, and everything in between. Whether you're sipping, snacking, or feasting, we've got you covered. **Pre-order your Clarence Tasting Hamper** with your Big Day tickets online or **grab one on the day at the Festival Hub**. Cheers!



A Festival for the whole family!

The Clarence Jazz Festival isn't just for the grown-ups—it's an awesome day out for the whole family! The Big Day has a jam-packed program of activities for the little ones, including outdoor games, face painting, a fun quiz, craft activities, and much more. Kids will have a blast while staying safe and contained in our fenced festival zone, giving you the chance to kick back and enjoy the music, food, and drinks.

Come join us for a day of family fun—there's something for everyone!

2025 also marks the 60th anniversary of a truly visionary jazz masterpiece: John Coltrane's groundbreaking album, *A Love Supreme*. This timeless album embodies everything that we love about jazz: innovation, creative freedom, and collaboration. The same values that are at the heart of our festival. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the evolving spirit of jazz in a welcoming, affordable, safe, and accessible way. Cheers Coltrane!

Transport

Getting here is easy! The Festival Hub at Rosny Parklands is accessible by car, bus, bike, ferry, or foot and offers ample parking.

- The Derwent Ferry service docks at Bellerive Pier – a picturesque ten-minute stroll to the Festival Hub.
- The Rosny Bus Mall is only two minutes walk through Eastlands Shopping Centre to the Hub.
- Convenient parking for the hub is available in the upper Eastlands carpark in Rosny Park.
- Additional free parking will be available in the Rosny Parklands (enter through the upper Eastlands carpark) for the Big Day.



Thursday 20 Feb

The opening night of the 2025 Clarence Jazz Festival is all about celebrating our local world-class jazz community; reflecting on our past and looking to our future.

Festival Hub

Rosny Farm
5pm–9.15pm • **FREE**

No BYO alcohol / bar + food available / dog friendly

Opening Night

CARAVAN STAGE

5pm, 6.35pm & 7.45pm

South Side Steppers

Kick things off with the hottest brass band this side of New Orleans!

LAWN STAGE

5.30pm

Welcome to Country

Reflecting on the ancient history of this Country and celebrating Tasmanian Aboriginal culture.

5.45pm

Nadira and Friends 10th Anniversary

Festival favourite and internationally renowned vocalist Nadira returns with her all-star band to where it all began for her 10th year on our stage.

6.55pm

Symmetrio

Made up of recent festival scholars Josh Ford King (tr), Jode Brewster (sax) and Louis Monaghan (keys), we couldn't be prouder of this next crop of jazz superstars.

8.05pm

Unearthly Frequencies

Boogie on down with one of our state's rising stars of funk and soul.



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Emerging acts

Discover the stars of tomorrow! These early-career musicians (within their first five years of practice) gain invaluable experience performing alongside established artists. Look for the Emerging Artist icon in the program.

Hot House

Discover innovative collaborations and be the first to witness brand-new musical projects and original works developed exclusively for the festival through our Hot House program. Look for the Hot House icon to catch these exciting performances!



Friday 21 Feb

An action-packed evening featuring headline acts, creative collaborations and plenty of world class music to sink your teeth into.

Festival Hub

Rosny Farm

4.30pm–11pm • FREE

No BYO alcohol / bar + food available / dog friendly

CARAVAN STAGE

4.30pm, 5.50pm & 7pm

Le Grande Fromage Soiree

Join nationally acclaimed jazz violinist Charlie McCarthy and a moveable feast of stellar musicians in a totally unscripted Manouche Jazz jam!

LAWN STAGE

5pm

Level 7 

Freshly minted stars from the Hedberg Conservatorium join forces to present an exciting set of jazz fusion and neo-soul.

6.10pm

King Cake

Reuniting for the first time in a long time, lutruwita legends Pete Cornelius (gtr), Randal Muir (hammond org) and Henry Nicols (dr) have reignited the flame to cook up some fresh soul food.

7.50pm

Vibracion

For your musical delectation and dancing pleasure, Kelly Ottaway (vibraphone) and Louise Denson (keys) are joined by an all-star group paying tribute to the legends of Latin Jazz.

9pm | **FEATURED**

Charlie Needs Braces (MEL)

The latest project from Naarm-based musician Charlie Woods + her sister Miri. A proud Guringai woman and direct descendent of Bungaree and Matora, Charlie's uplifting and energetic music weaves together stories, language and layered harmonies.

SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY

7pm

A long big story in a teeny tiny place

Comissioned artist Aleks Crossan and Launnie based improvisational woodwind legend Karlin Love explore the creative process through film, sound and paint.



JAZZ LOUNGE

7pm | **FEATURED**

KANDY

(Switzerland, SYD, MEL)

\$40 full | \$30 concession
Tix at the door or online

A world-first collaboration between festival ambassador Kristin Berardi (vox) and internationally celebrated musicians Sandy Evans OAM (sax) and Andrea Keller (keys) that's been over 20 years in the making. They are joined for this remarkable performance by Jonathan Zwartz (bass) and Kyrie Anderson (dr). This incredibly special show is one not to miss!

9.50pm

Anwen Roberts 
(TAS, MEL)

\$25 full | \$20 concession
Tix at the door or online

Joined by a quintet of seasoned musicians from around the country, round out your Friday evening with high energy original music from one of state's most engaging recent exports.

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Saturday 22 Feb

Bring the whole family for the biggest day of the festival – featuring 12 hours of live music across a whopping four Festival stages.

Join us in the stunning Clarence Jazz Festival Hub for a dazzling and diverse line-up of local and interstate jazz, mouth-watering local food and beverages and an epic kid's program including outdoor games, face-painting, craft, and more!

Big Day at the Park

Festival Hub

Rosny Parklands & Rosny Farm
11am–11pm

\$25 full | \$20 concession
Kids under 15 FREE
Tix at the gate or online

No BYO alcohol / bar + food + free kids activities available / dog friendly

LAWN STAGE

11.30am

Superb Blue Wrens

Kick your Saturday off the right way with the Huon Valley's finest, playing a mix of blues and jazz influenced covers and originals.

1.10pm

CJF25 Scholars Showcase

Our rising stars present a sparkling set of work from the last six months together, accompanied by a house band made up of local jazz royalty.

2.50pm | FEATURED

LIIT (MEL)

One of Australia's most innovative drummers, Kyrie Anderson, is joined by all-stars Niran Dasika (tpt.) and Lawrence Folvig (gtr.) for a set of fresh, dreamy and original jazz.

4.30pm

Rā Bellatrix EA

Genre-bending-silly-deep-trashy-chic-bad-girl-rock mixed with alt pop and jazz with a healthy dash of comedic existentialism – quite unlike anything else on this year's bill!

6.10pm

The Echo Band

Our friends from the north Sophie Leslie, ade ishs, Nick Hart and Bruce Innocent play the kind of jazz that's bound to leave you cheering for more.

7.50pm

Tai Harlii

One of our state's most compelling writers and performers, Tai Harlii blends soul and R&B in a way that no one else quite does.

PARK STAGE

12.20pm

The JB Quintet

An excellent example of one of Nipaluna's recent explosion of exemplary jazz quintets, Jesse Bowden creates a musical platform for creative freedom and self expression.





2pm

The Black Swans of Trespass

Electric banjo-forward ground break ska, mento, folk and jazz that's going to get you up and dancing.

3.40pm

Shindig Quattro

Keeping you entertained with classic jazz standards, quirky Euro-style numbers, up tempo tunes and chilled out Sambas.

5.20pm

A Supreme Love 

Spike Mason leads an all star local ensemble playing original work celebrating and reflecting on the 60 year legacy of John Coltrane's iconic album, 'A Love Supreme'.

7pm | FEATURED

Squid Nebula
(MEL)

Fresh from supporting Herbie Hancock at the Melbourne International Jazz Festival, powerhouse vocalist Bumpy leads this wildly popular band pairing cosmic grooves and psychedelic disco.

8.40pm | FEATURED

Allysha Joy
(MEL)

Lead singer of 30/70, Allysha Joy brings her eponymous band, distinctive husky vocal style, unparalleled songwriting and formidable prowess to Lutruwita shores for the first time. Get ready to boogie the night away!

JAZZ LOUNGE

2pm | FEATURED

A Love Asunder

\$25 full | \$20 concession
Tix at the door or online

Award winning musicians Elly Hoyt (vox) and Louise Denson (keys) present new work for jazz sextet, exploring the poignant tale of convicts Alice and John McKinlay.

3.40pm

Stella Anning Quartet
(MEL)

\$25 full | \$20 concession
Tix at the door or online

Guitarist Stella Anning collaborates with drummer Kyrie Anderson and locals Kelly Ottaway and Sasha Gavlek to present original contemporary jazz work.

5.20pm

Finn Seccombe Septet

\$25 full | \$20 concession
Tix at the door or online

New work from Finn's latest record, 'Don't Lose Heart'. Expect tunes featuring lush brass and a mix of jazz, modern soul and South American rhythms.

7pm | FEATURED

Matt McMahon and Phil Slater
(SYD)

\$40 full | \$30 concession
Tix at the door or online

Two of Australia's masters of jazz come together for an intimate duo performance, drawing on their 30 years of rich history to improvise together on original pieces and choice standards. Truly a delectable musical feast.

9.30pm

Late night jazz jam

Join Spike Mason and festival Ambassador Kristin Berardi + a killer house band of festival luminaries for a grand old jam session. BYO instrument and sit in with us, or just come and enjoy an evening of totally unscripted chaos!

SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY

12.20pm

Steve Bond

Steve sings original Spanish songs, accompanying himself on the guitar with a fusion of virtuosic Flamenco and Bolero styles.

2pm | FEATURED

Fred Bradshaw Trio

An intimate set with one of the evergreen giants of the nipaluna (Hobart) jazz scene.

3.40pm

Little Valley Darlings

A new dynamo trio of vocalists: Mangus, Elly Hoyt and Katy Raucher presenting original work exploring classic jazz and folk.

5.20pm

Miss Jones

Original, soul filled blues, sharing personal stories of heartache, love and grief with a distinctive powerful vocal style.



Sunday 23 Feb

Returning to our beloved Simmons Park, join us for a final day of family friendly entertainment.

Simmons Park

Esplanade Lindisfarne
3pm–6.30pm • FREE

BYO / food available onsite
/ dog friendly

Closing Party

3pm

Blue Wren

Jazz, soul and blues to uplift the soul, led by the distinctive and soulful vocal stylings of Andrina Rackett.

4.10pm

Arman and Co.

With a voice like velvet and a stunning supporting band, Arman knows how to please a crowd!

5.20pm

All-stars Jam Session

A specially curated lineup of festival favourites come together for one last jam session.



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Clarence is on Mumirimina land, located on the eastern shore of the breathtaking River Derwent. Clarence is the fastest growing city in Tasmania with the largest population in Greater Hobart, known for its rich culture, natural beauty, and thriving arts scene, centred at Rosny Farm.

Clarence City Council pays respect to all First Peoples, including the Mumirimina of the Oyster Bay Nation whose unceded lands, skies, and waterways we are privileged to conduct our business on. We pay respect to Elders past and present, and we acknowledge the survival and deep spiritual connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal People to their Country, and culture; a connection that has endured since the beginning of time.

Safety

Safety First: We're firmly committed to inclusive, safe, and welcoming spaces. Anti-social behavior won't be tolerated.



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