

JAZZ AUSTRALIA

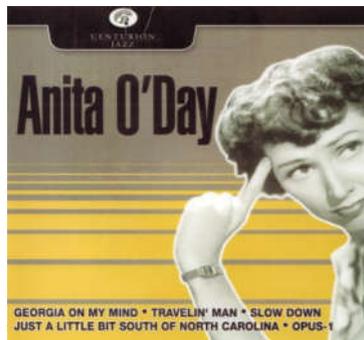
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SPRING NEWSLETTER – 2019

'LET ME OFF IN UPTOWN'A TRIBUTE TO ANITA O'DAY
featuring JULIE O'HARA AND HER ALL-STAR QUINTET
Sunday September 22nd 4.30pm for 5pm at The Point Lonsdale Hall
Bowen Road, Point Lonsdale



Julie O'Hara

Hip hip hooraySpring is just around the corner! What an arduous winter it has been, but thankfully it's almost behind us. A highlight however was the wonderful evening with the fabulous Nichaud Fitzgibbon and her Trio at Merne, when she ensured that we all had a great night, and we did. Nichaud loved the intimate experience at Merne with the big log fire, and it certainly was a bright spot during the winter for those who were able to attend. The cuisine was superb and Merne really turned it on for us.

Our next and third *Jazz Australia* event this year will be another highlight, when the outstanding Melbourne vocalist *Julie O'Hara* returns to us after some years to pay tribute to one of her idols, the legendary jazz vocalist *Anita O'Day*. Julie is the perfect vocalist to pay tribute to O'Day, as her impeccable timing, swinging phrasing and vast palate of tone and emotion is what is required to do Anita's repertoire justice; Julie has all these qualities. The program will include the big band years, small group recordings, high-lights from the iconic *Jazz on a Summer's Day* performance, the Krupa years, and novelty and torch song classics. Like Anita, Julie is also a 'scat' vocalist par excellence, a skill few are able to master *effectively*.

The superb Quintet accompanying Julie and led by her husband, the acclaimed guitarist Peter Baylor, also consists of virtuoso trumpeter Mat Jodrell from Perth who heads

up the James Morrison Academy of Music; pianist Dannie Bourne, Mark Elton on bass and the dynamic Rod Gilbert on drums, who brought us the Tribute to Bobby Darrin a few years ago. This all star line-up consists of some of Australia's leading jazz musicians.

Tickets: Adults \$70, students \$20 which includes beautiful finger food all evening. Bookings are with me, either by replying to this email, or by phone – [the number is on page one]. Payment will confirm your booking and can be made either by cheque, mailed to the address on page 1; by cash; or by direct debit to Jazz Australia using the following details: CBA Hawthorn BSB 063 138 Account no. 1001 3193

The Queenscliffe Historical Museum is a beneficiary of this event and will handle the catering and operate the bar, with drinks below bar prices.

JAZZ AUSTRALIA CRUISE March 21st 2020 to Fiji

Next year's two week Jazz Australia Cruise on the Ruby Princess to Fiji will be the third *and my last*, and is filling up fast. The band will be the great *Stevenson's Rockets* with the addition of popular drummer and vocalist Andrew Swann. The addition of Andy will enable Ian Smith to move to trumpet, turning this famous Quartet into a Quintet which will make it even more exciting! A daily two hour concert each afternoon will leave the mornings free for excursions when in port, and the evenings for the ship's own entertainment.

If anyone would like a flyer or more details, please contact me and I'll email these to you. The ship is almost full but there are still a few good staterooms left in limited categories. Trans World Travel is handling all the booking arrangements once again for this cruise, and Robert Matthews is extremely helpful and can be contacted on 9670 1185. *There is no obligation whatsoever in enquiring about Stateroom availability, information and prices.*

I do hope to hear from you soon and please remember that seating is always arranged in order of booking!

Diana Allen