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‘SWINGING WITH THE GYPSIES’

featuring Ian Date, guitar, Nigel Date, guitar, with.....

David Gardner, clarinet & saxs; Kym Dillon, piano, James Clarke, bass

Sunday March 11th 4.30pm for 5pm

at the Community Hall, Bowen Street, Point Lonsdale



Kym Dillon



Ian and Nigel Date



David Gardner

There will be excitement, flying fingers and hot licks when these world class jazz musicians get together on Sunday March 11th. What you can expect to hear is *‘the sound of surprise’* which is one of the most thrilling aspects of great jazz, when each musician is finely attuned to what the others on stage are ‘saying’, and each responds in their own way. This is in fact instant composition and *‘the sound of surprise.’* Musicians find such a situation as exciting as the audience does, and the result can be thrilling, which is what we can expect on March 11th when David Gardner and his ensemble *‘swing with the gypsies’*.

This will be Ian and Nigel Date’s third concert for Jazz Australia on the Bellarine, previously with George Washingmachine. However this will be something different again, and Ian and Nigel are very excited at the prospect of performing with the David Gardner ensemble and are very much looking forward to the outcome, as they all are. I myself am so excited that I’ve decided that this concert is to be filmed!

Ian Date has been based in Ireland for some years now, and every two years tours Australia with his brother Nigel from Sydney. They are both world class guitarists with international reputations, and they particularly like and specialize in the gypsy style of jazz made famous by French guitarist *Django Reinhardt*. The most famous clarinetist that joined *Django's Hot Club of France* was *Hubert Rostaing*, best known for his superb rendition of the beautiful *Nuages* with the Quintet, and which I'm sure we will hear on March 11 along with other pieces the Hot Club of France made famous in the '30s.

Jazz Australia audiences on the Bellarine are now becoming familiar with the superb playing of clarinetist David Gardner from Geelong, who in my opinion is the most under-rated jazz clarinetist in Australia, due possibly to his dedication to teaching. I have been delighted to showcase David as often as possible since I moved to the Bellarine from Melbourne 8 years ago. The same applies to the brilliant pianist Kym Dillon, who along with David, teaches full time at schools in Geelong and is also a prolific composer and classical music performer.

James Clarke will be the musical engine, driving them all, and is one of Australia's leading acoustic bassists, so it's exciting to have him in the band also. Those of you who attended The Syncopators concert last year may remember him.

Delicious finger food will be served throughout the evening, courtesy of the Queenscliffe Historical Museum Catering Corps. The bar, also operated by the QHM volunteers, will have drinks available [at below bar prices]! I'm so pleased to have the Museum as a beneficiary of Jazz Australia concerts.

Tickets for the show are \$70 and can be paid for by cheque, cash or direct debit to Jazz Australia CBA Hawthorn BSB 063 138 Acc. 1001 3193

Bookings and enquiries - *Diana Allen 5258 3936*. Tables seat 10-12 and 'first in best dressed' as they say, as an early booking enables you to choose your preferred spot in the hall.

I am really looking forward to bringing this exciting ensemble to Point Lonsdale. As a result of the Jazz Australia Whitsunday cruise in April/May this year, there will not be another Jazz Australia concert in Point Lonsdale until the second half of the year, so I do hope you can make it on March 11th.

Diana Allen – Jazz Australia