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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER – 2017

A TRIBUTE TO BENNY GOODMAN with The Jonathan Hunt Swing Quartet, featuring...... Jonathan Hunt clarinet; Darrin Archer, piano; Alistair McLean, guitar and James McLean, drums, at the Point Lonsdale Community Hall, Point Lonsdale Sunday March 12th 4.30pm for 5pm



Benny Goodman



Jonathan Hunt @ Vue Grand 2016

Benny Goodman was one of the major figures in the jazz clarinet lineage of all time. He represents the height of creativity, style and technique and is still regarded as one of the greatest and most influential jazz musicians of the past one hundred years. Although Goodman reached the peak of his popularity as a *big band* leader, it is his *small group* recordings that will be the focus of this special tribute.

In my opinion there are few better equipped clarinetists in Australia to pay tribute to Goodman than the brilliant reed player Dr. Jonathan Hunt who was awarded his PhD in music 2 years ago for his thesis on *Goodman and Sidney Bechet*. Many of you will recall his tribute to Bechet last September at the Vue Grand, when he had us all enthralled with his great performance and his wonderful narrative of Bechet's extraordinary life. We can expect something similar from Jon about the life of Goodman and his beautiful music that will never date.

Jonathan is about to head off to America for the next two years, where his fiancée has recently won a scholarship to do her Masters at Columbia University, so regretfully we will not have the pleasure of Jon's music again for some time.

I'm delighted that the Queenscliffe Historical Museum will again cater for this event with beautiful finger food throughout the evening. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Museum to raise much needed funds, and a catering team of great cooks has been established to bring you more culinary delights and also operate the bar. *Various dietary requirements can be catered for as long as we are forewarned!*

Tables seat ten-twelve and you can have one of your own or share. Bookings are now open with me on 5258 3936 or by email and it's first in best dressed, so to speak! If you want a front table, the sooner you book the better.

Tickets are \$55/head and can be paid in cash or cheque to the address on page 1, or by bank transfer to Jazz Australia CBA Hawthorn: BSB 063 138 Acc.1001 3193

JAZZ AUSTRALIA WINTER CRUISE

This inaugural jazz cruise to the South Pacific leaves Sydney on June 5th for 12 days and returns to Sydney on the 17th and is almost fully booked. I'm only taking 100 delegates who will have exclusive access to superb jazz performances daily from an all-star jazz band *State Summit* consisting of leading jazz musicians from Sydney, Melbourne and Tasmania and featuring one of Sydney's top jazz vocalists Helen Fenton. You can read all about it plus the cost of the variety of cabins, by going to the Jazz Australia website, see address at the top of page one of this newsletter.

To my knowledge no Australian jazz cruise has ever left Australian waters previously, so this is a first! There will be ten exclusive jazz performances for our 100 delegates only, over the 12 days at sea and they will all be different. This is going to be something very special and everyone who has booked is starting to get excited already. If you would like further information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Owing to the Jazz Cruise in June, there will not be another Jazz Australia concert locally until September, and one more for the year in November.

I do hope to see you in the near future and may I wish you all a very happy 2017.

Diana Allen