

DOWN SOUTH JAZZ CLUB PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF DIXIE



FEATURING

JIRI KRIPAC (CORNET/VOCALS/LEADER)
ROBERT MOFFATT (TROMBONE/TRUMPET)
BOB PORTER (CLARINET/VOCALS)
JOHN MOFFATT (SOUSAPHONE)
MIKE DEIGHAN (BANJO)
COLIN HOORWEG (DRUMS)

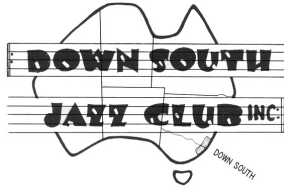
WHERE & WHEN

AT CLUB SAPPHIRE
THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

\$15 JAZZ CLUB MEMBERS, \$25 VISITORS

MUSIC STARTS AT 7.30 PM

***Bookings with Pam or George on 0479 065 590, at
bookings@downsouthjazzclub.org.au, or at door on the night***



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September 2023

Dear Member

On 21st September at Club Sapphire the Down South Jazz Club will be presenting a very entertaining night of dixie/swing/trad jazz with “A Night of Dixie”, featuring a six piece band led by Jiri Kripac from the Central Coast. His band comprises Robert Moffatt on trombone and trumpet, Bob Porter on clarinet and vocals, John Moffatt on sousaphone, Mike Deighan on banjo and Colin Hoorweg on drums, with himself on cornet and vocals. Foot-tapping Dixieland jazz originated in the French Quarter of New Orleans. It’s most famous street, Bourbon Street, is still widely celebrated the world over. Jiri Kripac and his Dixie lovers will present an evening of music that pays homage to that Bourbon street tradition.

Bob Porter and John Moffatt are well known to Merimbula and the Down South Jazz Club being local musicians, while Robert Moffatt hails from Melbourne, Mike Deighan from England, and Colin Hoorweg from Canberra.

Born and growing up in Prague, Jiri Kripac was influenced during his teenage years by hearing music by Australian jazz musician Graeme Bell, who became his friend and mentor when he emigrated to Australia. Jiri was a founder member of Merimbula’s first jazz band, The Down South Jazz Band, as well as leading several bands in Sydney and on the Central Coast. He spent 20 very enjoyable years with the legendary Madam Pat Thompson, touring Europe, Edinburgh, New Zealand, Victoria and New South Wales.

After touring Edinburgh and Germany with Madam Pat Thompson, Bob Porter arrived in Bega and headed up ‘The Down South Quartet’ with Walter Brunton, Bill McLean and John Moffatt. This group was the mainstay of the local jazz club for many years through the 1990’s and into the 2020’s. The group in the early 20’s then became regulars at the Thredbo and the Norfolk Island festivals. Bob has also played with ‘Jazz Alley’ and ‘Captain Bob’s Stationhouse Seven’.

John Moffatt firstly studied cello and piano in Geelong during his teens. Upon moving to Merimbula in 1971 he was given a battered tuba, a book on how to play it, and invited to join a brass band; the rest, as they say, is history Around 1978 John joined Jiri’s Down South Jazz Band which remained active until about 1985 when Jiri left the area. Shortly after, John became part of Bob Porter’s Down South Quartet, which played in this area and at many festivals for around 20 years. John looks forward to dusting off and oiling his sousaphone for the DSJC gig.

His son Robert began playing trumpet at age 6 and first began playing jazz around age 8, thanks to his father’s influence. A swap to trombone during high school led to him studying music at university and, living in Victoria, he now plays with many top Melbourne jazz bands and performs at jazz festivals around Australia. He is currently a brass and ensemble teacher at Geelong Christian College.

Mike Deighan has been with one of Britain’s top bands ‘The Temperance Seven’ for many years and features on the numerous albums they have produced. The band has also featured at many of the top festivals in Britain and on the Continent. He is a master of the guitar and banjo, and has even produced a couple of ukulele albums

Colin Hoorweg is a former percussion teacher at the School of Music in Canberra. He has played with some of the greats such as Mike Price, Chuck Yates and Vince Jones. You may have heard Colin play with Sam Martin in the band ‘Malumba’ locally.

This excellent night of jazz will cost \$15 for members and \$25 for visitors with music commencing at 7.30 pm. Bookings can be made by sending an email to bookings@downsouthjazzclub.org.au or using the form on the WhatsOn page on our web site. You can also call Pam or George Pitt on 0479 065 590, or just turn up on the night and pay at the door.