

# dungeon jazz

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Newcastle jazz coup!**

In something of a coup, Adamstown's **dungeon jazz** has secured the Newcastle premiere of Australia's newest, youngest, most talented, exciting and energetic big band: **The Jazzgroove Mothership Orchestra (JMO)**.

Hailed as the best Australian Big Band since **Daly – Wilson**, the **JMO** performs at the Adamstown venue next Thursday, September 4.

Featured recently on the ABC FM's jazz tracks program, the orchestra formed in 2003 and already been twice nominated as Australian jazz ensemble of the year. The average age of the eighteen members is 28 and, as separate and individual band leaders, they have released over 30 CDs between them.

According to *dungeon jazz* coordinator, Rod Barnes, the **JMO** play original, melodic jazz with broad appeal to all ages and musical tastes. "The stage presence, excitement and energy of the band being evidenced by the thirty litres of liquid they consume during performances!" Rod said.

Not surprisingly, the band is a who's who of contemporary Australian jazz, including guitarist James Muller and saxophonist Richard Maegraith.

Holding a combined five Masters Degrees and twenty Undergraduate degrees the line up includes: **ten National Jazz Award Finalists** (three winners); **four Freedman Fellows** (two winners); **an Australia jazz Artist of the Year**; a **James Morrison Scholarship Winner**; a finalist in the **International Thelonius Monk Trumpet Competition**; and a finalist at the **Hoolieart International Jazz Competition (Belgium)**. Not to mention three proud new fathers!

For bookings call 02 4962 1177 or online at: [www.dungeonjazz.com.au](http://www.dungeonjazz.com.au)

Doors open at 7.00pm, gig commences 7.30pm.

A concert/coffee shop style venue, **dungeon jazz** is located in the Uniting Church on the corner of Brunner and Glebe Roads, Adamstown, Newcastle N.S.W.

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