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SANDY EVANS TRIO

National tour + new EP "The Edge of Pleasure"

"This is world class contemporary music performed by some of the very best exponents in this country." John McBeath, The Adelaide Advertiser

An Australian national tour undertaken with the assistance of **Sound Travellers*** will see eminent saxophonist and composer **Sandy Evans** delighting in the freedom of the classic saxophone trio format with a brilliant rhythm section in **Brett Hirst** (bass) and **Toby Hall** (drums). The trio will release a **strictly limited edition EP "The Edge of Pleasure"** (available from Birdland Records www.birdland.com.au) to coincide with the tour.

Regular performances in Australia, two European tours and the release of the trio's album **'Not In The Mood'** have established the band's reputation as one of the finest in the country. With this trio, Sandy renews her long association with outstanding drummer Toby Hall. Sandy and Toby are known for their exciting work together in bands such as **Clarion Fracture Zone** and **The catholics**.

"My work is informed by jazz, world music and free improvised traditions. I have been seeking to develop my own language through a fusion of these diverse influences. I consider this trio to be my home base where I can really explore the ideas that are fundamental to my expression as a human being." says Sandy.

Sandy also has a deepening interest in Indian classical music, inspired by tours to India with the Australian Art Orchestra, where they had the privilege of collaborating with the virtuoso mridangam player Guru Karaikudi R.Mani. The trio's repertoire on this tour will include music from this beautiful and exciting area.

In **Canberra** and **Brisbane** the band will also perform Sandy's latest sextet work **When the Sky Cries Rainbows** with local guest artists. The suite, commissioned by the Australia Council, premiered in Sydney in Dec 2009 and was also performed at the Melbourne international Womens Jazz Festival. The piece will be recorded by ABCJazz in 2010.

Sandy says, "The starting point for this work is the image of the breathtaking spectrum of colour that often fills the sky after a storm. To me, this is a symbol of the profound sense of hope that can occur after a time of intense grief. I hope to create a work that incorporates the power and architectural unity of large scale form with the spontaneity of small group interaction and improvisation."

Sandy Evans is one of Australia's most celebrated jazz musicians and winner of 3 ARIA awards. An internationally renowned saxophonist and composer with a passion for improvisation and new music, Sandy has written music for dance, theatre and film. Major works include **Testimony** about the life and music of Charlie Parker with poetry by the Pulitzer prize winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa ; **The Beatitudes**, for Children's Choir, and a 25 piece ensemble of young musicians. Sandy co-leads **GEST8**, **Citizens of Earth** and **Clarion Fracture Zone**. She performs with **Ten Part Invention**, **The catholics**, **australYSIS**, **The Australian Art Orchestra**, **SNAP**, **Waratah** and **MARA!**



2010 TOUR DATES

- Th 25 Mar
Jazz Dungeon
NEWCASTLE, NSW
 - Fri 26 Mar
The Reef Bar and Grill
FORSTER, NSW
 - Sat 27 Mar
Armidale Jazz Fest
ARMIDALE, NSW
 - Fri 16 Apr
Consrv of Music
WOLLONGONG, NSW
 - Sat 17 Apr
Air Raid Tavern
MORUYA, NSW
 - Tue 20 Apr
City Bowling Club
LISMORE, NSW
 - Wed 21 Apr
Qld Uni Technology
BRISBANE, QLD
 - Thu 22 Apr
Jazzworx
BRISBANE, QLD
 - Fri 23 Apr
Griffith Uni Con
BRISBANE, QLD
 - Wed 2 June
Aust National Uni
CANBERRA, ACT
 - Fri 11 June
Higher Ground Club
ADELAIDE, SA
 - Sat 5 June
Wesley PAC
HORSHAM, VIC
 - Sun 6 June
Bennetts Lane
MELBOURNE, VIC
 - Mon 7 June
Charles Hotel
PERTH, WA
 - Thu 10 June
Ellington
PERTH, WA
- + more to be announced**

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