

BY POPULAR DEMAND - FIVE NEW DATES ADDED TO THE  
'THIS WORLD' TOUR  
IN BRISBANE AND NORTHERN NSW - SEE BELOW

***Stop Press: ABC Jazz will present Mike Nock as their inaugural artist  
in residence during February:***

*"Australian/New Zealand jazz legend Mike Nock is the inaugural Artist In Residence on ABC Jazz – a new series starting this February on the network. Mike will be featured on-air everyday across the month from 2pm sharing music that's important to him – from his influences to some of his own sessions. Tune into ABC Jazz on Digital Radio, Digital TV or online to hear Mike as he brings us stories from his ventures in America to tunes by some of his favourite artists from Australia and New Zealand."*



**MIKE NOCK - JULIEN WILSON - JONATHAN ZWARTZ - HAMISH STUART**

**Australian Jazz Supergroup Tours New Album This February**

**Sydney Concert in Outstanding New Venue for SIMA**

**SIMA is proud to announce a great new venue during the Jazz Now Summer Series  
in the John Painter Hall at AIM with our initial concert featuring the Australian Jazz  
Supergroup**

**(National Dates Below)**

**Saturday 8 February, 8pm**

**John Painter Hall @ AIM, Sydney**

**1/55 Foveaux St, Surry Hills**

**book at - [www.sima.org.au](http://www.sima.org.au)  
[www.aim.edu.au/john-painter-hall](http://www.aim.edu.au/john-painter-hall)**

## NATIONAL DATES:

Friday 7 February, 8pm - The Music Lounge, Wollongong Town Hall -

[www.wollcon.com.au](http://www.wollcon.com.au)

Saturday 8 February, 8pm - John Painter Hall @ AIM, Sydney -

[www.sima.org.au](http://www.sima.org.au)

Sunday 9 February, 4pm - The Street Theatre, Canberra -

[www.thestreet.org.au](http://www.thestreet.org.au)

Monday 10 February, 7pm - St Andrew's Anglican Church, Braidwood -

[www.sima.org.au](http://www.sima.org.au)

Benefit Concert for Local Bushfire Recovery

Saturday 29 February, 9pm - Jazzamanca Festival, Hobart -

[www.salarts.org.au](http://www.salarts.org.au)

Sunday 1 March, 9pm - Jazzamanca Festival, Hobart - [www.salarts.org.au](http://www.salarts.org.au)

## NEW DATES JUST ADDED:

Friday 21 Feb - Jazz Music Institute - Brisbane - [www.jazz.qld.edu.au](http://www.jazz.qld.edu.au)

Saturday 22 Feb - Doo-Bop - Brisbane - [www.doo-bop.com.au](http://www.doo-bop.com.au)

Sunday 23 Feb - Byron Bay Community Centre. Presented by Bay FM -

[www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)

Tuesday 25 Feb - The Mill - Uralla. Presented by AIMA (Armidale Improvised Music Association) - [www.uhs.org.au](http://www.uhs.org.au)

Wednesday 26 Feb - Cedar Bar - Bellingen - [www.cedarbar.com.au](http://www.cedarbar.com.au)

**MEDIA ENQUIRIES: Amy Curl (0413 237 119)**

**Chris Ruhle (0468 357 715)**

*Mike Nock, Hamish Stuart, Julien Wilson and Jonathan Zwartz celebrate the launch of their stunning new album THIS WORLD with performances across Australia's east coast this February. Hailed by Rhythms Magazine as "sublime" THIS WORLD'S sound is quintessentially Australian, showcasing the quartet's exceptional musicianship.*

THIS WORLD masterfully articulates the struggle, strength and sense of hope faced in life each day. Each member has contributed compositions for the nine-track album, which was recorded in pristine high definition stereo at Sony Studios by Ross A'Hearn.

Individually the quartet has worked with some of the greatest jazz musicians in the world including Coleman Hawkins, Pharoah Sanders, Hugh Masekela, Yusef Lateef, Hermeto Pascoal and Charlie Haden. Combined the ensemble has been awarded almost every Australian accolade and has released a plethora of critically acclaimed albums under their own names.

The stellar rhythm section brings together ARIA Award-winning bassist Jonathan Zwartz and legendary jazz drummer Hamish Stuart whose musical partnership spans more than three decades. Bell Hall of Fame Inductee and Don Banks Award recipient pianist Mike Nock (OMNZ) and National Jazz Award winning saxophonist Julien Wilson complete the quartet.

Having worked together in various formats over many years, their shared history and personal connection can be felt throughout the album.

It was after an intimate show together in the basement of a Sydney restaurant in December 2018 that THIS WORLD was conceived. The performance was Nock's return to the stage after a six-month hiatus. The joy and vitality of his return to live performance was palpable and the chemistry was immediately evident. In June 2019, the group recorded THIS WORLD. To celebrate its release on Lionsharecords, the ensemble will be touring in February supported by the Australian Council for the Arts and the Sydney Improvised Music Association.

#### **ABOUT THE MUSICIANS:**

##### **MIKE NOCK (ONMZ)**

New Zealand born pianist/composer Mike Nock is one of the acknowledged masters of jazz in Australasia. Based in Sydney since 1986, he previously spent 25 years in the USA. He is a multi award-winning artist, recipient of the Don Banks Music Award and inductee of the Australian Jazz Bell Awards Hall of Fame.

##### **JONATHAN ZWARTZ & HAMISH STUART**

New Zealander Jonathan Zwartz and Sydney native Hamish Stuart form one of Australia's great musical partnerships. For 30 years they have run the iconic monthly venue, the Starfish Club, together along Sydney's eastern beaches and are the first-call rhythm section for a who's-who of the Australian music industry and international touring acts. Their simpatico is legendary.

Zwartz' own albums regularly top best-seller lists and have won numerous awards including an ARIA, an AIR Award and a handful of Australian Jazz Bell Awards. Zwartz recently joined the APRA AMCOS Board of Directors.

##### **JULIEN WILSON**

Melbourne saxophonist Julien Wilson is a National Jazz Award winner, Freedman Fellow, received an APRA/AMCOS Art Music Award, and a swag of "Bell" Awards including Australian Jazz Musician of the Year. He runs a number of his own musical groups.

#### **WHAT THE PRESS ARE SAYING:**

*"The album is a thing of soulful beauty....What musical heavy-weights these musicians are and how effortlessly they weave their magic" - [Jazzlocal32.com](http://Jazzlocal32.com)*

*"These four musicians are the dream quartet of Australian jazz" - Jazzozmentis*

*“What’s immediately striking is the sense of calm and spaciousness found at the heart of this music. ...there is an intense focus on mood, on emotion, with each instrumental voice striving for an intelligent and restrained clarity.....This World is a sublime album performed by a quartet of stellar improvisers.” - Des Cowley, Rhythms Magazine*

*“Their swing is fully textured, contained and perfectly embodied on each track. This ensemble is all class, and masters of the craft of creating an excellent recording of progressive, contemporary jazz.” - Barry O’Sullivan, Jazz and Beyond*

*“In its cadence and stylings, it has the feel of early to mid-sixties Wayne Shorter Blue Note dates mixed with a sort of ECM label vibe. To say that the ensemble is steeped in (modern) tradition would be to oversimplify the case...Everything unfolds with an organicness where emotion is not sacrificed for technique.” - Max Chandler, Our Man On The Coast*

**THIS WORLD IS OUT NOW ON LIONSHARECORDS through MGM**

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