

58th MANAWATU INTERNATIONAL JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL 2025

With international guest artist Carl Verheyen



Our international guest artist this year is rated one of the world's top 10 guitarists: Carl Verheyen. A former lead guitarist of the smash hit British rock group *Supertramp*, Carl is a critically acclaimed musician, vocalist, songwriter, arranger, producer and educator and is the 'go-to' session guitarist in L.A.

Carl has performed and/or recorded with: Christina Aguilera, Bee Gees, Cher, Belinda Carlisle, Little Richard, Dolly Parton, B.B. King, Leanne Rimes, Miley Cyrus, to name but a few. His soundtracks include: *Star Trek*, *Cheers*, *Scrubs*, *Frasier*, *Married with Children*, *Seinfeld*, *Happy Days*, *The Tonight Show* and over 250 more.

Join us in the Manawatu on Kings Birthday Weekend for a weekend of fabulous music and hospitality

Fri 23 May

7.30pm

JAZZ ON YOUR FEET

OnStage Manawatu \$27

with the Manawatu Jazz Club Swing Band

Get your dancing feet on and dance to the music of the Manawatu Jazz Club Big Band. Show off your moves to all the beloved jazz standards in an evening of good frolicking fun.

Wed 28 May

7.30pm

1860 BAND REBORN

Globe Theatre \$37

The 1860 Band was, for nearly two decades, one of NZ's top pop-fusion band which in the late 70s and early 80s doubled as the rhythm section of the Rodger Fox Big Band.

The two surviving members of the original band, Geoff Culverwell and Peter Blake, have revived the band as a fitting tribute to those years of Rodger's musical life. Their exciting jazz-fusion repertoire is reminiscent of Quincy Conserve and the original 1860 Band.

Thu 29 May

5.00pm
& 8.00pm

KEVIN DOWNING's 101 LAB BAND

Globe Theatre \$42

with guest artists Carl Verheyen & Erna Ferry

The 101 Lab Band is a 17-piece guitar orchestra run by internationally recognised guitar education specialist Kevin Downing and has been running for over 30 years. The band plays a mixture of jazz, blues, funk, rock and has a reputation for backing some of the world's greatest guitar players and singers in those genres. Some of the tunes being played in this show are also written by Grammy-nominated artists, especially for the band.

7.00pm

High Society Swingers

Globe Theatre \$37

A quintet of world-class musicians presents a degustation of Jazz and blues compositions that soundtrack memories of our lives. From the steamy caverns of N.Y.C and Vegas to the cafes and bars of Paris and New Orleans. Warning: Light comedy, possible costume fails, and a little bawdy behaviour. A night you'll never forget!

Fri 30 May

5.30pm

Guitar Workshop with Carl Verheyen

Globe Theatre \$22

This workshop is for the benefit of all guitarists and music enthusiasts. As one of the top 10 guitarists in the world, this is an incredible opportunity to learn from the best.

7.30pm

The Laura Collins Big Blues Band

Globe Theatre \$37

Laura Collins, known for her soulful vocals and upfront entertainment is bringing a show with a 'whole lot of brass'. Expect blues, soul, boogie and swing. You'll hear Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Fats Domino, Ray Charles and more with an emphasis on 'good times' and turning the dynamic energy up to 10!

Laura will be joined by kiwi music icon Wayne Mason (keys), John O'Connor (lead guitar), (George Barris and Richard Te One (rhythm section), James Tait Jamieson (saxophone), Craig Collis (trombone) and Neville Lauridsen (trumpet).

Sat 31 May

10.00am

High Schools' Jazz Competition

Globe Theatre

7.30pm

Gala Concert

Globe Theatre

\$47

The Rodger Fox Big Band with guest artists Carl Verheyen & Erna Ferry

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Manawatu jazz & blues aficionado Erna Ferry started her career in local music theatre, discovering that a thespian she was not, but that she loved to sing. After winning a Wellington jazz competition she ended up performing at most of the jazz clubs and festivals throughout the country. Career highlights include travelling to the Monterey and Montreux jazz festivals as vocalist for the Rodger Fox Big Band, touring NZ with a Peggy Lee tribute show and playing support for Al Jarreau and George Benson.

On a good day she also plays a mean harmonica.

Sun 01 Jun

10.00am

Jazz Workshop with Carl Verheyen

Globe Theatre

\$17

This workshop is for the benefit of all jazz performers, young & old, experienced & emerging, as well as music enthusiasts in general. As one of the top 10 guitarists in the world, this is an incredible opportunity to learn from the best.

1.00pm

Big Band Bash

Globe Theatre

\$27

A smorgasbord of big band music, the Big Band Bash features big bands from around the Lower North Island: the Liberty Swing Band & Capital City Big Band from Wellington and the Hawkes Bay Jazz Club Big Band.

7.00pm

Jazz At Church

Salvation Army

Koha

Swamp City Big Band

Join the Swamp City Big Band at the Salvation Army citadel, Church St. This much-loved Palmerston North jazz band will play many of your favourites with a line-up of guest soloists.

Book: globetheatre.co.nz

Info: mjc.org.nz

**Come and chill out at our
JAZZ CAFE SCENE**

Sat 31 May

11.00am-2.00pm

Shellie & Trevor

Aqaba

186 Broadway Ave

2.00-5.00pm

City Jazz

Aqaba

186 Broadway Ave

2.00-5.00pm

Jess & Steve

Little Savanna

45 Princess St

9.30-11.30pm

The Crayford Trio

Globe Theatre Foyer

Sun 01 June

11.00am-2.00pm

Motif

Aqaba

186 Broadway Ave

11.00am-2.00pm

Jess & Steve

Café Express

The Square

2.00-4.00pm

Fran Barton & Kevin Clark

Little Savanna

45 Princess St

2.00-5.00pm

Mahnoor & Perry

Flavour Bistro

493 Main St

2.00-5.00pm

Sideshow Trio +1

Neighbourhood

326 Church St

5.00-8.00pm

Maz Que Nada

Aqaba

186 Broadway Ave