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63RD NATIONAL

JAZZ **FESTIVAL**

27 MARCH - 6 APRIL 2026

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Welcome



The Tauranga Jazz Society is thrilled to present the 2026 National Jazz Festival, alongside the inspiring National Youth Jazz Competition. This year, the festival stretches across eleven vibrant days, filling Tauranga and Mount Maunganui with world-class jazz, unforgettable performances, and a city-wide celebration of music and community.

The beloved Jazz Village at Tauranga's Historic Village becomes even more exciting. We're introducing a series of special one-off indoor concerts to the usual buzz of outdoor stages, artisan food stalls and family activities. It's New Orleans spirit with a Kiwi soul - bigger, brighter and more dynamic than ever.

Our Uptown Downtown programme is the perfect way to explore local hospitality while discovering great live music. We're also proud to welcome international artists from the UK, Australia and the USA, performing alongside Aotearoa's finest jazz musicians. And, throughout the festival, the ever-popular Baycourt Concert Series will showcase an exceptional mix of headline shows and intimate performances, powerhouse ensembles.

We warmly welcome the many hundreds of talented young musicians taking part in the National Youth Jazz Competition, and we celebrate all the performers, locals, visitors, supporters and volunteers who make this festival such a special part of Tauranga's cultural life.

A huge thank-you to our Principal Festival Partner and to our Major Funders Port of Tauranga, TECT, and Tauranga City Council, along with all our incredible sponsors. Your generosity and commitment make the 2026 National Jazz Festival possible.

Jeff Baker

TAURANGA JAZZ SOCIETY PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 63rd National Jazz Festival - a much-loved celebration that's become part of Tauranga's cultural heartbeat.

For more than six decades, this festival has brought people together through the universal language of music. It's a highlight of our arts and culture calendar, attracting local and international talent to our beautiful city.

Over 11 days, Tauranga will come alive with jazz - from the buzz of the Uptown Downtown programme to headline shows at Baycourt's Addison Theatre, the popular Jazz Village at The Historic Village, and performances at unique venues like The Cargo Shed and the Mount Hot Pools.

Tauranga City Council is proud to support this iconic festival. It adds vibrancy to our city, supports our local economy, and reminds us why Tauranga is such a great place to live, work, play, and visit.

We're also proud to champion the 48th National Youth Jazz Competition and look forward to welcoming hundreds of talented young musicians from across Aotearoa to Baycourt. This annual event plays a vital role in nurturing the next generation of jazz artists.

Please join us in celebrating another fantastic festival!

Mahé Drysdale MNZM
MAYOR OF TAURANGA



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Jazz at the Jam Factory

Join us once again for this highly anticipated boutique jazz experience at the Jam Factory, with performances by three top jazz bands

Adams and Gavin

Friday 27 March 7pm-8.30pm

Richard Adams and **Nigel Gavin** join forces once again for this evening of special togetherness. Their chemistry is unique and the music they produce is wonderful. Gavin is most notably connected with Robert Fripp, and Adams has spent many years with Nairobi Trio. Don't miss this one!

Jan Preston's Boogie Duo

Saturday 28 March 7pm-8.30pm

Jan Preston has created her own blues/boogie style trademarked by exceptional piano playing, together with her vibrant singing and skillful songwriting. Jan plays concerts and festivals throughout Australia NZ and Europe and will be performing with percussionist **Mike Pullman**.

Lockie Bennett Trio

Sunday 29 March 7pm-8.30pm

Lockie Bennett specialises in bop-oriented music and is regarded as one of New Zealand's most in-demand straight-ahead jazz guitarists. This trio features regular faces from the Wellington jazz scene, playing songs made popular by the likes of Charlie Parker, Bud Powell and Tadd Dameron.

The Jam Factory

Historic Village
159 17th Avenue

\$30 GA

\$25 Concession/Earlybird

\$25 Jazz Society Members

\$20 Student/Child

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48th NATIONAL
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Bringing out the best!

For 48 years we have been showcasing the best emerging jazz players from Aotearoa NZ secondary schools.

Get ready to be wowed as these outstanding young musicians compete for trophies, prizes and awards.

Hear the best of the best in our auditioned 2026 NYJC Big Band performances.

These future jazz stars will blow you away!

Prizegiving: Wed 1 April 5pm-6.30pm

Featuring performance by the 2026 NYJC Big Band
Addison Theatre

Check online for the final schedule:
nationalyouthjazz.org.nz

Mon 30 March – Wed 1 April 2026
8.30am-5pm

Approximate performance time

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre
Addison Theatre and X Space

\$20	Full Day
\$12	Half Day
\$50	3 Day Ticket
FREE	14 yrs and under

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TNT!

An explosive mix of Reo Māori & Big Band Jazz

TNT! incorporates the explosive power of big band jazz with the mana and beautiful lyricism of Te Ao Māori, in particular old-school waiata.

Hear Wellington's **Capital City Big Band**, performing bespoke musical arrangements by Musical Director **Vaughn Roberts**, delivered bilingually and sung in Te Reo Māori in a friendly and accessible format. Featuring renowned vocalist **Lisa Tomlins**, Tauranga's own **Jeremy Hantler**, and Māngai Māori **Greg Crayford**.

A truly unique and entertaining experience not to be missed!

Tuesday 31 March

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre
Addison Theatre

8pm

Duration 90 mins
(plus interval)

\$47 General Admission
\$42 Concession/Earlybird
\$30 Jazz Society Members
\$15 Student/Child

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Katikati Jazz Street Festival

Get set for another fantastic day in the centre of Katikati! The Main Road will once again burst into life with the smooth, lively sounds of incredible jazz musicians, creating a vibrant atmosphere all day long.

Expect roaming, busker-style performances, one-of-a-kind market stalls, and a great selection of food trucks to keep you fuelled.

Just 40 minutes from Tauranga, Katikati is the perfect destination for a relaxed, family-friendly outing. Wander the welcoming streets, soak in the festive energy, and enjoy all the colour and character this lively town has to share.

Katikati Jazz Street Festival
Saturday 28 March 10am-2pm

Location: Main Road, Katikati
FREE ENTRY



Swim 'n' Jazz Katikati

Dive into the vibrant afternoon at the Dave Hume Pools in Katikati as they host a special Swim 'n' Jazz Day for the National Jazz Festival on Sunday, 5 April 2026.

From 2 pm to 4 pm, the pools will come alive to the smooth sounds of a fantastic live jazz act, creating the perfect soundtrack for a relaxed, refreshing day in the water. With the sun overhead and music in the air, it's the ideal setting to unwind, splash about, and enjoy something a little different during the festival week.

Bring the whole crew – family, friends and anyone keen for a good time.

Alongside music, you will find delicious food trucks, tasty treats, and plenty of pool floaties to keep the fun flowing. Whether you're drifting on the water or chilling poolside, it will be an afternoon packed with laughter, rhythm and community spirit.

A unique festival highlight not to be missed.

Sunday 5 April 2pm-4pm

Location: Dave Hume Pools
32 Carisbrooke Street, Katikati 3129

Food Trucks and Pool Floaties
\$15 FOR ENTRY
OR \$50 FAMILY OF 4



Everything in Its Right Place

Tauranga Big Band

Taking its name from the Radiohead classic, **Everything in Its Right Place** explores the colours and possibilities of modern large-ensemble writing. Featuring arrangements by **Mark Dennison**, The **Tauranga Big Band** brings together a set of contemporary charts and thoughtful big band interpretations of pop and rock tunes, creating a programme that sits comfortably between tradition and innovation.

Tauranga's own Big Band brings together world-class musicians who share a commitment to both excellence and community. As a community ensemble, the band seeks to entertain and to spread the joy of big band music, while also creating meaningful development pathways for emerging youth musicians. The result is a sound that balances experience with fresh energy, grounded in a genuine love for the music.

Musical Director - Josh Crump

Thursday 2 April

Tauranga Boys' College
Graham Young Youth Theatre

7.30pm

Duration 120 mins
(includes interval)

\$30 General Admission
\$25 Concession/Earlybird
\$25 Jazz Society Members
\$7 Student/Child

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The Jazz Village

The family-friendly Jazz Village at the iconic Historic Village is bigger and better than ever, now with an exciting new addition of indoor concerts featuring fantastic, one-of-a-kind performances you won't want to miss!

Step into a vibrant celebration brought to life with true New Orleans flair, where every corner of the Village buzzes with music, colour, and creativity. Whether you're a longtime jazz lover or simply looking for a brilliant day out, the Jazz Village sets the scene for unforgettable experiences from the moment you arrive.

Outdoors, the revelry spills into the streets as music fills the Village Square, where a lively outdoor stage showcases unique, fun acts that get everyone dancing. Relax on the lawn in front of the Main Stage and soak up the sounds of international jazz stars, together with New Zealand's finest. Inside our newly added concert spaces, you'll discover intimate and captivating shows bringing another dynamic layer to this year's musical journey.

Wander through the funky boutique shops, explore the bustling aisles of Little Big Market's artisan market and food stalls. Enjoy refreshing drinks including wine and beer, and settle in for a full day of live music and good vibes.

With a welcoming atmosphere for all ages, and the unmistakable spirit of New Orleans around every corner, it's the perfect day out with family and friends.

See page 10 for Indoor Concerts at The Jazz Village.



This year we have some extra special performances.

Benjamin J. Shepherd is back in New Zealand after being in Los Angeles for many years pursuing a full time music career. Benjamin was one of the most versatile and in demand bassists on the Los Angeles music scene while residing there. His studio and live credits include: Peter Erskine, Steve Weingart, Dave Weckl, Lee Ritenour and Terra Deva and many more. And guess what....**Terra Deva** will be singing with him - You don't want to miss Benjamin and his band of great players, which includes **Nick Granville** - Guitar, **Hikurangi Schaverien-Kaa** - Drums and **Terra Deva** - Vocals. This is truly one not to miss!

La Tina will be exploring the intersection of Latin rhythm and contemporary jazz, with special guest and trumpet extraordinaire, **Geoff Culverwell**.

Saelyn Guyton (Ngāi Tahu) holds a unique space in Aotearoa's music scene with emotionally charged performances and songwriting. Her voice fuses country, soul, jazz, hip hop and blues, into a sound that's rich, expressive, and unmistakably her own.

With roots in Argentina, **Drosan** brings its signature blend of groove, improvisation, and spontaneity.

The **Mojo Masters**, a compact powerhouse delivering a superb sound, are precisely the high-energy blues outfit needed to electrify the village atmosphere - weaving intricate harmonies and driving rhythms that capture the authentic spirit of the blues.

And make sure to see **Jan Preston**, **Tommy David** with **Free Status**, **The Den** and **Vogon** on The Village Square Stage.

Friday 3 April - Good Friday

The Historic Village
159 17th Ave, Tauranga

11am-5.30pm

Gates open at 10.30am

\$25	GA-online
\$28	Gate sales from 10.30am
\$20	Concession/Earlybird
\$20	Jazz Society Members
FREE	Children 14 yrs and under

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The Jazz Village Indoor Concerts

Vibe Society - at the Village Cinema Friday 3 April 12pm-1.15pm

Vibe Society is a piano trio who take a modern approach to jazz, blending modernism with tradition. The band selects either jazz standards or contemporary tunes that "vibe" with audiences and engage listeners. The band is composed of **Alana Turmaine** (Piano) **Leith Milson** (Bass) and **Steve Mills** (Drums)



Michael Crawford - in the Balcony Room Friday 3 April 2.15pm-3.30pm

Kiwi by birth, global by groove, **Michael Crawford** is a Sydney-based keyboardist, MD, saxophonist, and producer who has held down residencies at iconic venues like Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London, toured the UK with Sounds of the Supremes and shared stages and studios with artists linked to Rick Astley, Rag & Bone Man, Gabrielle and Rita Ora to name a few. Don't miss this show - You'll love it!



Oscar Lavën: Music of New Orleans - at the Village Hall Friday 3 April 3.45pm-5pm

Dynamic saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist **Oscar Lavën**, originally raised right here in Tauranga, returns to join forces with a special lineup of Bay of Plenty all-star musicians (and maybe even some special guests) to present a performance of the enchanting, foot-stomping traditional jazz of New Orleans, made famous by Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and many more. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind reunion performance.



'Yatra' by Ben Fernandez - at the Jam Factory Friday 3 April 6pm-7.25pm

Ben Fernandez will present 'Yatra', a concert of jazz music influenced by musical cultures and styles from different parts of the world. Some tunes from Ben's latest trio album will be featured. Every song is influenced by travel, people, places and experiences. Join us on our 'Yatra' - our Journey.



These Indoor Concerts are \$12 at the door of each of the venues on the day. Note, you will still need to purchase a Jazz Village ticket for \$20/\$25/\$28 and pay for the concert fee as well to gain access to these concerts. (\$10-online with a Jazz Village ticket).



The Late Late Show

After the festival wraps for the day, slip into the cosy glow of the Tauranga Club for an intimate late-night jam.

A powerhouse house band, joined by an ever-changing lineup of festival artists, keeps the music flowing and the atmosphere electric.

With limited space available, securing your spot is a must. Settle in, soak up the spontaneity, and catch those rare, unrepeatable musical sparks... that's the true spirit of jazz.

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 April
Tauranga Club, Devonport Towers

9pm-12am

\$25 GA online
\$20 Concession/Earlybird

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eventfinda.co.nz or jazz.org.nz

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Uptown Downtown

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 April

Uptown Downtown lights up Tauranga and Mount Maunganui over Easter with an electrifying mix of jazz-oriented acts from all across Aotearoa.

On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April, pockets of the city will transform into a live-music playground as extraordinary musicians take over bars, restaurants, lounges and hidden corners, filling each space with rhythm, soul and irresistible groove. From sultry evening sets to sun-soaked afternoon sessions, participating venues become their own micro-festival, buzzing with energy and discovery.

This is your chance to move with the music, quite literally. Wander from Uptown to Downtown, following the sound of brass riffs, walking bass lines and smooth vocalists as they echo through Tauranga's bars and restaurants and

Mount Maunganui's coastal hotspots. Each venue curates its own atmosphere, whether you're craving high-octane funk-fusion, intimate acoustic jazz, or a modern twist on classic swing. With so many incredible artists in rotation, every stop offers something new and unforgettable.

Gather your friends, grab a bite, raise a glass and let the music lead the way. **Uptown Downtown** is all about celebrating community, creativity and the joy of live performance, right where people love to be. It's the perfect way to explore the region's best hospitality while soaking up world-class jazz in its most natural habitat. Make a night of it, make a weekend of it, because at Easter, Tauranga and the Mount become the country's hottest jazz destination.

Visit jazz.org.nz to view the complete list of bands performing at Uptown Downtown.

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Kokomo and Friends

Celebrate 35 Years...

In 1991 the Tauranga Jazz Society invited **Derek Jacombs**, then playing guitar with country legend Ritchie Pickett, to perform a set of blues at the National Jazz Festival.

To bolster his first festival appearance Derek enlisted the help of harmonica player **Grant Bullock**. They played primarily 1930s blues and it was a huge success. So much so that, with the addition of Grant's bass-playing brother Roger, they formed an acoustic blues trio and spent the 1990s tearing around the country playing over 100 shows in one year alone.

Since then they have played in every corner of New Zealand, from Sweetwaters to the America's Cup; the Aotea Centre to the Blackball Hilton. They have released fifteen albums and a live concert film, and grown from a trad blues 3-piece to a multi-instrumental 5-piece carving out a specific "Kiwiana Blues" niche in New Zealand music.

This year Kokomo return to the National Jazz Festival for their 35th anniversary in a very special collaboration with members of the **Tauranga Big Band** and with surprise special guests throughout the evening. This will be Kokomo like you've never seen them before – let the fun begin!

Derek Jacombs - vocals, acoustic guitar, **Grant Bullock** - harmonica, washboard, **Nigel Masters** - bass, **Santiago Rebagliati** - electric guitar, **Ian "Beano" Gilpin** - drums.

Friday 3 April

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre
Addison Theatre

8pm

Duration 90 mins
(plus interval)

\$65 Reserved Seating
\$60 Concession/Earlybird
\$55 Jazz Society Members
\$35 Student/Child

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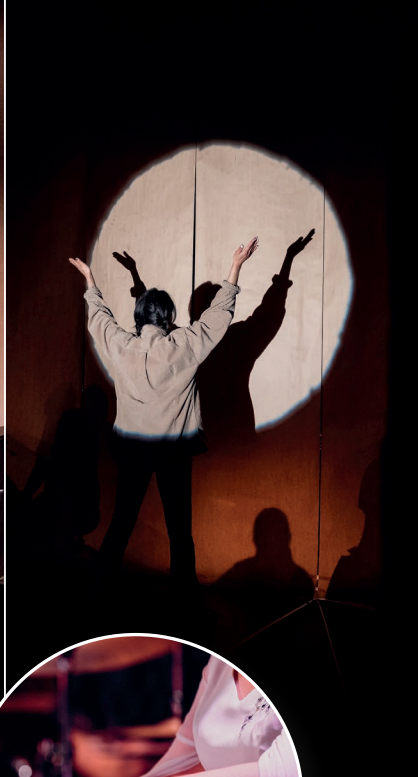


Waypeople

A sonic and visual journey through the Tao Te Ching

Waypeople is a sonic and visual journey through ancient philosophical poetry that is at once solidly pragmatic and profoundly mystical. With lyrics drawn from author Ursula Le Guin's poetic English language version of the Tao te Ching, eight artists explore traditional and contemporary music forms, composition, improvisation, shadow, light & ink as they guide you through ten movements, illustrating the themes of the unseen, unheard, unnamable Tao, "wu-wei" (not-doing) and true Power.

Featuring music by **Jake Baxendale**, visual art from **Nikita 雅涵 Tu-Bryant**, and a musical ensemble of **Chelsea Prastiti** (voice), **Jessie Ling** (guzheng), **Callum Passells** (saxophones), **Daniel Hayles** (piano), **Johnny Lawrence** (bass) and **Cory Champion** (drums).



Friday 3 April

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre
X Space

6pm

Duration 70 mins (no interval)

\$55 GA

\$50 Concession/Earlybird

\$45 Jazz Society Members

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Nick Granville's Funk and Drum Extravaganza

This special double-feature show unfolds in two exciting halves.

First up: an organ-driven trio offering a fresh, soulful take on modern jazz. Featuring session guitarist **Nick Granville** (bandleader), Sydney-based organist **Mike Crawford**, and the dynamic drumming of Wellington's **Mark Lockett**, the trio blends bluesy grooves, rich Hammond textures, and improvisation-fuelled energy. The result is a warm, swinging sound that's both classic and contemporary—perfect for fans of vibrant, feel-good jazz.

Then comes the second half: Nick Granville's Double Drum Funk Band, a high-energy, groove-heavy ensemble powered by the explosive synergy of two drummers playing side-by-side: **Darren Mathiassen** (Shapeshifter, Hollie Smith) and **Stan Bicknell** (Natasha Bedingfield, Black Comet). Led by New Zealand guitarist **Nick Granville**, this band brings together Funk, Jazz, and Fusion with tight arrangements, a deep pocket, and plenty of improvisation. Expect everything from Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson to Classic Rock, Jazz, and beyond—delivered with bold guitar work, big rhythms, and a live show that keeps audiences moving from the first note.

For the finale, **Mark Lockett** returns, joining the lineup for an explosive three-drummer climax. It's jazz... just not as you've heard it.

Saturday 4 April

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre
Addison Theatre

8pm

Duration 90 mins
(plus interval)

\$65 Reserved Seating
\$60 Concession/Earlybird
\$55 Jazz Society Members
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The Tauranga Jazz Society and National Jazz Festival would like to acknowledge the recent passing of New Zealand legendary Drummer Frank Gibson Jnr. Thank you Frank for everything you did for New Zealand musicians and jazz in Aotearoa.



Adrian Cox Trio

Club Croco Album Tour

Back by popular demand **Adrian Cox** is back – A full-house in 2024 resulted in many requests to get this virtuoso of clarinet and band mates back to the National Jazz Festival again – it was a very easy decision. This act is simply amazing – you really do not want to miss it!

Internationally acclaimed clarinetist Adrian Cox is a leading authority on New Orleans music, known for his authentic, electrifying style, masterful technique, deep historical knowledge and infectious stage energy. His unrivalled feel for early jazz has led to performances with major artists, including two concerts with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra in London and New York.

Cox tours with his exceptional Trio featuring NZ-born guitarist **Honey Boulton** and Parisian bassist **Alex Gilson** – a world-class powerhouse that leaves audiences spellbound. **Club Croco** explores alternative early-jazz repertoire, capturing the era's essence with charisma, flair and a fresh modern slant.

Renowned for his audience engagement and virtuosity, Cox has earned widespread acclaim, hailed by *Time Out* as "London's most charismatic reedsman" and by Jamie Cullum as "indisputably one of the great clarinetists of the world." Now based in Sweden, he is touring the new work across Scandinavia, Europe, New Zealand and Australia, with multiple dates confirmed and more to follow.

Saturday 4 April

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre
X Space

6pm

Duration 70 mins
(no interval)

\$55 GA

\$50 Concession/Earlybird

\$45 Jazz Society Members

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Ignite the Night at the Hurricane Party

JB3+3

This hard-grooving organ trio from Pōneke/Wellington is getting a 100% boost for the Hurricane Party! Packing the stage with guest artists, **JB3+3** will deliver a set of unforgettable groove in the finest funk & soul jazz tradition. The one and only musical genius, **Jake Baxendale**, is joined by marvellous **Dan Hayles** and unstoppable **Riki Gooch** to form the core of the ensemble, with exciting appearances from special guests to ensure an incredible set to get the audience going.

Boogie Nights

Aotearoa's premier disco tribute band is back – this time with a brand-new show, **Boogie Nights!** After playing to packed crowds across the motū with their acclaimed Earth, Wind & Fire tribute show – including sold-out performances at the Wellington Jazz Festival – this powerhouse 11-piece band returns to light up the stage once again at the Hurricane party.

From Earth, Wind & Fire to Donna Summer, ABBA, Sister Sledge, the Bee Gees, and more, Boogie Nights will transport you straight back to the glittering days of disco.

Expect soaring vocals, funky horns, shimmering costumes, and unstoppable grooves that'll have you dancing all night long.

Don't miss the ultimate disco experience – it's time to get your boogie on!



Sunday 5 April

Totara St

11 Totara Street, Mount Maunganui

9pm-midnight

(Doors open 8.30pm)

\$45 GA

\$37.50 Concession/Earlybird

\$37.50 Jazz Society Members

R18 Limited Seating

Book at:

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Cocktail Swing!

Swing sip and celebrate in style

Step back into the golden age of glamour as the Big Band era roars back to life, with sizzling jazz, velvet-smooth swing, and irresistible Latin rhythms filling the room.

Slip into your sharpest outfit and join us for an ultra-chic night where the **Tauranga Big Band** brings the heat and the sparkle.

Master mixologist **Jimmy** from **Craftbar Plus** will be stirring, shaking, and crafting cocktails that dazzle, with a bar and mouth-watering cocktail canapés and antipasto platters to match.

Gather your crew, hit the dance floor, and soak up a night designed for fun, flair, and full-throttle celebration!

Sunday 5 April
The Cargo Shed
5 Dive Crescent, Tauranga

Doors open 7.00pm
ends 9.30pm

\$40 GA
\$35 Concession/Earlybird
\$35 Jazz Society Members

Licensed, food available
- additional charges apply

Limited door sales

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Jazz at the Hot Pools

Unwind and enjoy a hot soak and live jazz at the Mount Hot Pools

Jazz Warm-up Sessions

Sink into the warm pools, let the live jazz wash over you, and - pure magic. Whether you're wrapping up the day or sharing a special night with friends or someone you love, this is the perfect way to slow down, breathe out, and enjoy the evening in total relaxation.

7pm-8.30pm Thursday 2 April
7pm-8.30pm Friday 3 April

Sunrise Jazz Sessions

Kick off your morning in true style — cool, fresh air, steaming pools, smooth live jazz, and a stunning view of Mauao rising above you in the heart of Mount Maunganui. There's no better way to begin the day than in these open-air, ocean-heated pools, soaking up the atmosphere and the scenery all at once.

9am-10.30am Saturday 4 April
9am-10.30am Sunday 5 April
9am-10.30am Monday 6 April

Mount Hot Pools

9 Adams Ave, Mt Maunganui

Admission to Mount Hot Pools:

\$28.20 Adults 16+
 \$19.40 Seniors 65+
 \$16.20 Child 3-15
 \$3.00 Child 1-2
 \$72.60 Family



Vintage Car Parade

The **Bay of Plenty Classic and Vintage Car Club**, together with the **Tauranga Mini Owners Club**, will gather at the BOPVCC clubrooms on Cliff Road before setting off for their much-anticipated parade during the National Jazz Festival. With polished chrome, vibrant paintwork, and decades of motoring history represented, the convoy will make its way down **The Strand**, adding a nostalgic splash of colour and character to the festival atmosphere as crowds line the streets to watch them pass.

Once the parade reaches the Southern end of the Tauranga Waterfront, the cars will park up and remain on display until 3.30pm. Festivalgoers will have the opportunity to admire the collection up close, talk with the owners, and take photos with these beautifully maintained classics and Minis. This display creates the perfect blend of vintage motoring and live jazz energy, offering a relaxed and family-friendly highlight as part of the 2026 National Jazz Festival experience.

Saturday 4 April
Parade from 2pm
On Display 2.30-3.30pm

Location: The Strand , Tauranga CBD
FREE ENTRY



The Sunset Cruise

Cruise away to the sounds of Jazz on the iconic Kewpie

Step aboard this charming vintage vessel and drift across the shimmering waters of Tauranga Moana on a relaxed harbour journey.

Unwind with a hand-picked range of wines and beers while enjoying live music with **The Ben Fernandez duo** who will take you on a journey with a mix of classic jazz, latin, pop classics, NZ favourites and some sing-alongs!!! All of this creating the perfect mood, as daylight fades and the city comes alive in lights. A one-of-a-kind Easter jazz experience you won't want to miss.

This musical journey is always very popular and sells out quickly. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April

Depart Kewpie pick-up Wharf,
The Strand, Tauranga

4.30pm-6pm

Duration 90 mins

\$55 GA

\$50 Concession/Earlybird

\$50 Jazz Society Members

Licensed, snacks available
-additional charges apply

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Festival Timetable

Jazz at the Jam Factory

Historic Village

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Baycourt

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Main Road Katikati / Dave Hume Pools

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Around Town

Various Venues

Thursday 2 April	Everything In Its Right Place	7.30pm	pg 7
Sat 4 - Sun 5 April	Uptown Downtown Various Venues - check jazz.org.nz	2pm-10pm	pg 11
Fri 3 - Sat 4 April	The Late Late Show at the Tauranga Club	9pm-12am	pg 10
Sat 4 - Sun 5 April	The Sunset Cruise	4.30-6pm	pg 19
Sat 4 April	BOP Classic and Vintage Car Club and the Tauranga Mini owners Club Run and display	2-3.30pm	pg 18
Sunday 5 April	Cocktail Swing	7-9.30pm	pg 17

The Jazz Village

The Historic Village

Friday 3 April	The Jazz Village	10.30am-5.30pm	pg 8
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Friday 3 April	The Village Square Stage	11am-5.30pm	pg 8
Friday 3 April	Vibe Society - at the Cinema	12pm-1.15pm	pg 10
Friday 3 April	Michael Crawford - in the Balcony Room	2.15pm-3.30pm	pg 10
Friday 3 April	Oscar Lavén: Music of New Orleans - at the Village Hall	3.45pm-5pm	pg 10
Friday 3 April	'Yatra' by Ben Fernandez - at the Jam Factory	6pm-7.25pm	pg 10

Baycourt Concert Series

Baycourt Community & Arts Centre

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Hurricane Party

Totara St

Sunday 5 April	JB3+3 and Boogie Nights	9pm-midnight	pg 16
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Jazz at the Hot Pools

Mount Maunganui Hot Pools

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