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Famous jazz soundtracks performed live at WAAPA

For as long as jazz music has been around, it has been used to brilliant effect in musicals, films and even theatre. From box-office smash musicals such as All That Jazz and Chicago to unforgettable film scores by composers such as Bernard Herrmann, Elmer Bernstein and Ennio Morricone, jazz music has found a mainstream audience through its on-stage and on-screen successes.

For its final Jazz Windows concert for 2009, the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts presents WAAPA graduate and jazz trumpeter/arranger/composer Ricki Malet in a musical celebration of the role of jazz in film.

In Life and On Film with Ricki Malet, a musical journey through famous jazz soundtracks and Malet’s own original film compositions, will be performed on Thursday 24 September in WAAPA’s Music Auditorium at 7.30pm.

Performing with Malet on trumpet will be well-known Perth musicians Carl Mackey on saxophone, Jeremy Greig on trombone, Tim Jago on guitar, Matt Willis on bass and Dan di Paola on drums.

Malet, who began playing the trumpet at age 10, was granted exceptional entrance into WAAPA when he was just 15 years old and completed his Bachelor of Music (Jazz Performance) in 2003. He played in the WAAPA Big Band for five years and the West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra (WAYJO) for eight years, where he is now Assistant Musical Director.

Over the last decade, Malet has performed with many Perth bands and has toured extensively, including in 2002 to Europe with Prawns with Horns, in 2006 to New York with WAYJO and to Melbourne with the Mace Francis Orchestra (MFO), and in 2007 with Funk outfit, The Roast. Last year he was part of a national tour with MFO. He has recorded four albums with MFO and two albums with the jazz group, The Hounds.

Malet performs in Perth with The Fix – who have had a Thursday night residency at the Moon Café for five years – The Hounds, MFO, Descarga and groups under his own name.

Malet’s one-off concert at WAAPA will be an enticing mix of well-known movie title tracks from such classics as Mo’ Better Blues, Taxi Driver, Round Midnight and Malet’s own inventive compositions, making for an exciting evening of not-to-be-missed live jazz music.

Performance Information: In Life and On Film with Ricki Malet
Thursday 24 September at 7.30pm.
Music Auditorium, WAAPA, Edith Cowan University, 2 Bradford St, Mt Lawley.
Tickets are $20 full/$15 concession. Bookings through WAAPA Box Office on 9370 6636.

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