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Adrian Cunningham's "Kings of Swing" – Saturday, 15 August, 2pm – 5pm – BAR67 - \$10



On Saturday, 15 August, direct from New York, we will welcome visiting musician/vocalist and his group, the "Kings of Swing". Still for only \$10. I just can't believe that we are so lucky to have Adrian accept a gig for our Club. Please put this date in your diary – you can't miss this one!

New York based and Australian born **Adrian Cunningham** is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, composer and world traveller. With fluent command of the saxophones, clarinet, and flute, he is one of the finest multi-instrumentalists in jazz today.

In a career spanning two decades and counting, the "down under sax star" (*Wall St Journal*) has performed alongside luminaries such as **Jon Batiste**, **Chris Potter** and **Wynton Marsalis**, and has appeared as soloist in some of the world's great stages including New York's Carnegie Hall, Blue Note (New York and Tokyo), Stravinsky Auditorium (Montreux Jazz Festival) and the Sydney Opera House.

Adrian is the recipient of the **Hot House Saxophone Award** (NYC), and his band *Professor Cunningham and His Old School*, is the winner of international band competition **World Jam**, (Madrid) and **Best Band** award at **Harlem Festival** (Vilnius, Lithuania).

Adrian's discography as a leader are too numerous to be listed, however his most acclaimed recordings within the last decade include **Jazz Speak** (w/**Jeff Hamilton**, **John Clayton**, **Ted Rosenthal**) and **Play Lerner and Loewe** (w/**Fred Hersh** trio, **Randy Brecker**), both of which broke the top 20 in the national jazz charts.

Adrian is a regular member of trombonist Wycliffe Gordon's quintet, featured at the London Jazz festival with a recording in Abbey Road studios alongside Wess Anderson, Reginald Veal and Herlin Riley. The quintet's performances span the globe: London Jazz Festival, Johannesburg Jazz Festival, London Jazz Festival, Bern Jazz Festival (Switzerland), Newport Jazz Festival; and regular performances in New York at the prestigious Dizzy's Club Coca Cola (Lincoln Center).

In 2013 Cunningham formed a traditional/New Orleans style outfit called *Professor Cunningham and His Old School* has fast become one of the top bands in the international Swing scene, having performed at Blue Note Jazz Festival (NYC), Melbourne International Jazz Festival (Australia), Sopot Molo Jazz Festival (Poland), Snowball (Stockholm), SLOX (California), Blue Note Jazz Fest (NYC), CPH:LX (Copenhagen) and Melbourne International Jazz Festival.

From 2014-2017, Adrian was the leader of the saxophone section of the grammy-winning *Vince Giordano and the*

Nighthawks, a NYC based 1920's swing orchestra; responsible for the soundtracks for *Boardwalk Empire* and movies including the *Aviator*.

Event details:

- **Cost:** \$10 pay at the door (CASH/EFTPOS)
- **Venue:** BAR67 in the Basement of Collegians Club in Charlotte St Wollongong
- **Time:** Doors open strictly from 1pm - Music from 2pm - 5pm
- **Raffle Tickets:** You can win cash and other great prizes - 3 tickets for \$5.
- **Dance Floor:**
Please note that BAR67 has tons of hard floor for you to trip the light fantastic, but it does not have a traditional dance floor in front of the band.

See you there!