

Jazz and blues Le Baroque

Ross Nixon teams up with Toni Zaffa for a limited Coast season

By GAIL LOADER

ROSS Nixon and his musical trio will be freshly returned to Australia from touring the jazz clubs of Japan when he teams up with sultry songstress Toni Zaffa for a limited season of five shows at Le Baroque in Buderim.

"It think it's going to be a great night," Ross said.

Toni agrees.

She said it will be a wonderful night of jazz and blues and a real cabaret-style show.

"It will be very entertaining," she said.

Toni is intertwining the fabulous music around her own life experience in the world of showbiz.

She said the audience is in for a good laugh as she reflects on some of her audition experiences which she said, in hindsight, are very humorous.

She has worked alongside some superstars in the music business including Tina Turner, INXS band members and Renee Geyer.

Toni said she has been lured back to the Coast by the wonderful lifestyle enjoyed here.

And is considering making this her home base after 12 years in New York.

Fast facts

Dinner and Show

■ WHEN: October 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

■ WHERE: Le Baroque Restaurant, Buderim

■ BOOKINGS: Phone 5444 3388

area and this has tempted her to stay and make the Coast her base for touring overseas.

Michael Palardis, owner at Le Baroque, is thrilled to be able to offer this style of entertainment to the Coast.

The evening is set to be a cultural and gastronomic delight, and one Buderim locals are sure to appreciate.

The three-hour show and sophisticated three-course menu, wine included, will make for an evening to remember.

Contact Michael on 5444 3388 for your tickets to this limited season event.

She is no stranger to the area, having grown up in Cooloolum before taking off at the tender age of 18 to the bright lights of Sydney.

She performed in *Jesus Christ Superstar* there for a number of years before being lured to the culture capital of New York.

Toni's family still lives in the



Toni Zaffa will entertain at Le Baroque French restaurant.

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Ross Nixon and his musical trio are fresh from the jazz clubs of Japan.

Recognising migrants' community contribution

THE Sunshine Coast Community Cooperative, together with five third-year University of the Sunshine Coast public relations students, have come together to organise an awards night which recognises the outstanding contribution made by migrants to the Sunshine Coast community.

The Multicultural Excellence Awards have been developed to recognise the valuable role that migrants have played in helping shape the Sunshine Coast into the diverse and vibrant region that it is today.

Mark Wischant, a

Fast facts

Nominations close on October 15 and forms are available from www.namb-ourcc.org or at Gloria Jeans (Mooloolaba) and Pizza Capers (Maroochydore)

member of the Sunshine Coast Community Cooperative, said more than 16,400 people, or 18.1% of the Sunshine Coast population, were born overseas. That equates to one in every six

people born overseas.

An even more interesting fact is that one in every 17 people who live on the Sunshine Coast was born in a non-English speaking country.

"That's an incredibly high number when you consider that 22% of the Australian population was born overseas, so it is clear that we are quite a diverse community here on the Sunshine Coast and many of these migrants have made a valuable contribution to our way of life," he said.

"There are a whole host of local people who were born overseas and we encourage them or their



family or friends to nominate them," Mark said.

The Multicultural Excellence Awards ceremony will be held on

Saturday, October 30 at Coastline BMW Currimundi.

The cocktail-style event includes live music, food

and wines. Tickets are just \$35 and can be purchased by emailing meaward2010@gmail.com or phone 0403 727 107.

Australian Residents born overseas prepare for the Multicultural Awards to be held at Coastline BMW. (L to R) Stella Romagnoli (Uruguay), Tomas Passeggi (Uruguay), Tristan Kurz with his grandfather's statue Karl-Heinz Kurz, Sofia Bjorklund (Sweden) and James Madol (Sudan).

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