

PRESS RELEASE

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Music Review: Local jazz band hits dairy farm for Christmas.



A full crowd celebrated the end of 2007 with an ALEXANDRINA JAZZ WARM UP!
Alexandrina Cheese presented; CHRISTMAS JAZZ – with THE SENTIMENTALS

A fantastic new group of local, young musicians! Last night, Alexandrina Cheese Company hosted Friday twilight jazz. Kicking off with a piano solo at 5pm, and more jazzy sounds until late. The room was full of local people, and visitors alike. It was a pleasure to witness such modern musical genius from, The Sentimentals. The concert was held inside the Alexandrina Cheese farm gate retail shop. Inside it was safe and warm; away from the stormy southern weather outside. Guests enjoyed cheese plates, and seasonal desserts, and local wine and beer.

"Chestnuts roasted on an open fire..." sang vocalist duo Sophie and Peter from The Sentimentals. Music flowed freely with roughly forty guests last night at Alexandrina Cheese Company, at Mt Jagged, south of Mt Compass. **"Jack frost nippin' at your nose..."** with the wintry weather allowing guests to find a cozy corner in the farm-gate shop, The Sentimentals' took to the stage with a storm. They played five massive musical sets, and mid-way a set featuring a well practiced set of festive Christmas Carols. The Sentimentals are a fantastic new group of young musicians, all following each other from Primary School in and around McLaren Vale, South Australia, and now attempting further tertiary studies. **They are certainly the next big thing to hit the South Australian music scene.** Thank you for a great evening!

Music Review: The percussionist was able to keep the band in time, drums played by Nat Ahrens. Nat does this with the ease and coordination of any professional. We notice the pianist has a real personality right from the start, entertaining the crowd with a few sprightly solo warm ups. Anup Mistry's motto is **simple "...just give me the key and I'll open the door to anything on that piano."** This is true, and his flair for the keys also encourages other members of the band to show off at the Christmas Jazz concert. The front line of the band is also apparent from the beginning with two strong vocalists, Sophie Zerner and Peter Eckert. This duo works a treat, and keeps the audience in suspense. We even had the chance to see both sing solo, and their vocal range is indeed admirable. It's the back bone of the band which makes the puzzle fit together –

"It's just right!" someone in the audience remarks. The smooth sounds of Bass Clarinet and Clarinet are carried by Courtney Bain. This instrument adds a depth to the overall sound, and fits well with the higher sounds of the brass instruments. That is where the liveliness is presented, again with the talented Peter Eckert, who surprises us with vocals and precision on the trumpet. But, it is the Trombone player who really shines to the crowd– watch out for this young enthusiast – Jacob Traeger. Together, they make The Sentimentals. **I'm proud to say, they are local, and a real winning group of muso's. Well done gals and guys!**

- **Special thanks to the Mt Compass IGA for holding their 2007 Christmas Party with us, it was a pleasure to have your staff, friends, and family attend.**

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