

Two days of smooth soulful music

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PENANG will celebrate Unesco's International Jazz Day with some 'soulful' activities.

Jointly organised by Penang Jazz Society and PenangPac, Jazz@Penangpac is a two-day affair on April 27 and 28 which includes the Jazz Showcase, Young Musicians' Showcase and a series of jazz clinics.

On April 27, the Jazz Showcase, which features NewSound, Michael Veerapen Trio and Big Band of Penang (BBoP), will take place at Stage One, PenangPac at 8pm.

NewSound is a modern jazz ensemble based in Kuala Lumpur with a mission to push the boundaries and limitations of jazz composition.

They are constantly releasing and performing new and original material, whereas Michael Veerapen is a Malaysian jazz veteran, jazz pianist, producer, record studio head and mentor.

Penang Jazz Society's flagship ensemble, the BBoP, will perform big band pieces composed by Andrew Neu, W. Scott Ragsdale, Doug Beach and Stray Cats.

Tickets priced at RM68 can be purchased at Penangpac box office or online.

Meanwhile, the Young Musicians' Showcase featuring Penang's young jazz talents will be held on April 28 at 3pm at PenangPac.

With tickets at RM43 each, the audience will get to enjoy performances by Dalat International School's Jazz Band, Universiti Sains Malaysia's Big Band, Han Chiang High School's Combo Band and the Youth Big Band of Penang.

To keep up with the educational mission of International Jazz Day, three jazz clinics will take place at PenangPac on the afternoon of April 27

Each jazz clinic costs RM10 with the purchase of the concert ticket.

Access to both concerts and all three clinics are available for a package price of RM120.

Tickets for the clinics or the package must be bought at PenangPac box office.

Details, call Lyndy Ong at 012-4759079 or PenangPac at 04-8991722.

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