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MIGUEL TO HEADLINE BIG RIVER JAZZ

As the weather warms up, Big River Jazz is set to turn the heat up further with Brisbane's hottest ensemble Miguel headlining the festival in Rockhampton from 11 – 13 September 2009.

The most exciting jazz ensemble to come out of Queensland in recent years, nine-piece ensemble Miguel will play original works at the popular annual open air concert to be held at the Rockhampton Ski Gardens, Ramsden St, on Saturday 12 September.

The highly acclaimed ensemble makes its very special Rockhampton debut between appearances at the Noosa Jazz Festival and the start of their national tour with Australian jazz legend, Vince Jones.

Carving out their niche in the Australian jazz scene, Miguel have featured at major Australian festivals and venues since their inception, including Woodford Folk Festival, Noosa Jazz Festival, Brisbane Jazz Festival, Darling Harbour Jazz Festival and Brisbane Jazz Club.

"It is a real coup for Big River Jazz to welcome an ensemble of such a high calibre," said Denham Whitham, General Manager, Capricorn Business and Events.

"The group are bringing something fresh and exciting to the festival, with their retro latin-style jazz and their onstage charisma lighting up every stage they play on."

"Jazz novices and festival regulars alike will love this group of very talented musicians."

Fronted by charismatic trumpet player and vocalist Michael Rogers, Miguel is a group of highly skilled musicians, including Tom Raymond – clarinet; Mikael Strand – trombone; Tim Franklin – saxophone; Josh Hatcher – baritone saxophone; Dave Spicer – piano; Sacha Kloostra – drums and Helen Russell – double bass.

The highly-pedigreed ensemble members who have studied around the world have on their individual CV's performances with major names James Morrison, Tony Gould and Jim Pugh.

General entry tickets for the Saturday night event can be purchased on the night for \$19 adults, concession cardholders \$12 and children under the age of 18 are free. Cabaret tables and private marquees will be available until Friday 4 September, as well as special reduced Early Bird tickets.

For more information or to book a cabaret table, please contact Ellie Traynor at Capricorn Business and Events on (07) 4922 2855.

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