

Victorian College of the Arts

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Hear the hottest new sounds in jazz – VCA Music Improvisation

The Gathering, Monday 7th May, 8pm

As part of the **Melbourne Jazz International Festival**, the Victorian College of the Arts' Music Improvisation stream celebrates its breadth and diversity with **The Gathering**; an exciting evening of jazz, Latin, big band, a capella and world music. The most exciting new talents in jazz will be on display as VCA Music students perform across a range of musical styles.

The show will feature special performances from renowned artists including; **Scott Tinkler**, Australia's leading jazz trumpeter and winner of the 1996 National Jazz Award, **Kutcha Edwards**, legendary Indigenous singer/songwriter, and **Tony Gould**, pianist, composer and one of Australia's most respected musicians.

The Gathering is an annual event for VCA Music and this year is the first time it has been presented in association the Melbourne Jazz International Festival.

VCA Music was established in 1974. Initially with a focus on classical repertoire and performance, VCA Music has expanded over the years to embrace improvisation, composition and music theatre. VCA Music's programs promote the highest standards in music enquiry, creativity and performance and are supported by a regular program of workshops and master classes, throughout the year.

The Victorian College of the Arts is Australia's premier visual and performing arts training institution. The College is unique in Australia as it offers training across major artistic disciplines. Students are encouraged to develop their own artistic language and consequently graduate as self-determined and autonomous artists.

On January 1, 2007 the Victorian College of the Arts became a faculty of The University of Melbourne.

When: Monday 7th May, 8pm

Where: The Palms at Crown, 8 Whiteman St, Southbank

Cost: \$32/\$18

Bookings: Ticketek 1300 795 012 and www.melbournejazz.com

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