

## Andy Firth: a snapshot

Andy Firth is widely regarded as one of the most outstanding jazz clarinet players in the world today, having played internationally with some of the finest performers and ensembles in both classical and jazz music. His mastery of the clarinet and saxophone, unrivalled expression of tone and technique, and endless devotion and enthusiasm has earned Andy a reputation as a performer not to be missed!

In 2008, Andy performed a "Tribute to the Great Jazz Clarinetists" billed under his own name, at the famous Carnegie Hall in New York. Andy's guest artist for this concert was the late jazz clarinet legend Buddy DeFranco.

As a composer, Andy has 700 compositions to his name, some of which are full scale classically oriented or chamber music works. In 2001 Andy was awarded an Australian Film and Television award for "Best Music for an Advert" (Visa-Dining Out), which he composed, arranged and played saxes and clarinet on.

In 2000, US mouthpiece maker, Lomax Classic further honoured Andy with his own series of clarinet mouthpieces, the "Andy Firth Jazz Series". Andy received an Australian MO Award for "Best Live Jazz Performer" in 2006 and he has been the Australian artist for Buffet Crampon clarinets, D'Addario Reeds, Julius Keilwerth saxophones and Lomax Classic Mouthpieces for the past 25 years.

### Andy Firth has performed with:

Jazz and blues legends as B.B. King, Buddy DeFranco, Wynton Marsalis, Diana Krall, James Moody, Bud Shank, Lee Konitz, Ingrid Jensen, Steve Haughton, Tommy Banks, Steve Harlos, Don Lusher, Kenny Ball Jazz Band, Andy Cooper, Acker Bilk, Dutch College Swing Band, North Texas One O'Clock Lab Band, Gary Motley, Paul Keller, Pete Seirs, Jay Hungerford, Ken Kehner, Joe Buerger. Australian Artists include, but are not limited to: Maestro Tommy Tycho, Don Burrows, Anthony Warlow, James Morrison, Marina Prior, Tommy Emmanuel, George Golla, Vince Jones, Ian Date, Bob Barnard, John Morrison, Rebecca Mendoza, Emma Pask, Kevin Hunt, Graeme Bell, Ray Price, Kamahl, Guy Noble, George Washing machine, Ed Wilson, Mike Nelson, John Foreman, Fiona Burnett Galapagos Duck, Francine Bell, Jackie Love, Rob Guest, Julie Anthony, Sarah McKenzie, Julian Lee, Janet Seidel, Ed Gaston, Sandie White, Joy Mulligan, Maree Montgomery, Su Cruickshank, Tom Baker, Chris Tapperel, Glen Henrich, David Seidel, Simon Fishburn, Liam Burrows, Craig Scott, Alan Turnbull, Andrew Gander, Gordon Ritmeister, Joe Ruberto, Dean Cooper, Geoff Kluge, Adam Miller, Bruce Hancock, Laurie Kennedy, Kerin Bailey, Bob Jefferies, Peter Gray, Jacob Neale, Rebecca Mendoza, Julie Wilson, Mitch Capone, Peter Hooper, Jonathan Wade, James Clark, Bill Polain, James Muller, Nick Sinclair, Jamie Jones, and Catherine Lambert as well as the late and great Ricky May, Rob Guest and Bobby Limb. Andy has also performed with Australian and International symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles as featured soloist.

**Andy Firth continues to tour and perform with Australia's leading jazz and classical artists and ensembles. Andy is a regular guest performer at clarinet and saxophone conferences both in Australia and overseas.**

### Quotable Quotes... from the critics & the players

- "Andy Firth is the first clarinetist in 30 years or so, since Eddie Daniels, that I have really paid attention to... what he can do on the clarinet, I consider to be impossible! He's a phenomenon!"  
Buddy DeFranco-Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall 2008 (American Jazz clarinet legend)
- "A genius of the clarinet!"  
Maestro Tommy Tycho, D.Mus, AM (Australian Music Maestro)
- "One of the most amazing clarinetists since Benny Goodman and one of the most gifted of all clarinetists."  
John Denman (US Clarinet Virtuoso)

