

Jazz In July 2026 At Esplanade: Festival Highlights To Note

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Esplanade Jazz in July 2026 runs from 1 to 31 July, with the festival describing jazz as free, fun, dirty, romantic, rebellious, classy and chaotic.

The early programme highlights include ticketed Recital Studio and Annexe Studio dates, with more programmes to be announced in June. That makes now a good time to mark the headline weekends before the full calendar fills out.

Festival Dates And Highlights

The festival spans the full month of July. Listed highlights include Nilze Carvalho Trio on 3 and 4 July, Gabrielle Cavassa on 10 and 11 July, Peter Evans Quartet on 17 July, and Bobby Sparks II on 31 July.

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- Festival period: 1 to 31 July 2026.
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How To Choose A Show

Nilze Carvalho Trio is the Brazilian-leaning choice, with bossa nova, choro and samba in the description. Gabrielle Cavassa is pitched around vocal range and contrast. Peter Evans Quartet is the adventurous trumpet pick, while Bobby Sparks II leans into jazz, funk, blues and R&B grooves.

If you are new to jazz, choose by mood rather than by name recognition. The festival is broad enough for both careful listening and looser weekend plans.

Planning Notes

Esplanade can be busy around weekend shows, especially when free foyer performances run alongside ticketed programmes. Arrive early if you want dinner nearby before the show.

Keep an eye on further programme announcements in June, because Jazz in July usually works best when visitors mix one ticketed show with a free or lower-commitment performance.

Location Notes

- Esplanade â?? Theatres on the Bay

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