

PRESS BIOGRAPHY:

SIRENS BIG BAND

Sirens Big Band brings a new sound to the big band setting fusing world music influences with contemporary jazz. This 16-piece all female ensemble is co-led by recent recipients of the Jann Rutherford Memorial Award, bassist Jessica Dunn and saxophonist Harriet Harding.

The Sirens' sound comes from a repertoire gathered from global inspiration and local roots, exploring the works of Australian contemporary jazz composers such as Linda Oh, Judy Bailey and Jenna Cave and the band's original compositions. Their music has a strong focus on improvisation and is executed by outstanding soloists including Ellen Kirkwood, Loretta Palmeiro and Monique Lysiak.