



**"EASILY ONE OF THE TOP JAZZ GROUPS IN AUSTRALIA TODAY" . . . . .*the late Graeme Bell AO; MBE***

The award-winning group, with eighteen European concert tours, one LP and seventeen CDs under its belt, is recognised by critics and peers alike as amongst the very best in Australia. Society Syncopators, now called "The Syncopators" was founded by trombonist Chris Ludowyk in 1984 and has performed at most major Jazz and Performing Arts Festivals in Australia and some of the most prestigious International Jazz festivals. It has featured in two movies, on live TV concerts and entertained at countless corporate functions over its 36 year existence. The group has also represented Australia on many overseas 'Cultural Relations' tours for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Some overseas highlights include festival performances at the NorthSea and Breda Jazz Festivals (Netherlands), Dresden (Germany) and Ascona (Switzerland) International Jazz Festivals; nominated for the Bell Awards 2005 and 2007 and winners for the Bells "Best Australian Classic Jazz Recording of the Year" in 2009.

The personnel are:

Peter Gaudion (Tpt/Main Vocals)

Richard Miller (Clt/Sax/Vocals)

Chris Ludowyk (Trom/Vocals)

Stephen Grant (Piano)

Jeff Arthur (Gtr/Bjo)

James Clark (Bass/Tuba)

Rod Gilbert (Dms/Main Vocals)

**Quote from jazz superstar James Morrison**

"This band is about that wonderful feeling you get when music is played for the sheer joy of it, the feeling you get when you just have to smile and move to the music. With a line up of some of Australia's best swinging players. . . . you couldn't ask for more".

*James Morrison, AO, 2009*

Website: [www.thesyncopators.com](http://www.thesyncopators.com)