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The Elder Conservatorium of Music and the Helpmann Academy for the Visual & Performing Arts present:

Jazz Awards 2010 - featuring guest performer Michelle Nicolle

7:30pm, Thursday August 19
InterContinental Adelaide
North Terrace

Experience the cool sounds of South Australia's most outstanding emerging jazz musicians as the Elder Conservatorium of Music recognises its top Jazz Studies graduates at the Jazz Awards 2010.

Eight of the state's brightest new jazz talent will share in a prize pool of \$5,500, with awards presented to the top performing students in the disciplines of piano, drums, bass, guitar, saxophone and voice.

Hosted at the InterContinental Adelaide, this entertaining evening of music will feature special guest performer Michelle Nicolle, one of Australia's leading jazz vocalists.

"I am so happy that the young jazz players of the Elder Conservatorium are celebrated with these awards," Michelle says. "Although I now make my home in Melbourne, I am very proud of my Adelaide-jazz upbringing and am grateful for the solid foundation the course provided. It's great to see yet another generation of strong, skilful musicians prepare for the crazy world of life as a creative jazz muso."

A graduate of the Conservatorium's jazz program, Michelle is the winner of three Australian Entertainment MO Awards, a National Jazz Award and she has been an A.R.I.A. Finalist three times. Together with the Michelle Nicolle Quartet, she has toured extensively throughout Australia and internationally, including a performance at the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands in 2005.

The Elder Conservatorium first presented the Jazz Awards in 1997 to encourage emerging jazz musicians and to showcase their talents to the Adelaide community. In 2010, the Awards are supported by the InterContinental Adelaide, Adelaide City Council, dB Magazine, Billy Hyde Music, the Tommy Norman Scholarship, Keith Langley and Mitzi Craig.

Tickets are \$45 (\$35 Helpmann Academy Friends)

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