

Darwin born saxophone legend **JAMES RYAN** returns to the Northern Territory with **award-winning jazz fusion group The** **SUBTERRANEANS**, and the music of **BOB** **MARLEY** and **BILL WITHERS**



Darwin, Australia - Darwin born saxophonist James Ryan is proud to announce his **return to the northern territory** in 2025 with **2 tour dates in July** as part of their '**LIKE A CHARM - NATIONAL TOUR.**'

Ryan will be returning to Darwin to play at **The Darwin Railway club** with **THE SUBTERRANEANS** - an **all-star band** playing music both from their recent critically acclaimed release '**LIKE A CHARM**', as well as music from the songbook of music legends **Bill Withers** and **Bob Marley**.

For these shows only, James Ryan will be joined by very special guests **PAT POWELL** (UK/AUS), **STEVE SEDERGREEN** (VIC), **BRIAN MANNING** (Darwin, *July 18 only*), and **LEE ORSZACZKY** (SYD)

★★★★.5 - "This is jazz/funk played at the highest level by four musicians who completely understand the genre." - Eric Myers, The Australian

Born and raised in Darwin, James Ryan has studied Jazz at the ANU School of music, becoming the **first musician in Australia to be awarded a masters in jazz** performance. Ryan has recorded 13 albums to critical and audience acclaim, and **performed across Australia, Kuala Lumpur, India and Europe**. James Ryan is also renowned in Australia as a **bandleader**, fronting several projects including the **James Ryan Soul Jazz Express**, the **Sonic Mayhem Orchestra**, **The Sonic Boom Orchestra**, and the **Subterraneans**, with whom he was awarded the prestigious **Bell Jazz award** in 2011 for "Best blended album"

The Subterraneans are Australia's **premier Jazz-Rock band**, playing a **unique fusion** of rock, Reggae, Jazz and other contemporary influences with **boundless energy and virtuosity**.

Led by Darwin native **James Ryan** (tnr. sax), the band consisting of **Michael Coggins** (guitar), **Hugo Powell** (electric bass) and **Jack Powell** (drums) have presented their blend of **jazz/rock/funk/reggae** across both Australias, and the world's largest jazz stages. 'The Subs' have appeared at some of **Australia's largest jazz festivals** (The Wangaratta jazz festival, Brisbane Jazz Fest), as well as **internationally** (Kuala Lumpur International Jazz Festival). They have also released **2 studio albums** and **3 prior Live Albums** to widespread critical acclaim.

"Hearing The Subterraneans for the first time was a hallelujah moment. Finally here was a band combining rock's visceral energy with jazz's lithe spontaneity, without compromising either." – John Shand, SMH

James Ryan's most recent recording - **LIKE A CHARM** was recorded live in a **single 6 hour session** at the legendary Miss Celies, in Ashfield Sydney by **Richie Belkner** (Free Energy Devices studios)

*Released independently on **March 14**, **Like A Charm** is currently available on all streaming platforms, as well as on **CD at the Subterraneans bandcamp**.*

JAMES RYAN — NT tour dates

THURSDAY JULY 17 — Darwin
Railway club

*THE SUBTERRANEANS - LIKE A
CHARM*

7pm-11pm - [Tickets available now!](#)

FRIDAY JULY 18 — Darwin
Railway club

*CELEBRATING BOB MARLEY AND
BILL WITHERS*

7pm-11pm - [Tickets selling fast!](#)

James Ryan and The Subterraneans are available for educational workshops in Darwin and the NT between Thursday 17 July, and Sunday July 20

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