

They can also be heard at brand new jazz venue O Chefe in Umhlanga Rocks on Sunday

Swiss band on a roll

TURNING the heat up at Splashy this weekend were visiting Swiss band, No No Diet Bang Band who had the twilight crowd howling for more.

This lively trio (drums, tenor sax and electric bass) play a calibre of jazz that strikes straight to the heart. They manage to be melodic without falling into the cheesy trap, and innovative without becoming inaccessible. Masterful musicianship.

No No Diet are in Durban this week, conducting workshops at the Nu Jazz Centre and the Natal Technikon.

They are also the featured band at Rivets tonight, so make sure you catch them live and local. Music starts at 7.45pm, winds up around 10.45pm and entrance is free. Dress smart-casual, please.

Talented

Jus' jazzin hosts the talented pianist Mr Q tonight, and tomorrow the house band Fusion Concept, featuring Rufus Nadasen on keys, Shaun Duval on sax and vocals, Monks Leggatt on bass and Shaun Petersen on drums, plays from 10pm till 1am.

Call Neil on (031) 368-7727 to reserve a table.

Sunday starts to look better jazz-wise as Portuguese Restaurant O Chefe (at The Square)

bites the bullet and features some of Durban's well-known jazz ensembles.

This Sunday Fusion Concept will entertain.

Relaxed

The atmosphere is relaxed and pleasant, the food has a home-made taste and is reasonably priced.

The gig starts around 7pm and music and a meal will set you back R55. If you just want to listen to the music you are most welcome and the charge is R15.

Call Sherryl Carrihlo on (031) 566-2814/5.

Next Wednesday the Nu Jazz Centre presents Amaqhikiza & Ikusasa Lethu, the University of Natal, Durban bands that have been chosen to perform at Expo 2000 in Germany later this year. Their involvement is largely due to the hard work put in by Glynnis Malcolm-Smith, a lady who, although in the background, needs to be acknowledged for her consistent enthusiasm and commitment to jazz at UND. Music flows from 5.15pm. See you tonight

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