



Jazz on Hamilton

A MUSIC professor from Louisville, Kentucky will team up with Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music (CQCM) students on Hamilton Island and in Mackay this week.

The visit of Professor Michael Tracy from the University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA, has been made possible with a visiting scholar grant for the Bachelor of Jazz Studies program.

Professor Tracy, who is a talented jazz musician, will consult with staff about the jazz program, and provide input into research and teaching.

He will also participate in one of the regular residencies which form part of the jazz studies program on Hamilton Island until Friday.

CQCM jazz coordinator Glen Hodges, said staff were excited about the visit. "This is also supported by the University of Louisville which has expressed a great deal of interest in the jazz teaching project that has been

developed with Hamilton Island Enterprises," Mr Hodges said.

"This project is a world first as far as we know, and represents a great opportunity for the Mackay/Whitsunday region to showcase its unique tourism facilities, tropical environment and culture in combination with education."

Professor Tracey will be in Australia until November 4 and can be seen performing at the Clarion Hotel Mackay Marina on Sunday afternoon as part of the CQCM's regular Sunday jazz sessions.

"The Clarion Hotel has become a valued supporter of the Bachelor of Jazz Studies program. The growing links between CQCM, Hamilton Island and the Clarion Hotel place us in a unique position to provide some truly exciting performance experiences for our students," Mr Hodges said.