

**FT. BRIAN
ABRAHAMS**

AFROSPACE INTERCHANGE

2025 ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT



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ABOUT THE BAND:

AFROSPACE INTERCHANGE is a collective of Melbourne musicians, formed to explore and celebrate the rich tradition of South African Jazz. The group coalesce around the extraordinary rhythmic impetus of drummer Brian Abrahams (Sarah Vaughan, Nancy Wilson, Abdullah Ibrahim, Dewey Redman, Archie Shepp) and his legacy as a living legend of this art form.



The house band, co-led by bassist Zvi Belling and pianist Pat Jaffe, is joined by a diverse range of weekly guests, creating a cultural exchange between Australian and South African improvisers. Over 60 guests have now featured, including South Africa's Jason Reolon and Sello Molefi, touring members of the UK band Cymande, and stalwarts of the Melbourne scene such as Nkechi Anele, Flora Carbo, Audrey Powne, Callum Mintzis, Holly Moore, Cheryl Durongpisitkul, Ronny Ferella, Zac O'Connell and Ebs Daramola.

Over the past two years, the band has honed its sound through a weekly Wednesday night residency at Old Plates Record Bar in Fitzroy. The residency has quickly established a reputation as one of the city's most joyous and exciting musical hang-outs.



DEBUT RELEASE:

Afrospace Interchange hit the ground running in February 2025, releasing two singles *Lulu in Adderly Street* (ft. Sandile Gotsana) and *Curious Anomaly*, written by drummer Brian Abrahams.

These singles capture the essence of Afrospace, a cultural interchange between South Africa and Australian musicians, culture and community. Afrospace Interchange has seen success in radio play and a continuing two-year residency at Old Plates Record Store.

Listen via Bandcamp Here:



Afrospace Interchange is excited to announce their debut album 'Old Plates' is set for release May 2025, on the Rear Ear Records label. Recorded & mixed at The Rolling Stock Recording Rooms by ZEDSIX.

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**DEBUT VINYL
OUT MAY 2025**



MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

(please contact for full member biographies)

Brian Abrahams - South African jazz drummer/singer with an illustrious career, performing with legends like Sarah Vaughan, Nancy Wilson, Abdullah Ibrahim, Dudu Pukwana and Johnny Dyani. Long term member of Chris McGregor's *Brotherhood of Breath*, the *Grand Union Orchestra* and founded his own influential group *District Six*.

Zvi Belling (ZEDSIX) - Bassist/composer/founder of *The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra* and *The Afrobotics*. Formerly of pioneering hip-hop acts *Disasterware* and *The Inflatables*, he has played with Hugh Masekela, Femi Kuti, Juluka, PJ Powers, Barney Rachabane, McCoy Mrubata and Zim Ngqawana

Fem Belling - Award-winning jazz vocalist/violinist and theatre star (5 FNB Vita Awards). Performed for Queen Elizabeth II, at Nelson Mandela's funeral, on London's West End, and with Barney Rachabane, Marcus Wyatt, Buddy Wells, Hugh Masekela and Gloria Bosman.

Pat Jaffe - Pianist/composer and 2020 Allan Zavod Award winner. Worked as a composer/arranger for *Nai Palm (Hiatus Kaiyote)*, Academy Award winner Markéta Irglová, *Flinders Quartet* and the *Jazzlab Orchestra*.

Kasinda Faase - Flautist/saxophonist blending jazz, afrobeat, and psychedelic rock. Performed with Ebo Taylor and Zamrock legends *WITCH*. Classically trained at Melbourne Conservatorium and part of *Heavy Amber* and *The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra*.

Nic Ryan-Glenie - Trumpeter/Multi-instrumentalist touring with MTV-nominated artist *Vance Joy* and *Saskwatch*. Performed at Glastonbury, Coachella, and supported *Earth, Wind & Fire*. Leads *Owelu Dreamhouse* and *Let Your Hair Down*.

Leon Stenning - Guitarist with 20+ years of global performances in the UK, Europe and Asia. Collaborated with Martha Reeves, Nathan Haines, Joe Bataan and Dill Katz.

Ron Romero - woodwinds specialist originally from the US, who has played with bands such as *Hiatus Kaiyote*, Guy Sebastian, Robbie Williams and *Human Nature*.

