



Playboys' jazz a wind-up for festival

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Closing Party
 Dome Café Albany
 March 14 and 15, 7pm
 Tickets \$25, available from
 Albany Town Hall, 9844 2222
 Swing Dance Workshop
 Uniting Church Hall
 March 14, 2pm
 Tickets \$15, available from
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HAVING never been involved in a Perth International Arts Festival before, Adam Hall is surprised he and his five-piece band The Velvet Playboys were asked to both open and close the event.

The popular band were approached to open the festival in Perth back in November and now they are set to close the Great Southern program with a bang next weekend at Dome Café.

In two big nights of old-style entertainment, the popular jazz band will



Adam Hall is looking forward to coming to Albany with his band The Velvet Playboys next weekend.

play music from the 1930s right through to the 1960s and will be joined by Perth professional dance group Simply Swing Dance.

Mr Hall said the dancers complemented the show and the band loved the audience to get involved.

"The dancing just visually adds to the whole show and they just make it look so easy," Mr Hall said.

He said the band was unpretentious and just wanted to entertain audiences rather than being weighed down with styles of jazz.

"We sort of just play songs we like and we don't pigeon-hole ourselves as any kind of artists or genre," Mr Hall said.

"Ultimately as a jazz band we want to entertain people and we want people to be involved," he said.

Mr Hall, who plays the trumpet and is lead vocalist, said he had been to Albany to play at

private functions before but this would be his first show for the people.

The Saturday show is already sold out but tickets are still available for Sunday's show.

The local group Jazz Masala have also organised a swing dance workshop with Simply Swing Dance on the Saturday.