

THE AUSTRALIAN JAZZ MUSEUM

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Australian music legends James Morrison AM and Paul Grabowsky AO are joining forces to relaunch a treat that has been awaiting jazz fans for 25 years.

Morrison is the Patron and Grabowsky the Jazz Ambassador for the Australian Jazz Museum, which is set to celebrate its first quarter-century in March.

Museum volunteers curate over 70 000 recordings, videos, posters, photographs, diaries and interviews.

Highlights of the collection include instruments used by Australian masters of the jazz genre.

The museum is fully staffed by volunteers, and runs on small federal, state and private grants. Initial funding, in 1996, came from Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, Arts Victoria, the Myer Foundation, the Ian Potter Foundation and the Pratt Foundation.

Described as Melbourne's best-kept music secret, the museum, at Koomba Park, Wantirna, needs more members, at \$50 a year, and more volunteers than the 15 who are keeping things running now. A free jazz Compilation CD and Quarterly Magazine comes with membership.

Training will be available to volunteers, and Community Groups can organise group tours, with lunch and Live Jazz performances, by contacting the museum. Jazz Improvisation workshops are run for musicians and students.

To Join, Volunteer, or book now, ring Anne on 0431 522 031 or email Margot on MDavies@ajm.org.au

For full details of the Museum see the web site <http://www.ajm.org.au>.

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