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Jazz legends get together to support SANE's work

After 40 years of playing with the world's most legendary jazz performers, Geoff Kluge and his wife Jan have invited many of their famous friends into the studio to record Geoff's most personal work to date: *Like It Is: A Dedication*.

Like It Is: A Dedication is a tribute to Jan's son Luke Murray, who took his own life in 1999, aged 28. Luke was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, a mental illness which can lead to extreme mood changes. The album features drawings by Luke, a gifted artist.

All proceeds from the sale of the album will go to support SANE Australia's work on suicide prevention.

'Luke was a loving son, a compassionate and intelligent young man. The CD is a tribute to his memory, born of great love,' says Jan.



Like It Is: A Dedication is a collection of jazz, standards, R&B and pop tunes and features Australian and international jazz legends including Bob Sedergreen, Paul Williamson, Gil Askey, Russell Smith, Mike Jordan and Bridgette Allen. The album also features cameo performances by Alex Hutchinson and Julia Messenger. Highlights include interpretations of modern classics such as 'Nature Boy', 'Blackbird' and 'I'll be Seeing You'.

Geoff says, 'we hope that these beautifully expressed interpretations will be enjoyed by many. It was a great pleasure for us to bring together such wonderful musicians, many of whom are living legends within the Australian jazz scene'.

Like It Is: A Dedication will be launched at Bennett's Lane Jazz Club in Melbourne on July 3 and 4.

Album

Like It Is: A Dedication
Geoff Kluge & The Changes
\$22.00

Available now from www.sane.org

Launch

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 July 2009
Bennetts Lane Jazz Club
25 Bennetts Lane, Melbourne

www.bennettslane.com

About Geoff

Geoff Kluge began his performing career in the late 1960s. His broad jazz and improvisation experience was gained through working with an impressive range of Australian and international musicians. As a freelance musician he has worked with orchestras, big bands and studio bands playing either double or electric bass. Geoff also teaches at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Note to editors

- Review copies are available on request
- Sample songs from *Like It Is: A Dedication* can be heard here: www.geoffkluge.com
- SANE Executive Director Barbara Hocking is available to discuss mental illness and suicide
- Information about bipolar disorder and suicide is available from the SANE website at www.sane.org

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SANE operates Australia's only national Freecall Helpline providing information and advice about symptoms, treatment and support services for mental illness:
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