

## **GAVIN TAKES CONSERVATORIUM BY STORM**

**The Australian International Conservatorium of Music (AICM) currently based in Harris Park, with a new campus opening in Rozelle/Balmain in mid 2008, is delighted to have recruited Gavin Ahearn to the teaching staff in 2008.**



### **Gavin Ahearn**

Known by "people that know" here in Australia. Gavin has built his reputation and honed his skills overseas for most of the last ten years. He has lived and worked in Europe and also New York where he recorded a fine debut trio album at the famous 'One Soul' recording studios. For the last 6 years Gavin has led an acoustic piano trio with U.S. musicians Chris Rikkenbach (bass) and Christian Coleman (drums).

Having returned to Australia in late 2007 Gavin is expecting a busy 2008 with performances at various Jazz Festivals (Norfolk Island, Newcastle), the release of a new acoustic jazz album featuring some of Australia's finest jazz musicians and the development of his pop/funk/soul band, Manaslu with their debut album Nomadic.

Conservatorium Principal, Dr Greg Whateley said "to attract musicians/teachers of the calibre of Gavin suggests that AICM (a small conservatorium with big plans) is certainly on the rise and

Gavin, along with many other fine faculty members, will continue to attract and support the cream of students from Sydney, Australia and beyond. We are delighted to have Gavin on the team and look forward to a range of developments in his area of expertise”.

**During 2008, Gavin will be teaching Jazz Piano.**