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THE EMPIRE GROOVES BACK

Groove Junction

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You didn't actually think that the ever so hip and cosmopolitan suburbs of Damansara and Desa Sri Hartamas would take the city centre's ownership of jazz laying down? What with Alexis and No Black Tie packing them in, the Mont'Kiara jazz

posse resigned itself to long treks to get their doses of wailing sax, fending for themselves outside the commuting comfort zone it knows and loves.

No more. Thanks to a new venue, Groove Junction, that imbalance of melodies has been set to right as Jennifer Thomas and Joanne Yeoh have opened their new opus to the form. The gamble has proved a hit as a steady stream of aficionados have come to alight in the bistro night after night. "We wanted to have a place where jazz lovers could come, chill out, listen or play to their hearts content," comments Thomas as she looks out over the crowd on a smoky and filled floor one Friday night. Reza Salleh, Groove Union, acts like Mia Palencia, Juwita Suwito and Sharizan Borhan will be making their home at Groove Junction but Thomas is decidedly mum about her international acts schedule. No matter: with terrific food, a solid entertainment line-up and a great location (located next to Chinese disco Soda) Groove Junction is the 'It' place for jazz this season.

