



Jazz singer Nina Ferro.

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Swinging high on jazz revival

IT MAY not be long before Nina Ferro is as well-known as Norah Jones and Diana Krall.

The Port Phillip jazz singer is riding the wave of success from jazz's resurgence on the music scene and will star in a concert next week.

She will take centre stage alongside Wilbur Wilde in *It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing* at the Melbourne Concert Hall on June 18.

Ferro, 29, has been a keen singer since her

school days, when she took lessons and sang in school productions and choirs.

She then went on to study at the Victorian College of Arts before leaving for the US to perform.

Her career has included working with artists such as Tony Bennett, Renee Geyer and Vanessa Amorosi and she has appeared on *Carols by Candlelight*, the *Royal Children's Hospital Appeal* and *GMA with Bert Newton*.

Ferro believes the recent resurgence in jazz's

popularity among mainstream audiences has occurred because people are sick of "plastic" music.

"Jazz has a lot of depth to it, and I think interest is certainly on the rise, which is great news for musicians," she said.

The concert will be performed at 11am and 1.30pm on June 18.

It is part of the Morning Melodies program, offering affordable daytime entertainment.

Bookings: 1300 136 166.