

# TROPICAL LOUNGE

is the creation of multi instrumentalists, arrangers and composers **AJ Leonard & David Billings**. Leonard is one of Australia's pioneer ukulele players and is highly regarded to be among the best in the world, while Billings is an inveterate performer with an extensive background in musicals and rock.

**A lush vocal sound that is absolutely irresistible...**

**Tropical Lounge** is an innovative, versatile quartet influenced by the popular, classic and show tunes of the 30's, 40's and 50's through to the present day. Folk, swing and island music make up a repertoire that includes original songs.



All members of **Tropical Lounge** are exceptional musicians. Individually they have had vast performance experience worldwide as well as being significant contributors to music education in Australia.

Leonard and Billings have co-produced three albums, *American Songbook*, *Australian Songbook*.and their latest recording, *English Songbook*. Jenny and Wendy Rowlands, the other half of **Tropical Lounge**, contributed significantly to the recording of the albums, both of which have received positive reviews in Australia and the USA.

<http://www.ajleonard.com/tropical-lounge>

## Selected Performances

- Illawarra Folk Festival NSW
- National Folk Festival ACT
- Newstead Live VIC
- Yackandandah Festival VIC
- Newport Folk Festival VIC
- Phillip Island Musicfest VIC
- Snowy Mtns Festival NSW
- Folkworld Fairbridge Festival WA
- Blue Mtns Music Festival NSW
- Wright On Broadway VIC
- Melbourne Ukulele Festival VIC
- Cairns Ukulele Festival QLD
- Sunshine Coast Ukulele Festival QLD

“This (*Tales From The Tropics*) is a wonderful album with a therapeutic feel to it and every song is a delight to listen to.” *Trad & Now*

“...there is a gentle and respectful spin on timeless melodies and lyrics that simply makes you smile.” *The Herald Sun*

“Fabulous. Best act at Tropulele... Great music, great skill, great stage personalities.” *Alex Tymson*

“The mix is excellent and the production is first-rate all the way. I truly enjoy everything I have heard from them. I'd love to see international recognition for this act.” *Ukulele Player Magazine*

“Love the shoes, love the Tropical clothes. Love the Tropical music. Love the band. Thank you.” *Fiona Rigby*