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Jazz at your place

Pianist Jade Leonard is offering free concerts to Moonee Valley residents with a piano in their homes.

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Jade creates a city of piano lounges

THE Beatles did it atop a building in London and AC/DC did it on the back of a truck in Swanston St.

And now an Essendon jazz singer is looking to do it in Moonee Valley residents' lounge rooms.

Jade Leonard, 29, is offering free 45-minute performances for residents with an acoustic piano as part of a personal challenge to perform a live concert every day for a year.

The concerts, which can be for birthday or anniversary celebrations, dinner parties or just a night in, include a selection of jazz standards and contemporary covers from the professionally trained performer.

They can be held anytime between 10am and 10pm.

"I know so many people who have

a piano in their homes and most of these go unplayed," Leonard said of the concept. "It seems like such a shame. I figured if you have one, I'll come and play it for you."

The songstress says the unique offer is part of a personal goal to become the best in her field.

"I'd been reading a lot of (motivational speaker) Tony

Roberts' books who says the best way to get unbelievably good at something, you have to do it each day," she said. "And rather than just play for myself I want to share, and who better to perform for than my neighbours."

The songstress has recently returned from a year abroad performing at five-star restaurants,

and performs corporate shows. The home concerts come with a few conditions, including that residents live in the Moonee Valley area, supply an upright or grand piano, and not an electronic keyboard, allow the performance to be photographed or recorded and that a free performance not exceed 45 minutes.

Special requests need to be made in advance.

► To register for a free home show email jade@jadeleonard.com