



### EVENT CALENDAR: WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2

27 April	Tuesday	Term 2 commences
15 May	Sunday 3pm	Foyer Concert: informal performances by MFE members
15 May	Sunday 3.45pm	MFE Annual General Meeting
8 June	Wednesday 5pm	<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i> Information session AUSO Music Theatre Workshop (youth to 18 yrs)
18 & 19 June	Sat & Sun 2-6pm	<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i> Auditions
19 June	Sunday 3pm	Asian Music Concert: performances by MFE groups & ensembles with new compositions by Nicholas Ng
26 June	Sunday 3pm	<i>The Goblin Next Door</i> Public Performance
27 June	Monday 10am	<i>The Goblin Next Door</i> Schools Performance
27 June	Monday 7pm	<i>The Goblin Next Door</i> Public Performance
28 June	Tuesday 10am	<i>The Goblin Next Door</i> Schools Performance AUSO Music Theatre Workshop Production (6-11yrs)

### MAKING NEWS AT MFE

- **TERM 2 starts on Tuesday 27 April: FEES DUE NOW!** To ensure your continuing place in your current program(s), make sure you return your Term 2 enrolment form with full payment by **Mon 18 April**. Check the new class & fee schedule for the cost of programs for Term 2.
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY 15 MAY, 3.45pm: get involved – be there!** Please find enclosed notice of our AGM and its agenda plus proxy voting forms and nomination forms for Council. Copies of the reports from the Artistic Director, President & Treasurer & 2004 financial statements will be available from the office in Term 2. The AGM will be a very short meeting at the end of our first informal Foyer Concert for 2005.
- **MEMBERS HANDBOOK:** Have you picked up your Handbook for 2005 from the office?
- **MUSIC FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AT TUGGERANONG ARTS CENTRE: MusicPlay classes to run in Term 2.** New MusicPlay classes for 2-3 and 3-4 year olds will be offered on Monday mornings at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre in Term 2: spread the word to your pre-school & playgroup friends! **MONDAY 4 APRIL: 10.00am 2-3 years & 10.45 3-4 yrs**
- **NEW FLUTE TUTOR = NEW FLUTE CLASSES:** Kiri Birtles is an experienced flute group and ensemble tutor now teaching at MFE. Kiri is keen to start group flute tuition for kids and adults, and also to set up a flute ensemble for flute students aged 9-13 years who are currently playing and would like to play with other students of similar age & ability. If you are interested in learning flute in a group or would like to play in the flute ensemble, contact MFE now at [info@mfe.org.au](mailto:info@mfe.org.au) or phone 6230 7190.
- **MORE NEW CLASSES START TERM 2: New places & classes are available in:** Percussion for adults & kids; beginner Guitar Groups for kids & adults; MusicPlay for pre-schoolers & MusicCraft for 5-9 yrs: plus Fiddle Fire Violin Ensemble & Cantabile Recorder Ensemble both for kids 9-13yrs.  
**For more info on new programs & classes for Term 2, visit [www.mfe.org.au](http://www.mfe.org.au).**
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you have basic email experience? Do you know a little about database entry? We need help updating the MFE members database. If you have a spare couple of hours, we would love to have your help. Contact Christine at [info@mfe.org.au](mailto:info@mfe.org.au).



### Strange Weather Gospel Choir News

**TSUNAMI AID CONCERT:** Congratulations to the Choir for a fantastic effort, organising & presenting a wonderful concert at the Erindale Centre, attracting an audience of 170 and raising \$3500 to aid victims of the tsunami. Well done to all the performers at the concert and particular thanks to the volunteer Choir committee who worked tirelessly to put on such a successful event. This year is the SWGC's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so look out for more exciting concerts soon!

### Act Up Sing Out News

Congratulations to **DAVID CRIBB**, winner of the **Canberra Area Theatre Encouragement Award** at a glittering ceremony held at the end of 2004. David won for his performances as Mole in the 2004 **AUSO production of *The Adventure of Mr Toad***, which received three (3!) nominations for CAT awards. David must be the youngest ever (9 years old!) recipient of a CAT award: well done! If you would like to be a part of this year's production, ***THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN***, open to youth aged up to 18 years, come along to the **Information Session, Wed 8 June 5pm at the Ainslie Arts Centre Hall**. AUSO director Nina Stevenson will explain all about the production and what's involved: don't miss this chance to become a star on the Canberra musical theatre stage! Meanwhile an energetic cast will perform the first AUSO Junior production of the year on **June 26-28**, Ainslie Arts Centre Hall. ***THE GOBLIN NEXT DOOR*** is an action-packed story about a noisy goblin who moves next door to the gentle folk of Fairy land, causing all sorts of trouble. **School groups should book now** for the 10am shows: contact the MFE office at [info@mfe.org.au](mailto:info@mfe.org.au) or phone 6230 7190. Don't miss the two public performances, **Sun 26 June at 3pm & Mon 27 June at 7pm**: tickets at the door: just \$3 for kids, and adults at children's prices.

### Asian Music Theme 2005

Music For Everyone began the exploration of Asian Music that is the theme for this year with two inspirational workshops in March by Shaku-hachi Grand Master and Taikoz performer **RILEY LEE**. Now our composer for the year, **NICHOLAS NG**, has begun work on three compositions to be performed at our **June 19 Asian Music Concert** by MFE ensembles **Grace Notes** (recorder), **String Swing** (violin) and **Tarantella** (guitar). **All MFE groups & ensembles** are invited to prepare a performance of Asian inspired music for this special concert - so start planning & practising now!

### DATES & EVENTS FOR 2005

MFE TERM DATES		MFE CONCERTS	
Term 1	7 February-8 April	Term 2	Foyer Concert Sunday 15 May 3pm
Term 2	26 April-1 July	Term 2	Asian Concert Sunday 19 June 3pm
Term 3	18 July-23 Sept	Term 3	Winter Warm-Up Sunday 28 August 1-4pm
Term 4	10 Oct-11 Dec	Term 4	Foyer Concert Sunday 6 Nov 3pm
		Term 4	Xmas Concerts Sundays 4 & 11 Dec
SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS 2005			
<b>Asian Music Theme</b>		Riley Lee Workshops: Shaku-hachi & Breathing	March 12-13
		Balinese Gamelan & Dance Workshops	Dates TBA
		Javanese Gamelan Performance	October
<b>Instrumental Workshop:</b>		Mark Walton Clarinet & Saxophone Clinic	7 August
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES 2005			
<i>The Goblin Next Door</i>	26-28 June	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	
<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i>	22-29 September	Belconnen Community Theatre	
<i>The Good, the Bad &amp; the Ugly</i>	20-22 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	
STRANGE WEATHER GOSPEL CHOIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR			
Visit <a href="http://www.strangeweather.org">www.strangeweather.org</a> for details of the Choir's performances & activities.			