



EVENT CALENDAR: Term 2 2007

Please note: check our website www.mfe.org.au for the venues for all special events

13 April	Friday	Last day of classes for Term 1
25 April	Wednesday	Anzac Day Public Holiday
30 April	Monday	Term 2 classes start. Re-enrolment and fees for Term 2 due for all continuing members
12-13 May	Sat & Sun	Mediterranean Music - Special Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Corelli's Songbook: Parissa Bouas • Darrabuka Drumming: Ilias Ellis
23 May	Wednesday 5pm	Act Up Sing Out Youth Workshop Information Session: <i>The Pinafore Pirates</i>
27 May	Sunday 3pm	Member's Concert
2-3 June	Sat & Sun	Act Sing Out Youth Workshop Auditions: <i>The Pinafore Pirates</i>
11 June	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
16-17 June	Sat & Sun	Mediterranean Music - Special Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Corelli's Songbook: Parissa Bouas • Darrabuka Drumming: Ilias Ellis • Gypsy Clarinet & saxophone: Linsey Pollak
17 June	Sunday	Mediterranean Music Finale Concert
1-3 July	Sun, Mon, Tue	Act Up Sing Out Junior Workshop 1 Public & school performances: <i>Out of This World</i>
6 July	Friday	End of Term 2

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE AINSLIE ARTS CENTRE:** On Friday 30 March we received some news from artsACT, the ACT Government unit within the Chief Minister's Department that is responsible for this arts facility. The advice is that the extensive repair and renovation work needed to restore the building to operational status is expected to begin in the third week of April, six and a half weeks after the super-cell storm event which badly damaged the building on 27 February. We have been advised that from the time work starts it will then take 6-8 weeks to complete this work. This means that for the moment we need to continue at our temporary locations for part of Term 2. We ask all our members to be patient and understanding of the difficulties this causes all of us.
- **TERM 2 STARTS FROM MONDAY 30 APRIL – FEES DUE.** Make sure you return your re-enrolment form with full payment for Term 2 2007 no later than MONDAY 30 APRIL, the first day of Term 2. After this date, MFE cannot guarantee that there will be vacancies in the program of your choice, as any unfilled places will be opened to people on our waiting lists – yes, there are still lots of people eager to join our programs despite all the chaos!
- **RE-ENROLLING:** members need to complete the enclosed YELLOW Term 2 enrolment form entering the programs you wish to enrol in. Consult the BLUE schedule of programs and fees to enter the codes, days, times and fees of your program(s) on the enrolment form. Please read the information on the yellow form about possible discounts before calculating your total costs, and also check the blue schedule carefully, noting the special Term 2 fee for continuing participants, with credits given for the cancelled lessons in Feb/March of Term 1.
- **HOW TO RE-ENROL & PAY:** At this difficult time we ask members to POST or FAX their form in with credit card details or enclosing cheques for payment. This will be the most reliable way of re-enrolling and paying your fees. We cannot guarantee our office hours in the present circumstances as the Ainslie Arts Centre is officially closed to the public. If you must pay by cash or need to use eftpos, we will aim to have the office manned between the hours of 12-2pm Mondays to Thursdays. However, if you enter the building at that time, it is at your own risk: the Centre is seriously damaged and will soon be a building site. You are advised to wear enclosed footwear. Under no circumstances bring children into the building with you or go into any part of the building other than the entrance and the MFE office. We also cannot guarantee that we will be open, as building works may not allow this. Phone us first to make sure someone will be there to process your enrolment.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS Term 2:** don't miss the opportunity to enrol in our **Mediterranean workshops in May and June: singing with Parissa Bouas, drumming with Ilias Ellis, clarinet and saxophone with Linsey Pollak.** You can read all about these unique weekends on our website. The **Finale Concert on Sunday 17 June** will be a great event, featuring all three visiting artists, the workshop participants, and our member ensembles and groups. Our tutors are already planning some great Mediterranean music performances for this event!

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Ainslie Arts Centre

The damage suffered by the Centre in the super-cell storm of 27 February is quite extensive and serious – it's not just a matter of needing the carpets replaced, as reported in The Canberra Times! Water filled the roof cavity, as the gutters were blocked solid with ice, and then the water poured into almost every part of the building straight through the ceilings. Rooms 1-4 and the hallways were very badly damaged, and the Music For Everyone offices were also badly hit. We lost two computers, photocopier, phones and a lot of other equipment and stuff in both offices. Our instrument and costume storerooms were also affected, but most things were not too badly damaged, except for our electrical equipment. We had no phone, electricity or computer connection for a week after the event, and even now it is only a very basic set-up. Unfortunately the Heritage nature of the building seems to have delayed the necessary assessment for the ACT Government's insurers, but hopefully work will begin in the 3rd week of April.

Thanks and congratulations

There are so many people and organisations who have been wonderfully supportive and helpful in this difficult situation. A very big thank you to **Phil Russell of Daramalan College, Christine Pilgrim and all her staff at Nth Ainslie Primary School, Fay Duffey of Gorman House Arts Centre, John Luxton and Rob Tidy of the ANU School of Music, Roslyn Dundas of AusdanceACT, Dave O'Neill of the Folk Festival and the staff of Belconnen Community Centre.** It was a miracle that we could find enough venues to have all our programs up and running in such a short space of time, and without the understanding and generosity of these people and places it would not have been possible to achieve what we did. We will be continuing at these venues for Term 2 until the Ainslie Arts Centre is repaired – except Act Up Sing Out which relocates to Corroboree Park, Ainslie.

Our tutors have been as dedicated and good-natured as ever, carting around a lot of extra stuff from place to place and doing without anything much in the way of admin support, so a big thank you to them as well. **Our core office staff** have bravely struggled on in appalling conditions, dealing with many difficult tasks and without much time or resources on hand to do anything: thank you to them, and please, remember that they continue to need your patience and understanding, as we are not out of the woods yet. **The MFE Council** has also had to meet frequently and solve many tricky problems, so thank you to those volunteer Council members.

We managed to hold our **Annual General Meeting** as planned on Sunday 25 March at Gorman House Arts Centre. Many thanks to Gerry Foster and his brand new ensemble **Saxophonix**, and Bill Grose and the adult guitar ensemble **Tarantella**, who supported this event with really inspiring musical performances that certainly lifted everyone's spirits: thank you very much to those tutors and to all the members of the ensembles. Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the **MFE Council**, all of whom have continued on from last year: **Patty Hobsbawn, President; Michael Johns, Vice-President; Peter Simpson, Treasurer; John Doyle, Secretary, and members Tony Burslem and Lynne Clune.** Music For Everyone would love to have some more members volunteer to serve on Council as there is plenty to do! If you are interested please drop us an email at info@mfe.org.au and someone will give you a ring to fill you in on what is involved in being a Council member – it's easy!

Volunteers: how you can help

We urgently need volunteers to help us in this difficult time, in two different ways. Firstly, we are seeking volunteers to caretake at our venues in Term 2. This would involve sitting on the door for a period of the afternoon or evening at either Nth Ainslie Primary or Daramalan. If you could make yourself reliably available for a couple of hours on a particular day, please let us know, preferably by emailing us at info@mfe.org.au. Secondly, over the next weeks we will need volunteers to help with sorting and moving around all sorts of things that are currently piled in random order in the Hall. If you can help, please email us at info@mfe.org.au and we'll put you on our list of volunteers.

Special events in Term 2

As well as our Mediterranean workshops and concert this term, **Act Up Sing Out** presents the first Junior Workshop production for the year, **OUT OF THIS WORLD**, a crazy space fantasy musical that kids and their families will love. **Schools should book now** to reserve their places for the schools performances: **10am Monday 2 July and 10am Tuesday 3 July**; and there will be two **public performances** on **Sunday 1 July at 3pm and Monday 2 July at 6.30pm**, everyone welcome, tickets at the door. This show will be on at the Ainslie Arts Centre Hall as we're sure the renovations will be completed by then. **Act Up Sing Out** will also hold **auditions** for the Youth Workshop production, **THE PINAFORE PIRATES**, rehearsing during Term 3 and in performance at the Belconnen Theatre in the October school holidays. If you would like to be part of that show, come along to the **Info Session on Wednesday 23 May at 5pm**: but you'll need to check the website to find out the venue for that session!

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR 2007

MFE TERM DATES 2007		MFE CONCERTS 2007	
Term 1	12 Feb - 13 April	Term 2	Members Concert Sunday 27 May 3pm
Term 2	30 April - 6 July	Term 2	Mediterranean Concert Sunday 17 June
Term 3	23 July-28 September	Term 3	Winter Warm-Up Sunday 9 September
Term 4	15 October-14 December	Term 4	Members Concert Sunday 4 November 3pm
		Term 4	Xmas Concerts Sundays 2 & 9 December
SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS 2007			
Mediterranean Music Workshops:		Feb/May/June	
Voice –Parissa Bouas; Drumming – Ilias Ellis; Clarinet & Sax –Linsey Pollak		Concert 17 June	
Commission for clarinets, saxophones, voice and percussion – Linsey Pollak		Performance 17 June	
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES 2007			
Out Of This World	1-3 July	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	
Pinafore Pirates	4-10 October	Belconnen Community Theatre	
The Sound of Christmas	18-20 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	