

EVENT CALENDAR: Holidays & Term 2 2008

Mon 7 April	Due date for re-enrolment & fee payment for Term 2
Fri 11 April	Last day of classes for Term 1
Sun 20 - Thu 24 April	Australian World Rhythms Festival & Drumming Workshop ANU School of Music ENROLMENTS STILL OPEN
Fri 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Mon 28 April	Term 2 classes start.
Sun 18 May 3pm	Member's Concert
Wed 4 June 5pm	Act Up Sing Out Youth Workshop Info Session: <i>Olivia</i>
Mon 9 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Sun 15 June	<i>Latin Fiesta</i> Annual Theme Concert
Wed 18 & Sat 21 June	Act Sing Out Youth Workshop Auditions: <i>Olivia</i>
Sun 22 - Tue 24 June: Sun 22 June 3pm Mon 23 June 10am (schools) Mon 23 June 6pm Tue 24 June 10 am (schools)	Act Up Sing Out: <i>The Circus</i> Public & school performances: all tickets \$4.00 Public: tickets at the door only, no bookings School shows: bookings essential for groups ph 6230 7190 public welcome to school shows if not booked out
Friday 4 July	End of Term 2
Mon 7 - Fri 11 July	<i>Create your own Carnival</i> : Holiday workshop for 9-11yrs

- MONDAY 7 APRIL: due date for re-enrolment & payment of Term 2 fees!** Make sure you return your re-enrolment form with full fees payment for Term 2 2008 no later than MONDAY 7 APRIL. After this date, MFE cannot guarantee that there will be a place for you in the program of your choice, as any unenrolled places will be opened to the many people on our waiting lists. Please note that Family and MusicPlus discounts are only available on fees paid by this due date. Members should also note that an administration fee of \$25 per member may be charged on enrolments & payments received after the due date, if that enrolment can be placed & is accepted.
- HOLIDAY DRUMMING WORKSHOP 20-24 APRIL: for adults & youth from 12 yrs UPDATE: The enrolment deadline for this workshop has been extended, ENROL NOW!** In the April school holidays, Music For Everyone is collaborating with the ANU School of Music and the ACT Government on a really exciting project. Don't miss this unique opportunity: participate in a great holiday workshop AND perform at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay! **The Australian World Rhythms Festival 2008 is a 5-day world drumming workshop and festival**, featuring leading percussion performers and expert educators from around the world, including the wonderful TUZA AFUTU who led Music For Everyone's exciting African drumming workshops in 2006, internationally renowned performer and drum circle expert KALANI, plus our own fabulous MFE tutor Jim Sharrock. Visit our website www.mfe.org.au and go to Special Events to read all about the workshop and the artists, and you can also download an enrolment form there. This workshop is open to adults and youth from 12 years, beginner to advanced skill level, so everyone can have a go! And remember, MFE members are eligible for a discounted enrolment fee.
- ACT UP SING OUT: change of dates for info and auditions for Term 3 Youth Workshop** Please note the dates listed above for the Info Session and Auditions for *Olivia (Oliver with a twist!)*, our exciting music theatre show which runs as a workshop in Term 3 with performances at the Belconnen Theatre in the October school holidays. These dates are an update to those originally on our website, so make sure you note them down if you are a young performer interested in being in this show. It's a bit hard to describe *Olivia*, except to say that the heroine Olivia is a female version of Oliver, but there are many excellent lead roles for boys and girls with some previous experience, playing a whole host of colourful London characters, drawn from the pages of Dickens and from the musical *My Fair Lady*!

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Rock School Holiday Workshop & Performances January-February 2008

Again this workshop was very popular, with many young rock hopefuls missing out on a place this time – there is a limit to the number of rock bands we can squeeze into the Ainslie Arts Centre at one time! 30 kids in 6 bands worked incredibly hard and learnt a lot over 5 days with the expert tutor team of drummer Jim Sharrock, guitarists David Rodriguez-Lovibond and Rafael Jerjen, singer Nick Keeling and keyboard player Munro Melano. The bands then took part in an exciting series of concerts that were all very impressive: a final showcase at the Ainslie Arts Centre for parents & friends, an open-air concert at the National Museum of Australia, plus two weekends of performances in Civic Square and Garema Place for the National Multicultural Festival. Two of the Rock School bands, The Fuse and Room 45, were also invited to perform for more than 300 high school students at the ACT Youth Week Interact Conference, held at the Ainslie Arts Centre on Friday 4 April. Now we're not sure yet if it's possible, but as so many kids missed out on the workshop this time, MFE will look at whether we can run an October Rock School workshop – if you are interested in a Rock School workshop in the October holidays, maybe you can email us at info@mfe.org.au

Papalote! South American group performs at the Multicultural Festival 16 February

Music For Everyone was delighted to bring South American group, Papalote, to Canberra for one concert only in this year's National Multicultural festival. As visiting artists for our annual theme of Latin American music, Justo Diaz and his friends gave the packed audience at the Canberra Theatre's Courtyard Studio a virtual tour of South America in music, demonstrating a fascinating range of instruments and an equally impressive range of talents as singers, percussionists and instrumentalists. Papalote take their music and instruments to schools and festivals all over Australia, and it may be possible to invite them back in Term 3 for some schools concerts at the Ainslie Arts Centre. If you are interested in a Papalote schools performance here at Music For Everyone, send us an email at info@mfe.org.au and maybe we'll ask them back!

Ensembles concert & Annual General Meeting 30 March

Thank you to the ensembles and tutors who presented an excellent MFE Concert this March. We heard some great music and there was impressive development in the playing skills of several ensembles, both established and new: Saxophonix, String Swing, Sempre Swing, Tarantella and Kaleidoscope. At our AGM, members elected the following people to form our Council for the next 12 months: President Patty Hobsbawn, Vice-President Lynne Clune, Secretary John Doyle and members Steve Webber and Boris Djurkovic. Treasurer Peter Simpson also agreed to continue in that important role as a co-opted member of Council, but the MFE Council will need a new Treasurer from 1 July, and a few more Council member as well would be terrific: email info@mfe.org.au if you are interested

Special events in Term 2

MFE members and tutors are already planning some great items for a wonderful concert of South American music, **LATIN FIESTA, Sunday 15 June at 3pm**. That concert will also feature performances of music specially commissioned from composer Michael Sollis for several MFE ensembles. Also in June, **Act Up Sing Out** presents the first Junior Workshop production for the year, **THE CIRCUS**, a musical with heaps of entertaining circus characters & tricks that kids and their families will love. **Schools should book now** to reserve their places for the schools performances: **10am Monday 23 June and 10am Tuesday 24 June**, and there will be two **public performances on Sunday 22 June at 3pm and Monday 23 June at 6pm**, everyone welcome, tickets at the door. Act Up Sing Out will also hold **auditions** for the Youth Workshop production, **OLIVIA – Oliver with a twist!**, 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 4 June at 5pm**.

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR 2008

MFE TERM DATES 2008		MFE CONCERTS 2008	
Term 1	11 Feb - 11 April	Term 2	Members Concert Sunday 18 May 3pm
Term 2	28 April - 4 July	Term 2	Latin Fiesta Concert Sunday 15 June 3pm
Term 3	21 July-26 September	Term 3	Winter Warm-Up Sunday 31 August
Term 4	13 October-12 December	Term 4	Members Concert Sunday 2 November 3pm
		Term 4	End of Year Concerts Sundays 7 & 14 December
SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS 2008			
Latin American Music Theme:			
<i>Latin Fiesta!</i> annual theme concert		Sun 15 June	
Commissions for MFE ensembles– composer Michael Sollis		Sun 15 June	
<i>Create your own Carnival:</i> Latin American themed holiday workshop 9-11yrs		Mon 7- Fri 11 July	
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES 2008			
<i>The Circus</i>	22-24 June	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	
<i>OLIVIA – Oliver with a twist!</i>	1-8 October	Belconnen Community Theatre	
<i>The Magical Christmas Box</i>	23-25 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	