


EVENT CALENDAR: Holidays & Term 2 2009

Mon 6 April	Due date for re-enrolment & fee payment for Term 2
Thu 9 April	Last day of classes for Term 1
Fri 10 April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 27 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Tue 28 April	Term 2 classes start.
Sun 17 May 3pm	Members Concert
Wed 20 May 5pm	Act Up Sing Out Youth Workshop Info Session: <i>Ginger Meggs</i>
Sat 30 & Sun 31 May	Act Sing Out Youth Workshop Auditions: <i>Ginger Meggs</i>
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Sun 21 June - Tue 23 June	Act Up Sing Out Performances: <i>Blunder Down Under</i>
Sun 28 June 3pm	<i>Celebrate Australia!</i> Annual Theme Concert
Mon 29 June	Due date for re-enrolment & fee payment for Term 3
Fri 3 July	End of Term 2

- MONDAY 6 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 2009 no later than MONDAY 6 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.
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CELLO: a new instrument for Music For Everyone's tuition program Starting in Term 2, MFE will offer cello tuition, both group and individual, as a great new addition to our instrumental program. Our new teacher Liam will teach youth & adults on Wednesday – contact the MFE office straight away if you are interested.
- ACT UP SING OUT: dates for info and auditions for Term 3 Youth Workshop** If you are a young performer interested in music theatre, make sure you note the dates listed above for the Info Session and Auditions for *Ginger Meggs*, our exciting music theatre show which runs as a workshop in Term 3 with performances at the Belconnen Theatre in the October school holidays. We're all looking forward to seeing that mischievous cartoon character Ginger Meggs and all his mates on stage in a fun show that's been a hit in productions around Australia. Great parts for boys and girls, so come along to the Info Session and find out more. And details of the Junior AUSO performances are below.

act UP sing OUT Junior Music Theatre production

BLUNDER DOWN UNDER



21-23 June Ainslie Arts Centre

A great show for kids & their families!

Family shows: Sun 21 June 3pm & Mon 22 June 6pm All tickets \$4 at the door

School shows: Mon 22 June 10am & Tue 23 June 10am

Bookings essential for school shows Ph 6230 7190 Email: info@mfe.org.au

Don't miss our first Act Up Sing Out show for the year! The bush erupts when Stanley Stork's blundering nephew, Emmet Emu, mucks up a special delivery of a baby wallaby. What will happen & who will sort it out?

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Rock School becomes Rock Academy & Youth week performances 27& 28 March

Again this summer holiday workshop was very popular, with many young rock hopefuls missing out on a place this time – but hopefully they will enrol and enjoy the second Rock School workshop for the year in the October school holidays. The Summer Rock School bands 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. And this year, we have moved on to the second stage of this program: Rock Academy. Around 25 Rock School alumni in 5 bands have enrolled in a weekly program, meeting to rehearse and write music on Friday afternoons, with Rock School tutors on hand as mentors. The Fuse, Morning After and Hail Lucy Nation performed at the Tuggeranong Moon Festival on Sunday 15 March – it was great to take the Rock School vibe out to this town centre. And there are more performances coming up soon for the Rock School/Academy bands in Youth Week– at the Youth Week Expo in Garema Place on Friday 27 March at 6pm, and then the following day at a special Earth Hour event at New Acton on Saturday 28 March at 7pm. Visit our website for more details of these performances, and if you are interested in a Rock School workshop in the October holidays, email us at info@mfe.org.au

Act Up Sing Out News

Congratulations to Courtney Blanch who WON the CAT Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Youth Musical for her performance of Eliza in Act Up Sing Out's production of Olivia! This was a truly amazing achievement as Courtney performed this role without any real rehearsal as this character, after Maddie Furner who originally played the role so well became seriously ill after the first performance. And the whole cast and creative team of Olivia! are congratulated on their nomination for a CAT Award for Best Youth Musical. Act Up Sing Out Juniors are busily rehearsing the Australian Bush musical, Blunder Down Under, for performances in June. Our new AUSO tutor team of Director Dianna Nixon and Assistant Director Vanessa Nimmo are working with the children on some very creative ideas for this show with its cast of bush animals, so make sure you catch the Blunder Down Under shows in June – see below. Young performers are also invited to audition for the AUSO Youth show Ginger Meggs. This show is a real winner, with lots of scope for some great acting for boys and girls in some very likeable character parts. Info session and auditions are in May, see calendar at the start of this newsletter & below.

New support for the program of music for people with disabilities

Thank you to The Snow Foundation and their CEO, Georgina Byron, for their wonderful philanthropic support of this important MFE program, which offers unique opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in music. Georgina visited MFE and sat in on one of Julie's music activity sessions, and was most impressed with what this program and its participants achieve. The Snow Foundation have committed a substantial amount of financial support to the PWD program for both 2009 and 2010. This support will enable MFE to keep the fees charged for this program at their current level, and we also hope to start an additional class, as most of the current classes running at both the Ainslie and Tuggeranong Art Centres are operating at full capacity.

Special events in Term 2

MFE members and tutors are already planning some great items for a Members Concert, Sunday 17 May 3pm, and for a wonderful concert of AUSTRALIAN music, CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA, Sunday 28 June at 3pm. Also in June, Act Up Sing Out presents the first Junior Workshop production for the year, BLUNDER DOWN UNDER, a musical with heaps of entertaining bush animal characters that kids and their families will love. Schools should book now to reserve their places for the schools performances: 10am Monday 22 June and 10am Tuesday 23 June, and there will be two public performances on Sunday 21 June at 3pm and Monday 22 June at 6pm, everyone welcome, tickets at the door. Act Up Sing Out will also hold auditions for the Youth Workshop production, GINGER MEGGS!, rehearsing during Term 3 and in performance at the Belconnen Theatre in the October school holidays. If you would like to audition for this show, come along to the Info Session on Wednesday 20 May at 5pm.

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR 2009

MFE TERM DATES 2009		MFE CONCERTS 2009	
Term 1	9 Feb - 9 April	Term 1	MFE Ensembles Concert Sunday 29 March 3pm
Term 2	28 April - 3 July	Term 2	Members Concert Sunday 17 May 3pm
Term 3	20 July-25 September	Term 2	Australian Theme Concert Sunday 28 June 3pm
Term 4	12 October-11 December	Term 3	Winter Warm-Up Sunday 30 August
		Term 4	Members Concert Sunday 8 November 3pm
		Term 4	End of Year Concerts Sundays 6 & 13 December
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES 2009			
Blunder Down Under	21-23 June	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	
Ginger Meggs	30 Sept-7 Oct	Belconnen Community Theatre	
Ned Kelly	22-24 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	