



EVENT CALENDAR: WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3

18 July	Monday	Term 3 commences
18 July	Monday 5pm	<i>The Good the Bad and the Donkey</i> Information session AUSO Music Theatre Workshop (7-11yrs)
7 August	Sunday: two half day sessions	Clarinet & saxophone workshop with MARK WALTON of the NSW Conservatorium of Music
22-23 Sept	Schools shows 11am	<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i> schools shows plus 12 public performances, all at Belconnen Community Theatre. Bookings: 6247 1223 The Street Theatre. AUSO Music Theatre Workshop Production
23-29 Sept	Opening night 7pm then various times: 11am, 3pm & 7pm	

MAKING NEWS AT MFE

- **TERM 3 starts on Monday 18 July: fees due NOW!** To ensure your continuing place in your current program(s), make sure you return your Term 3 enrolment form with full payment by **Wed 13 July**. Please check the Term 3 class list & fee schedule for the cost of programs.
- **MORE NEW CLASSES START TERM 3: New places & classes are available in:** Beginner Guitar Groups kids & adults; NEW percussion class & NEW drum kit class for adults; NEW classes in MusicPlay for pre-schoolers and MusicCraft for 5-9 yrs; plus Fiddle Fire Violin Ensemble for kids. **More info on new programs & classes for Term 3 at www.mfe.org.au.**
- **CALLING ALL 7-11 year olds: Act Up Sing Out (AUSO) has a new workshop starting in Term 3**, running through to November performances of a great Christmas-themed show, called ***The Good, the Bad and the Donkey***. This is your chance to have fun learning the skills of music theatre - singing, acting and dancing - no previous experience necessary. Come along to the **Information session at 5pm Monday 18 July** to find out more: see AUSO news over page.
- **MARK WALTON'S CLARINET & SAXOPHONE WORKSHOP AUGUST 7:** with nationally acclaimed teacher, performer, arranger and music publisher Mark Walton of the NSW Conservatorium of Music. Mark regularly tours Australia with his wonderful workshops, and this is a great opportunity for Canberra players of all ages and levels, as well as for music teachers and band leaders: sign up now as places are limited. There are two half-day sessions for players of different skill levels. **More info on this workshop at www.mfe.org.au.**
- **WINTER WARM-UP AUGUST 28:** MFE's annual open day will be a fun-filled event with lots of MFE members performing, food and drink for sale, and some special displays. Last year it was a great success with lots of people turning up to see and hear what we do at MFE. MFE volunteers are needed for setting up and packing up on the day, as well as helping at the food stalls. There's plenty to do for every MFE member: get involved, have some fun!
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Have you ever sorted or filed archives? Could you help tidy up a collection of sheet music into a library? If you have a spare couple of hours, we would love to have your help. Contact Christine at info@mfe.org.au or phone 62307190.
- **MFE COUNCIL 2005/6:** Music For Everyone members elected a new president at the AGM in May, congratulations to clarinet player Patty Hobsbawn! Michael Johns, formerly President, continues as Vice-President and also re-elected were Peter Simpson Treasurer, Tony Burslem and Phoebe Bowles. Retiring from Council were Frances Brand and Ron Davies: thank you to all these volunteer MFE members for contributing their time and skills to our Council.
- **MEMBERS HANDBOOK:** Have you picked up your Handbook for 2005 from the office?



Strange Weather Gospel Choir News

The Choir performed most successfully for the general public at the National Museum in April and then many choir members took part in Canberra workshops with the very famous Tony Backhouse in May. This year is the SWGC's 10th anniversary, so look out for more exciting concerts and special events soon! Visit their website for details: www.strangeweather.org

Act Up Sing Out News

Caught In the Act! MFE Act Up Sing Out students & alumni are popping up in productions all over Canberra this year, competing successfully at auditions, in some cases against adults for the roles!

Jenny McLean and Michelle Cooper both appeared recently in Queanbeyan Player's *The Pajama Game*, directed by MFE director Nina Stevenson and MFE musical director Rose Shorney. Brendan Hawke, now studying drama at the ANU has appeared in *Tommy*, *Hair* and Teatro Vivaldi's *What I Learned from the Musicals*. Jaime Isfahani appeared in Queanbeyan Player's *Utopia* and Tempo's *Cinderella* (receiving special mention from the critics. Jessica Bingley also appeared in *Utopia*.

If you would like to be a part of the next Junior production, **THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE DONKEY**, open to all children aged 7-11 yrs, no experience necessary, come along to the **Information Session, Monday 18 July 5pm at the Ainslie Arts Centre Hall**. The Junior Workshop will run during Terms 2 & 3 with performances of this delightful Christmas themed-tale in November at the Ainslie Arts Centre. Meanwhile an energetic and talented cast will perform the second AUSO production of the year **from September 22-29, Belconnen Community Theatre**. **THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN** is ideal holiday entertainment for the whole family and will be a great AUSO show, directed by Nina Stevenson, with musical direction by Rose Shorney. **School groups and holiday programs** should book with us now for special price shows: contact the MFE office at info@mfe.org.au or phone 6230 7190. Families should check our website and newspapers in August for details of the public performances: tickets will be \$12 for kids, with adults at children's prices. Bookings available from late August through The Street Theatre Box Office 6247 1223.

Asian Music Theme 2005 & Term 2 concerts

Shakuhachi Grand Master **Riley Lee** returned for a follow-up workshop with some keen shakuhachi beginners in May. The next day was our first **foyer concert** for the year, with great performances from recorder, flute and violin students of **Mary Burbrook de Vere**, **Barbara Jerjen** and **Katherine Owen**: thank you and well done to all those MFE members and tutors. The **Asian Music Concert** was a really wonderful experience for performers and audience alike. MFE ensembles **Grace Notes** (recorder), **String Swing** (violins) and **Tarantella** (guitar) gave great performances of the very beautiful works commissioned from composer **Nicholas Ng**. There were other fascinating performances of Asian music from flute and recorder players, plus several guest performers including Riley's shakuhachi students. Then as a grand finale, Nicholas Ng and friends provided the music and LION for a most spectacular Lion Dance. Thank you and congratulations to all!

DATES & EVENTS FOR 2005

MFE TERM DATES		MFE CONCERTS	
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			
Instrumental Workshop: Mark Walton Clarinet & Saxophone Clinic		7 August	
Asian Music Theme: Balinese Gamelan & Dance Workshops		Dates TBA	
Javanese Gamelan Performance		October	
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES 2005			
<i>The Goblin Next Door</i>		27-29 June	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall
<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i>		22-29 September	Belconnen Community Theatre
<i>The Good, the Bad & the Donkey</i>		21-23 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall
STRANGE WEATHER GOSPEL CHOIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR			
Visit www.strangeweather.org for details of the Choir's performances & activities.			