


EVENT CALENDAR: Term 3 2007

Please note: all events at the Ainslie Arts Centre unless otherwise indicated

Friday 6 July	Last day of classes for Term 2
Monday 23 July	Term 3 classes start Re-enrolment and fees for Term 3 due for all continuing members
Monday 23 July 5pm	Act Up Sing Out Junior Workshop 2 Information Session: <i>The Sound of Christmas</i>
Sunday 9 September 1pm-4pm	Winter Warm Up: Music For Everyone's annual open day
Friday 28 September	Last day of classes for Term 3
Thur 4 - Wed 10 October	Act Up Sing Out Youth Workshop: School holidays show: <i>The Pinafore Pirates</i> at Belconnen Community Theatre For details of performance times visit www.mfe.org.au

- **TERM 3 starts on MONDAY 23 JULY: fees due NOW!** To ensure your continuing place in your current program(s), make sure you return your PURPLE Term 2 enrolment form with full payment no later than Monday 23 July, the first day of Term 3 classes. After this date, MFE cannot guarantee that your place will be kept in the program(s) of your choice. You can post it, fax it or drop it in during office hours Mon-Thurs 11am-6pm. Check the new GREEN class & fee schedule for the cost of programs for Term 3: your enrolment form & the schedule are mailed to you with this newsletter.
- **Vacancies in some programs:** As our waiting lists were a casualty of the storm, and we also didn't want to start too many new members when we were at so many different venues, we do have some vacant spots in the following programs – MusicPlay; individual music therapy; drum-kit or drumming for kids & adults; beginner guitar groups for kids; electric and bass guitar; & individual tuition spots in violin, clarinet, saxophone and flute. If you are interested in enrolling in a new program, please get in touch with us at the office to see if there is a place to suit you.
- **Our website and email messages** proved to be very important methods of communication for us during the last two terms, so MFE will continue to use both of these to keep members up-to-date between newsletters. Can we suggest you save our email address info@mfe.org.au into your address book or make us a "friend" so that our messages don't get blocked by your spam filters or end up in your junk mail folders. If you change your email address or any of your contact details, remember to let us know so we can update our database. And if you need to know more about dates, times, or events at MFE, check the Latest News page and Special Events page on our website www.mfe.org.au. The program schedule for each term & enrolment forms are also downloadable from the How To Join page.
- **ACT UP SING OUT** has a **NEW Junior Workshop (for 7-11yrs)** running in Terms 3 & 4 and this workshop will perform a fun-filled Xmas show *The Sound of Christmas* in November. The important **Info Session** for this workshop is on the first **Monday of Term 3, 23 July at 5pm** – make sure you come along to this Info session if you are interested in being in this workshop. The special AUSO Junior Workshop enrolment form will be available at the Info session & also on our website www.mfe.org.au from Friday 20 July. MFE will accept & process applications on the correct form for this very popular workshop only from **11am Tues 24 July**, the day after the Info Session.
- **WINTER WARM UP: MFE Open Day Sunday 9 September 1pm-4pm** This is a big event for Term 3. We'd love to have the very best of all our programs on show and hope lots of MFE members will come along to perform, listen to others perform, & enjoy this special MFE day. Start talking to your MFE tutors now about what you can do at Winter Warm-Up.
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOW: THE PINAFORE PIRATES** is Act Up Sing Out's major production of the year, on in the **October school holidays Thur 4 - Wed 10 October** at the Belconnen Community Theatre. This is a fun show for all the family, with favourite characters from many of the famous Gilbert & Sullivan shows (including lots of pirates!) all mixed up together in one entertaining musical! Check our website & The Canberra Times from August for details of the show times and where to book.

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The Ainslie Arts Centre

As our members would know, the repairs to the Ainslie Arts Centre have taken quite a bit longer than hoped, but Term 3 should see everything back to normal. Thank you for your patience with the many inconveniences and changes that happened throughout Term 2. When the building is back to normal, we also need to return to using it responsibly: you can help by closing windows, turning off lights, and returning music-stands to the store room, if you or your group are the last to use a room. Parents are reminded that children need to be supervised at all times and that running or boisterous play is not allowed in the Centre.

Members Concert

A wonderful members concert took place on Sunday 27 May, in fact there were so many people eager to perform we had to divide into two concerts! It was very encouraging and rewarding to see so many MFE members, their families and friends back in the Ainslie Arts Centre and enjoying making music together, even if we had to contend with a little extra competition from the alarm system, plus an obstacle course to get into the Hall, as the Centre was still very much a construction site at that time. There were great performances from a number of our members and in particular from our ensembles who were most impressive. Many thanks to the tutors and members involved, and we are looking forward to more fabulous performances from everyone at Winter Warm Up – so start planning for that day!

Rock School Holiday Workshop

In all the confusion, we haven't had a chance to report on a great special event that happened before the storm. In January, Music For Everyone ran a new holiday workshop for youth who want to play in a rock band. Led by MFE tutors Jim Sharrock, Nathaniel Smith, Kelly Baines and visiting tutor David Rodrigues-Lovibond of local band *Los Capitanos*, this week was one of the most exciting and successful events to happen at MFE ever! 30 young people aged from 11 to 16 years enrolled as players of electric guitar, bass guitar, drum-kit or as vocalists, and worked together for five days, learning many new skills with the expert and encouraging guidance of the tutor team. Six very different bands were formed and their performances for family and friends on the final day of the workshop were amazing! Ed Radcliffe of well known band *The Fuellers* and Cole Bennetts, music writer for *City News* and *CAP* magazine, judged the bands: it was a hard job, but two groups were selected to go on to perform at the Multicultural Fringe Festival. That night the heavens opened and our two bands had a real rock'n'roll experience, getting soaked to the skin and waiting hours for the weather to clear before they took to the stage and gave a tremendous performance to an enthusiastic crowd. Rock School will be back: it's on the program for the last week of the January 2008 holidays and again there will be performances for some bands from the workshop at both the Multicultural Festival and its Fringe Festival. There's also a MySpace for Rock School: check out www.myspace.com/rockschoolact

Mediterranean Music Workshops & Concerts

This was an exciting project with two weekends of workshops and three fabulous visiting artists: Linsey Pollak (Gypsy Band Music for clarinet & saxophone), Ilias Ellis (Darrabuka drumming) and Parissa Bouas (Songs from the Greek Ionian Islands). We have had tremendous feedback from the people who took part in these workshops, and everyone seemed to have a great time and learn an incredible range of skills from these inspiring experts. An enthusiastic audience at the Finale Concert on June 17 enjoyed a beautiful program of music performed by the workshop participants together with Linsey, Ilias and Parissa, and by the end of the concert, everyone was involved: drummers, clarinets and saxophones played while the singers led the audience in dancing! Music For Everyone is thrilled to have presented yet another wonderful exploration of the music of other cultures, led by truly outstanding musicians, and it's great to see so many Canberrans enjoy this very special experience.

Act Up Sing Out News

The cast and production team of the first Junior Workshop for 2007 battled with difficult rehearsal conditions, but no one seeing the final result would have guessed. ***Out of this World*** was another enjoyable and impressive show by the Act Up Sing Out team, thanks to a talented & hard-working cast of young people and terrific support from their parents, plus of course the outstanding professional leadership of director Nina Stevenson and musical director Christine Munro. Now the Youth Workshop begins their action packed term of preparation for ***The Pinafore Pirates***, which will be on at the Belconnen Community Theatre in the October school holidays. And another group of 7-11 year olds can join the next Junior Workshop for Terms 3 & 4: come along to the Info Session on Monday 23 July at 5pm to find out all about ***The Sound of Christmas***.

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2007

MFE TERM DATES		MFE CONCERTS	
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
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES			
<i>Pinafore Pirates</i>	4 - 10 October	Belconnen Community Theatre	
<i>The Sound of Christmas</i>	18 - 20 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall	