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EVENT CALENDAR: Term 3 & October Holidays 2008

Mon 21 July	Term 3 classes start.
Mon 21 July 5pm	Act Up Sing Out <i>The Magical Christmas Box</i> INFO SESSION for Terms 3 & 4 Junior Workshop
Sun 31 August 1pm-4pm	Winter Warm Up: MFE's annual open day
Mon 22 September	Due date for re-enrolment & payment of Term 4 fees
Fri 26 September	End of Term 3
Mon 29 Sept – Fri 3 Oct	Rock School holiday workshop 11-16yrs <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Wed 1 – Wed 8 October <i>Details of times & bookings www.mfe.org.au</i>	Act Up Sing Out: <i>Olivia! (Oliver with a Twist)</i> School holidays show Belconnen Theatre Swanston Crt Belconnen

- **THURSDAY 3 JULY** was the due date for re-enrolment & payment of Term 3 fees – many thanks to everyone who remembered to re-enrol and pay on time. We are now filling any unenrolled places with people on our waiting lists, so for those of you who haven't re-enrolled and paid, please get in touch with the office ASAP! Please note that Family and MusicPlus discounts are only available on fees paid by the due date. Members should also note that an administration fee of \$25 per member may be charged on re-enrolments & payments received after the due date, if that enrolment can be placed & is accepted. It's also a help to let us know if you are not re-enrolling in Term 3, so we can give your place to someone else. **Term 3 starts from Monday 21 July.**
- **ACT UP SING OUT** has a **NEW Junior Workshop for 7-11yrs** running in Terms 3 & 4 - this workshop will perform a fun-filled Christmas-themed show in November, see below. The important **Info Session** for this workshop is on the first **Monday of Term 3, 21 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 18 July. MFE will begin to process applications received on the correct form for this very popular workshop only from 11am Tues 22 July, the day after the Info Session.

THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS BOX

act up sing out

Junior Music Theatre Workshop

For 7-11yrs Terms 3 & 4 Mondays 5.00-6.30pm

Director: Nina Stevenson Music Director: Erik Fink

Join our next Act Up Sing Out Junior Workshop - and play a part in a very special Christmas show! There are 30 great roles for boys and girls in this fun musical. No previous experience necessary – anyone can join. You'll learn singing, dancing and acting at your weekly workshops in Terms 3 & 4, plus give four fabulous performances for kids, families and friends at the end of the workshop in November! Come along to the info session and find out more.

Info Session: Monday 21 July 5.00pm

Ainslie Arts Centre Hall, Elouera St Braddon



Australian World Rhythms Festival 2008 & Torch Relay Performance

This was an amazing 5-day world drumming workshop and festival, hosted by the ANU School of Music, under the artistic direction of Professor Gary France. Music For Everyone collaborated on this wonderful event with ANU and the ACT Government: our role was to facilitate the participation of more than 50 youth and adults from the general Canberra community, who together with ANU students and School of Music MuST program high school kids, swelled the numbers to an amazing 120 people, all drumming together! The program featured 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 inspirational drum-circle expert KALANI, plus our own fabulous MFE tutor Jim Sharrock, Chilean specialists Fabian Hevia and Alex Pertout, South Indian percussionist Ron Reeves, and Amrih Widodo and Soegito Hardiodikoro from the ANU Javanese Gamelan Orchestra. The week culminated in the participants and artists performing at the dawn start of the Olympic Torch Relay at Reconciliation Place, as well as at the final leg at Commonwealth Park, giving Ian Thorpe a sensational drum roll as he lit the Olympic flame. The whole week was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Term 2 Concerts

The Members Concert (18 May) and the Latin Fiesta Annual Theme Concert (15 June) were very successful events with terrific performances from a large number of MFE members, groups and ensembles. At the Latin Fiesta, we heard the world premiere of works specially commissioned for MFE ensembles from our composer-in-residence for 2008, Michael Sollis. His *Ipanema Variations* were given an impressive performance by the ensembles, and other Latin-inspired music was also performed on a variety of instruments. Many thanks to all the MFE tutors and MFE members who worked so hard preparing and performing in these two concerts.

Act Up Sing Out Juniors: THE CIRCUS

A very enthusiastic cast of children led by director Nina Stevenson and musical director Erik Fink brought all the excitement of the Big Top to the Ainslie Arts Centre, in four well-attended and enjoyable performances of the first Junior Workshop musical for the year, *The Circus*. An amazing team of volunteer parents created fantastic costumes and props, and helped to keep everything running smoothly back stage. Congratulations to everyone, and we look forward to more sensational AUSO shows this year: *Olivia* in October and *The Magical Christmas Box* in November.

July holiday workshop: CREATE A CARNIVAL!

This week-long activity is wrapping up as this newsletter goes to print. Led by tutors Jim Sharrock and Michael Sollis, the kids braved chilly temperatures to paint outside, making and playing their own Brazilian street drums (inside!), and over five days created a variety of Carnival musical treats that they showcased to their parents.

Special events coming up:

- **Winter Warm-Up: MFE's annual open day Sunday 31 August 1pm-4pm**

This is our 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. The popular coffee and ice-cream stall will be there again this year to provide yummy refreshments, plus there will be some free Come and Try sessions. Start talking to your MFE tutors now about what you can do at Winter Warm-Up.

- **OLIVIA! (Oliver with a Twist) 1-8 October**

This is Act Up Sing Out's major production of the year, on again in the October school holidays, Wed 1 October to Wed 8 October at the Belconnen Community Theatre. This entertaining musical is set in the Victorian era and traces the steps of Olivia from poor orphan to star of the London stage, with Eliza Doolittle from *My Fair Lady*, the famous detective Sherlock Holmes, and Dickens characters like Scrooge, Fagin and the Artful Dodger along for the ride! This is a fun show for all the family, performed by the talented kids from the Act Up Sing Out Youth Workshop, directed by Nina Stevenson, with the live onstage band led by musical director Rose Shorney. Check our website & The Canberra Times for details of the show times and where to book.

- **Rock School Spring holiday workshop 11yrs-16 yrs (to be confirmed)**

We still have to double-check a few details on this, but hopefully MFE will be offering another Rock School workshop, especially as the summer one was so popular and so many people missed out. Priority will be given to the people who missed out last time, and several of you have already let us know that you're interested in an October one. At this point, the proposed dates are Mon 29 Sept - Fri 3 October, most likely from 2pm-5pm each day. And we are hoping to line up a gig for all the bands at Floriade on Saturday 4 October as well! So more soon on Rock School, we'll confirm these dates as soon as we can. Drop us an email if you are interested and we'll put you on the list to hear more.

MFE TERM DATES 2008

Term 3 21 July-26 September
Term 4 13 October-12 December

MFE CONCERTS 2008

Term 3 Winter Warm-Up Sunday 31 August 1pm-4pm
Term 4 Members Concert Sunday 2 November 3pm
Term 4 End of Year Concerts Sundays 7 & 14 December