

EVENT CALENDAR: End of Term 2 - Term 3 - October holidays

Sun 21 June- Tue 23 June	Act Up Sing Out <i>Blunder Down Under</i> performances
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
Mon 20 July	Term 3 classes start
Mon 20 July 5pm	Act Up Sing Out <i>Ned Kelly</i> INFO SESSION for Terms 3 & 4 Junior Workshop 7-11yrs
Sun 31 August 1pm-4pm	Winter Warm Up: MFE's annual open day
Mon 21 September	Due date for re-enrolment & payment of Term 4 fees
Fri 25 September	End of Term 3
Wed 30 Sept – Wed 7 Oct <i>More info www.mfe.org.au</i>	Act Up Sing Out: <i>Ginger Meggs</i> School holidays show Belconnen Theatre Swanston Crt Belconnen
Tues 6 Oct - Sat 10 Oct	Rock School holiday workshop 11-16yrs

- **MONDAY 29 JUNE: due date for re-enrolment & payment of Term 3 fees!** Make sure you return your re-enrolment form with full fees payment for Term 3 2009 no later than MONDAY 29 June. 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.



- **PERCUSSION!! NEW for Music For Everyone's tuition program:** Starting in Term 3, MFE is very excited to be adding tuition in classical PERCUSSION to our program, with a group class for youth 10-13 years, and individual tuition for youth and adults. Tuition in this area will cover the instruments used in bands & orchestras: snare drum, timpani, xylophone, marimba, and all the other bits and pieces you bang and clang! Our new teacher ANU School of Music graduate Veronica will teach youth & adults on Wednesdays – contact the MFE office straight away if you are interested.

- **ACT UP SING OUT: June show & info session for next Junior Workshop NED KELLY**
If you are interested in music theatre, come along on Mon 20 July at 5pm to the info session for our third production for the year, NED KELLY. This workshop for youth 7-11 years will run on Monday afternoons in Terms 3 & 4 with performances in November. This is a very exciting show that's probably a little more advanced than our normal Junior shows, so a great opportunity for all those budding young performers out there, but also suitable for children without previous experience in music theatre. Details of our June AUSO show 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! Ideal for schools & pre-schools

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! Poor Emily Emu makes a big mistake when she delivers a baby wallaby to the wrong family. Who will sort it out? And what are those naughty Dingoes up to?



Rock Academy bands impress at ACT National Eisteddfod

In their latest performance, Rock School bands *Hail Lucy Nation*, *Morning After*, *Red Letter Box* and *The Fuse* impressed the judge and audiences at the Rock Band section of the ACT National Eisteddfod, held on Thursday 28 May at CIT Woden. In the “non-competitive” 16 years and under section, the three Rock Academy bands *Hail Lucy Nation*, *Red Letter Box* and *The Fuse* received all the Gold medal awards given, and in the Open competitive section, *Hail Lucy Nation* received Highly Commended, the only other award given in addition to first place which went to a band from Radford College. This was the first time these bands have entered this competition, and the judge made special comments on the high level of skill demonstrated by all the MFE bands. A terrific achievement for the Rock School/Rock Academy program, with thanks to tutors Jim Sharrock and David Rodriguez who have been working with the bands on Fridays this term, and to Michelle and Greg who provide tremendous logistical support to this demanding activity. The Eisteddfod performances followed successful earlier gigs at the **Youth Week Expo in Garema Place on Friday 27 March at 6pm**, and at a special Earth Hour event at **New Acton on Saturday 28 March at 7pm**. If you are interested in the next Rock School workshop in the October holidays, email us at info@mfe.org.au for updates.

Act Up Sing Out News

Act Up Sing Out Juniors are gearing up to perform their Australian Bush musical, **Blunder Down Under** 21-23 June. Donations of Aussie animal stuffed toys for the set of this musical are still welcome – so if you have preloved toys that you are ready to give up to the magical world of theatre, bring them into the MFE office ASAP!! Schools and pre-schools can make group bookings for the **Blunder Down Under** shows – contact the MFE office for a booking form or download from our website. And kids and families should make sure they catch this musical, which is perfect for younger audiences. Auditions have been held for the AUSO Youth show **Ginger Meggs** and a great cast has been chosen from the many talented kids who auditioned. Younger performers who were not selected for that show are encouraged to apply for the **Ned Kelly** Junior workshop for ages 7-11 years in Terms 3 & 4, as Ned Kelly is also a terrific show and quite demanding, with definite scope for some more experienced cast members as well as being suitable for first time Act Up Sing Out kids. The **Ned Kelly** Info Session is on the first Monday of Term 3 at 5pm.

Drumming up new sounds at the Canberra International Music Festival

Many MFE members enjoyed the wonderful variety of concerts this Festival presented, including members who received free tickets to the *History of Sound* concert through our special offer. MFE tutor Jim Sharrock led massed community drummers, many with MFE connections including our administrator Michelle, in a fantastic performance of *Canberra Drumming* by Gerry Brophy, with performers from elite Australian percussion ensemble *Synergy* also taking part. MFE sponsored this performance, which was part of the dynamic all-day *New Music Marathon* on Saturday 16 May. Other MFE tutors performed on this day also, including David Rodriguez-Lovibond (electric guitar) and Artistic Director Vivienne Winther (piano) in Australian premieres of music by Dutch composer Louis Andriessen.

Special events in Term 2 & 3

- MFE members and tutors gave wonderful performances at the Members Concert on Sunday 17 May, with several new tutors presenting their students and groups, and several MFE members taking the step to perform for the first time – congratulations to everyone for a great effort! Now we are getting items ready for the next concert focused on 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.
- Our big event in Term 3 is **WINTER WARM UP**, our annual open day on **Sunday 30 August 1pm-4pm** – put this date in your diary now. We'd love to have all our programs and instruments on show at this fun event, and hope lots of MFE members will come along to perform, listen to others perform, and enjoy this special MFE day. The popular coffee and refreshments stall will also be there again this year to provide yummy refreshments. Start talking to your MFE tutors now about what you can do at Winter Warm-Up!

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR 2009

MFE TERM DATES 2009		MFE CONCERTS 2009	
Term 2	28 April - 3 July	Term 2	Australian Theme Concert Sunday 28 June 3pm
Term 3	20 July-25 September	Term 3	Winter Warm-Up Sunday 30 August
Term 4	12 October-11 December	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	