



### EVENT CALENDAR: WHAT'S ON RIGHT NOW & IN TERM 4

23-29 Sept	Fri 23 7pm Sat 24 & Sun 25 3pm Mon 26-Thu 27 11am & 3pm	<b>The Pied Piper of Hamelin Act Up Sing Out</b> Belconnen Community Theatre. Tickets \$12 at the door & bookings: 6247 1223 The Street Theatre. <b>AUSO Music Theatre Program Production</b>
10 Oct	Monday	<b>Term 4 commences</b>
Oct/Nov	Sunday <b>Date TBC</b>	<b>ANU Javanese Gamelan Orchestra</b>
6 Nov	Sunday 3pm	<b>Foyer Concert</b>
19 Nov	Saturday 7.30pm Tickets \$15/\$10 at the door	<b>Strange Weather Gospel Choir</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Hughes Baptist Church
20-22 Nov	Sunday 3pm Mon 7pm Mon & Tues 10am schools	<b>The Good the Bad and the Donkey</b> A Christmas Musical from Act Up Sing Out Tickets \$3 at the door
4 Dec	Sunday time to be advised	<b>Christmas Gathering MusicPlay &amp; MusicCraft</b>
4 Dec	Sunday 3pm	<b>Children's Christmas Concert</b>
9 Dec	Friday	<b>Classes finish for 2005</b>
11 Dec	Sunday 3pm	<b>Youth and Adult's Christmas Concert</b> Featuring new work for recorders & guitars by composer Nicholas Ng

### MAKING NEWS AT MFE

- **TERM 4 starts on Monday 10 October: fees due NOW!** To ensure your continuing place in your current program(s), make sure you return your **YELLOW Term 4 enrolment form** with full payment by **Wed 5 October**. Please check the **BLUE Term 4 class list & fee schedule** for the cost of programs.
- **MEMBERS HANDBOOK:** Have you picked up your Handbook for 2005 from the office? In the handbook you can find lots of MFE information like our **Fee Policy**. We have had some interesting questions lately about fees and the best idea is for members to read the information in the handbook, which we have tried to keep very clear and brief.
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN - ACT UP SING OUT'S THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN:** Don't miss this great show on at the **Belconnen Community Theatre** (Swanston Crt near the bus interchange) on in the **FIRST week of the school holidays**. It opens on Friday 23 Sept and runs to Thur 29 Sept with shows on most days at 11am and/or 3pm. See box below for more.



## The Pied Piper of Hamelin

An act UP sing OUT  
Youth Music Theatre production

Director Nina Stevenson  
Musical Director Rose Shorney

The classic tale retold in a new musical version. Enjoy the story of The Pied Piper of Hamelin live on stage, with a hippy rat pack and a rapping Pied Piper. Great holiday entertainment for the whole family.



7pm	23 September	Friday
3pm	24 September	Saturday
3pm	25 September	Sunday
11am/3pm	26 September	Monday
11am/3pm	27 September	Tuesday
11am/3pm	28 September	Wednesday
11am /3pm	29 September	Thursday

Tickets \$12 Children/Concessions Adults at children's price  
Bookings **02 6247 1223** The Street Theatre  
Holiday programs & school bookings 02 6230 7190  
\$7 per child/teachers free

**Belconnen Community Theatre**  
Swanston Crt Belconnen More info: [www.mfe.org.au](http://www.mfe.org.au)





### Mark Walton Clarinet & Saxophone Workshops August 7

Around 30 children, youths and adults attended two very impressive workshops run by NSW Conservatorium lecturer and national workshop leader Mark Walton and his partner Jo, assisted by MFE clarinet tutor Cathy Crossing. In the workshop, players worked on ensemble techniques and enjoyed playing some great music specially arranged for clarinet and saxophone groups by Mark. Friends and family were most impressed at the conclusion of each session to hear in performance a number of pieces that clearly demonstrated how much participants had achieved with Mark and Jo's expert tutelage in quite a short time. It was great to have quite a few school students from the ACT Education Department's IMPACT Program joining in at this workshop, as well as our clarinet and saxophone playing MFE members. We hope to make a Mark Walton workshop a regular feature of the MFE calendar.

### Winter Warm Up August 28

Our annual open day was a fabulous event: fantastic weather, great performances from nearly every program and yummy refreshments! We had lots of members and their families there to see each other perform, as well as many newcomers finding out more about what we do. WIN TV turned up and ran film of violinists, recorder players and the cast of Act Up Sing Out on the next day's news. Another highlight was the launch of the Strange Weather Gospel Choir's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CD, with the Choir performing some tracks from the CD. Other new events at Winter Warm-Up were some free Come and Try sessions for MusicPlay and for Drumming, which were very enthusiastically attended. The photo displays were also great: thanks to Greg, Patty and Kara our photographers, the Street Theatre for the loan of the perspex display panels and to Michael Johns for the projector. Many many thanks to everyone who performed or helped on the day: it was a success and your contribution was a big part of it!

### Act Up Sing Out News

An energetic and very talented cast are performing our second AUSO production of the year **from September 23-29 at Belconnen Community Theatre. THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN** is ideal holiday entertainment for the whole family and will be a great AUSO show, don't miss it! The last AUSO production for the year is **THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE DONKEY**. The Junior Workshop is busy rehearsing this delightful Christmas-themed tale for performances in November at the Ainslie Arts Centre. **School groups and holiday programs** can book with us now for school shows of *The Good The Bad and the Donkey*: contact the MFE office at [info@mfe.org.au](mailto:info@mfe.org.au) or phone 6230 7190.

### Concert opportunities in Term 4

Don't miss your chance to play at Music For Everyone in our Foyer Concert on November 6. This is mostly for solo and other small performances that may not fit into our end-of year Christmas Concerts which are on 4 and 11 December, another exciting performance opportunity for MFE groups and ensembles. So start getting your pieces ready and ask your tutor NOW what you will be doing in our Term 4 concerts. Another very special concert in Term 4 is the Strange Weather Gospel Choir's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert at the Hughes Baptist Church on Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm. Last year's concert was an absolute sell-out so make sure you come along! And there will be a date soon for the visit to Music For Everyone by the ANU Javanese Gamelan Orchestra, on a Sunday in October or November. This will be a chance to see and hear the wonderful instruments that make up the gamelan orchestra. Watch for updates on our website [www.mfe.org.au](http://www.mfe.org.au)

### DATES & EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2005

<b>MFE TERM DATES</b> Term 4      10 Oct-11 Dec	<b>MFE CONCERTS</b>	
	Term 4      Foyer Concert	Sunday 6 Nov 3pm
	Term 4      Xmas Concerts	Sundays 4 & 11 Dec
<b>SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS 2005</b>		
<b>Asian Music Theme:</b> Javanese Gamelan Performance		October/Nov TBC
<b>Asian Music Commission Composer Nicholas Ng:</b> performance of work for recorders & guitars at Youth & Adults Christmas Concert		Sunday 11 Dec 3pm
<b>ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES 2005</b>		
<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i>	22-29 September	Belconnen Community Theatre
<i>The Good, the Bad &amp; the Donkey</i>	20-22 November	Ainslie Arts Centre Hall
<b>STRANGE WEATHER GOSPEL CHOIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR</b>		
<b>19 November 7.30pm Concert at Hughes Baptist Church</b> Tickets at the door: \$15/\$10		
Visit <a href="http://www.strangeweather.org">www.strangeweather.org</a> for more details of the Choir's other performances & activities.		