



EVENT CALENDAR: October School Holidays & Term 4 2007

Thur 4 - Wed 10 October <i>For show times: www.mfe.org.au</i>	Act Up Sing Out Youth Workshop: School Holiday Show <i>THE PINAFORE PIRATES</i> at Belconnen Community Theatre
Mon 8 October	Due date for re-enrolment and payment of fees for Term 4
Mon 15 October	Term 4 MFE classes commence
Sunday 4 November 3pm	Members Concert, Ainslie Arts Centre Hall
Sun 18-Tues 20 November <i>For show times: www.mfe.org.au</i>	Act Up Sing Out Junior Workshop <i>THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS</i> at the Ainslie Art Centre
Sun 2 December 11am	MusicPlay & Music Craft End of Year Gathering Ainslie Arts Centre Foyer
Sun 2 December 3pm	Children's End of Year Concert, Ainslie Arts Centre Hall
Sun 9 December 3pm	Youth & Adult End of Year Concert, Ainslie Arts Centre Hall
Friday 14 December	Last day of MFE classes for 2007

- TERM 4 starts on Monday 15 October: fees due NOW!** To ensure your continuing place in your current program(s), make sure you return your PINK Term 4 enrolment form with full payment by **Mon 8 October**. *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 YELLOW class & fee schedule for the cost of programs for Term 4. Your enrolment form & the schedule are mailed to you with this newsletter. To help us save paper, please remember to bring your pink form with you if paying in person at the office.
- CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS 8-10 October:** Our normal office hours are 11am–6pm Monday to Thursday. However in the second week of the school holidays only, we will be opening a little later than usual due to performances of *THE PINAFORE PIRATES* out at Belconnen Theatre. **Office hours from Monday 8 - Thursday 10 Oct will be 12noon–6pm.**
- DISCOUNTS:** Please note that **Family and MusicPlus discounts** are only available on fees paid by the due date. For all Term 4 fees the due date is 8 October.
- OCTOBER 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 to Wed 10 October at the Belconnen Community Theatre. This is a great show for all the family, a Gilbert & Sullivan style show mixing crazy plots and madcap characters from several popular operettas like *The Pirates of Penzance* – rollicking pirate fun for everyone! Check our website www.mfe.org.au & The Canberra Times ads for details of the show times. Book your tickets thru The Street Theatre Box Office 6247 1223, plus there will be tickets at the door unless sold out!
- LEYENDA YOUTH GUITAR ENSEMBLE:** We really hope this new ensemble can start in Term 4. We're looking for young guitarists aged 10 years and up who have been learning classical guitar for 2-3 years and can read music to get together and form an ensemble that will meet on **Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm**. At the very special ensemble price, this is really great value especially for students who are enrolled in Group or Individual guitar as then you receive a \$20 discount as well. Expand your guitar skills with MFE tutor Bill Grose, while having fun playing and performing with other young guitarists. Connect the MFE office if you are interested in the Leyenda Youth Guitar Ensemble.
- CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES IN TERM 4:** Don't miss your chance to play at a Music For Everyone Members Concert on **Sunday 4 November 3pm**. This is mostly for some solos, first time groups or other small performances that may not fit into our end-of-year Christmas Concerts. The end-of-year concerts are on 2 and 9 December, more exciting performance opportunities 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.
- NEW MFE PROGRAM FOR NORTH AINSLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL:** A positive outcome of the storm was the great new relationship we built with North Ainslie Primary School (NAPS), who generously provided us with a venue for most of our programs for Term 1 & 2 while the Ainslie Arts Centre was closed down. For some time it has been an aim of Music For Everyone to develop music programs for schools, and from Term 4 2007 this will become a reality, thanks to NAPS principal Chris Pilgrim and her enthusiastic staff. Together we have come up with a special drumming program for the Years 5 and 6 students who don't play in the school band, so that more children can have a musical experience in school time. Our amazing MFE drumming tutor Jim Sharrock will lead this program, and we are all looking forward to this developing into a long-term and inspiring project.

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Winter Warm Up - Sunday 9 September

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.

It was wonderful to see the diverse range of musical groups who performed: there are now so many different programs at MFE that have really taken off in the last few years, and so many groups and ensembles of all ages able to demonstrate their skills as excellent performers! **A big thank you to all the MFE tutors who organised and coached our MFE members into presenting such enjoyable performances!** Some tutors in particular presented many groups throughout the day and their extra efforts are much appreciated.

We also ran some **free Come and Try sessions** for interested members of the public, and they got a terrific response. There were under-fives and their parents trying **MusicPlay** with Barbara, young guitarists trying the **Leyenda Guitar Ensemble** with Bill, and more than 50 people of all ages crammed into Room 1 to have a go at **Drumming** with Jim.

The cast of **Act Up Sing Out's PINAFORE PIRATES** performed in colourful costumes and also rehearsed all day, and there was quite a bit of interest in seeing how these music theatre rehearsals happen.

The photo displays in our perspex display panels (yes, they survived the storm!) were also great: thanks to Greg and Christine our photographers and also thank you to Christine for putting the panels together. You can still see these photo panels in and around the MFE office – they really brighten up the space.

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!

MFE program of music for people with disabilities crosses the Tasman

Some of our members will remember **Megan Glass**, who was a wonderful MFE tutor in the program of music for people with disabilities. She and our **MFE tutor Julie Wright** are both extensively trained and registered music therapists, a rare and valuable breed. Megan is keen to establish a program like ours in New Zealand where she now lives, and together she and Julie will make a special presentation this month at the **Annual Conference of the New Zealand Society for Music Therapy**.

Their presentation will outline our program, how it has developed over the years, how it works now, and what it achieves, and the presentation will also feature video footage and photo displays. We hope this will spark an opportunity for a similar program to develop in New Zealand with Megan's help, and look forward to hearing all about the conference from Julie when she gets back. And MFE is very pleased to finally have some lovely documentation of this great program in the form of videos and photos– thank you to Christine, the MFE tutors, the participants & their carers.

Act Up Sing Out News

An energetic and very talented cast are performing our second AUSO production of the year this **October 4-10 at the Belconnen Community Theatre**. **THE PINAFORE PIRATES** is ideal holiday entertainment for the whole family and will be a great AUSO show, don't miss it! Details on the enclosed blue flyer. You can book your tickets through The Street Theatre on 6247 1223.

After that, the last AUSO production for the year is **THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS, 18-20 November at the Ainslie Arts Centre**. The Junior Workshop members are busy rehearsing this entertaining show that combines the stories of *The Sound of Music* and *A Christmas Carol* into a fun Christmas-themed tale that families will enjoy. **Public performances** are **3pm Sunday 18 November** and **6pm Monday 19 November – tickets at the door only**. **School shows** are at **10am on Monday 19** and **Tuesday 20 November – bookings essential for school shows**. School groups and holiday programs can book with us now for special school shows of *The Sound of Christmas*: contact the MFE office at info@mfe.org.au or phone 6230 7190. All tickets are \$4.

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2007

MFE TERM DATES	MFE CONCERTS
Term 4 15 October-14 December	Term 4 Members Concert Sunday 4 November 3pm
	Term 4 End-of-Year Concerts: Sundays 2 & 9 December:
	• MusicPlay & MusicCraft • 11am Sun 2 December
	• Children's Concert • 3pm Sun 2 December
	• Adult & Youth Concert • 3pm Sun 9 December
ACT UP SING OUT PERFORMANCES	
<i>The Pinafore Pirates</i>	4-10 October Belconnen Community Theatre
<i>The Sound of Christmas</i>	18-20 November Ainslie Arts Centre Hall