

EVENT CALENDAR: End of Term 3 - October holidays – Term 4

Sat 19 Sept 3.30-4.30pm	String Swing & Tarantella Ensembles perform at Floriade
Mon 21 Sept	Due date for re-enrolment & payment of Term 4 fees
Fri 25 Sept	End of Term 3
Sun 27 Sept 3.30-4.30pm	Sempre Strings Ensemble performs at Floriade
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
Sun 11 Oct 2-4pm	Rock School & Rock Academy bands perform at Floriade
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 starts at MFE
Tue 3 Nov	Public holiday – no MFE classes
Sun 8 Nov 3pm	Members Concert
Sun 22-Mon 23-Tue 24 Nov	Act Up Sing Out: <i>Ned Kelly</i> public & school shows
Fri 4 Dec 10.30am	Music Jam: participatory event for people with disabilities
Sun 6 Dec 11am	End of year Gathering MusicPlay & MusicCraft
Sun 6 Dec 3pm	End of year Youth Concert
Fri 11 Dec	Term 4 classes finish at MFE
Sun 13 Dec 3pm	End of year Adult Concert

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK! MFE MEMBERS SURVEY ONLINE NOW

Please help us plan and improve our programs by giving us your feedback. You can now go online and complete our simple members survey: we can email you the link if you don't yet have it. Or if you prefer, pick up a hard copy from the office or we can email you one. It doesn't take long to complete: most questions just need a tick or a number; a few need words if you have the time. **Please return your completed survey to MFE by MONDAY 21 SEPT or EARLIER:** drop in the survey box in the MFE office, fax to 6257 8088, or mail to PO Box 950 Civic Square ACT 2608. Thank you!

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER: DUE DATE for re-enrolment & payment of Term 4 fees

Make sure you return your re-enrolment form with full fees payment for Term 4 2009 no later than MONDAY 21 September. 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 enrolment can be placed.

EVENTS, EVENTS, and more EVENTS coming up at MFE

Read over the page for details of MFE Ensembles performing at Floriade in September, plus there's the Spring Rock School Holiday Workshop and their performance at Floriade in October. Act Up Sing Out also swings into action with GINGER MEGGS at the Belconnen Theatre in October (details below - book now!) and NED KELLY in November.

act up sing OUT Youth Music Theatre show

GINGER MEGGS ©



Fab holiday fun!!

Belconnen Theatre Swanson Court Belconnen
30 September-7 October Tickets: \$13 Bookings:

www.canberraticketing.com.au 6275 2700

SHOW TIMES

Wed 30 Sept 11am/7pm
Thu 1 Oct 11am/3pm
Fri 2 Oct 11am/3pm
Sat 3 Oct 3pm
Sun 4 Oct 3pm
Mon 5 Oct 3pm
Tue 6 Oct 11am/3pm
Wed 7 Oct 11am/3pm

MFE Ensembles perform at FLORIADE Saturday 19 & Sunday 27 September

Catch our MFE ensembles in performance at FLORIADE, on Park Stage, Commonwealth Park. Saturday 19 September from 3.30pm to 4.30pm features String Swing adult string ensemble and Tarantella adult guitar ensemble, and then on Sunday 27 September at 3.30pm, Sempre Strings will perform. Keep an eye on our website for details of more ensemble performances next term.

SmokeFree Rock School Holiday Workshop 6-10 October

Yes, it's on again! Music For Everyone's popular Spring Rock School is on this October 6-10, a fantastic school holiday workshop for the rock stars of the future on electric guitar, bass, drums and vocals. All places for guitar and drums are already FULL, but there's still space for a few more BASS PLAYERS & VOCALISTS, but get in fast! Download your application form from www.mfe.org.au

Rock School & Rock Academy bands perform at FLORIADE Sunday 11 October

The workshop bands along with graduate bands from Rock Academy will also perform at Floriade, 2-4pm Sunday 11 October, as a finale to their week-long workshop. This was a great gig last year, and will be even more fantastic this year, going on the many performances the Rock Academy bands have given all over Canberra this year. In their latest performance, Rock Academy bands made quite an impact at the open day of the new Belconnen Arts Centre venue. Keep an eye on the website for Rock Academy gig updates.

Act Up Sing Out on stage: GINGER MEGGS in October, NED KELLY in November

Celebrating our Australian theme in 2009, Act Up Sing Out is gearing up to put two Aussie legends on stage. First off, Australia's favourite cartoon kids get up to all sorts of mischief in **GINGER MEGGS**, at the Belconnen Community Theatre in the October school holidays, and then a mischief maker of a different kind, **NED KELLY**, is featured in our end of year show in November. Director Dianna Nixon and assistant director Vanessa Nimmo are at the helm for both shows, with fabulous help from some great volunteer parents. **GINGER MEGGS** is fab holiday fun for the whole family: with a bit of luck the current *Ginger Meggs* cartoonist may even come to Canberra specially to see our show! Book now at www.canberraticketing.com.au or phone 6275 2700. Large groups can book directly with MFE: download a booking form from www.mfe.org.au. Then next term it's Bushrangers in Braddon! **NED KELLY** is ideal for families, and a great end-of-year activity for primary schools. School groups are advised to BOOK NOW, as interest in this show is already strong because of the historic Australian theme: download a booking form and check show times on www.mfe.org.au.

Music Jam! A musical get-together Friday 10 July

This was an opportunity for everyone connected with our award-winning program of music for people with disabilities to get together, make music and enjoy each others' company. Attending were our current program participants, their families, friend and support workers, plus other interested people, including several keen new participants trying out our musical instruments and activities for the first time. With around 80 people grouped in a friendly circle in the Hall, 45 people with disabilities took active part in the music-making, led by Julie Wright and her team of specialist tutors: Mary, Jo, Penny, Jim and Michelle. This participatory music-making session was followed by morning tea, and the general consensus was: let's do it again! The next Music Jam will be held on Friday 4 December as an activity for International Day for People with a Disability, and will also be an enjoyable end-of-year celebration for a very important MFE program.

Exciting new drumming project begins with ACT Special Schools

In Term 4, an exciting new project funded by an ACT Government *Schools as Communities* grant starts up, the brain wave of MFE drumming and PWD tutor, Jim Sharrock, in partnership with the four ACT Special Schools. October will see one-day visits to each school, when every child will participate in a drumming workshop with Jim. Follow up visits in November will lead to the formation of the *Interschool Drumming Performance Troupe*: and yes, we are looking for a better name! This troupe will showcase the abilities of youth with special needs, and plans performances at ACT community events and schools in 2010, with the expert leadership of the constantly inspirational Jim. Watch this space!

Wonderful Winter Warm Up - another successful open day at MFE

160 performers, 20 tutors, 5 staff, 4 volunteers plus around 800 members of the public: it all added up to a very successful open day for MFE on Sunday 30 August. The weather was much better than it threatened to be, bringing a lot of people out to experience our dynamic community music organisation in action. And the demonstrations put on by our performers and their tutors was certainly impressive! The Come and Try sessions were even more popular than last year, leading to a lot of new inquiries for places in our programs. A big thank you to everyone who participated, and especially to all the MFE tutors who organised and coached our MFE members into presenting such enjoyable performances.