


EVENT CALENDAR: Summer Holidays 2006-07 and Term 1 2007

21 Dec 2006	Thursday	MFE office closes for holidays
8 Jan 2007	Monday	MFE office re-opens
Mid-Jan		Schedule of 2007 programs and fees and re-enrolment package mailed to MFE members and posted on website
29 Jan-2 Feb	Mon-Fri 2pm-5pm	ROCK SCHOOL Holiday Workshop for ages 11-16
2 Feb	Friday	Re-enrolment and payment of fees for Term 1 due for all CONTINUING / RETURNING MFE members
8 & 9 Feb	Thu & Fri 3-6pm	Information and enrolment sessions for NEW members
12 Feb	Monday	Term 1 classes start
12 Feb	Monday 5pm	Act Up Sing Out information session Junior Workshop 1: <i>Out Of This World</i>
23-24-25 Feb	Fri, Sat & Sun	Mediterranean Music - Special Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balkan Clarinet & Saxophone: Linsey Pollak • Middle Eastern Drumming & Percussion: Ilias Ellis
25 Mar	Sun 3pm	Foyer Concert (Ensembles) & Annual General Meeting
13 April	Thursday	Last day of classes for Term 1

MAKE MUSIC HAPPEN FOR YOU IN 2007 – RE-ENROL ON TIME!

- All MFE members enrolled in 2006 programs will receive a **re-enrolment package by mail in mid-January 2007**. If your postal address details have changed please let the office know immediately otherwise you may not receive your package.
- **To re-enrol:** members need to complete the **GREEN** membership and enrolment form; filling in both your membership details for 2007 and entering the programs you wish to enrol in. Consult the **PURPLE** schedule of programs and fees to enter the codes, days, times and fees of your programs on the enrolment form. Please read the information on the green form about possible discounts before calculating your total costs.
- **Make sure you return your re-enrolment form with membership and program fees payment for Term 1 2007 no later than Friday 2 FEBRUARY 2007**. After this date, MFE cannot guarantee that there will be vacancies in the program of your choice. You can post it, fax it or bring it in during office hours. Just make sure you get it back by Friday 2 Feb, because after that date any unfilled places will be opened to people on our waiting lists.
- **Office hours:** The MFE office will be closed from Thur 21 December 2006 to Sun 7 January 2007. From Mon 8 January to Thur 25 January office hours will be a little shorter: Mon-Thur 11am-5pm. From Monday 29 January, office hours will be back to normal: Mon-Thur 11am - 6pm.
- **Members Handbook:** Remember to pick up your 2007 Members Handbook when you enrol or are next in the MFE office: all members should read this handbook carefully and make sure they are familiar with MFE policies, especially regarding fees, and codes of behaviour in the Ainslie Arts Centre.
- **Our first activity for 2007 is a special holiday workshop for youth:**


ROCK SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
Mon 29 Jan - Fri 2 Feb 2007 2pm-5pm Ages 11-16yrs

Do you play in a band? Do you want to play in a band? School's in for young rock musos this summer at Music For Everyone's ROCK SCHOOL. Enjoy a fun week of afternoon workshops learning new skills in *electric lead guitar, bass guitar, drum-kit, and vocals*, plus great jam sessions playing together in bands, with professional band players as your coaches. At the end of the workshop, the participants will give a short showcase performance for family & friends, then one band will be chosen for a gig in the Multicultural Fringe Festival! A great way to spend a week of your summer holidays! Cost: \$135 + your 2007 family membership fee

Enrol now: more info & enrolment form available online www.mfe.org.au

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COMING IN 2007

MFE's annual theme for 2007 is **Mediterranean Music** and culture. Twenty-two different countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa border the Mediterranean, so the 2007 annual theme offers great opportunities to explore a range of music styles and traditions. Visiting artists who will present

Mediterranean music workshops in 2007 include:

- **Linsey Pollak**, exploring Balkan folk music & improvisation for **clarinet & saxophone players**, as well as composing commissioned pieces for performance by our instrumental ensembles during 2007.
- **Ilias Ellis**, who will teach **percussion and drumming** in traditional music from the Middle East, Turkey, Lebanon & Greece – get out your darrabukas!
- **Parissa Bouas**, who will present her exciting new workshop “**Captain Corelli’s Song Book**”, teaching great world music **vocal** techniques & exploring the captivating music of the Ionian Islands.

Our 2007 weekly tuition programs will have several new classes and ensembles - look out for:

- Extra beginner classes in most instruments for different age groups
- New youth Guitar ensemble – LEYENDA on Wednesdays at 4.30pm; New youth String ensemble - FIDDLE FIRE time and day TBA; New Saxophone ensemble – name, time & day TBA!
- New Violin beginner group class for kids; New Brass beginner group class for adults; New Electric Bass guitar group class; New Marimba & percussion classes
- More beginner group classes in flute, clarinet & sax for youth and adults; More recorder group classes for kids from beginner to elementary level: More group singing classes for adults

We may also start offering cello as a new instrument at MFE - if we have any space or time left!!

More information about these exciting new programs and projects on the MFE website from mid-January.

Special events Oct-Dec 2006:

Act Up Sing Out presented two fabulous productions, **King Leo** at the Belconnen Theatre with our youth workshop, and **Nutcracker** at Ainslie with our juniors. Both shows were very popular with audiences and performers alike, and a credit to the many, many people who worked so tirelessly and generously on these shows: parent volunteers who helped create sets and costumes, and took on backstage & technical roles, and of course our amazing professional creative teams, director Nina Stevenson and Rose Shorney and their colleagues for *King Leo*, and Nina, Christine Munro and Dianna Nixon for *Nutcracker*. Well done!

Renowned composer and choral conductor Stephen Leek returned for a second amazing Choral Workshop, where he had 50 or so youth and adult participants exploring the actual process of composition hands-on – it was very exciting to hear what had been created by the end of the weekend. We look forward to Stephen’s finished composition arriving soon, and our thanks to Canberra Youth Music and Woden Valley Youth Choirs and their leaders for their enthusiastic support of these workshops.

Member concerts reached a new high in Term 4, with a fabulous Foyer concert moved to the Hall, and just as well, there were so many performers and audience! The members and their tutors did a great job presenting some really entertaining music and performances were very well-prepared, as was also the case for our end-of year Christmas concerts. The MusicPlay Gathering was a great success as usual, the Children’s Concert had a record number of performers, and the Youth and Adult Concert demonstrated how many exciting new programs and ensembles have developed in 2006. As our membership reaches record levels (we passed the 500 mark in term 4!) we will again review and improve our concert procedures to ensure that concerts are a manageable length, so that everyone in them can stay to hear the other performers - a new challenge with so many members now performing so well in concert! There is already an extra Foyer concert scheduled for 2007, so it would be great if members and tutors can plan to take advantage of ALL our performance opportunities throughout the year, not just the end- of year ones! Well done to all our performers, and a big thank you to all our MFE tutors for their extra work for these concerts.

KEY DATES & EVENTS FOR 2007:

There’s no room for all of those here, so watch for a complete 2007 MFE term dates & event calendar in your re-enrolment package, and of course all these key dates are always in your Members Handbook.

SOME GOODBYES & SOME THANK YOUS

2006 sees MFE say farewell to some very special tutors, Mary Burbrook de Vere (recorder) and Cathy Crossing (clarinet and saxophone). Both have been devoted and inspiring teachers with MFE for a long time, and while we are sad to see them move on, we wish them all the best for the future and thank them for all they have contributed to MFE. Thank you also to all our tutors, and a big thanks to our tireless core staff, Christine & Jessica, for making all the many activities at MFE possible, keeping things organised & running day after day – note that there are now more than 100 hours of classes and activities happening each week! Thanks also to the volunteer members of the MFE Council who contribute their time, expertise and patience to guide our dynamic community arts organisation of 500 plus members! Best wishes to you all and I look forward to another exciting year of MFE music-making in 2007.

Vivienne Winther Artistic Director