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Euroa Vocal Nosh celebrates 10th Birthday

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A day of singing, sharing, harmony, fun and laughter was enjoyed by over 40 people when Euroa's Vocal Nosh group celebrated its 10th birthday on Sunday, 16th October 2011 at the School House in Euroa.

The event, organised by local leaders Chris Day, Di Mackrell and Margie Chowanetz in association with Community Music Victoria, brought together singers from all areas of the Strathbogie Shire as well as travellers from Rushworth, Murchison, Kyabram and Melbourne.

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The singing sessions were led by Jane Coker from CMV, one of the most experienced and talented community singing facilitators in Victoria. With her friendly, engaging style Jane soon had the group confidently singing in parts and sublime harmony. Chris Day and Di Mackrell also led the singing of several favourite songs that have been part of the “Nosh” repertoire for many years.

A birthday cake made by group member, Lyn Easdale was shared along with a hearty, delicious lunch provided by members of the group. The day ended with everyone smiling and looking forward to the continuation of Euroa’s Vocal Nosh and future opportunities to gather together for the joy of singing in a large group.

As a follow-up to the 10th Birthday Celebrations, an inaugural “Flash Sing” was held the following Saturday morning at 11am in Euroa’s shopping centre outside the Post Office. Leader Di Mackrell was expecting 8-10 singers, but the venture succeeded beyond her wildest expectations with 19 singers joining the group in singing for about 15 minutes which was enjoyed by an appreciative audience and passers-by. The group found it an exhilarating experience and is asking when they can do it again!!!

Vocal Nosh began in Euroa in October 2001 under the leadership of two local music teachers Chris Day and Linda Browne, supported by Sue George from Euroa Little Theatre. The group followed the model developed by Fay White, an innovative singer-songwriter and community musician, whereby singing sessions were held on a Sunday evening with a meal break.

Euroa’s group, one of the longest-running in Victoria, continues to go from strength to strength with over 20 people attending regularly at the School House as well as travelling to Longwood, Strathbogie and Violet Town each year. Numbers have been especially healthy in 2011 and it is hard to determine what has been influencing this – perhaps word of mouth from regular singers and the regular emails sent to the Vocal Nosh contact list. Over the 10 years, over 300 people have attended the group at some time. Some have attended regularly over the 10 years, while others have attended sporadically, and some only attend once as a visitor or decide that it is not for them. But at nearly every session in the 10 years, someone new comes along who has never been before!!

At the end of 2005, numbers were dwindling to below 10, so the leaders decided to go “on the road” in 2006, travelling to small communities surrounding Euroa. Carpooling is used so that anyone wishing to travel to one of the “out-of-town” venues can get a lift. This initiative has worked brilliantly, with new people joining the group from these out-lying areas and the leaders and regular singers have found it energizing to sing in different spaces.

Vocal Nosh is not a performance group, although they do make occasional appearances in the community. Each session is to be enjoyed on the night –the emphasis is on singing as part of a group. It’s amazing to experience singing in harmony with many voices. People often comment that they leave with a feeling of wellbeing, revitalised and ready for the working week. There are no rehearsals and no knowledge of music is required. The leaders create an environment where everyone is welcome and guide the group through a wide variety of songs. The results can be surprising, entertaining and often very powerful.

Sessions are held on the third Sunday of the month from March to November. Dates and times are published in the Euroa Gazette events diary.

CMV News

SHORT VIDEOS FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are in the process of revising and updating our website to make it easier to use, more readable, and, we hope, more engaging for users. We want to put up short interesting videos of community music making. If you have something you think fits that description and are willing for us to use it, please send it to us: cmv@netspace.net.au.

NEW VOLUNTEERING POSITIONS

We are always keeping an eye out for people with particular skills to extend our team of volunteers. Contact Jane Coker or Deb Carveth at CMV if you would like to try giving a few hours a week from home or the CMV office in Flinders Lane to support these areas of CMV's work:

- Researching instrumental music making groups in Victoria
- Website content updating
- Information gathering for evaluation projects
- Giving support and advice to Metropolitan singing leaders
- Helping to organise celebratory events
- Collecting and writing up inspiring and everyday stories of community music making
- Monitoring interesting websites
- Collecting useful resources

CMV EMPLOYEE REGISTER

From time to time CMV looks for people to take on occasional and temporary paid jobs. We want to make sure that people with a commitment to CMV's values and relevant skills are invited to apply for these positions. To help make this happen we keep a "Register of Employment Candidates" and notify the people on it when employment opportunities arise. This is an invitation to apply to add your name to the register. All you need do is check that you fall into one or more of the eligibility criteria below and send us your current CV. Eligibility criteria:

1. Have participated in at least three of CMV's skills sharing/peer gathering activities and/or
2. Be a CMV volunteer
3. Express or demonstrate commitment to CMV's values.
4. Have skills or experience in at least one of the following areas
 - Administration and/or computers
 - Facilitation of community music leadership skills-sharing
 - Specialist topics relevant to community music making
 - Co-ordination and/or administration of community based activities
 - Volunteer management
 - Organisational management
 - Financial administration

Send us a brief covering letter and a current CV. If the eligibility criteria are met (as determined by a panel from CMV's board of management not including the applicant) you will be added to the register and informed of relevant employment opportunities.

CMV's full employment policy is available for inspection. Just email us at cmv@netspace.net.au and we will send you a copy.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Community Music Victoria Inc is a registered charity so any donation you make is tax deductible – we send you a record for your tax return. We are particularly looking for donations towards the publication of our next songbook “Songs of Wisdom, Hope & Laughter”, and will include a sponsors page in the book – you can become a song sponsor for \$500, a verse sponsor for \$200, a chorus sponsor for \$150, a line sponsor for \$100, or a note sponsor for \$50. Of course if you want to remain anonymous but help us to produce the book at an affordable price that would be great too. You can donate direct to CMV, BSB 063-123 A/C 1012 8694. Be sure to include your name and email us to let us know. You can also donate by credit card over the phone or email, or send us a cheque.

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CMV Events



The Fiddlehead Festival February 18th @ Yinnar Recreation Reserve 12.30pm-5.15pm **FREE** but we'd love to know if you're coming.

An uncoiling, new fern frond, or fiddlehead, symbolises the return of life after a bushfire. Come along and hear, see and experience the power of music in strengthening and building resilience in Victorian communities at the Fiddlehead Festival.

Central Gippsland music making communities and Community Music Victoria present 'The Fiddlehead Festival'. A fantastic afternoon of informal singing and playing, music making workshops for children and adults, entertainment from acts including the Stringbusters, and a performance of Seeds of the Wattle Song with a massed community choir and band, plus a whole lot more besides! BYO picnic. Everyone welcome.

RSVP to CMV: 9662 1162 or cmv@netspace.net.au

Family Marimba Afternoon with Jon Madin Sunday 19th February, 2- 4 p.m
St. Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham. Adults and children welcome, \$5 each, includes afternoon tea. (Community Music Victoria/Shire of Nillumbik)
For details or to be involved in organizing, contact Heather McLaughlin,
heathermmc@gmail.com

Victoria Makes Music presents: An Instrumental Leadership Skills Workshop
Ross House, Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Sunday February 26th 10am-4pm

This workshop will cover a range of topics including: Teaching a tune, Running an Inclusive Session, Starting an Instrumental Group.

For more information or to book: contact Lyndal Chambers at CMV: 9662 1162
cmv@netspace.net.au

Sing and Swap Songs at Bennetswood Neighbourhood House

7 Greenwood Street, Burwood

March 18th 3.30 – 6pm

Singing leaders and their friends get together to share repertoire and stories

\$5. Bring a plate to share for arvo tea

Bookings essential

Contact CMV 03 9662 1162 or email cmv@netspace.net.au

Marimba workshops/performances - Sunday 22nd April

Marimba performance and Playing Day, Federation Square, Melbourne

(Hearts in Harmony, aMuse, Community Music Vic.)

Details from heathermmc@gmail.com

Eltham Marimba Music Weekend

12-13th May

Andy Rigby and Jon Madin

Eltham area, venue t.b.c.

Details from heathermmc@gmail.com

(Shire of Nillumbik/Community Music Victoria)

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Vacant Positions

Accompanists

The Australian Youth Choir is seeking Accompanists to assist with our program at the following rehearsal centres on a fortnightly basis. Ringwood (Monday) Box Hill (Tuesday) Rosanna and Kew

(Thursday) Rehearsals are held between 6:30 - 8:30pm during school term. Applicants must hold current "Working with Children check", possess good sight reading skills and enjoy children (aged 7 - 14 years) Rehearsal commence February. Applications to Chris Grey cgrey@niypaa.com.au

The Australian Voices - seeks young professional singers for paid touring

Do you love choral singing and want the experience of a lifetime? Come on a three month tour with The Australian Voices! The mission of The Australian Voices since 1993 has been to commission, perform, record and promote the music of Australian composers to the highest international artistic standards. Much of this new music captures vividly the vibrant sound, colour, and energy of the Australian continent and its people. This vocal ensemble has been recognised by many international awards and honours as one of the finest of its type in the world. The Australian Voices now seeks the best young choral singers in the country to form a touring octet, conducted by Artistic Director Gordon Hamilton.

Singer Requirements

- Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass/Baritone
- Ability to sing without vibrato
- Aged 18-35
- Stylistic knowledge
- Flawless sight-singing, choral and musical skills

- Genuine love of choral music, good work-ethic and teamwork skills

Repertoire

Australian compositions and standard-classical repertoire.

Schedule

We will tour to over 80 cities around Australia winding up through QLD, back through coastal and western NSW and then into SA and back through VIC. All accommodation and transport will be paid for.

REHEARSALS Thursday March 1 – Monday March 5 (10am – 5pm)

CONCERTS Tuesday March 6 – Thursday June 31 (6 concerts & 1 rest day per week)

Fee

\$5000 total per singer. Accommodation and transport will be covered by The Australian Voices. Singers in this Octet will be considered first for additional paid opportunities with The Australian Voices in Australia, Asia, USA and Europe.

For more to find out how to audition and for more information please contact Australian Voices on - admin@theaustralianvoices.com or check out there web site <http://www.theaustralianvoices.com/audition>

Community Singing Leader wanted

Cloverdale Community Centre is seeking an experienced and committed Singing Leader to facilitate (and inspire) weekly community singing sessions with the Cloverdale Singers. The singers currently meet on Tuesday afternoons during term time to develop their singing techniques, learn new songs and rehearse for public performances.

For the past three and a half years the Singers have been lead by Lucy Jones and during this time have developed a large and diverse repertoire of songs and performed at numerous community events in Geelong. The Singers have approximately 15 members and new members are always welcome.

The Singing Leader position is ongoing and conditions are as per the Neighbourhood Houses and Adult Community Education Collective Agreement (2010). The rate of pay and hours of work are open to negotiation.

We are seeking expressions of interest from interested singers, musicians or performers via email. **Deadline Friday 3rd February.**

Please send your expression of interest to Sue Hartigan at Cloverdale@datafast.net.au or call 5275 4415 for more information.

Guitar and Piano vacancy at Wantirna College

Wantirna College seeks applications from experienced and enthusiastic teachers to fill the following positions to start in Term 1 2012.

1. Guitar Teacher: required to teach a range of students from beginner to VCE in small groups and individual lessons. Experience in ensemble direction is vital. This position is currently for up to 1 day teaching.

2. Piano Teacher: required to teach a range of students from beginner to VCE in small groups and individual lessons. Possibility of accompaniment for the college choir. This position is currently for up to 1 days teaching.

Applicants for both positions will require either VIT registration, Permission to teach or Working with Children check.

Interested applicants should send their application including a Cover Letter, CV and 3 referees to Michael Harvey at hav@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au by Friday 3rd February.

High Street Bells Choir seeks Volunteers

We are hoping we might find at least two individuals to work alongside our Choir Master and the wonderful group of singers and volunteers that make up the High Street Bells Choir. We meet on Monday mornings 10am -12pm at Northcote Uniting Church. Volunteer assistance is needed to meet and greet, including registration and preparing a light snack in the suitably equipped kitchen. Of course there is plenty of singing and we hope we can engage a person interested in performing/singing at our events. Last year we performed at a number of community events. For more information phone 9489 4399 or email: sgreen@mcm.org.au

Monash Symphonic Winds Director

Monash University Philharmonic Society □ Clayton Vic Australia

Deadline: 30 March 2012

The Monash University Philharmonic Society (MUPS) is a student run music society affiliated with Monash University. MUPS coordinates three major groups: the Monash Jazz Orchestra (MoJO), the Monash Symphonic Winds (MSW) and the Monash Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) as well as many small ensembles. The society attracts members from student, alumni and staff bodies as well as the general community. The conductor of the Monash Symphonic Winds plays a vital role in MUPS.

Duration: Ongoing, commencing Wednesday July 25th 2012. Three hours per week during the university semester (approximately 30 weeks per year) plus concerts and three weekend rehearsal camps. □ Full details: <http://www.monashphil.org/>

Vocal Instructor – St Bede’s College - (Job Ref: 12-001) Immediate start

A Catholic Boys Secondary College in Mentone

St Bede’s College seeks the services of an enthusiastic Vocal Instructor to join its vibrant music department. Experience working with male voices and leading contemporary vocal ensembles is highly desirable. It is envisaged that the position will grow to approximately one day per week. The successful applicant will have a commitment to the philosophy and ethos of Catholic Education. Please email applications to the Principal's Secretary Mrs Jan Brown at employ@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

employ@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: Wednesday 8th February 2012 Ph: (03) 9582 5999

Volunteers

Doutta Galla Community Health Service have been running Group 120, a music program for marginalised young people on the Flemington and Ascot Vale Housing Estates since 2007.

We are a not for profit agency and it has been run on a bit of a shoestring budget with the help of some wonderful volunteers.

Doutta Galla Community Health Service is now looking for more Volunteers.

Please contact Kane James: James.Kane@doutta.org.au

Check out: <http://www.group120.com.au/>

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Singing Groups & Choirs

acabellas Singing

We run community sessions every day of the week (except Sundays). You can swap around, come to more than one a week or even just occasionally....whatever you like.

Here is a brief snapshot –

Monday – Geelong – 60mins – Lisa

Tuesday – Ocean Grove – 90 mins – Belinda

Wednesday – Geelong – 30 mins – Belinda; Geelong 90mins

Thursday – Geelong- 60mins; Geelong West – 90 mins – Belinda

Friday – Geelong West – 60 mins – Belinda

Monthly Saturdays – Geelong West (MEN) – 90 mins – Belinda

enquiries: belinda@acabellas.net.au

acabellas Children's singing and music making group

Primary school children are introduced to the joys of singing, invited to play simple instruments and encouraged to move and groove with the fun and inspiring Sue Hindle.

Mondays : 5:00-5:45pm

'Kalkee Hall' 46 Thompson Street, Belmont.

\$12 Weekly rate or Discount term rate (8 weeks- \$80)

Term 1 dates Monday 6th Feb – Monday 26th March

For more information or to make a booking contact Sue - sue@acabellas.net.au

acabellas Fellas

A community singing group for men was established in Geelong West in February 2011 and has so far welcomed 25 singers. Beautiful repertoire, clear facilitation and lots of fun.

The group harnesses the strengths of experienced singers and warmly welcomes, supports and guides new singers.

The Third Saturday of Every Month Cost \$15 per session

enquiries: belinda@acabellas.net.au

ARCappella choir

Community choir based in Preston, is currently recruiting new members. All voice parts soprano, alto, tenor, bass and previous choir experience is not essential. Cost: \$50 per term.

Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Donald Street Community Hall, Donald Street Preston. Amelia van Lint 0434 356 688 arcappella@arc-theatre.com www.arc-theatre.com

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Women's Singing Group

A women's singing group, known as the Lord Newry Singers who meet on Wednesday nights during school terms to sing and have fun together. Songs range from multi-cultural, jazz, gospel to the latest or perhaps your choice! Afterwards, the group wanders off to the Lord Newry Hotel in Fitzroy for a coffee, wine or beer. Cost is \$50 per term, payable in advance. All queries to Mary Parfrey, Centre Manager at Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre (03) 9347 2739 please. Bookings essential.

THECHOIR – New Members for 2012

THECHOIR, created and directed by Dr. Jonathon Welch AM, is accepting new members. THECHOIR may be limiting its intake of sopranos and altos in 2012 depending on numbers. Please feel free to contact THECHOIR for a membership application and information about their 'come and try' sessions held throughout the term. The new term starts on Wednesday 1st February 2012.

For more information contact Jan Hamilton, THECHOIR manager : thechoir@live.com.au or checkout: <http://www.thechoir.com.au/>

You can also follow THECHOIR on Twitter: http://twitter.com/THE_CHOIR and Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/THECHOIR>

Choir of the Anglican Parish of Jika Jika is seeking new members.

There are two branches of the choir, which sings each week at All Saints, Preston and St George's, Reservoir. Time; Sunday morning, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Location: All Saints Anglican Church, Cnr High Street & Murray Road, Preston. Kieran Crichton 9471 9191 or music@jikajika.com www.jikkajikka.com

Colours Of Sound Corryong

Usually first & third Friday evenings at Sacred Heart school with Marisabel Bonet-Cruz as leader. \$5/\$3 conc. Acapella singing.

All ages welcome to join. Ring the Neighbourhood House to confirm date/time (02) 60761179

Come and sing just for the Joy of it! All welcome!

Learn short, easy part songs, rounds and longer songs with harmonies in a colourful mix of styles. Enjoy your voice and group singing, learn some repertoire to sing with family and friends and experience feelings of wellbeing that a weekly sing-up will bring into your life. No solos, performance or music reading necessary.

For the past 9 years Barb McFarlane has been leading a variety of singing groups and sing sessions within community events in the Dandenongs. She co-directs the wonderful Community choir VoKallista She takes great delight in bringing a group of people together in singing in harmony. The sessions are:

Mondays 2.30- 4pm at The Uniting Church, Ferntree Gully Free!

Term 4 starts October 10th

Just turn up or call the EACH office on 9758 8508

Tuesdays 7 -8.30pm Term 4 starts October. Kallista Community House.

Call 9755 2622 for details and enrolment.

Thursdays 7pm- 8.30 Emerald Community House.

Term 4 Starts October 20th. Call 5968 3881 for details and enrolment

Community choir at Jika Jika. Community Centre, 2 East St, Westgarth. 'The Wednesdays' is a friendly, relaxed group of people who get together for a sing every Wednesday at 7pm at the Oldis Gardens campus, Jika Jika Community Centre. All welcome. ph : Alicia 0410253866

Community Choir – in Heidelberg

We are a group of between 12-20 people depending on the day! Our focus is on being part of a group that gathers to enjoy singing. For many of us it is our first time in a choir. We meet between 1.30-3pm at the Banyule Community Health Centre. The address is 21 Alamein Road Heidelberg and we meet every Tuesday. The first half hour is admin (planning performances, song choices etc) and time for a cup of tea. The last hour dedicated to singing.

It is certainly not necessary to be able to read music and there are no subscription costs, joining fees or attendance fees - it is free for all. All welcome.

Corisande

We are a relatively young bunch who LOVE singing contemporary, folk, world and soul music together and LOVE having a drink together afterwards! Wouldn't you love it too? We need more members! Come along to check us out. **Bonuses on offer if you bring men!!!!** We perform regularly (do you need us to groove your event?) and rehearse on Thursday evenings at the Belmont Hotel (so the bar is close by!). Directed by Steph Payne (minister for fun and music). Contact our coordinator, Jen Nicholls (minister for fun, finance and design) on info@corisande.com.au for more information. www.corisande.com.au Find us on Facebook!

Creativity Australia With One Voice program

We have programs in Dandenong, Geelong, Footscray etc. We'd love people to join our choirs – those on healthcare cards may attend for free.

Melbourne Sings Tuesdays 5:15-6:30pm followed by supper, Sofitel Melbourne

Geelong Sings Tuesdays 5:15-6:30pm followed by supper Waterfront Christian Church

Dandenong Sings Weds 5:15-6:30pm followed by supper, Paddy O'Donohue Centre, Noble Park

Footscray Sings Thursdays 5:30-6:45pm followed by Supper. The Church, 10A Hyde Street, Footscray.

Sunshine Sings Thursdays from 6pm to 7:15pm followed by Supper.

Sunshine Harvester Primary School Hall, Cnr Duke & Hertford Roads, Sunshine

Da Capo Singers are auditioning basses, baritones, and tenors.

Da Capo Singers are based in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne with an eclectic repertoire. Rehearsals are Sunday nights in Berwick. For more information please email dacaposingers@yahoo.com.au or call Simon Loveless 9707 2036

East City Sound

Performing chorus. Serious singers having serious fun! East City Sound sings four part harmony in the barbershop style. Thursday rehearsals 7:30 pm at St Stephens Anglican Church. Phyllis St Bayswater. www.eastcitysound.org.au Kathleen Chantry 9704 8238 0409 136 204 KathleenC@oracletelecom.net.au

Empty Sky

Is the Chalice home choir that rehearses fortnightly on Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm (Squawkestra do the other Thursday). We are exploring songs, chants and dances from sacred traditions around the world. It's serious fun and there are no auditions. All welcome.

Where: Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High St, Northcote

Cost: \$10 per session and bring some nosh to share afterwards

Contact: Kavisha Ph: 0412 893 355 or Darryl Colless Ph: 9482 2884

Eric Whitacre's Virtual Choir 3

Eric Whitacre will soon be looking for virtual choir members for Virtual Choir 3. Please check out his blog for news, updates and announcements on how you can be apart of his choir.

<http://ericwhitacre.com/the-virtual-choir>

Essendon Choral Society.

ECS has been performing for over 30 years in Essendon and Melbourne with a range of music including opera, classical, Gilbert & Sullivan and light entertainment. No auditions required, come along and try. All singers needed, especially Tenors. Rehearsals at Penleigh & Essendon Grammar Junior School, Music room Raleigh Street, Essendon (opposite Essendon Football Grounds) Tuesday nights at 7.45pm Enquiries telephone 9390 3584
Wendy Smart Treasurer ECS

Ferntree Gully Uniting Church - Mondays 2.30pm

Everyone welcome for a relaxed session with singing, laughter and the odd bird call! There is a slight risk of ukeleles, sorry!

Organised by E.A.C.H. and led by Barb McFarlane who knows songs ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime. No performance, no experience needed, no solos (unless you just can't help yourself!) And it's free! barbmcfarlane@bigpond.com

Geelong Sings Community Choir

Geelong Sings is a community choir conducted by Geelong's own young prodigy Kym Dillon, and is part of the With One Voice program run by the Creativity Australia charity. The choir is always looking to boost numbers and is currently building its diverse membership base. No previous singing experience is required, so just turn up to a rehearsal to see what it's all about! Rehearsals are every Monday, 5.30 to 6.45pm at Waterfront Christian Church, 35 Corio Street, Geelong, and is free for healthcare/disability card holders, donation otherwise. For more information call (03) 8679 6088, email mike@cal.org.au or visit www.creativityaustralia.org.au

Geelong Youth Choir

Let's Make Music! for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Every child is born a musician and Let's Make Music! provides the perfect environment for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults that love them to make music together. Classes are full of singing and dancing and utilise quality instruments and engaging props. Parents love sharing in the fun of music with their kids and learn the skills and confidence to make music an integral part of their everyday lives. Taking term 1 enrolments now.

Date: Thursday and Friday mornings

Times: 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30am classes

Venue: St Luke's Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Scenic and Barrabool Rds, Highton Plenty of off-street parking available

Costs: \$15/class payable by the term, Sibling discount available (siblings under 2yrs free)

Contact: 0431 981 652 Bron Lawson

Email: geelongyouthchoir@ymail.com

Website: www.geelongyouthchoir.com

Glee Club: Glee Club is the only sing-a-long choir in town. There are no solos, no microphones and no commitment to come every week. Showtune Tuesdays 6:15-7:15. Classic Wednesdays 6:15-7:15. The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne Tickets: \$10 Bookings: www.thebutterflyclub.com or just turn up.

The 'Hearts in Harmony' community choir

Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays 1-2pm at 125 Napier St, Fitzroy - part of the Atherton Gardens housing estate. With the emphasis on social inclusion, we sing a range of songs from simple rounds to jazz and world music incorporating movement, actions, signing and improvisation. Led by Susie Davies-Splitter (music lecturer at ACU), members come from near and far including Africa, Pakistan, Torres Strait Islands and India.

No experience necessary just a sense of fun is needed. Come along and try it out!

Contact janie@welcometomusic.net

Hip Hop Choir

Looking for mcs, dancers, beat makers and anyone who loves to sing!

Rehearsals held at Barkly Arts Centre, Footscray Thursdays 5.30-7.30pm.

changeactnow@gmail.com

Kallista Primary School - Wednesdays 7.30 pm

Community Choir VoKallista. Commitment required as we do perform within our community and beyond. No auditions but we work on improving vocal, rhythm and listening skills in sessions and extra workshops with Voice Teacher Suzann Frisk. Very happy friendly group. Material varied but kinda folky and mostly acappella. barbmcfarlane@bigpond.com

La La La: Melbourne's only French language chorale, is looking for new members. We would especially love to hear from basses and tenors. Knowledge of French not essential, but you do need to be able to sing in tune. We rehearse Wednesday nights in Northcote. Repertoire includes classical music, French folk songs and jazz.

Contact: Ph. Stuart 0431 471 783

Lipstick and Spurs

Performing original and cover songs with a country flavor. No previous experience required, but solo spots available for those so inclined. Sun 5-6.45pm @ Northcote Uniting Church

www.australiansong-garden.com.au

Living Song Community Choir, Ivanhoe.

Mondays during term time 7.30 – 9pm, led by Jane Coker and Margaret Crichton. No auditions, all welcome. Come and sing for fun. Contact Livingstone Community Centre: Ph: 9497 2014.

Little Sing

Is a music program which nourishes the creative spirit of children and encourages them to develop confidence in vocal expression, storytelling and self-expression. Facilitated by community artist Ruth Schoenheimer and Chalice Minister Ali Sangster. Little Sing is an opportunity for you to join with your child in a gentle, joyous singing experience.

Cost: \$10 per family Location: Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote 9482 2884 or www.chalice.org.au

Majellan Singers

Is a community choir based in Ashburton. We sing a varied range of secular and sacred music from the 16th -21st centuries and are led by accomplished singing teacher and choral director, Noel Ancell. We rehearse Wednesdays at Ashburton Uniting Church, 8-10pm. Contact Kathy on 0410 130 083 or email: cauley44@westnet.com.au

Maroondah Singers

Based in the eastern suburbs, and warmly inviting people who love singing choral music, while having fun and benefiting from top-class teaching, to join the choir. No experience needed; just an interest and the ability to hit the right note. The ability to read music is not essential. We rehearse every Monday night – 7.30-10.30pm - at Mountview Uniting Church hall, Mitcham. Contact: 0420 889 873.

Melbournaires Harmony Chorus seeks male counter-tenor singers.

We sing four part *a cappella* close harmony and welcome all voice parts, particularly those who can sing the high harmony line. Our repertoire consists of popular songs from past years, sung in the barbershop style, which requires a harmony line above the melody of the song. These higher notes are often sung in a counter-tenor or falsetto voice and add sparkle to the harmony. Our Chorus of 60 men rehearses in a friendly atmosphere each Monday from 7.30pm to 10.00pm at East Doncaster. We provide a range of resources to assist learning. The ability to read music is desirable, but not essential. We frequently entertain at functions for corporates, clubs and community organisations.

Contact Roger Archman on 9898 6014 or email info@melbournaires.com or visit our website at www.melbournaires.com

Melbourne Chamber Choir - Calling for singers

The Melbourne Chamber Choir is seeking 1 first soprano, 3 tenors and 2 basses for this year's exciting programme, conducted by Mark Sheill. Good sight-reading skills and voice development are required. Join a choir of excellent musicians.

Phone Mark Sheill - 0488 480 576

Melbourne Women's Choir wants singers soprano and alto

The Melbourne Women's Choir is looking forward to an exceptional year of concert giving, making a CD and beginning repertoire for an overseas tour.

If you love choral music and the sound of the close harmony of women's voices, and have good music-reading skills, we look forward to sharing the year's music making with you.

Phone Faye Dumont - 9818 1296

Melbourne Chorus: If you love to sing, we've have a place for you!

We're recruiting new members right now! Learn how to sing and perform a cappella harmonies. We rehearse every Wednesday night at the East Kew Music Centre. The cost is only \$10 per week for prospective members, which includes music and learning CDs. Check out our website, or call us for more details. www.melbournechorus.org.au 0431 140 450

Men, Men, Men required

. . . tenors and basses, to join The Bellbird Singers, a mixed community choir which rehearses in Warrandyte each Monday night of the school term. No auditions, but a desire to have fun, whilst creating pleasing sounds is required. We sing pleasant, middle-of-the-road songs, in 3 and 4 parts. Strong sopranos also required. Please call Lise on 0403 310 857 or email

lisemoran@hotmail.com

Pan African Choir

Singing songs and playing percussion from around the continent, the Pan African Choir is unique to Melbourne. This dynamic group has been performing across the state since 2003 singing in many different African languages. This choir is great fun, the music is absolutely engaging and we perform at good venues, including festivals. www.panafricanchoir.com. Cost: \$10 per week, 7-9pm. Northcote Uniting Church. Contact Jen Skate at

jenmag skate@yahoo.com.au

Rogues Choir We meet at the Princes Hill Lawn Bowls Club 1 Bowen Cres North Carlton. Brunswick Rogues Community Choir welcomes new members to join the group in 2011: All welcome and no experience needed. Especially welcome people who sing low, tenors and basses. A capella singing in harmony & wide variety of music in a fun and friendly environment. Singing leader Emily Hayes. Rehearsals on Tuesday 7pm-9pm

Bookings call 0400865427 or 93437733 or email: emilyhayes@optusnet.com.au

Sing Brahms, Delius, Dvorak, Haydn, Bach - with orchestras!

Victoria Chorale welcomes new singers to join them for a fabulous program. Sing fabulous music with a friendly and excellent choir, and a very talented conductor - Raymond Yong. All singers welcome, particularly tenors and basses. Rehearsals Tues nights, Hawthorn. T: Ken 9482 2151; E: victoriachorale@gmail.com

Singing for Fun - Kew

Our group learns Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino songs, but we also sample other traditions. While the emphasis is on enjoyment rather than performance, our wonderful leader Sarah Mandie is gently introducing us to harmonies and helping us develop our voices. Meetings fortnightly on Thursday evenings 8.00-9.30 pm at a private home in Kew, with participants sharing costs. Ring Julie (9853 2057 or 0417 397 050) or send an email jcontole@hotmail.com

Sing For Fun - Furntree Gully

Mondays (during the school term) 2.30-4pm Venue: Uniting Church, . The Avenue, Ferntree Gully. Melways map 74 B3. Barb McFarlane is a warm, funny and vibrant singing leader who aims at maximum enjoyment in these sessions. You'll always leave feeling better than when you arrived! Songs from all over the music world, made easy to learn in a friendly space. Come and find your voice and the joy of having a good sing! Free! Funded by the E.A.C.H.org. (Eastern Access Community Health) 9756 7627 or 0407 548 165 barbmcfarlane@bigpond.com

Sing for Fun at Kallista Community House

Tuesdays 7.00pm Singing session for everyone. Getting to know your voice and enjoying the beautiful sound the group makes when you get some harmonies going. Short songs, rounds and some beautiful longer songs that will inspire you. No performance, no experience needed but opportunities to sing with a community choir are offered. kallista@kallista.own.net.au

Sing Your Heart Out

If you sing in the bathroom, even if you don't - come and sing with us. All ages, skill levels and experience [or none!] are welcome. A wonderful, welcoming group who delight in creating sounds of all varieties and cultures from around the world, and laughing together when it doesn't quite go as expected! Occasional instruments [other than vocal] occasionally offered if we feel like it - no pressure!

Rehearsal Time: Thursday nights during school term, 7-8.30pm

"Sing Your Heart Out" have relocated to Koonung Cottage, 109 Koonung Road, Blackburn,

Email: kharding@tpg.com.au

Sisters & Mistery Ensemble

For anyone who wants to sing and who loves singing! An exciting, large vocal group incorporating group singing lessons and performance. Fun songs from 60's to now with participants of all ages and singing experience. Beginners are welcome! Located at Reservoir West Primary School on Thursday nights.

Cost: \$110 / \$90 conc Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Location: Reservoir West Primary School. Carrington Rd, Reservoir

Contact Person: Irene Bennetts Ph: 9470 6813 / 0412 822 126, sistersofsong@bigpond.com

Soulsong Mondays & Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm @ St John's Church Hall, Foster St, Elsternwick

Soulsong is for people who like to "sing out" and be part of a weekly singing community. It is for people who want to have fun as you free up your throat, get it off your chest and bring the cleansing & purifying effects of singing into your week. No experience needed. Each night includes a physical warm-up, a sound meditation, a variety of harmonies, blues, gospel, chants, show tunes, jamming and a tea break, of course!

Cost \$150 per 10 week term or \$15 for a look-see visit. Contact Richard Lawton 0401 555 498 or richone@optusnet.com.au

Soundworks Music Studio - Circle Singing

We will be starting a 'Circle Singing' for women and men over the age of 16 years. It works as follows;

Circle singing is group singing with the emphasis on improvisation. It is spontaneous. Circle singing is about creating masterpieces on the spot. Voices are layered rhythmically and melodically. It allows one to use the voice as an instrument becoming bass, percussion or the flute, creating an a capella band in a matter of seconds. It provided a space in which one can play with the tone and timbre of the voice while blending and listening. Circle singing also explores the physical nature of music where one can express the voice through gesture or dance. Circle singing is about playing, it is bringing people together through creative expression. It is a whole lot of fun!

When: Saturdays 3:30pm - 5pm

Cost: \$11 per session payable every 5 weeks

If you are interested contact Soundworks Music Studio 9388 0052 or info@soundworksmusicstudio.com

Southern Sounds Chorus in Langwarrin

Open to all women who want to sing, entertain and compete nationally in a group! Take a leap into four part harmony Barbershop style. There's REAL FRIENDSHIP! ~ CRACKING HARMONY ! ~ SERIOUS FUN! Rehearsals Tuesdays 7.15 St Jude's Parish Hall Langwarrin.

Enq: Judy 9775 4464; Christine 5971 2231

The Star Chorale

The Star Chorale will be performing Brahms' German Requiem on 1st July 2012, in the wonderful surrounds of the Melbourne Recital Centre.

We currently have over 100 singers, but there are a few vacancies for tenors and basses to improve choir balance. We do not generally hold auditions, but the ability to hold a tune is essential, and if you can read music it is an advantage. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 -- 9.45pm at the Methodist Ladies' College, Kew.

For further information, please see our website www.starchorale.org or telephone the secretary on 0407 055 846.

St Kilda Sings

St Kilda Sings promotes wellbeing and social cohesion, to strengthen communities and build capacity. Specific groups targeted for support include the residents of St Kilda community housing, refugees and migrants, people living with disability and mental illness, the unemployed and people from low socio-economic backgrounds - in short, people likely to be disengaged from broader society, who you can help to find their voice and their confidence.

St Kilda Sings is a great way to connect with the community, discover your creative voice, and assist other members with communication skills, job-search skills, and maybe even provide work experience or paid employment. We would love you to join the choir as a singer, or in a volunteer capacity if you'd rather not sing. Come along and bring your friends. The choir runs every Thursday 6.30pm at 114 Inkerman St.

Enquiries to Josh Morshead at josh@ppcg.org.au or 0437 006 420.

Songs Across The Valley

Join a mass community choir that will perform at the Warburton Harmony Festival 2012 on Mon 12 March. Choirs from the Yarra Valley Region join forces to sing songs celebrating peace, harmony and diversity. Mass Rehearsals in Warburton. Dates (TBC): Sunday March 4 & Saturday March 1. Led by Santha Press. Contact Santha on santha@iinet.net.au or 0412 199874, or through the La La Community Chorus Facebook page or <http://thelalacommunitychorus.blogspot.com/>

Sweet Adelines - Become a member of our chorus and compete with us in America!

The Melbourne Chorus of Sweet Adelines International are on a mission to recruit new members right now! Come by for a visit and use those great singing skills you already have. Become a member and you'll get an opportunity to be part of our adventure to the US in October 2012. Check out our website and call to book into our special membership drive, starting on the evening of 3 August 2011 at the East Kew Music Centre. The cost is only \$10 per week for 4 weeks, which includes music and learning CDs. www.melbournechorus.org.au 0431 140 450

U3A Still in the Pink Choir (Kingston/Mordialloc)

The informal choir meets Thursday after noons 3pm to 4:15pm at the Old Court House, Albert St., Mordialloc. We sing to have fun and get younger. Come and see if it works....maybe even join in the singing as well! For more information: u3akingston@aanet.com.au

Vital Voices Women's choir

In Albury meets every Thursday 6.30-8.30pm St. David's Olive St. Sing for Fun & Vitality and develop ensemble techniques-some community performances throughout the year. \$12 per session. Enquiries Karen Roben 0458454050 karenroben@bigpond.com

Vocal Nosh – Bellbrae

We meet on the last Friday of the month (6 - 8pm) at Bellbrae Hall, School Rd, Bellbrae, just off the Great Ocean Road between Torquay and Anglesea.

We have four leaders who put together a diverse program of easy songs for us to 'Sing Like Nobody's Listening.' Call Michele 5261 4807 or Anika 5263 1002 for further info or email bellbraesingforfun@yahoo.com.au

Next Vocal Nosh: October date is Friday 21st

Vocal Vibes

Inviting women of all ages to take time out of their busy lifestyles to sing. We are currently searching for all voice parts, particularly high and low singers. Vocal Vibes sing songs in the barbershop style. Monday Evening 7.30 – 10pm Holy Spirit Church/Hall, 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North, Vic. 3134 Diane Cheek - 0417 059 751 or Kerry Haddow – 0413 892 762 or info@vocalvibes.com.au

Welcome Singers

Seeking new members. Meeting Thursday evenings at 8.00 The Basin Community House, 1221 Mountain Highway (next to primary school), The Basin contact: Charmaine 0430359931 or charmaine.schmidt@westnet.com.au

Yukana Singers

The choir was started 51 years ago, for the pleasure of its members and the community; any donations received go to charities, such as Camp Quality, Canteen, Peter McCallum Cancer Institute; the name of the choir is taken from the Aboriginal language meaning "Praise" No audition requirements Wed evening @ Uniting Church, Boronia. Membership: \$100 annually. Contact: Ben Abbenhyus 9764 1909

Zanzy Choir

A translation for 'Zanzy' is happiness... very apt for a choir!! The Zanzy Choir is keen to recruit new members who love to sing, and who would like to perform at community events throughout the year. We'll be singing a range of world, gospel, jazz, and original music. Michelle Morgan from River of Song will be leading the Zanzy Choir in Montmorency, with rehearsals on Thursdays 7.15-9ish. Please call 0409946994 for more details.

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Other Singing Opportunities

2012 National Melbourne Festival of Choirs 6-9 April (Easter)

Dr Jonathon Welch AM (best known as the Founding Director of the ARIA, Helpmann and Logie winning Choir of Hard Knocks, ABC TV's Jail Birds and Channel 7's Battle of the Choirs) is inviting you to participate in the National Melbourne Festival of Choirs to be held over the Easter weekend of April 6 – 9, 2012.

Following the stunning success of the 2nd National Melbourne Festival of Choirs in 2011, with over 400 participants, here is your opportunity to collaborate with some of Australia's best music directors and sing in an amazing selection of Melbourne's spectacular venues, including the magnificent new Melbourne Recital Centre, National Gallery of Victoria, BMW Edge Theatre and Federation Square.

Over the festival weekend, you will enjoy workshops, forums, master classes and participating in the Massed Festival Choirs working with some of Australia's finest choral conductors, arrangers and vocal practitioners.

All genres of choirs are welcome to participate in the festival (gospel, contemporary, a cappella, classical, youth, world music, barbershop etc).

If your choir is not participating or you are currently not singing with a choir, you are invited to register as an individual participant and join in this wonderful weekend of singing and fun!!

Register your interest NOW via email choirfest@hotmail.com

Website: www.festivalofchoirs.com.au

Accordionist, seeking a vocalist

Phill an accordionist, seeking a vocalist (ability to sing in English and German) in order to create a duo to perform in the future for functions at German/Austrian clubs and related events in Melbourne that require a mix of ALPINE folk music and other CONTINENTAL music (i.e polkas and waltzes from Austria, German, Italy plus popular easy listening sambas, foxtrots, tangos, country songs, little rock & roll, other dance music) that's easy to listen to and that people can dance to, mainly for the German/Austrian communities (clubs) in Melbourne whose guests are people of Austrian, German, Australian, Italian and other ethnicities. The vocalist would need to be able to sing in German and English at the least.

Need to have time, several Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons each year.

Examples:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B34RxXRxt08>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEZTHIAF-x4>

<http://youtu.be/ACI7ukdReoA>

If interested, contact please contact Phill: philldownunder@gmail.com

Savoy Opera Company Auditions - The Gondoliers

Auditions are to be held from 12 pm on Sunday 5th February at Highfield Road Church Hall.

For appointments please e-mail info@savoyoperacompany.com

Or phone 0425 853 071

Fore more info <http://www.savoyoperacompany.com/auditions.html>

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Instrumental Groups

Calling Beginner Musicians - Squawkestra needs you!

Squawkestra is an adult beginner community orchestra that rehearses fortnightly on Thursdays. We need more members (especially brass!) - If you play an orchestral instrument and can read music then come along every Thursday fortnight 7-9:00pm Northcote Uniting Church, High Street Northcote. Free to try! Membership \$80/60 per year Becca Smith 0413 837 774

www.squawkestra.com

Corryong Ukelele Group

We have been meeting regularly for 3 years at the Corryong Neighbourhood House. \$3 per person. Beginners and experienced players welcome to conquer the basics and expand skills – (we can access YouTube via a large screen).

We often give happy performances around the community. Neighbourhood House (02) 60761179

Darebin City Brass Community Band

Youth Training Group. \$15 per Term (Instruments are provided). Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Band Room, Cnr Mary and Cramer Streets Preston. Melway Ref.: Map 18 F2 Contact: Jack Kelly: (03) 9459 1329, jackkelly29@bigpond.com

<http://www.darebincitybrass.com/>

Footscray Gypsies World Music Community Orchestra

This is a world music community orchestra based in Footscray in the western suburbs of Melbourne. Our repertoire focuses on klezmer, gypsy and balkan music. The Footscray Gypsies meets on alternate Tuesday evenings, 6.30 to 9.00pm @ the Bigwest Festival rehearsal room, above the iconic Dancing Dog Café Level 1, 42 Albert Street in Footscray (close to the train station). Fees: \$15 casual (\$40 for 4 weeks/2 months). Concession: \$10 casual (\$30 for 4 weeks/2months). All ages groups welcome Bring a music stand, pencil and folder. Sheet music provided. enquiries www.jensmusicschool.com jensmusicschool@hotmail.com or call me on 0413 128052

Guitar Orchestra auditions.

CGSV's Guitar Orchestra is conducted by Ben Dix, who also arranges much of the material. 2011 Member Fees: \$160 per player, \$320 per family. Sight reading skills are very important in the orchestra, so you will be tested on this and one or two other things. www.cgsv.org.au

Jika Jika Ensemble

Small orchestral ensemble

Looking for new players - violins, violas & woodwinds. Clarinet particularly needed. Experienced adult instrumentalists, those returning to play after a break and beginners all welcome! Saturdays 4-6pm fortnightly, Jika Jika Community Centre Northcote. Please phone Bronwyn 0416 335 015.

KALULU

KALULU (which stands for Kooky And Luscious Ukulele Lovers United!!) We have about 30 members already and meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 10.30am - 12.3-pm at Kallista Community House, Kallista. Its a fun and friendly ukulele gathering, which occasionally performs at various functions and gigs, but mostly just gets together to learn and laugh together. Anyone come along (young/old, beginners/advanced, blokes/sheilas). If you would like to know more you can give Kaz call on 0419 377 909.

Mandolins D'Amour

We are a plucked string ensemble (mandolin, mandola, guitar, cello, double bass) who meet every Thursday night at 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Serrell St Uniting Centre in East Malvern. We play music of all styles from classical, folk, popular song, world music etc. We welcome players of all ages and ability with the only requirement to join being the ability to read music. 2012 Member Fee \$150. Please contact Don Marsham for further information Tel: 9723 2933, Email: donaldmarsham@hotmail.com

Oakleigh City Band

Attention Brass & Percussion players, Rehearsals: Mondays 8-10pm
Oakleigh Hall (upstairs), 142-144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh
Visitors, enquiries, and new members are always welcome.
Previous experience in bands is not essential. All ages. Band instruments are available.
Tuition can be arranged. Contact Annyce: 0418 266 923

Orkeztra Glasso Bashalde

Join in our celebration of Klezmer, Wednesdays 7:30-9:30pm
Balkan, Rom and Middle-Eastern Music. Participation is \$10 full \$5 con
Jika Jika Community Centre, cnr of Union & Plant Streets, Northcote
Contact: Facebook.com/orkeztra
Phone Gary: 9481 3386 orkeztra@gmail.com

Piano Lovers Group - Happiness through Music!

If you learned the piano a long time ago, and were thinking of taking it up again now that you have more time to spare...If you're learning now, and would like to practice your skills in a group of friendly like minded people – the Piano Lovers' group may be right for you!

Each month we have a theme – perhaps Beethoven or Dance music or Spanish composers, and we play for each other and discuss the music. Pianist may also play a second piece of their own choosing.

Where: St Francis Church Hall, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

10am-12:30pm

For more info: Ray Yodgee - 9500 0224

Princes Hill Community Centre String group - Friday evenings (fortnightly) 6:30 – 8:15pm

Co-ordinator: Dianna Walpole. Do you play a stringed instrument? (violin, viola, cello or bass)

PHCC's string group is for beginner & returning musicians meeting fortnightly in a relaxed & supportive environment. BYO instrument, music stand & sense of humour. Music supplied, all ages welcome. \$5.00 per session Upstairs Studio 93877740 www.princeshill.org.au

Stonnington City Brass

A community brass band based in Malvern. The band has many performances throughout the year including Council Citizenship Ceremonies, Christmas Carols, Afternoon Tea Dances, and many other community, corporate and private events.

The band currently has members from all age groups ranging from 10 to 85, and is actively looking to recruit new members. Rehearsals are conducted on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, and the Training Band is on Mondays at 7.30pm.

For more information about Stonnington City Brass please visit

www.stonningtoncitybrass.org.au

Sunraysia Ukulele Network (SUN)

A splinter group of the Mallee Folk Club, has been meeting regularly for about 18 months. SUN is open to all and will appeal to beginners and experienced player. Participants will learn the basics of the ukulele and build on existing skills. Learn new techniques and increase confidence and enjoyment of the instrument.

SUN is an inclusive group which aims to promote participation and learning experiences and meets on the last Sunday of each month from 2pm-4pm at the Old Mildura Homestead Cottage, Cureton Ave, Mildura. Info: 5024 1986

Surrey Hills Orchestra

String players welcome. Rehearsals Tuesdays at 7:45pm

Holy Trinity Anglican Church hall, cnr Union Rd and Melrose St, Surrey Hills. Enquiries: Vivien:

9877 5286 president@surreyhillsorchestra.org.au or check website:

www.surreyhillsorchestra.org.au

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Playing Opportunities

Community Music Access

Hands on Music for people with a disability facilitated by The Salvation Army Brunswick. CNR Gooch and High streets Thornbury, Tuesdays under 18's program [in school term] Wednesdays open age. Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 11.30. Cnr Gooch and High streets, Thornbury. Cost: \$5. Carers free Contact: Stuart Lees 0403 316 671 Email: stuart.lees@salvationarmy.org.au

Family Marimba Afternoon with Jon Madin,

Sunday 25th March, 2-4 p.m.

Bimbadeen Primary School, Mooroolbark, \$10 each/\$25 a family, includes afternoon tea (VOSA).

Melbourne Slow Sessions: Father Flanagans Hotel, 484 Smith St in Collingwood.

Every Tuesday Night from 7.30pm. Mark McDonnell's Traditional Irish Music Slow Sessions are held at. Ideal for musicians wanting to ease themselves into the session scene. The first and third Tuesdays of the month cater to beginners, while the second and fourth Tuesdays are pitched to more intermediate players. Contact Mark on markjmc@gmail.com or 03 9459 2295

Newport Fiddle and Folk Club: Folk Club Night: Last Friday of the month. Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. All welcome to BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 /gold coin.

www.nffc.org.au . Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466.

Open Stage Night - Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

Are you interested in performing? Come along & hone your skills in front of a real live audience! We welcome all forms of the performing arts: singing, mime, poetry reading, dancing, bands (practically) anything! Last Friday of each month at 10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield. 59443484

Seeking Acoustic guitarist, fiddle/violin player, and percussionist

Female lead vocalist 40+ located in inner bayside suburb looking for acoustic guitarist, fiddle/violin player, and percussionist to form a folk/celtic/world music band. Looking for committed and driven musicians to play a mix of originals, trad songs and covers at unpaid and paid gigs. If interested please give me a call on 0405067030.

Songwriters Collective

Beautiful ongoing events for all those that love great live music in an intimate setting. The Songwriters Collective showcases exceptionally talented and passionate songwriters with a wonderful diversity of acts. Love you to be a part of it! No cost, 7-10pm. Carters Bar. 300 High St, Northcote Contact: Jess Hieser awakenworld@hotmail.com
www.myspace.com/songwriterscollective

Wax Lyrical is Seeking Songwriters

Wax Lyrical is an initiative of The Australian Songwriters' Association to provide an acoustic mode performance opportunity for songwriters. Running on the first Sunday of the month at The Old Hepburn Hotel www.oldhepburnhotel.com.au and the second Wednesday of the month at Hardiman's Hotel www.hardimans.com.au of the month. Even if you'd rather just listen, come along and help make the Wax a success. Anyone interested in performing Contact: Trevor Shard Ph: 0404069019

Woodend Celtic Music Session Third Sunday of the month, 3-5pm, led by the Black Forest Rogues. Keating's Hotel (Holgate Brewhouse), 79 High Street, Woodend, Vic. Free.

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Workshops

Geelong Folk Music Club's Banjo & Bluegrass Workshops

third Sunday of the month, 3.00pm @ Irish Murphy's. www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com

Eltham Marimba Workshop - 10th June

Heather McLaughlin and Liz Bennet

(Shire of Nillumbik)

Details from: heathermmc@gmail.com

Hal Leonard Choral Reading Day - February 11th, 2012

Hal Leonard Australia is excited to announce that registrations for the 2012 Choral Reading Days with George Torbay are now open.

You can download a registration form on our website at

www.halleonard.com.au/workshops

Presented by the ever popular George Torbay, with Classroom Resource and School Musical bonus sessions, the cost of the reading day is \$65 inc GST which includes morning tea and lunch

Schedule for the day:

9am Registration

9.30am 2 part and Unison

This repertoire is suitable for Primary to easy Secondary choirs.

11am Morning Tea

11.30am SSA and 2 part

This repertoire would suit a more advanced Primary to junior Secondary choir.

1pm Lunch (provided)

1.45pm SSA, SATB, Men's Voices

This session will include pieces for Men's voices and include repertoire suitable for more advanced Secondary School Choirs.

BONUS! Classroom resources sessions*

9.30am, 11.30am, 1.45pm

Where: Carey Baptist Grammar School

De Young Centre of Performing Arts,

349 Barkers Road, Kew

Have a Sing with Brunswick Women's Choir

A community singing workshop

Sunday 4 March, 2.00 – 5.00pm

Come along to a fabulous afternoon of singing with Brunswick Women's Choir! With the help of the choir, Award winning director Cathy Nixon will teach you the art of harmonising, how to blend your voice with those around you and teach you a number of songs to take home with you. All ages and abilities welcome!

Where: West Brunswick Tennis Club, 425 Victoria Street, West Brunswick

Tickets: \$25 (full)/ \$17 (conc)/ \$8(children under 12)

Book Now <<http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=19720>>

International Community Rhythm Facilitator - May 17. 18 & 19

The Godfather of the community Drum Circle movement, Arthur Hull, will visit Melbourne in May 2012 to run a three day workshop on building community through rhythm. This will be the first time Arthur has visited Melbourne and is an opportunity not to be missed. Arthur is known throughout the world as an inspirational presenter, a skilled group facilitator and a motivational trainer. Bringing Village Music Circles experiences to communities and organizations worldwide, Arthur has inspired a grass-roots movement of people from diverse cultures and backgrounds who have learned to use the impact of rhythm as a means to improve human interaction.

The training workshop is full of fun rhythm games and the skills to support and facilitate community rhythm events. This 3 day experiential playshop provides 18-20 hours of rhythmical exploration, practice and fun! Facilitators of all backgrounds and experience levels will gain innovative motivational techniques and inspirational activities suitable for multiple group applications.

Learn new approaches to recreational drumming!

For more information contact dpaddon@holyoake.org.au or visit www.holyoake.org.au

Marimba Music Afternoon in Castlemaine - Sunday 29th April

\$10 each, \$25 per family, afternoon tea included.

Details from heathermmc@gmail.com

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Classes

African Women's Singing Program

At Flemington Community Centre Wednesdays at 6pm. This great, new program will provide African women of all ages and backgrounds with the opportunity to learn singing, drumming and poetry. Singing will only be accompanied by rum, the poetry will be published at the end for those who are interested. FREE entry. Info: 8325 1800. www.mvcc.vic.gov.au

Community Music Access

Hands on Music for people with a disability facilitated by The Salvation Army Brunswick. CNR

Gooch and High streets Thornbury, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 11.30. Every Tuesday Under 18's program [runs with school term Every Wednesday open age. \$5 per head Carers free..... Contact Stuart Lees 0403 316 671 stuart.lees@salvationarmy.org.au

Drum Connection.

African and Arabic hand drumming group classes are available at Warrandyte (Saturdays) and Hurstbridge (Thursday nights and Friday afternoons).

Tutor: Annie Fletcher 0407 102 578 info@rhythmantics.com

Community Performance opportunities for all drummers with the student ensemble "Doowlla", currently celebrating 6 years of Community Performance. Timid beginners welcome!

Family Dog Theatre - Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Performance, Lighting, Sound & Video. Places available for mixed abilities youth theatre.

Training in improvisation, lighting, sound & video- Performing at festivals & events- Creating recreational & career pathways in the arts. Northcote \$10 per workshop Phone: Leesa 0425 717 639 familydogcircus@yahoo.com.au

Guitar and ukulele Lessons in North Carlton

Ros Halyburton is offering Guitar Lessons in Nth Carlton. All ages, stages, and styles include Classical guitar, Jazz, Electric, and Pedal Steel guitar. Ukulele beginners to advanced as well. Contact Ros Halyburton on 0400877327

Hey Dee Ho Music Program

Educational Music Program for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Time: 10:15-10:45am

Where: Donald St Community Hall, Preston. Margie - 1300 139 631

Individual singing lessons

Alicia Egan, performing artist and qualified music teacher at the Oldis Gardens campus, Jika Jika Community Centre, 2 East St, Westgarth. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. \$25 half hour lesson or \$200 ~ 9 week term. ph 0410253866

Kid's Drum and Dance Classes with King Marong

King Marong, master percussionist from The Gambia, West Africa, will be starting up a kid's African drum song and dance classes. Introductory cost is \$60 for a 5 week course and places are limited (we are supplying the drums) so people will need to book to reserve a place.

Ph: 0430 465 133 Where: Bar 303 High St Northcote. E-mail: kingmarong@yahoo.com

Learn to Sing with Emily Hayes

Solo classes available or join a small group.

Small groups go ahead when the class fills up (min 4 max 6 people):

-Beginners Singing Class: Monday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

-Harmony Singing Class: Wednesday 7.30pm -8.30pm

Group classes cost \$25 for an hour; solo \$55 or \$45 per hour

Bookings call 0400865427 or 93437733 or email emilyhayes@optusnet.com.au

Mosswood Music Classes - Term Three

Beginners welcome. The classes are non-threatening, based on the Orff Schulwerk process of music teaching. Learn at your own pace, using music that combines easy and challenging parts to make a satisfying whole, utilizing simple instruments such as xylophones, drums, recorders.

Where: All Saints Church, High St. Westgarth. Ph: 9471 2705 info@mosswoodmusic.com
www.mosswoodmusic.com

Piano teacher Jazz/ Classical Highly qualified Coburg area. beginner to advanced

call Dan Robertson *LTCL, LRSM, AmusTCL, MUS B (Hons 1st class)*
0421 467 694

Private Trumpet Lessons email Graeme Cook for details jaztek@bigpond.com beginners to advanced players, all ages welcome trumpet, trombone, all brass

River of Song - Heart Songs

Each month, River of Song offers a Heart Songs session in the week of the full moon. Heart Songs sessions invite us deep into our core and awaken the heart through songs, chant, toning, sound healing and meditation. Each month we explore themes relating to the seasonal and astrological shifts. Please visit www.riverofsong.com.au or call Michelle on 0409946994 for more details.

Siblings In Sync is new program at the Arts Centre for children and young people with special needs and their siblings which is all about creative music making, promoting shared abilities and co-operation. The sessions are run by registered music therapists and are tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within small group settings.

For more information and bookings contact the Digital Learning Hub staff on (03) 9281 8194 or dlh@theartscentre.com.au

Upon registering your interest, a music therapist will contact you prior to the sessions commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs. More info: <http://artsaccess.com.au/siblings-in-sync>

Singing and Alexander Technique lessons (Brunswick) with Jane Coker Ph: 9020 1215 e: jane.coker@optusnet.net.au web: www.alexandertechniquenetwork.com.au

Singing Classes Mondays and Tuesdays.

Learn to sing with an experienced teacher who is also a working musician with her own original acoustic band. \$25 or \$230 per 10 week term Alicia - Ph: 0410 253 866, Jika Jika Community Centre, cnr Union St and Plant St, Northcote

Suzuki String Studio

Individual or group violin and viola lessons. Where: Jika Jika Community Centre, Cnr Union and Plant Streets, Northcote. Contact: Toni Robson: toni.robson@bigpond.com
www.jikajika.org.au

Tuesdays African Drumming Classes – Beginners and Advanced

With Mohamed Camara from Guinea West Africa who teaches traditional West Africa. The classes are open to people of all ages and abilities, and are both challenging and fun. Anyone can drum, so come and try it out! Beginners: Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm \$18/ \$16, Drum hire: \$2 per class. Intermediate/ Advanced: Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm \$25/\$22, Drum hire: \$2. Esoteric Gallery, 557 High Street, Northcote. 0422 514 571 mohamed@camara.com.au
www.camara.com.au

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25 - 26 February - VCE Conference 2012

aMuse will present the annual VCE Music Teachers' Conference on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February 2012 at the iconic Melbourne High School in South Yarra.

The speakers and workshop presenters will provide teaching advice and strategies for 2012 while reflecting and reporting on the results from 2011.

Central to the focus of all sessions will be the 2011 VCE Music Study Design, its supporting documents, and the VCE Assessment Handbook. There will be opportunity for teachers to share their views through discussion about how to improve teaching and learning in 2012.

Teachers attending the VCE Music Teachers' Conference should bring copies of the Music Study Design, the VCE Assessment Handbook, and, when available, the 2011 written exam and examiners reports. These documents will be regularly referred to, so it is essential to obtain copies.

There will be five sessions at this conference.

Please note:

Sessions 1 and 1A, 2 and 2A are concurrent.

Session 3, Music Performance on Sunday 26 February covers all 4 units and runs the entire day.

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2012

(click on each session for further information)

Session 1: Music Style and Composition

9.00am - 12.30pm

Session 1A: VCE VET

9.00am - 12.30pm

Session 2: Music Investigation

1.30pm - 5.00pm

Session 2A: VCE VET (repeat of session 1A)

1.30pm - 5.00pm

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2012

(click on session for further information)

Session 3: Music Performance

9.00am - 5.00pm

For more costs and registration <http://amuse.vic.edu.au/CONFERENCE/VCEcon12.htm> or enquires Kevin.kelley@amuse.vic.edu.au

2-5 October 2012 - 2012 Kodály National Conference

The conference will be held at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, South Australia

Call for presentations are now open. Music educators working in the areas from early childhood to tertiary education are invited to present workshops or papers based on the conference theme "TIME: The Importance of Music Education". The deadline is 8th October 2011.

Go to www.kodaly.org.au for full details and to submit your online application or contact the conference office by email at kodaly2012@gmail.com or phone on 03 9535 7035.

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Regional Events

Sunday 5 February - The Rainmakers

With four glorious voices and exquisite harmony, this family band of James Rigby, Jane Thompson and their daughters Maggie and Elsie, sing provocative and endearing songs - original compositions which bringing their landscape, issues and environment vividly to life; a rich mixture of acapella arrangements to songs accompanied by guitar, fiddle, mandolin, ukulele, accordion and maracas.

They released a highly acclaimed Christmas album 'Yandoit' last year, to add to 'Singing up a Storm'. Maggie and Elsie won the prestigious Lis Johnston award for vocal excellence at this year's National Folk Festival and will perform some of their original songs as a duo.

Support Act:

Wikiukes- a band of likeminded UKA-HOLICS. Barry, Judy, Stucks, Cal, Vonnie & Annie will have a debut performance of some favourite songs for ukuleles. It's the latest craze!!

Venue: Tyers Hall, Tyers 7:30pm,

Prices: \$10 Members/Conc, \$15 Adults, Children / Students free.

Friday 10 February - Harmony Fest 2012

Come along and enjoy a cultural celebration featuring world music and dance including a vibrant live concert and a vibrant cultural marketplace with food, craft, cultural workshops, children's activities, visual arts and craft and much more.

Where: Alfred Deakin Place, Camp Street, Ballarat. 4:30-8:30pm FREE

Sunday 12 February - Brunswick Women's Choir in Yarra Valley

Where: Stones of the Yarra Valley, 14 St Huberts Road, Coldstream

When: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Tickets: \$25 (full): \$15 (Conc): \$60 (family – 2 adults, 2 children)

Phone Bookings: call Anne-Marie on 0409 419 669

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=17501>

For further information on either event go to www.brunswickwomenschoir.org.au

26 Feb 13 May – Café Concert Series

Sunday, February 26: *Carneval Strings* - This dynamic, traditional string quartet presents a classical and baroque repertoire seasoned with 1950s and 60s swing jazz, Latin American and Hungarian folk music.

Sunday, May 13: *String Theory* - have performed at folk festivals and venues across Australia. With sweet vocal harmonies, fiddles, Appalachian dulcimer and funky cello and banjo grooves; they play traditional Appalachian music with a rhythmic twist

Time: Doors open 5pm

Cost: Pre-purchased tickets, Arts Wodonga members and concession \$18, non-members \$20. All tickets at the door \$25.

Enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga on (02) 6022 9600

28 March – 16 May – Arts Space Echoes

Arts Space Wodonga and Murray Conservatorium presents Arts Space Echoes. Come and enjoy live classical music in the gallery followed by a light morning tea

Dates: March 28, April 18, May 16□

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am (arrive 10.15am)□ Cost: \$5 per session□□

Enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga on (02) 6022 9600

Bookings are essential

Saturday 21 April - Sing Your Own Messiah

We are very excited to announce that Ostinato, Wangaratta's community Choir are staging a unique event for all lovers of Singing and anyone with an interest in Opera call Sing Your Own Messiah. This event will be led by Richard Gill, one of Australia's pre eminent and most admired conductors and is internationally respected as a Music educator, specialising in opera, musical theatre and vocal and choral training. He is currently Music Director of Victorian Opera and is highly involved in reaching out to the community through innovative program of Sing Your Own Opera. Messiah is part of that program.

This event will be open to anyone who loves to sing and is over the age of 10 years. No prior singing experience is necessary, no need to be able to read music.

For any queries contact Tracie Tippet after hours 57218213 or secretary@ostinato.com.au

Ongoing

2nd Friday of each month from 7.30- Fathers in the Chapel, Cranbourne. St John's Anglican Church, Childers Street. A strictly acoustic concert with open stage, open to all performers and all types of music, poets welcome. Cost: \$7 for patrons and \$2 for performers. Contact Chris Newman (AH): 5996 9544

Bendigo Folk Club 1st Wed of the month: 7.30pm. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. All welcome. Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. Gold coin donation. Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah

www.bendigofolkclub.com

Carisbrook Folk Club 1st Monday of the month: Near Maryborough in Central Victoria. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. Lions Hall, Green Street. 7.30 – 10.30 pm. Free. Bring a plate of supper to share. 03 5464 2693.

Guildford Folk Club 3rd Wednesday of the month: Guildford Pub, 12kms from Castlemaine. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. All welcome, participants and listeners. Great food. Free entry. Contact: Jeanette Gillespie: 03 5473 4201 or jfgfolk@gmail.com

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Metro Events

Tuesday 7 Feb - Cleverhorse

Led by guitarist Melville, cleverhorse is a five-piece ensemble that cites influences from ambient to avant-garde, funk to folk, jazz to jam band. They will feature several songs from their 2007 album Goodnight, Mr. Monster. With plans to record a new album, they will also be performing recently composed material based on themes of friendship, parenthood, and zombie outbreaks. Joining Melville are Monty Mackenzie (alto sax), Gideon Brazil (tenor sax), Luke Hodgson (bass) and Dan Macdonald (drums).

Venue: Bennetts Lane - 25 Bennetts Lane Melbourne

Time: 9:00 PM Price: \$15/10

For more information: <http://mjc.org.au/artist-profiles#233>

21 February - 16 June – Music for the People presents...Magical Musical Morning with Jonathon Welch AM

“After the stunning success of our 2011 Series, won't you join me again in the magnificent surrounds of St Michael's Uniting Church for more thrilling concerts with some of Melbourne's most exciting musicians and singers!”

Click Go the Great Aussie Classics ! - 11am, Tues February 21

Our 2012 summer series begins with a celebration of Australia's greatest singers, songwriters and songs from Peter Dawson to Peter Allen, June Bronhill and the legendary Seekers, you'll be waltzing your Matilda right up Collins Street!

Magical Movie Classics - 11am, Tues March 20

Some of the best loved songs ever written were penned for the Silver Screen. Join us for a trip down memory lane as Jonathon and his special guests revisit Breakfast at Tiffany's, Wizard of Oz, Casablanca, Dr Zhivago and more!

Piano Man Returns! - 11am, Tues April 17

After his thrilling Liberace concert in 2011, our musical maestro Adam Przewlocki returns to bring you a smorgasbord of great romantic piano classics with special guest instrumentalists from the Victorian College of the Arts.

Give My Regards to Broadway - 11am, Tues May 22

St Michaels will be filled with the sounds of beautiful music from the great Broadway hits from Fiddler on the Roof, Cabaret, Sweet Charity, Oliver, Oklahoma, South Pacific, Sound of Music and more!

Best Of British Returns ! - 7.30pm- Sat June 16 (Melbourne Town Hall)

Rule Britannia, marmalade and jam! Get out your flags and polish your tiaras as we return to the magnificent Melbourne Town Hall for a celebration of the Best of British music with the magnificent 150 voices of THECHO!R, award winning Footscray-Yarraville City Band and the stunning Town Hall Organ!

NB Tickets purchased separately of MMM for Best of British are \$25 concession (\$35 full price)
FABULOUS VALUE!

- Purchase all 5 concerts for \$80! (including the Best of British on Sat June 16 normally \$35!)
- Buy tickets separately for each concert from Feb to May for \$18 each!

*NB Best of British tickets purchased separately are \$25 conc. and child U16/
\$35 full price adult*

Concerts are 75 minutes followed by a FREE MORNING TEA !

To book: Send us a cheque made out to:

“MUSIC FOR THE PEOPLE ”

PO BOX 465

ALBERT PARK VIC 3206

NB include your return address & we'll mail your tickets back!

Or email: musicforthepeople@hotmail.com.au Or, buy your ticket at the door at 10.30am!

Saturday 11 February, 6pm - Packer Park - Under the Stars

Packer Park comes alive at night with Australian popular music sensation Clare Bowditch!

With 4 hit albums and an ARIA under her belt Clare Bowditch will perform her most popular hits along with some surprises! Clare will be supported by local band Tinpan Orange with a special appearance by the 2011 Glen Eira Battle of the Bands winner High Voltage.

There will be a range of delicious gourmet food available for purchase or bring along your own picnic dinner. This special evening Party in the Park concert is one not to be missed!

Where: Leila Road, Carnegie

Melways reference: Map 68 J8

For more info: <http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au>

Saturday 25th February, 3pm - My Fare Label – Choir of Hope & Inspiration

Melbourne Street Choir Inc. in association with Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School presents the Choir of Hope & Inspiration, formerly known as Choir of Hard Knocks in their first self devised Musical - My Fare Label.

Don't miss the opportunity to see this much acclaimed original music theatre production which premiered in September 2011 to sell out audiences.

Conceived, written and staged by the Choir members themselves under the artistic leadership of Jonathon Welch AM, My Fare Label tells the story of the owner of a successful construction company who finds himself on the streets of Melbourne after losing everything in the global financial crisis of 2008.

My Fare Label is highly entertaining but simultaneously moving and poignant. It showcases the extraordinary talents of the Choir and the giant steps the members have taken since first 'singing for their supper' on the steps of Flinders Street Station over five years ago. You will leave the theatre elated and inspired so book your tickets now as there is One Show Only

Where: Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School – Performing Arts Centre. Cnr Upper Heidelberg Rd and Noel St, Ivanhoe.

Tickets: \$25 Adults / \$18 Concession

Book now: www.ivanhoegirls.vic.edu.au/coming_events or phone 03 9490 6222

Tickets will sell out fast!

Sunday 26 February, 4pm - Matthew Fagan's Tango Flamenco Show

Featuring Flamenco Dancer Laura Uhe and Percussionist Ami Hasson

A new concert featuring the fire of flamenco and the passion of tango from the deep flamenco of the South of Spain to the Tango clubs of Buenos Aires Argentina.

Matthew will be performing on 10 String Spanish Classical Guitar, traditional flamenco guitar and an Australian Made Maton Electric Ukulele of which Matthew is the endorsed player.

Matthew will performing traditional and modern flamenco and Latin music of Astor Piazzolla and Dyens and more

Where: Montsalvat Barn Gallery, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham

Costs: \$35 (\$25 senior/ concession) U12 free

Bookings: (03) 9439 7712 or on door

Restaurant Bookings (03) 9431 2681

Sunday 26 February, 2pm - The Melbourne Welsh Choir Celebrate St David's Day

Guest Artist Siobhan Owen - Welsh Harpist & Soprano from Adelaide

Early bird (to 5 Feb): \$ 27

Adult: \$35

Children (under 12yo): \$12.50

Groups 6+: \$30

VENUE: Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood

TIME: 2:00pm Sunday 26th Feb 2012

For bookings call 9800 3889 or on-line at www.melbournewelshchoir.com.au

Sunday 4 March, 2:30pm – Songs For Christchurch Songs For Christchurch

Offerings of Song Victoria in association with the Christ church Music Foundation presents Songs For Christchurch – New Zealand. A Benefit concert in aid of Christchurch School in need of assistance after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. The Concert will feature Renee Badcock, Suzanne Johnston, Sonya Lifschitz, Adrian McEniery, Phillipa Safey and Judith Sivasubramaniam. The music ranges from Maoria Waiata, art song, opera and Jazz.

Where: Christ Church, South Yarra

Cnr Punt and Toorak Roads. South Yarra

Tickets: \$25/\$15

Bookings & Enquiries: 0413305137 or judith_siva@me.com

Sunday 25th March - Family Marimba Afternoon (Marimba Event)

Mooroolbark (Bimbadeen Primary School, 2 p.m., VOSA).

For details contact Heather McLaughlin, heathermmc@gmail.com

Saturday 31 March, 8pm - Pastoral Fantasy

Effervescent and internationally renowned Melbourne clarinettist, David Griffiths, plays Weber's wonderful second Clarinet Concerto. David wowed our sell-out audience when he played the Mozart Clarinet Concerto with us in 2010. The overture to William Tell by Rossini and Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony round out the concert.

Where: Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre, Xavier College, Kew

For more info and to buy tickets <http://zelmansymphony.org.au/Concerts/31March2012>

30 March – 1 April - Melbourne Bach Choir presents .. St John Passion by J. S. Bach

Melbourne Bach Choir & Orchestra conducted by Rick Prakhoff. St John Passion by J. S. Bach will be sung in the English translation of Neil Jenkins

When: Friday 30 March 2012 at 8 pm and Sunday 1 April 2012 at 3 pm

Where: St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne

Book Online at www.trybooking.com/BBSB or www.mbc.asn.au

Enquiries: Phone 0477087593 Email mbc@mbc.asn.au

Adult \$60; Health card holders \$50; Students \$35

General admission. Tickets may be available at the door.

Performance will benefit the Cancer Centre of St Vincent's Hospital

Saturday 31 March, 6pm - The Shepherd and The Mermaid

TrioKROMA was formed to give a voice to the charming Romantic repertoire written for piano, voice and clarinet. Performing works ranging from Schubert's popular iconic masterpiece Shepherd on the Rock to exposing lost gems by composers such as Lachner, Spaeth, Proch, Lindtpaintner and Kalliwoda, TrioKROMA performs a delightful selection of works from Art Song through to the Salon and Chamber Music of the German Romantic tradition. Some chosen pieces, including the virtuosic and seductive Shepherd and the Mermaid requiring a concert pianist on the keyboard, and Lachner's passionate Er, der Herrlichste von allen from Frauenliebe und-Leben, are virtually unknown treasures that will soon become concert hall favourites.

TrioKROMA is comprised of international soprano from Victoria, Elena Xanthoudakis, who is found performing in renowned opera houses including the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and the English National Opera. Elena is joined by her brother, saxophonist and clarinetist, Jason Xanthoudakis, a regular with orchestras such as the TSO, SSO and MSO, as well as Australian concert pianist Clemens Leske, who studied at the Julliard School of Music, NY and has performed as soloist with all national Australian Orchestras as well as lecturing in Piano at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

This performance corresponds with TrioKROMA's first CD release. Signings will be available after the performance.

Where: Melbourne Recital Center

Cnr Southbank Boulevard & Sturt Street
Southbank

Tickets: \$40 standard /\$30 concession /25 student

melbournerecital.com.au | 03 9699 3333

Book directly here: <http://www.melbournerecital.com.au/whatson/buytix?perfid=3692> *

* Transaction fees may apply to ticket bookings

Sunday 29 May, 3pm - Matthew Fagan at Montsalvat

Matthew Fagan, performing on a 10 string Spanish guitar and the Voyages Flamenco Group, take you on a musical journey into the historical origins of traditional and contemporary Spanish flamenco, Brazilian, South American and Classical Guitar. Matthew Fagan and Flamenco dancer Laura Uhe and other guests create an intimate connection with the audience through their superb technical ability and emotionally fiery execution. 7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham, VIC. Tickets: \$35 (\$25 senior / concession) Children \$10 / U12 free plus booking fee. Tickets also available at the door, on the day. To book phone 03 9439 7712

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Open Mic

Collendina Hotel Ocean Grove - Open mic

Saturdays, 4pm- 10pm. Usually 30minute spots, Great atmosphere.

Open Mic/Performance Night @ The Daylesford Inn 2891 Ballan Road Daylesford Entry FREE 3rd Friday of each month with a variety of artists who perform an excellent quality of music. Feel free to come and listen to some excellent 'free music' or if you wish to perform contact Vanessa on 0408994393. A piano is available for those who wish to hit the ivories! www.acousticssessions.com.au

Geelong Folk Music Club's Open Mic

The 2nd Tuesday of every month at Irish Murphy's in Aberdeen Street, contact Paula on 52297712 for bookings.

Mentone RSL - Open Mic

Begins in February and occurs every 'Last Sunday of the Month' at Mentone RSL, Palermo Street., Mentone. 7pm to 9:45pm. Prepare three items and be ready to 'do' two. Come and say 'hi' and let us hear and see your best performances. All varieties of entertainment welcome. No pressure! Have fun! For more information : claire@mentonersl.com.au

Musician to Perform with the Darebin Songwriters Guild

Register to come and play 15 minutes of your treasured songs that are busting to be heard! Consider us an `open mic` kind of gig but it has to be original. The Darebin Songwriters Guild has unearthed some incredible talent so come along and have a listen- You may be next! Wendy Ealey also coordinates the Darebin Music Feast Songwriters' Award. Join in and get some great tips for this year's competition entry. This is a community event and all welcome to attend. Local songwriters and music lovers all welcome to gather for a relaxed afternoon of fine local talent who come together to network and nurture their song writing.

Bar303, 303 High St Northcote, Sunday afternoons 3:30 – 7:00pm

Cost: Gold coin donation. For further information or to register to perform contact: Moira Tyers ph: 94804590 or Wendy Ealey ph: 94890504 www.myspace.com/darebinsongwritersguild

Open Mic

Saturday at the Ocean Grove Hotel starts at 6:30 finishes approx. 10:30pm. Usually 30 minute spots! Great atmosphere, Drinks at Happy hour prices for musicians

Torquay Hotel - Open Mic

Thursdays. Register with Brad Luke at 7 starts at 8pm

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Music Camps

2nd July - 5th August

VOSA 20th Family Marimba Camp, Candlebark Farm

"Back to the Future": The Reunion Camp!

(VOSA, CMV) See www.vosa.com

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Festivals

February 18- 20 Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival

Bruthen Blues Bash at Bruthen, VIC. For one weekend every February the sleepy town of Bruthen wakes up to the sound of house rockin' rhythm and blues at the Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival. The Festival is now in its fouteenth year and still going strong. For program information and how to buy tickets visit: <http://www.bruthenblues.org>

Sunday 19 February, South Melbourne Festival

The South Melbourne Business Association is launching the first ever South Melbourne Festival to celebrate the diversity and innovation in the area and showcase its unique traders.

The Festival will be centred around Coventry Street, however there will be walking tours, events, performances and special events from local businesses including The Butterfly Club, Coventry Bookstore, House of Snowball and Beggar Man Thief that will feature the whole area from Moray to Ferrars Sts.

For more info: www.flyingcoloursevents.com.au

8th - 11th March - 3rd Melbourne Ukulele Festival!

At the Melbourne Ukulele Festival there will be national and international performers of outstanding calibre and virtuosity, thundering uke mobs, workshops from the masters, luthiers and their wares, pluckin' picnics, ukulele art, kids stuff, crazy stuff and more!

For more information: <http://www.muf.org.au>

14-25 March, 12 - 7pm - Brunswick Music festival Sydney Road – Union to Victoria Streets, Brunswick The friendliest party in town.

Nothing compares to the atmosphere and good vibe of the Sydney Road Street Party when the good citizens of Moreland reclaim the street for one of the biggest multicultural gatherings in Melbourne. It's a genuine all-ages day, celebrating peace, understanding and cultural diversity. So come and join us for a day of music, song, dance, kids shows, street theatre, culinary delights from around the globe and market stalls to keep you attired, inspired and informed.

www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

April 6-9 - National Melbourne Festival of Choirs (Easter)

After the stunning success of Melbourne Festival of Choirs 2011 with 400 singers from around Australia, rehearsing, workshopping and performing in 3 of Melbourne's most prestigious major venues with the finest industry leading conductors and presenters, we will be presenting an even bigger, more exciting and diverse program in 2012 for singers of all styles and backgrounds! **Email:** choirfest@hotmail.com **Website:** www.festivalofchoirs.com.au

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Awards/Competitions

Geelong Folk Music Club Rick Merrigan Music Award

For club members who are soloists or duos in any genre aged 16 and up who perform in the open mics, Irish Murphy's 2nd Tues each month 8pm. Prize: Paid performances at Port Fairy Folk Festival 2011. Email paulgb@ncable.net.au or adenmyra@bigpond.com.au Join club by calling Peter Fogarty on 5229 7887.

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Help needed

Save Orchestra Victoria

The Symphony Orchestra Musicians Association (SOMA) have engaged in a campaign to secure the future of their organisation. Government funding reviews have meant that the orchestra is facing crisis, in the suggestion that there will be no permanent orchestra, with instead sporadic contracting and the predicted loss of 50-60 jobs. With the organisation's central role in collaborating with the Australian Ballet, Australian Opera and Victoria Opera companies, the musicians fear these changes will influence the quality and future of their orchestra.

Please help them to raise awareness and improve Government funding and grants, by heading to their facebook page and learning more about the situation at hand.
<http://www.facebook.com/GreatCitieshaveGreatOrchestras>

Instrument Donation to East Timor

Leary, a musical group from a poor region in Timor-Leste, have requested musical instrument donations to help realise their dreams. There is no employment, opportunity or money in their region and they wish to make music, but cannot afford a studio or equipment. A container is being organised through Rotary to send the gear across and any donations of money towards this would be also greatly appreciated.

The instruments which have been requested are as follows:

- . Two Electric guitars. Bass Guitar. Complete Drum kit
- . Keyboard/ electric Piano. Mixer and Amps. Sound system and speakers
- . Mics and Mic Stands. Jacks. Generator

Your kind donations will enable this group to plant the seeds of peace and love into their community through music.

For more information on donations, please contact Louise on 0404 653 534.

Donations Towards Jazz Documentary

Australian filmmakers Alan Hicks and Adam Hart have asked for contributions towards their documentary telling the story of legendary jazz trumpeter, Clark Terry. They are currently seeking donations from the public to ensure the documentary can be completed, and are offering gifts in return. For more information about the documentary and to donate, visit: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/keepondoco/keep-on-keepin-on-documentary>

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Funding Opportunities

Arts Programming - Arts Victoria - Funding: \$5,000 - \$30,000

Funding is available to support arts organisations, ensembles and festivals to present a program of work occurring in Victoria within a 12 month timeframe. To supporting a diverse mix of innovative and professional arts programming in urban, regional and rural Victoria. Priority will be given to organisations that assist in building on professional arts strengths, support innovative ideas and engage audiences. (03) 9954 5000 artsvic@dpc.vic.gov.au
www.arts.vic.gov.au

Australia Council for the Arts Grants: Market Development Grant – Australia Council

Closes: No set date, applications must be received eight (8) weeks prior to the project start date. Funding: Up to \$10,000

The Live on Stage program provides travel support for professional musicians (and their manager/representative) selected to showcase original Australian music at key international music trade fairs and international festivals. The grant is in response to the current global interest and demand in rock/pop and Indigenous music from Australia, and the ongoing growth of a strong and vibrant live music scene.

Musicians selected to showcase at the following three international trade fairs - South by South West (USA), The Great Escape (UK) and WOMEX, World Music Expo (Europe) as well as musicians with 'career-defining' performances at key international music festivals tied to developing career and market potential for musicians are eligible to apply. The performance opportunity must be on an official/main stage with the demonstrated potential to expand on an established audience base and market niche. The festival must be high-profile, established, attract key buyers and decision-makers from the international music sector and generate strong media interest. The program prioritises Indigenous musicians selected to showcase at WOMEX. Performance fees must be paid.

http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/live_on_stage_-_music_international_showcase_program_-_market_development

City of Melbourne Small Business Grants

The Small Business Grants program provides financial assistance to small businesses currently located or intending to locate in the City of Melbourne municipality. Previous recipients include Rubber Records and Bennetts Lane Jazz club.

Round two funding is open Monday 13 February 2012 – Tuesday 13 March 2012. For more information, visit:

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/enterprisemelbourne/BusinessSupport/grantssponsorship/grants/Pages/BusinessGrants.aspx

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

The foundation supports the development of regional community foundations, and uses seed funding and challenge grants to move regional development project funding into a more dynamic context. To date FRRR has allocated \$2.5 million to communities across the nation

www.frrr.org.au/ info@frrr.org.au

Harold Mitchell Foundation

For charitable organizations to run vital projects or activities in the Arts and Health which would not otherwise happen to create opportunities to discovery the arts/and or the health field and set up opportunities for the future. Looking to support individuals with the commitment and potential to improve our world through the establishment of arts or health activities with real potential to take off and be ongoing. www.haroldmitchellfoundation.com.au.

Contact: info@haroldmitchellfoundation.com

Music Bound Quick Response Travel Fund – Australia council

Closes: No Set Date Funding: \$1000 Funding to help Indigenous music coordinators attend professional development opportunities in Australia. The objective of this program is to support Indigenous arts workers to have greater access to industry development opportunities.

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/music_bound_quick_response_travel_fund

Music Equipment Grants

In addition to the FReeZA and FReeZA Central programs the Victorian Government is offering grants to support aspiring young musicians in Victoria by making funds available for use by local musicians through local councils. To apply contact your local council or for more info visit:

www.freeza.vic.gov.au

St Francis' Church - Choral Scholarships

The choir of St Francis' Church, Lonsdale Street is one of Melbourne's longest running choirs and has a wide-ranging repertoire including regular orchestral masses. St Francis' Choir is currently offering two generous choral scholarships -- one for a soprano/mezzo and one for a tenor. For further information please contact the Director of Music, Tony Way. Telephone/Fax: (03) 9639 4560

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Resources

CD and Songbook available

Teachable, community singing repertoire. Belinda McArdle leads six community singing groups a week and has developed a passion for producing singable, meaningful repertoire for her groups to enjoy. Winter features 10 songs all adopted by the groups over the last chilly season and comes with a songbook of lyrics and chords. Each song has been recorded with its layered parts and provides both a beautiful listening experience and useful teaching resource. Contact Belinda by email: acabellas@live.com.au or phone 0411 201 241 to arrange postage.

\$25 for CD, songbook and P&H.

The Classical Guitar Society

The Classical Guitar Society of Victoria is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization incorporated in 2005. CGSV aims to bring together guitarists, teachers, composers and the listening public to provide enriching experiences for all, through a variety of guitar-related activities. CGSV has an orchestra, regular Guitar Gatherings and events, such as the "Ensemble Extravaganza" concert night and an annual competition. We provide a "Find a Classical Guitarist" service for the public to hire CGSV members to play at their events.

Subscribe to latest news at www.cgsv.org.au, or join our Facebook group or Twitter service. Become a member and enjoy more benefits.

Find An Arts Space - Creative Spaces

The Creative Spaces website is a free site that documents spaces, venues and studios around Victoria that are available for artists and arts organizations to develop and present their work. Individuals and organizations can also list their spaces and use the site to learn how to transform an existing space into one suitable for the arts.

www.creativepaces.net.au/find-a-space/vic-darebin

MusicEducation.edu.au

Announcing a music resources website designed for classroom teachers of music - www.musiceducation.edu.au - linking users to a wide range of music education resources. There are lesson plan collections, sites to assist with advocating and implementing music education programs, free sites that offer aural training, chord calculators, and music games. There are textbooks, articles and periodicals, as well as personal sites designed by music education specialists.

National Music in Communities Network

Australia now has its first national network to link people working and volunteering in community music. Network membership is \$25 a year. Connect with others working and volunteering in community music; Receive regular e-bulletins with the latest news and research relevant to community musicians and group leaders; www.musicincommunities.org.au

New singing resource by Tasmanian songwriters launched

Inspired by the success of the "Victoria Sings" book, a new compilation of Tasmanian songs has been gathered, recorded and published under the title "Vox Tasmanica" and was launched at Brookfield Winery, Margate.

Producer Teresa Beck-Swindale has coordinated this project involving 21 songwriters, both emerging and experienced, from across the state. Styles range from sweet ballads, through gospel and folk to funky soul with harmonies written for 2 voices through to seven parts. Some are tough, some are gentle, but all tell stories of Tasmanian landscapes, people and their lives. A diversity of challenge is offered with some simple layered harmonies, rounds, call & response and multiple parts for singers with more experience. Full music charts are published for every song whilst the accompanying CD's also separate the parts out for learning by ear. A CD of all the 26 songs for listening creates a memento of Tasmania; in all, 3 CD's and a book as a full teaching kit which may be used by community groups.

The Tasmanian A Cappella Association has enabled this kit to be produced with support from the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund.

The Tasmanian songwriters represented in the kit are:

Nate Austen, Teresa Beck-Swindale, Peter Billam, Brett Budgeon & Fiore

Juliet Chapman, Jane Christie-Johnston, Kim Eastman, Patrick Gambles, Eo Greensticks, Ali Hart, Rachel Hore, Kay Lincoln, Karlin Love, Hazel Ryan, Melanie Shanahan, Brenda Slavoff, Pip Stanley, Fiona Stewart, Eddie Tuleja, Deborah Wace, Carlos Whiley

Enquiries: Lorraine Mars, TACA 0415 980742 or Teresa Beck-Swindale ph 0408 50634

www.taca.org.au Order form and payment details on the website

River of Song Studio - Recording Sessions

River of Song Studio is now offering recording services for small projects, community choirs, demo CDs, chant, sacred sound, and meditation tracks. At competitive rates, River of Song is able to bring a portable studio to your premises, and can coach you through the process if you are new to recording. Please call Michelle on 0409946994 to chat further.

Sheet Music for "Victoria Sings" songs

The wonderful Colin Douglas from the UK has transcribed most of the songs in CMV's Victoria Sings book for which music notation was not included when it was originally published. Colin is offering to email his transcriptions to interested singing leaders. Thanks Colin! Email him at Colin Douglas colin@gerlan.wanadoo.co.uk

Support Act

Support Act is a registered charity which was formed in 1997 to provide relief and assistance to members of the Australian music industry who are in need or suffering hardship, illness or distress. It was founded by the music industry's peak bodies ARIA, APRA, AMCOS and PPCA and raises funds through events and its members. Support Act has active State Groups.

To help Support Act whether to donate, join, subscribe to their news letter or to find out more, visit their website: <http://www.supportact.com.au>

Teaching CDs for Community Choirs:

Multi-Part Songs from Around the World Betsy Sansby, CCLT 4, director of The One World Community Choir has just completed the first volumes in her teaching CD series for community choirs. 100% all profits to Care.org, an international organization dedicated to fighting poverty and restoring dignity in the poorest regions of the world. Click on link above to hear samples or order: <http://www.dancinghands.com/choir.php>

Victorian Music Library

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 5.00pm or by appointment. Our staff of dedicated volunteers will be happy to help you select sheet music from a wide variety of vocal material covering almost every musical genre. The VML is at 64-66 Orrong Road Elsternwick Victoria. We invite you to come in and browse among our shelves, or call 9528 3135 or email musiclib@iprimus.com.au Students: \$30 p.a. Individuals: \$70 p.a.(borrow up to 6 works for 4 weeks for local members or 8 weeks for country/interstate members) Organizations: \$150 p.a. (borrow up to 12 works for 4 weeks for local members or 8 weeks for country/interstate members)

Voice Training Online Resource

The Essential Voice Website includes free online singing lessons, singing articles, online private lessons via Skype, Forum and DVD for sale. A great resource check it out at www.theessentialvoice.net

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Miscellaneous

Fay White has just released a new CD of 14 of her songs which have been recorded with a great line-up of musicians including Jane Thompson, (accordion,) James Rigby (guitars and mandolin), Andy Rigby (harp), Kristin Rule (the unconventional cellist), Bruce Millar (double bass), Wendy Rowlands (keyboard), AJ Leonard (ukulele, guitars and bazouki, percussion) with backing vocals from Jane, James, Andy, Wendy, Polly Christie and Terry White. The songs include the best of Fay's commissioned works over the last decade of community arts events such as the songs written for the fire-ravaged community in the Grampians, songs from the land and life lived in Central Victoria. The album is called "These People, This Place: everyday grace" and can be obtained by sending \$30 (includes postage) to Grapevine Music, 37 Goldsmith St Maryborough 3465

Experienced harmony singer

(soprano) seeks to join small, professional a capella group For fun and paid gigs. Northern suburbs preferred, but can travel. Call Emma on: 0414 787 665

Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society Youth in Blues Project

If you are 25yrs and under and play/sing the blues please register with us, if you have a band you can enter that band, if you are a guitarist, drummer bass player, harp player vocalist etc, we would be happy to have you register your name, age, email address and phone number, address, what instrument you play, to sonia@mbas.org.au MBAS Youth in Blues coordinator.

Piano Accompanist available

Jazz/classically trained

contact: Dan Robertson *LTCL, LRSM, AmusTCL, MUS B (Hons 1st class)* 0421 467 694

stonecolddanny@hotmail.com

Sounds of South Africa Tour – A cultural Singing Exchange

14 Days of Magic. End of September 2012

Inc. singing with Soweto Gospel Choir and other groups

Song Leader – Richard Lawton. Estimated price \$7,900 (subject to currency fluctuation)

Includes:

- Return economy air fare and all internal flights
- Twin share luxury accommodation
- Airport transfers and coach hire to points of interest
- Tour of Lesidi Village and Apartheid Museum
- Tuition and singing practices with Richard Lawton
- Workshops with local choir teachers
- All breakfasts, and all meals in game reserve.
- Twice daily game drives with a skilled ranger and tracker.
- One day tour of the Cape Peninsula
- Welcome Dinner in Johannesburg & Farewell Dinner in Capetown

Further information – email - babetteo@telstra.com

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