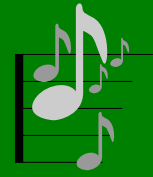




# MENZA

December 09

# E-NOTES



## From the Chair

Stephanie Lees

Meri Kirihimete Menza members!

Firstly, I sincerely hope that you will all be having a good break and refreshing time for a few weeks at least, in the coming months and more time for your own music endeavours/pleasure.

### News from the Board.

Hope you took time to read about your representatives in the last Sound Arts – we are very much enjoying the input of new members – Errol, Jennifer and Celia.

The Board has secured QTP (Quality Teaching Partnership-Royal Society) funds for 2 regional 'mini conferences' in the March – April period next year ...a case was made for professional development needs along the following lines:

**MENZA providing opportunity for teachers to make gains with the MOE's Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success initiatives, looking at ways of using music- particularly singing as a vehicle to make gains in literacy and numeracy, to increase their skills and confidence with resources that are already in their school – namely the Pasifika, Maori kiwi kid song books, Hirini Melbourne resource as well as the new "values" KKS 17 which will be out in 2010.**

Obviously we have pitched this right in the current times because we have actually achieved 2 grants in this round. With careful budgeting we will be able to do at least 4 regions and I know that Maria has been talking already with local branches regarding this.

Looking even further ahead – (I have become very familiar with the school and Easter dates for the next 2 years!)- the National Conference will be in Auckland in 2011 in the school Easter holidays – TRCC have come on board as partners and the MENZA board have secured 80 travel and accommodation grants for those who are coming from out of town. I have accepted the role as convenor so you will be hearing a lot more regarding this 2011 in 2010...

Sadly our contract with Cognition to provide services to musicnet re what's going on round the country has come to an end – we thank Karen Carter very much for all her efforts. WE will be keeping something of this nature going through the website and admin mailouts to you but as we are all unpaid volunteers on this board we can only do what time allows.

ITMs – Congratulations to Auckland MENZA, PPTA and in particular Stephen Rowe, Fiona Nicholls and Mia Camilleri for their vision and hard work – they have put together "The Really Useful itinerant Teacher of Music Handbook for Northland and Auckland" – and it is indeed! Useful facts re. funding, relief, responsibilities and expectations, appraisal and job descriptions ... I SO wish I'd had this document when I was running a department. This will be put up on the MENZA website as soon as I get to it to Adele for you to download.

ADVOCACY – some not so good news – our Education Minister, Anne Tolley has a full appointment book for the foreseeable future when it comes to talking or meeting with experts in the educational field – or music at least !

(ie leaders of MENZA / METANZ) – unfortunately she has no experts at the Ministry to advise her now either with the disestablishment of Janet Jennings position as Arts Advisor ... you might want to talk to your local MP about that...

And some better news... as I mentioned in the last newsletter – METANZ – our ‘advocacy arm’ are keen to get “Tune it in” (rather like Australia’s “Musicplay forlife” site up and away. They have now secured sponsorship (\$) from NZMC and APRA and hope to have that site launched in MAY. This will coincide well with the “The SONG OF NZ MUSIC MONTH”.

It’s the 10<sup>th</sup> year of NZ MUSIC MONTH – MENZA and METANZ are working with the NZ Music Commission (who run NZ Music Month) to highlight getting more music and singing into all schools. The actual The Big Sing-Along will be happening on the 31<sup>st</sup> of MAY 2010. (You’ll see this marked on those Ed Gazette Wall planners arriving in your schools before XMAS – point this out to the admin and get them on board)

Students who are still at school are being invited to write the song – the closing date is 20 March to allow for judging, recording, mp3 downloads, lead sheets etc to be created... This is an exciting opportunity for Music Education so let’s take it and get behind this one!



So 2010 is shaping up to be an exciting year for music education – but then music teaching although exhausting at times, always has so many positives.

Nga mihi nui,

Stephanie



### **A not to be missed course!!!**

### **Managing the Paper War**

Subject Specific for HODs of Secondary School Music

**Facilitator: Grace Davey**

This two day workshop will take a look at;

- Key Competencies in Music (Wed)
- Subject Scheme writing and updating with Key Competencies (Wed)
- Assessment and Moderation schemes (Thurs)
- Writing a Department Manual (Thurs)
- Setting 2010 Goals (Thurs)

**Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Time: 9am – 3pm**

**Venue: Hutt Valley High School Music Department, Woburn Road, Lower Hutt**

Cost: \$80 for MENZA members, \$130 for non-members for both days, which will include an individual membership to MENZA for 2010.

\$50 for MENZA members, \$70 for non-members for one day only

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## News from the Regions

### Auckland



Harry Lyons



Dr Te Oti Rakena



Christine Wargent



Stephen Rowe

Maria leads the mass  
ukes at Mt Smart  
Stadium

We've had a delightful end of year gathering entitled "Speed dating with MENZA" at the Sea Hawke hall over the sea at Coxes Bay. Copying MEC's idea of "speed presenters", we enjoyed hearing from Harry Lyon (MAINZ-Music and Audio Institute of NZ) and hearing the actual music that inspired him to a lifetime of music making and educating.

Dr. Te Oti Rakena (The National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries –Auckland University ) spoke about the university's success for Pasifika and Maori students in music – and his involvement in this project – and the differences in the needs of these 2 groups of students .

Christine Wargent, principal of Marlborough Primary and director for many years of the multi night APPA Festival, received a Principal's study award in 2009 and spoke of her research into the state of primary school music in NZ and her observations re current initiatives in the UK.

Stephen Rowe (Team Solutions) presented copies of the new "Really Useful Itinerant teacher of Music Handbook" and highlighted some of the music changes on the NZQA website – 8 years into NCEA it is nonetheless good to see some exemplars finally coming out. Stephen, Fiona and Mia presented this first at the Auckland MENZA PD day 24<sup>th</sup> November also.

Auckland and Northland have been sad to see the .5 position of music advisor (Maria Winder) disestablished – Maria has always done a lot more than .5 of a job anyway – and is one of the mainstays of MENZA – both at a national and local level. She is excited about her new position in South Auckland and we wish her the very best for that.

Along with Miranda Rocca and Mary Cornish and other committee members – Maria must also be congratulated for a most successful BNZ Ukulele Festival – it was a delightful BIG DAY OUT for thousands young people – lots of smiles, fun , singing and with the *feel good* sound of Uke- twang.



## Otago



**Music Education Otago has enjoyed hosting a variety of events during the second half of the year. We welcome Anna Chilcott and Liz Conway to the MEO Committee, with Anna as a student representative and Liz with a particular interest in contemporary rock music.**

### Recent MEO Events:

- ♪ **Conducting for Instrumental Ensembles**, presented by Simon Oven, Peter Adams and Errol Moore, Aug/Sept. In these three hands-on workshops participants increased their skills in conducting and musical leadership. A very diverse group of attended the workshop series. This was a joint venture between Music Education Otago and the Southern Sinfonia. MEO looks forward to other joint ventures in the future.



- ♪ **Introduction to Ukulele**, presented by Maria Winder, August. 70 teachers attended this excellent workshop with participants from as far away as Wyndham, Queenstown and Ranfurly. The presence of teachers from Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Special Needs and Kura Kaupapa as well as three school principals indicates the wide appeal of this little instrument. Maria involved the audience extremely well and guided us through a wide range of songs including waiata, nursery rhymes and pop hits. Maria also visited five schools locally to introduce classes of children to ukulele playing. Two of these schools have since purchased class sets of ukuleles with another awaiting a grant. Participants left with Maria's Ukulele Songbook and promotional material from Beggs, KBB and The Music Workshop. MEO have since purchased 35 ukuleles for members to use in 2010. Since the workshop, a get together of participants was held for the purpose of sharing and becoming more familiar with resources. There was a great turnout.



- ♪ **The Art of Science and Music**, presented by Julie Wylie, September. This workshop attracted 30 participants from a wide variety of centres including REAP Central Otago. Julie presented an excellent workshop and we have received very positive feedback from participants.



### Some of What's Coming Up, MEO 2010:

- ♪ **Recorder in the Classroom**
- ♪ **ECE Te Reo**
- ♪ **Songwriting, Recording and Performance**
- ♪ **Supporting Students of Music – getting together with teachers and parents**
- ♪ **Artists in Schools**
- ♪ **Improvisation Workshop Day - for Year 7 and above**
- ♪ **Get Togethers for Children and Teachers with a Passion for Ukulele and Marimba Playing.**



Look out for MEO's 2010 Programme in Schools early in the New Year.

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 You will find further information there including the Instrument Loan Scheme.

For more information and to keep in touch with MEO: [www.menza.org.nz/Otago.html](http://www.menza.org.nz/Otago.html)

## Manawatu

### News Flash!!

#### **Musical Horizons is now operating as Music Education Manawatu (MEM)**

We have changed our name to be consistent with Music Education New Zealand Aotearoa and other regional groups. We continue to strengthen as the local face of music education in this region and organise regular workshops and seminars that are of interest to all involved in music education. We are also very aware of how insular music educators often feel and aim to offer many opportunities for collegial discussion and support.

MEM is lead by a team of hard working volunteers, which regularly meet to plan future activities and discuss how music education can be nourished and further supported in our region. We are a friendly group and would love to hear from you with ideas

#### **Recent MEM events:**

##### **Resources 4 U:**

This was an exciting opportunity to view the latest music resources with Geoff Wood from Du Bois Enterprises.

We were able to workshop and share ideas of how to use the resources on offer. Discussion and collegial support was appreciated and very valuable for all.

**Global Voices:** Many from the Manawatu singing community joined with Julian Raphael, a leading exponent of world music, in this intercultural celebration of vocal music. We left with an over flowing kete of practical ideas for our centres, classrooms and vocal groups and were inspired by Julian's talent and passion for world music.

##### **Contact MEM:**

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Check out the MEM page on MENZA's website:  
<http://www.menza.org.nz/Manawatu.html>

### Coming up in the Manawatu for 2010

#### **Music and Muffins: Music Ideas for the Classroom**

Join us in sharing ideas to use in your classroom. Come along with one resource you are prepared to share and leave with a bag full of ideas!

**Date:** Thursday 25 February

**Venue:** Ruahine 101, Hokowhitu Campus, College of Education, Palmerston North

**Time:** 3.45pm - 5.30pm. Afternoon tea provided.

#### **Sing the Rhythm & Rhythm the Song**

We are excited to welcome Julian Raphael back to the Manawatu. Julian will lead a day of joyful activities and lively encounters with voice and percussion.

**Date:** Saturday 20 March

**Venue:** Wesley Centre, 264 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North

**Time:** Morning session 10am -12.30pm and afternoon session 1.30pm - 4.00pm. Morning and afternoon tea provided.



## Canterbury

### AGM

MEC held a very successful AGM on 19 October where a small group of presenters had 10 minutes to "Share stories and ideas around 'how do we foster a love of music and assist music learners to develop artistry and musical skills'

We heard about world music from Ghandharva Loka store owner, Luke Armstrong, Creative NZ from Chris Archer, Orff Schulwerk from Celia Stewart, CPIT's Performing Arts programme from Tom Rainey and EC Music from Julie Wylie in a very stimulating and inspiring session.

A large and very enthusiastic new committee was elected and they are already working hard to prepare a full programme for 2010.

### Marimba Festival

Christchurch held its third marimba festival on 31 October and it was a wonderful music making occasion with 150 children all enjoying playing together. Each school wore a different brightly coloured T-shirt and performed an item on their own.

Guest artists, Jeremy Thin and Roanna Cooper and the Avonside Girls High School percussion ensemble thrilled audiences with their wonderful playing and showed the young people what they could aspire to.



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