



MENZA

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From the Chair

Errol Moore



Greetings to music education colleagues throughout New Zealand.

The last two weeks have been witness to an extraordinary outpouring from New Zealand Aotearoa for our loved ones in Christchurch. The responses to this disaster on the listserv forum from people offering many forms of assistance and encouragement have been heart warming. But also, I know many of you will have given assistance and grieved with our Christchurch colleagues more privately. I hope that people more directly affected understand that our offers of assistance are long term, and that we understand that healing will take a long time.

In just over a month, many of us are heading to the TRCC conference, *Cultural Chords* in Auckland. It is fabulous that Stephanie Lees and her small Auckland team are generating much enthusiasm for this professional development. Remember it is not too late to register! Nearly all of us on the board have found a way to be there, so do take the opportunity to talk to us about MENZA.

With the teaching year well underway, your highlights and big events with children are probably already planned. Whether you are sharing your energies with the youngest or oldest in school and community, we wish you well in creating warmth, purpose and unique learning and teaching moments. In reading the notes from our regional partners, I note there is a great deal of professional development activity planned. Do get involved to bolster your resources and consider offering to take a lead too!

As to the board, the November SOUNDARTS highlighted we are working on how the board can take on a more active advocacy role. It is possible this will begin in April as the formal advocacy group METANZ winds up activity. We also want to widen our regional presence to support more networking amongst teachers and the establishment of more local community partners. Finally we have plans for more active networking amongst local community partners like MEO and with related professional partners like CANZ and the IRMT.

It is an election year, and of course the oval ball will be a strong presence in the New Zealand psyche in 2011. I wish you well as you make the most of associated opportunities. I hope these also become a source of good music learning. Let us know how you are doing.

Warm wishes

MENZA Board Chairperson

News from the Regions

Otago



What has Music Education Otago been up to?

MEO had a busy and successful year in 2010 with regular and well attended workshops. A great get-together was had with MEO's first Ukulele Kids Jam as well as other events including: Retro Recorder, ECE Waiata, Music Month in the Octagon, Jazz Boogie Week and Marimba Kids Jam. Here are a few snaps of some of the events, including the Ukulele Kids Jam and Music Month in the Octagon with Mayor, at the time, Peter Chin.

MEO Music Education Events 2011

Music Education Otago has a number of exciting workshops and events planned for 2011 Enrolment information will come through schools, the Star newspaper and remember to check online at www.menza.org.nz/Otago.html.

TERM ONE: ECE Ukulele Strum-a-long

TERM TWO: Sing Up, Sing Out - children's songs and games from around the world, Ukulele Kids' Jam (Primary), Ukulele Jam Extreme (Intermediate)

TERM THREE: Choral Workshop, Recording Workshops

TERM FOUR: Marimba Festival

MEO's Instrument Loan Scheme

MEO has a class set of ukuleles available for members to use in their classrooms. For more information and ukulele bookings, contact:

Ruth Buchanan, rmbuchanan@xtra.co.nz, Ph: (03) 454 4654

MEO also has other Instruments including marimbas and other tuned percussion, contact: John Dodd, Head of Music, Logan Park High School john.dodd@lphs.school.nz Ph: (03) 473 8273 or contact Secretary Alison Caldwell, acaldwell@stclair.school.nz Ph: (03) 487 7721.

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Hawkes Bay

(HBSME)

HBSME (Hawke's Bay Society of Music Education) has an exciting line up of HBSME/NZCF professional development events for 2011. We were to be kicking the year off with Julie Wylie's Workshop 'Bop it in the Rocket' on 25 March but this has had to be postponed because of the Christchurch earthquake. This workshop is targeted at Early Childhood/Primary/Special Education. Julie is New Zealand's guru for Music in Early Childhood and her workshops are known to be very popular. On 8 April, 'The Kids Sing' Workshop will take place with the adjudicator for 2011, David Squires. This workshop is a must for all school choir conductors, not just for those who are taking part in The Kids Sing. The NZCF 'The Kids Sing' will see Primary and Intermediate school choirs on stage at the Hawke's Bay Opera House on 17 August. A Ukulele Festival workshop is scheduled for 6 May. The annual NZCF 'The Big Sing' is on 2 June for secondary school choirs. In July, there will be a Secondary teachers 'Compositions' workshop with one of the NZ Music Commission mentors (date yet to be confirmed). A Primary school Orchestras 'Play in' sometime in September is in the planning phase. The annual HBSME Scholarship will be sometime late October.

A programme that has been a real hit is 'The Ukulele in Schools Programme' that HBSME is running which aims to put Ukuleles in as many schools as possible in Hawke's Bay. A tutor travels to schools to do an initial session with the teacher and class then leaves the Ukes there for 3 weeks. A local Music store, Kingdom Music, generously donated 30 Ukuleles for this worthy programme. Last year the programme was booked by schools for the whole year. This year we are already booked until the end of September! The annual Ukulele Festival held in the Hawke's Bay Opera House will take place on 4 November and hundreds of children from all over Hawke's Bay are taking part. Mark these dates in your diary and on your long term planner! For further information, please contact Ngaire Shand – email: nshand@xtra.co.nz



HBSME /NZCF Professional Development and events for 2011

Postponed-date to be advised

Julie Wylie's workshop –'Bop it in the Rocket' ECE/Prim/SpEd
Julie is NZ's Guru for Music in Early Childhood. Very popular workshops.

April 8

'The Kids Sing' Workshop with the adjudicator. David Squires.
A must for all school choir conductors whether you intend taking part in The Kids Sing or not.

April

Orchestral 'Play in' for combined Secondary Schools.
Date to be confirmed.

May 6

Ukulele Festival workshop

June 2

The NZCF 'The Big Sing'. (Secondary Choirs.)

July

Secondary teachers 'Composition' workshop with one of the
NZ Music Commission mentors. Date to be confirmed.

August 17

The NZCF 'The Kids Sing'. (Primary School Choirs.)

September

Primary school Orchestras 'Play in'. Date to be confirmed.

Late Oct

HBSME Scholarship (Secondary)

November 4

Ukulele Festival in the Opera House. All levels.

More detailed info will be sent closer to the time.

MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY AND ON YOUR LONG TERM PLANNER!

For further info please contact: Ngaire Shand nshand@xtra.co.nz

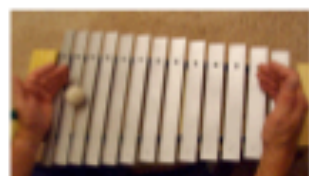
Waikato

(MEW)

MEW - the Waikato branch of  MENZA

Music Education Waikato is currently cranking up its workshop activities and its local support in the Waikato. There has been a period of regrouping for the committee in Hamilton in recent months: In May 2010 a joyful and musical social function was held to wish Max Stewart and Janet Hanfling well as they retired from the committee after many years of faithful and competent service to music education. On 31 March 2010 MEW ran a singing workshop with a focus on non-western music styles. Music and voice activities were delivered mainly through aural approaches and included materials from Africa, the Caucasian Republic of Georgia and the Balkans. June 2010 saw the screening of the film *'Rhythm is it!'* as a reprise of the successful 2009 showing of this remarkable English/German documentary with the Berlin Philharmonics. The film was shown at University of Waikato with translations of the German sections and local music teachers as well as University staff and students attended. In September and December 2010 Neil Bruce ran very successful Marimba making and Marimba repair workshops at the Men's Shed in Hamilton. MEW owns a number of Marimba instruments. Neil has kindly assisted with the refurbishment and maintenance of these very popular instruments for the music classroom. MEW organises the hiring of some Marimba instruments and as we reorganise our local data system this aspect of our service to the community is also continuously upgraded. Other activities included two Orff approach workshops during October 2010, firstly with a focus on creative approaches to improvisation in primary schools and secondly on hands on music experiences for early childhood music education.

The committee has met in February to plan a number of activities for this year: On 17 March *'Rhythm Fun for Everyone'* will take place at 4:00 pm in Hillcrest Normal School, Hamilton. Afternoon Tea will be provided at 3:45 pm. The committee is looking forward to more activities this year; we are planning a mini Marimba festival involving teachers and school children with a joint repertoire. Currently we are aiming for a date in June. Music Education Waikato (MEW) continues to foster music education in schools and communities through a variety of music education professional developments and also the making and hiring of Marimba instruments.



Christoph Maubach
Chair Person

Manawatu

(MEM)

We continue to strengthen and change with our local communities musical needs. We have had a change of leadership and Jenny Boyack, Senior Lecturer of Music Education at Massey has taken over the lead from Jennifer Moss.

We have been looking at new ways to support our hard working music educators. Due to the huge upsurge in popularity of the ukulele in schools, this term we are launching a ukulele hire scheme for local primary schools. Schools will be able to hire a class set of ukuleles for a term, along with some teaching notes and support. We hope this will be very popular! 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. Feel free to contact us if you have ideas for support for music education in the Manawatu. Contact: Jenny Boyack j.e.boyack@massey.ac.nz

Profile



Kia ora, my name is Jill Bridger and I'm excited to be part of MEM in the Manawatu. I am a kindergarten teacher and am passionate about music and movement in the early childhood setting. I love the joy that music can bring to children and adults alike, whether it's joining in on a song on the mat or out in the centre expressing ourselves through music, movement and instruments. In my spare time, I sing in the Manawatu Community Choir and play with the Manawatu Ukulele Group. I am looking forward to the experience of being part of the MEM committee and look forward to contributing from

Wellington
(MENZA Wellington))

Breaking News!!!

Dear Colleagues,

It is high time to crank up the effort to provide

refreshment, resources and professional development

for all of you teaching **music** in your schools. An effective vehicle to do this is the termly Cluster Meeting of the MENZA Wellington 0-8 group. The aim is to have everyone going away with ONE new instant chant/action song/waiata, ONE new rhythm game, and one song to develop with instruments. Venue and date still tba. Phone Helen Willberg on 9709483

♪♪ Other Wellington Notes ♪♪

About Artsplash.

This Wellington children's arts festival kicks off with drama and dance in early September, culminating in art exhibitions, wearable art and 8 concerts in the Opera House on 19 -22 September. Given that Artplash happens in the middle of World Cup month, the children will be singing music with an international focus. Over 10,000 students from 100 primary and intermediate schools will be participating.

- ♪ Helen Willberg is continuing CHIMES' once-a-month 0-8 workshops, now situated at Epuni School. Contact Helen on geoff.willberg@clear.net.nz
- ♪ A planned WSMTA workshop on using digital media in the music classroom was postponed until later in the year. A small group of WSMTA members held a "swap meet" for secondary teachers who met over wine and snacks on a Friday after school to share units of work, NCEA assessment tools etc. This was most successful and we hope to do this again soon.
- ♪ There is a barbershop workshop coming up for students on March 12 at the Salvation Army Citadel, Vivian Street, Wgtn. 9:30am-12pm. Registration \$3. Contact Charlotte Murray: charlotte.tawa@xtra.co.nz
- ♪ The Big Sing Finale, planned for Christchurch this year, will now be taking place in Wellington. The Committee has been able to secure the Wellington Town Hall for three days in late August, from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 August, just one week earlier than the original Finale dates (which were 29-31). It's less fortunate that this is the same week as the NZ Secondary School Sports Tournament, and this may affect a number of choirs.