

MUSICAL CIRCLES PRIMARY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

60 minute Interactive Workshops. Appropriate for up to 30 students.

Includes one workshop presenter and one assistant.

1. GUITAR TECHNIQUE IN THE ROUND

Learn from a guitar professional who has played with Jon Lord, from Deep Purple, Jimmy Barnes, Rose Tattoo and Stevie Wright (The Easy Beats), and many more. In this workshop, our presenter will touch on guitar styles, basic techniques, and setting up to get your 'sound'. Participants are encouraged to perform any guitar or song piece/s discussed during the workshop, and this will be followed by further discussion and sharing of new information that has helped them to improve their guitar playing skills.

2. THE FUTURE OF MUSIC MAKING

Do you consider music is irrelevant for you? That it is exclusive? If you feel insecure about how to play music, why not try experimenting with modern technology to help you create music. This session will show you how music technology can facilitate your imagination through demonstration and activities involving triggering-processed audio involving electronic drum triggers and a midi keyboard controller. This simple kinaesthetic approach allows students to gain an instant sonic response without any prior musical training.

3. INTRODUCING BEATBOXING – THE ART OF VOCAL PERCUSSION

Beatboxing, also known as the fifth element of hip hop, is the art of vocal percussion and was originally created to imitate drum machines. This expanded to include a large variety of everyday sounds, as demonstrated by beatboxers Michael Winslow, Tom Thum, Reeps One, etc.

Today beatboxers all over the world perform solo routines, participate in beatbox battles, and even the world Beatbox Championships.

This interactive workshop introduces the basics of beatboxing to a primary school audience, and shows how to explore further resources for beatboxing development, eg. Beatbox Australia, Youtube, Wikihow.

4. IDENTITY AND FEMALE COMPOSERS

Learn about 'Herstory' – the story trail of great female composers down through the centuries.

Have you heard of Nannerl Mozart, Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, or Alma Mahler? Gain a fascinating insight into the lives and music of these incredible composers who were the sisters of Wolfgang Mozart and Felix Mendelssohn, and the wives of Robert Schumann and Gustav Mahler.

A rich combination of history and musicology.

5. THE MUSIC IN ME

Songwriting is the music industry's most fundamental feature. Pop hits, rock anthems, powerhouse ballads, funk, soul, R&B. If you want to be in the industry, you need to know how to write a good catchy song. The aim of this workshop is to teach students the basics of songwriting, how to write lyrics, how to write music and how to put it altogether to write songs that could be on the top 10 charts!

6. COLLABORATIVE COMPOSITION – I, II, III

Do you really want to be able to compose but feel too shy to express your musical ideas? Maybe it's that you are unsure of where to start and that you need to have some tips. Or it might be that you are not really interested – or that it's a new experience.

Composing can be a lot of fun, especially when working with your peers in a supportive group setting. This session will surprise you as together we build a class composition, and maybe even get to perform it! Bring your instrument and be prepared to have a go.

This is the first workshop, ideally, in a 3-part series on instrumental composition.

7. INSTANT IMPROV!

Improvise with 30+ percussion instruments with guidance from a trained percussionist and a vocal improviser. Create a percussion and voice soundscape with congas, maracas, your own instruments, and even your voice! Create a 'Soundbath' with tone singing for a relaxing, meditative experience with your friends.

Music is a great way to build community and foster creativity at a young age, and improvisation develops confidence and spontaneity which can be used in all areas of learning.

8. I MADE THIS PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT MYSELF!

Make your own Rain Stick from natural materials and paint your percussion instrument. A workshop for arts, wood work, and music students. Students learn how to build a Rain Stick from scratch for performances and jamming.

9. I BUILT IT MYSELF! MAKE A BANANA KEYBOARD! – I, II, III

Using electronics, crafts, music technology, and basic electrical engineering concepts, build your own new instrument. This workshop is multi-disciplinary, fusing arts, crafts and basic electrical engineering concepts to invent new playable instruments.

Using Ableton software Live, computers, bananas, aluminium foil, glue sticks and the Makey-Makey and alligator clips, build your own playable instrument!

10. VEGETABLE INSTRUMENTS, HEALTHY AND MUSICAL!

Build instruments out of sweet potatoes and pumpkins by carving holes into the vegetables to create flutes and other fun instruments!

Learn how to record these with a microphone and sample and play them back on your computer!

11. RECYCLED MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

CYO music instruments from a wide range of everyday items and be surprised at the sounds that your instruments can make! Guitars, drums, maracas, cymbals, trumpets, flutes, xylophones..., the list goes on! BYO materials for a fun and unique session and be prepared to have a go.

What a creative way to make music together – you're only limited by your imagination!

12. THE SHOW MUST GO ON (WITH INDUSTRY GUIDANCE Q&A)

Need help and guidance getting a Musical from page to page? In this Musical Theatre workshop we can brainstorm staging ideas, start choreographing and get some scenes and songs together with the students to give your upcoming production that professional advantage.

Whether you've chosen your show already or need help with the very early stages, our Musical Theatre workshop leader can facilitate your needs and requests.

13. FLUTES ON THE LOOSE!

Two virtuosic flutists will perform an energetic and beautiful program inspired by folk music from around the world. Be thrilled by the technical brilliance of the high flutes, and moved by the rich, warm sound of the low flutes. Audiences of all ages will love to hear the narrated musical story about the Emperor and the Bird of Paradise!