

# January 2009 Workshop Details

**Kindermusik** – Age range 1 ½ to 3 year olds. Join an existing group to see a complete music and development program in action. No requirements, but this is aged related.

**Craft - Making Egg Shakers and Kazoos.** Join us in making some egg shaker percussion. Ages open from young to old. Younger participants not able to use scissors or glue unattended need to have an adult or older sibling to help supervise. If time permits we will also explore making some hand drums or similar.

**Using Microphones & Caring for your equipment** – Explore and learn about microphone techniques and how to care for our equipment. Look at the different types of microphones. Why shouldn't you tap them? What is the difference between a good microphone and a cheap microphone? Do I need a PA? Learn how to look after your leads and what is the result of poorly kept equipment.

**Air Guitar – It's all about performance! (or is it?)** As well as having some silliness and fun, we look at how to make your performances interesting for the audience to look at. Open to all ages. Bring your own air guitar, air bass, air drums and air microphones. Music chosen at random so be prepared for all genres.

**Percussion, Rhythm & Drums.** Explore how to make a steady beat with body parts, drum kits and other percussion instruments. Come and try your talents on a drum kit and record some beats. Open all ages.

**Ukulele – for Beginners.** Ages 5 to Adult. The class may be split, depending on numbers and ages. Learn the basics of ukulele. No instruments needed as you can use the school's ukuleles for this workshop.

**Beginner Guitar** – For the beginner who has not played before. Learn some simple chords and basics on strumming and songs. You'll be playing a song your first lesson. There are some guitars for use in the school for these workshops, so you don't need to have your own guitar.

**Mandolin for Beginners.** Ages 12 and over. Learn to play some chords on mandolin and try out this beautiful instrument. Participants in this workshop have the opportunity to play mandolin in the Acoustic Band workshops on Tuesday and Thursdays. Instruments supplied for this workshop.

**Songwriting 1** – Songwriting for the beginner who has not tried their hand at songwriting before. Knowledge of 5 open chords and the ability to change between chords is essential. You can bring along a rhyming dictionary if you have one. Bring your instrument (which includes voice). Ages – open.

**Songwriting 2** - Songwriting for students who have tried songwriting workshops before. A little more complicated than the first workshop. Suit ages 12 and over.

**Band for Beginners** - Past the stage of being a beginner, but not ready for the harder stuff? Do you know a few basic open chords and have started playing some full songs? Then this band workshop is for you. Ages from 8 up.

**Band – Level 1** - For students who have basic knowledge of open chords and playing songs. Ages 10 and over. Singers, Guitarists, Bass players, drums and percussionists all welcome.

**Band – Level 2** – For the more advanced student who has it together but needs to play with other members of a band. Great for getting your timing and rhythms sorted out. Usually for the teenage player.

**Cello for Beginners** – Did you see our cellos at the school concert? Want to try your hand at playing one? Come and learn how they are tuned and how to play them. We only have 2, so classes will be limited on a first come basis.

**Band – Acoustic.** No drum kits, no electric guitars. Bring your acoustic guitar, hand percussion / hand drum, mandolin, violin or use the School's acoustic bass. Singers welcome.

**Guitar Maintenance – Nylon String Guitar**. Need new strings on your guitar and don't know how to put them on? Come and do a guitar maintenance and string change workshop and re-string your guitar and learn how to clean and maintain your guitar at the same time. Bring your own new strings or purchase a set at the workshop for your guitar. Adults welcome too – not just the students.

**Guitar Maintenance – Steel String Acoustic or Electric Guitar**. Need new strings on your guitar and don't know how to put them on? Come and do a guitar maintenance and string change workshop and re-string your guitar and learn how to clean and maintain your guitar at the same time. Bring your own new strings or purchase a set at the workshop for your guitar. Adults welcome too – not just the students.

**Singing** – Learn how to use your diaphragm, how to breathe and pitch correctly. All welcome.

**Choir** – Come and learn different parts of a choir to sing in harmony. Ages 10 and over, boys, girls, teenagers and adults welcome.

**String Ensemble** – Violin, Cello, Double Bass. Bring your instruments and learn to play in an arrangement. Suit beginners and more advanced students – parts to suit all abilities. Ages 10 and over.

**Violin for Beginners** – Come along and try your hand at playing violin. No experience and no instruments needed as you can use the school's violins for this workshop. Ages from 7 years to adult.

**Note Reading Bingo** – Learn to read and understand notes and some basic music terminology in a game type environment, making this subject fun to do. Ages from 9 years.

**Harmonica for Beginners** – Learn to play basic tunes and techniques like blues such as note bending on the harmonica. Bring your own "C" harmonica or they are available for purchase at the for under \$10. Ages from 7 years to adult.

**Percussion & Timing** – A workshop specifically for correcting your timing through use of various percussion instruments. A valuable tool for all students for all instruments. Ages 7 years to adult

**Bass for Beginners** - Try your hand at playing bass in this workshop for the beginner bassist. A knowledge of guitar chords and strings is an advantage as the bass will be related to guitar chords. You can use the school basses, so no need to have a bass. This is ideal for anyone who wants to try out bass to see if you like it. Ages 10 years to adult.

**Performance Presentation** – How to prepare for your performance. Hints on what to do and what not to do. Am I ready for the gig? How will I present myself. How will I get noticed? Bring a pencil and paper to take down some notes and ideas. Open all ages.

**Finding Gigs** – This workshop is directly related to teenage bands. Under age for most gigs, so how do you find somewhere to play once you have your band well rehearsed and ready. Bring a pencil and paper to take some notes. Open all ages.