

# Sounds Of Singchronicity - July 10

The last month has been a big one for learning for me. I have had the opportunity to join in some great events that are helping me to broaden my skill base and understanding at many levels personally & musically. I continue to be amazed and delighted when I see or hear something totally new to me that gives me a new datum point to move forwards. The exciting part of this is that these "new things" are most often common knowledge to others, perfectly obvious once you can see them, and most often, just plain common sense! How exciting!

## Unconvention!

Recently I had 2 whole days at Unconvention Brisbane 2010 where I got to meet, mix and network with many music industry professionals to explore music as a product; service; media; technology & entrepreneurship and; music as culture. And all for \$20! What a bargain!

## Pat Pattison

I also scored a freebie with Pat Pattison who founded Berklee College in the U.S. ( a premier college for songwriting) see [www.patpattison.com](http://www.patpattison.com) where I learned about how phrasing is the body language of the song. A fascinating analogy, as we know that body language conveys more meaning than spoken (or sung) words. It has given me a new dimension to apply in my songwriting and helped me polish up a song already!

## Ukulele

"Ask and you will receive!" Recently, I put out a request on freecycle for a Ukulele so I could try it out to see if I wanted to learn it. Inside a week my response was answered and I have been leant one to try and given a toy one. Thanks Wendy & Ben! I will see how I go with this exploration and thank you for the opportunity.

## Mind, Body, Spirit Festival:- Sika

My first learning here is to go on a Friday next time! Sunday was packed! (But people were gracious about the crowds!) The highlight for me was seeing Sika perform on stage. I had heard about him a couple of years ago and followed him on the net, but finally got to meet up and revel in his beautiful energy and Earth Spirit music. See <http://www.caitlinsika.com/> Sika plays didge, native American Indian Flute, and a range of earthy instruments, whistles, rattles etc and blends them with backing music created in his studio in New Zealand. His studio represents the epitome of sustainability with earth meeting technology. The power for his studio is generated by a turbine system created from an old washing machine, harnessing the power from the river he & Caitlin live alongside! Caitlin sings with him too. His music has been described as "A

vibrant fusion of rhythms and exquisite overtones, often with a lively funk groove that people love to move and dance to." It has inspired me and will continue to influence me for years to come!

## Jonathan Welch

I am off to Melbourne to participate in a Sing-posium with Jonathan Welch about creating and working with choirs of people with special needs. See <http://singyourvoice.com/1281/sing-posium-with-jonathan-welch/> Upon return, I will be working with Lifeline Brisbane to share the learnings from this event with others so let me know if you are interested in coming along to a session.



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## Coming Events



### John Will Be Appearing At The Following Events

#### **Sing Your Bones for Joy**

**Sunday 18 July 1.00PM to 5.00PM**

**Relaxation Centre – 15 South Pine Rd Alderley**

The theme for this workshop is “Releasing & Letting Go”

I am combining again with experienced Feldenkrais practitioner, Rhonda Ohlson to combine the best of what we both know about the body and the voice, to provide you with some new tools to use to release old patterns, thinking, tensions and let go.

More details at <http://singyourvoice.com/133/sing-thru-your-bones-for-joy/>

Your investment is \$45 for this wonderful event. Ph 3856 3733 to book in.

### Other Events And News For You

#### **Sing-posium hosted by Jonathan Welch**

**Friday 2 July – Sunday 4 July**

Dr Jonathon Welch AM is hosting the inaugural Sing-posium Victoria 2010, a FREE event, to be held in Melbourne. As the founding director of the **Sydney Street Choir** and **Choir of Hard Knocks**, now known as **Choir of Hope and Inspiration**, Jonathon understands the challenges of creating choirs of people with special needs, and has a decade of experience creating innovative teaching methods and knowledge that he is so keen to share.

Read all about it at <http://singyourvoice.com/1281/sing-posium-with-jonathan-welch/>

#### **Queensland Ukulele Festival**

**Saturday 3 July – Sunday 4 July**

The Cairns Ukulele Festival is a festival that highlights the multicultural and tropical aspects of the region through the humble ukulele. The festival features free and ticketed performances by international, national and local artists and community groups; kids and adult workshops; an art expedition; market stalls and much more.

Venue 1: Fogarty Park, The Esplanade, Cairns

Venue 2: Tanks Art Centre, Collins Avenue, Edge Hill, Cairns

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1141/queensland-ukulele-festival/>

#### **Joy of Singing Workshop & New World Rhythm Choir Auditions:–Brian Martin**

**Sunday 4 July 10.30AM – 1.30PM**

**Coolum Uniting Church Hall, Elizabeth Street, Coolum Beach.**

In this workshop you will enjoy group singing in wonderful harmonies from around the world.

Joy of Singing Workshop: 10.30am – 12.30pm (\$25 & \$20 for choir members)

**Then why not try out for the ‘NEW WORLD RHYTHM CHOIR’?**

**Choir Auditions: 12.30pm–1.30pm (free)**

The workshop will give you a taste of what our choir sessions are like!

So stay on for these fun and easy group auditions which will be conducted after the workshop.

Can't make these auditions? Please see other dates to try out below – Bookings are essential!

**Alternative Audition Date: Wed 14th July (first week of choir)**

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1323/joy-of-singing-workshop-and-auditions-for-new-world-rhythm-choir/>

## **Flowering of the Heart Workshop with Terry Oldfield and Soraya**

**Sunday 11 July 10AM – 4PM**

**Prana House, Level 1/885 High Street, Thornbury Vic.**

In this workshop Terry Oldfield and Soraya use the vehicle of sound and music as the language of the heart together with the grounded wisdom and processes to release the past & develop the strength to live in the heart.

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1182/flowering-of-the-heart/>

## **Sound Initiation Retreat Weekend with Karina Schelde**

**Friday 16 July – Wednesday 21 July**

Karina Schelde is internationally recognised as a pioneer of sound therapy and voice healing. People around the World are touched by her compelling and intuitive Soul Voice method. In the Soul Voice workshops and 5 day training you will experience Karina's unique synthesis of 25 years of professional experience in alternative healing.

Pre-requisite is the 2 day Soul Voice Workshop. Discover your voices unique spiritual resonance, healing abilities, and ancient knowingness. Release your suppressed issues, free your creative expression; and your whole being, Raise your confidence level and self esteem both in personal and professional relations. Practical magical voice techniques including Overtone Chanting. Learn how to apply your soul voice and sounding as a healing instrument. Come into a sacred potent space to awaken and initiate your own creative healing process.

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1306/sound-initiation-retreat-weekend/>

## **Sing For Joy – Sing For Fun**

**Saturday 24 July 2PM – 5PM**

**Banksia Beach State School Performing Arts Hall**

**Banksia Beach, Bribie Island 4507**

Come on Saturday 24 July for an afternoon of singing for joy and fun, and help make the rafters ring. Everyone is welcome, especially singing groups, parents and their children, and singers of all ages and experience. This is your chance to rediscover the joy of community singing and to experience the excitement and joy of singing together in harmony.

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1174/sing-for-joy-sing-for-fun/>

## **Kirtan and Magic Flute Journey with Terry Oldfield & Soraya**

**Friday 23 July 7 PM**

**Gold Coast**

Ashtara is a Metaphysical Astrologer. She has invited Terry and Soraya to play in her beautiful home at Beechmont; however space is limited so please phone book with Ashtara for this event on 07 5533 1096. This will be an evening of "Music For Heart & Soul" – "Come let us enter our heart space as you and I are one and the same" – Soraya.

"Naturopath and yoga teacher Soraya with her internationally renowned husband, amazing flautist Terry Oldfield, will be leading a chanting evening at Ashtara's home on the Gold Coast. Cost \$20

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1311/kirtan-and-magical-flute-journey/>

## **Tony Backhouse Workshops – Acapella**

**Friday 2 – Sunday 4 July**

**Weekend workshop in Canberra**

**Friday 9 July**

**Workshops at Festival of Voices, Hobart, Tas.**

**Saturday 10 July & Sunday 11 July**

**Weekend workshop at Launceston, Tas.**

**Saturday August 20– Sunday August 22**

**Weekend workshop in Brisbane**

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1405/tony-backhouse-workshops/>

## Chris James in N.S.W. and A.C.T.

**Friday 16 July 6PM – 9PM**

**Joy-Full Voice Evening  
in Yarralumla, Canberra**

A gentle introduction to toning, singing, stillness and sound healing.

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1364/joy-full-voice-evening>

**Saturday 17 July & Sunday 18 July**

**Transformation Through Sound Weekend  
in Bermagui, N.S.W.**

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1367/transformation-through-sound-weekend-with-chris-james-2/>

**Friday 31st July**

**A Warm and Wonder-Full Evening of Song  
in West Pymble, N.S.W.**

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1376/a-warm-and-wonder-full-evening-of-song-with-chris-james/>

## Sacred Earth Performances

**Friday 2 July 7PM**

**Maleny Community Centre, Maple Street, Maleny**

**Saturday 3 July 7PM**

**Anahata Yoga Temple, 186 Memorial Drive, Eumundi**

Go to: <http://singyourvoice.com/1347/sacred-earth-concerts/>

## Choirs up Noosa way!

Andrew Emmet is a Professional Choir Director who has four choirs operating up around the Noosa area. Between the four choirs, they cover popular, folk, gospel and sacred classical music so, if you live up that way and are looking for a choir, check out

<http://singyourvoice.com/1290/choirs-up-noosa-way/>

and find out more about what Andrew has to offer.

## Late News: Drumming Classes start Friday 2nd July – NEW FORMAT

Elliott Orr from Talkin the Drum has a new venue and an exciting new format for his drumming workshops. You get to work at whatever level you are ready for in this newly designed course structure. so check it out at <http://singyourvoice.com/1414/talkin-the-drum-new-venue/>

