

Sounds Of Singchronicity - Feb 11



New Year..... New Ideas!



Happy New Year

This is the first newsletter for 2011 and I am in the thick of setting up a not-for-profit community music organisation to oversee The Mixed Beans Project, to help with Songwriters Network QLD and Sounds Original (to start with!) We are about 3/4 of the way through preparing our constitution, incorporating and getting quotes for public liability & personal accident insurance and auditing. I am looking at Trademarking our name, and hope to have this for you next month. Exciting, very busy times.

Mixed Beans

Mixed Beans now have a home on my website at <http://singyourvoice.com/category/mixed-beans/> They have just done two great gigs. They were invited to sing at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at the Logan Entertainment Centre and have performed at the 30th Birthday celebrations for Rotary Loganholme. Both of these were paid gigs, so it has helped to put some money into the kitty to provide for more practice sessions, as we use a professional (highly talented and lovable musician and all round person)....Cath Mundy. They did a great job at both events and were proud to be part of these celebrations.

Fundraising

As soon as the constitution is finalised for our new organisation, I will be

launching some innovative fundraising initiatives with benefits for recipients and fundraisers alike! We will be running some Art Union Draws with cash prizes for the winner **and** the person who sells the winning ticket! Let me know if you would like to help please. john@singyourvoice.com Stay tuned for more info soon...

Piano Lessons?

For some time now, I have been aware of the need to break out of my piano playing style, as it has been heavily influenced by classical music training. Whilst my underpinning knowledge & technique is quite strong (except theory for chords & harmony!) I have been searching for new ways to find freedom with the piano/ keyboard to use it more as a rhythm and accompaniment instrument, rather than as a solo melody-line type instrument. Then I stumbled across an article in the local paper (funny about what you see when you are not looking!) about a new music teacher in my area who is using a very non-traditional method called "Simply Music" to teach people to play the piano. Just like children are not expected to read and write before they talk, this method works to get you playing rhythms, accompaniments, improvisations etc without dependency on sheet music. I went along to a demo and have decided to give it a go. I

start next week, so by March newsletter I should have some news for you. If it lives up to my expectations (and their sales pitch!) I may consider teaching it in the future too!

New Partnerships

Cath Mundy and I are exploring partnerships enter into in order to make an application for a grant from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship through their Diverse and Social Cohesion Program and are patiently awaiting the outcome of an application to Multicultural Affairs QLD.

It seems like others are having a reasonably quiet start to the New Year, but there are still some opportunities for you overleaf!



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Coming Events



John Will Be Appearing At The Following Events

Sing For Joy Playshop

Sunday 13 February - 2.00PM - 5.00 PM

Alderley, Qld

The theme for this workshop is **It's PLAYTIME!** The beginning of the year is a great time to take some time for yourself and play. In this playshop you will learn to play with your voice and to trust yourself, without fear or expectation. See <http://singyourvoice.com/495/sing-your-voice-3-hour-workshop/>

Ph 3856 3733 to book in.

Other Events And News For You

Into Your Heart Retreat with Sacred Earth

Friday 11 February - Sunday 13 February

Yarra Valley, Victoria

Come and be held in a deeply sacred space where you have the opportunity to reconnect with the quiet place that resides within your heart. Nestled in the Yarra valley you will experience 3 days of yoga, meditation, art play, mantra singing, prayer tie meditation, luscious vegetarian food, inspiring stories, twilight meditations, walking meditation, nature time & massage all offered in the sanctity of silence.

For more info: <http://singyourvoice.com/2215/into-your-heart-retreat-with-sacred-earth-2/>

Deva Premal, Miten and special guest Manose

Friday 18 February 7.30 PM

in Banglow, N.S.W.

Tuesday 22 February

at the Powerhouse in Brisbane, Qld

The music of Deva Premal & Miten has been called "pure magic" by best-selling author Eckhart Tolle, and for the last twenty years, fans worldwide have joyously agreed. Ancient mantras and modern songs will take you on a blissful journey that eases the heart while it quiets the mind, accompanied by Nepalese bansuri flute master Manose.

For Bookings and Information: <http://singyourvoice.com/2180/deva-premal-and-miten-with-special-guest-manose>

Ecstatic Chant & Devotional Singing Retreat with Deva Premal & Miten 2011

Thursday February 24- Sunday February 27

Ballina Beach Village N.S.W.

This residential retreat is open to all, and is a truly ecstatic experience of the healing power and joy of mantra, song, silence and friendship.

Visit: <http://singyourvoice.com/1732/ecstatic-chant-and-devotional-chant-with-deva-premal-and-miten/>

Chris James Workshops in Victoria and N.S.W.

Big Sing – A Free Evening of Harmony in the Community

Saturday 5 February
Wooleweyah, N.S.W.

Wednesday 9 February
Inverloch, Vic.

Thursday 10 February
Berwick, Vic.

One Day Joy–Full Voice Workshop

Saturday 12 February
Berwick, Vic.

Tuesday 22 February
Albert Park, Melbourne

For Details of the Workshops with Chris check out: <http://chrisjames.net/>

Autumn Women’s Retreat with Nilong and Arjuna

Thursday 10 March – Sunday 13 March

Gayatri Retreat Centre, Sunshine Coast Hinterland

Be nurtured in a sacred, feminine space where your senses will be indulged with art, dance, song, yoga, ritual, meditation, organic ayurvedic meals and the rejuvenating sanctuary of nature.

A relaxing retreat: <http://singyourvoice.com/2184/autumn-womens-retreat-with-nilong-and-arjuna/>

