

Festival for Peace

Music, forums, workshops and events for children

Presented by
a chorus of women



28 April – 2 May

Albert Hall,
Canberra

We hope that by now you have seen our flyers or website information about Canberra's first ever **Festival for Peace**, which will be presented by A Chorus of Women at the Albert Hall from 28 April to 2 May 2015.

As this significant festival draws closer, we would like to draw your particular attention to some of the events for families and children at the festival.

WED 29 APRIL and THURS 30 APRIL 4–5 pm
(afternoon tea from 3.30 pm)

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING: Movers and Shakers for Peace

A story presentation by Jennifer Pickard

For children 8+ years and the 'young at heart'

Jennifer will be telling the story of the *Movers and Shakers for Peace*, using a Montessori approach, with miniature story pieces. She will then ask some open-ended 'wondering' questions for a gently philosophical discussion. There will be materials available for children to respond in whatever way they choose - perhaps clay, drawing, craft, writing a letter or a resolution, construction ... the possibilities are endless!

Jennifer lives in Canberra with her husband and for the first time in a long time, with her three adult children all nearby. She has been teaching for 40 years, specialising in Literacy, both for children and adults. In 2008, Montessori storytelling captured her heart and she has discovered a new vocation.



WED 29 APRIL, 5–6 PM

FAMILY CONCERT: Things are Changing

Performances of new peace songs by Judy Clingan and others, some simple enough for the audience to learn — so the event will be semi-performance, semi-workshop.

Musical direction Judith Clingan AM

With **Canberra Children's Choir** (direction Greta Claringbould), **Wayfarers Canberra** and others.

THURS 30 APRIL 4.45–5.30 PM

FILM: Girl Rising (to be confirmed: check program online)

Stories of nine girls from developing countries who overcome great obstacles to obtain an education
Presented by Room to Read (1h 40 min)

FRI 1 MAY 5–6 PM

FAMILY MUSIC MAKING: Drummers not plumbers (to be confirmed: check program online)

Family music making with Matthew Armstrong.

SAT 2 MAY 12.45 AM – 1.15 PM

PERFORMANCE: *Becoming Australian*

With Steve and Hannah Cooper

Film with live dance, music and words that explores what it truly means belong to a place and how Australia's first people stewarded that place (using the lens of Bill Gammage's book, *The Biggest Estate on Earth*).

SAT 2 MAY, 1.30–2.30 PM

FAMILY CONCERT: *Fun, Joy, Love, Life*

A concert of well-loved songs with the **Hughes Community Choir**.

Musical direction Tim Bevitt

SATURDAY 2 MAY 3–4 pm

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING: *Movers and Shakers for Peace*

See above

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to these family events, the festival includes:

- **premiere performances of *A Passion for Peace*, which is a new choral and dramatic work by Glenda Cloughley**, with musical direction by Johanna McBride and performed by A Chorus of Women, Arawang Primary School Choir and some of Canberra's best known soloists and instrumentalists (28 and 30 April, and 2 May, 7.30 pm)
- two facilitated **forums** (*Finding the Ways to Peace* on Wed 29 April at 7.30 pm and *Peace on Earth — Peace with the Earth* on Sat 2 May at 10.30–12.30 am)
- **Women's Day — Women's Ways workshop** to explore the theme 'Women's Power to Stop War' (Thurs 30 April, 10 am – 4.30 pm)
- **stories and conversations** about the women peacemakers of 1915 (Wed 29 April, 12.30 and 2.30 pm; Fri 1 May, 12.30 pm)
- **poetry and other readings with Peace Works!** (Saturday 1 May, 3 pm)
- **hands on workshops, theatre performances, displays, broadcasts from the 100th anniversary women's congress at The Hague, 'philosophy corner', a labyrinth** and much more.

Food and drink will be available for purchase (provided by CIT Student Association).

See the full program and ticketing information at:

www.chorusofwomen.org

We look forward to welcoming many of you to this important festival (which, with your support, we hope can become a significant annual event in Canberra).

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