

Bathurst Arts Council Newsletter

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Dear Members and friends,

BRUCEDALE CONCERT 2008

The date for **BRUCEDALE** has been set for this year – **SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2008**, gates open from 3:30pm. Make sure you get to Bathurst's longest standing twilight concert in grounds of beautiful **BRUCEDALE** homestead at Peel.

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Bathurst Arts Council is delighted to announce that the **Brucedale Twilight Concert & Picnic**, in the magical setting on the lawns surrounding historic Brucedale homestead, will return on **Sunday 16th March 2008**, as part of the Autumn Colours Program. Gates open at 3:30pm. Tickets at the gate Adults \$15, Conc \$12, Child \$8 (under 8 free).

The Elegant Georgian homestead was built in 1873 by William Henry Suttor, on land granted to his father, George, by Governor Brisbane. The Suttor family have occupied the property ever since.

The inaugural Brucedale Twilight Concert and Picnic was held 30 years ago. Since then, it has become a popular annual event. It presents an ideal opportunity for a family outing in idyllic country surroundings. Newcomers to the district are particularly welcome.

Bring your own picnic, rug and chair and relax in the beautiful grounds of Brucedale to some wonderful local music.

MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to renew your membership for the year, just fill out the form enclosed and return to Bathurst Arts Council, PO Box 414, Bathurst NSW 2795, along with your payment.

Please nominate an email address to help us keep postage costs down, and to make sure you receive all our information instantly! If you nominate an email address you will receive this newsletter and any other arts council information electronically, and NOT by post.

Please note, if you do not re-join the BAC as a financial member in 2008, you will no longer receive correspondence from Bathurst Arts Council.

Bathurst Arts council will be reviewing membership fees at the 2008 AGM. If you renew your membership NOW, for THREE years, you will be able to take advantage of our current membership prices.

BAC to the future! **Strategic Plan**

Bathurst Arts Council held a productive strategic planning meeting in January 2008 to set priorities for the year. With a long term focus on establishing an arts centre, the BAC has decided to focus on the following priorities in 2008:

The annual fundraising project (the Brucedale Twilight Concert and Picnic); The Bathurst Arts Council contact and networking database; Increased promotion of the Bathurst Arts Council; Ongoing operations and sustainability of the BAC subcommittees (including 2BS Youth Arts Awards, Friends of BMEC, Bathurst Arts Networking); Financial stability; and a major survey of the needs of the Bathurst Arts Community.

Subcommittees for the Brucedale Concert and the Arts Survey were formed and have already begun work. The Bathurst Arts council 2008 Strategic Plan can be viewed at the www.bathurstartscouncil.org.au site.

Bathurst Arts Survey

Having felt for a long time that there is a need for additional, improved and different spaces in the Bathurst region for 'arts' use, the Bathurst Arts Council will shortly undertake a major survey of all arts, crafts and cultural organisations in the region to find out what their needs are. This will specifically focus on the types of spaces organisations, groups and artists use – everything from rehearsal and meeting spaces to home offices, wet areas and workshops, shopfronts, performance spaces and storage. The BAC hopes to gather a comprehensive idea of the activities that happen in the region, the types of spaces people need to do this and what people are looking for the future. The data collected will assist BAC and Bathurst Regional Council plan and lobby for appropriate new spaces. Surveys will be circulated to groups by the end of April. Please contact the Bathurst Arts Council to put your organisation on the mailing list.

Bathurst Arts Council Annual General Meeting

Will be held on Thursday 15th May 2008, at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, William St Bathurst at 5:30pm. All members welcome. Come along and help direct the future of the arts community in Bathurst!

...WHATS ON...

Bathurst City & RSL Concert Band and Bathurst City & RSL Youth Band

will present a traditional Sunday afternoon concert in Machattie Park rotunda on **Sunday, March 9, between 2pm and 4pm**. This is a summertime tradition dating back to the very earliest days of the park and banding in Bathurst. The concert is aimed at all music tastes and there will be something for all members of the family. Bring a picnic and enjoy music in historic surroundings.

Sounds Live! On 2MCE FM

Mitchell Conservatorium Early Childhood Music Teacher, **Victoria Roth will be performing live on 2MCE Radio**. Monday evening 3rd March at 7pm.

This will kick off a night of live musicians from the Bathurst area performing to launch the Living Sound Festival Week.

Living Sound Festival Jazz & Contemporary Music Festival Bathurst, Lithgow and Forbes March 7-9 2008

This March, the **Living Sound Festival** will ignite the Central West with contemporary Australian Jazz, Hip Hop and Gypsy music. With gigs and workshops by bands & musicians from Sydney, Canberra, Katoomba, Forbes and Bathurst, Living Sound is set to be a massive weekend of music across the region.

Fri 7 March, jazz Trio Apoplectic kick off the Festival at 8pm on the balcony at Mitchell Conservatorium Bathurst; Gypsy Jazz inspired Mr Fibby perform at 8pm at the Union Theatre in Lithgow and Arabesk perform a blistering set at 8:30pm at the Forbes Inn.

Sat 8 March, Arabesk present a public **gypsy-soul** inspired workshop, 2pm, Mitchell Conservatorium Bathurst; artists Cindy Bailey, Fiona Thompson and Georg Mertens perform with Arabesk at 7:30pm at BMEC; Trio Apoplectic present a public jazz workshop, 2pm, Mitchell Con Lithgow; Jamie Briton and Trio Apoplectic perform jazz and percussion at 7:30pm Union Theatre Lithgow; Mr Fibby host an open **gypsy jazz** workshop at Forbes Conservatorium, followed by a gig featuring Robin Yeatman at 8:30pm, Forbes Inn.

Sun 9 March, Mr Fibby wind up their tour with a laid back gig at 4pm Vale Creek Wines Bathurst and Arabesk end the Festival with an explosive set at 2pm at Lithgow Conservatorium, Wilde St Lithgow. Chaos Math and Hip Hop Program entrants perform from 9am on Sunday at Newtons Playground Festival, Mt Panorama.

Tickets \$20/\$15/\$40/\$50 available from Bundaburrah Music Forbes, Books Plus Bathurst, Mitchell Conservatorium Bathurst, Lithgow and Forbes. Tickets for Arabesk Saturday 8th March at BMEC available from Ticketek. The Living Sound Festival is kindly supported by Regional Arts Fund and Festivals Australia. Call Sarah 0424 6121 38 or see www.mitchellconservatorium.edu.au for more info.

'PRECIUSSSS'
GALLERY: Fox's Furniture & Woodwork Gallery
LOCATION: 108 William Street Bathurst
DATES: March 8th - 31st

Fabulously popular lampwork glass jewellery by Penel Bigg continues to amaze and draw us to the flame. This year Penel adds sparkles of solid sterling silver, a dash of gold and a flash of palladium from silver and gold smith Brenda Coleman. The two artists are working in collaboration for this exhibition. New twinkles to add to the Fox collection of necklaces, pendants and bracelets will be rings and brooches and some truly magnificent stitched seed bead collars and wristbands. See, touch, feel and try it on!

Opening Party: March 7th 6-8pm, RSVP March 4th to Fox's Gallery 6331 8699

Bathurst Harvest Festival Events

Bathurst Harvest Festival featuring The Song Company and Mitchell Conservatorium ensembles will take place over the ANZAC long weekend in various venues around Bathurst. A Degustation Dinner at BMEC, ensembles in local wineries, and the Song Company on 26th April, at All Saints Cathedral will bring harvest time alive in Bathurst. For more information, contact the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre or see the Harvest Festival Website www.bathursthharvestfestival.com .

Don't forget to renew your membership, and enjoy the BRUCEDALE concert, for more events listings, see www.bathurstartscouncil.org.au or email Sarah Conolan info@bathurstartscouncil.org.au .

Enjoy an Autumn of arts in our wonderful town!