

Music With Anything



Fun practical ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Music With Anything is a terrific, interactive performance / workshop where Mic Conway shows children how they can use everyday items from around the house to create music.

Things like tin can banjos, drinking straw flutes, rubber glove bassoons, plastic cup chook noise makers, box bass, gum leaves, bottles and hose trumpets are just SOME of the fun and simple to make instruments that Mic demonstrates and plays.

After the performance, comes the workshop and Mic gets everyone building two 'easy to make' instruments. He provides materials and only requires children to be able to tie knots and use scissors as he guides them step by step through the making process. Mic and staff can assist where necessary. After making their instruments and briefly learning how the instruments make their musical sounds, a few children are selected to play some of Mic's instruments that he demonstrated earlier and all the other workshop participants, using their newly made instruments, form the "Big Band". Led by Mic, this enthusiastic group of young musicians play the Australian classic Waltzing Matilda.

Mic Conway formed his first band (The Jellybean Jug Band) while in secondary school with his brother Jim. By the 1970's they were receiving national acclaim as The Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band. The band released four studio albums two of which went gold, each selling over 35,000 copies in Australia alone. In the 1990's Mic won a coveted Aria award for his children's album 'Whoopee'. He also appeared in Play School, Mr Squiggle and regularly on the Humphrey B. Bear show as Magic Mic. He is the voice of Wags the Dog on The Wiggles and regularly tours into schools across Australia with his show Rubbish.

Curriculum Relevance: **Music.** Listening, evaluating, instrument making.
Science: Environmental, interdependence, sustainability, natural resources.

Workshop requires children to be seated at tables and two staff to be involved in the workshop. Suitable: K to 6 (although the K to 2 students usually need help with knots and scissors). Maximum Audience Size: 40 Students.
Minimum Cost: \$330.00 (Including GST) for up to 30 children.
Cost per Student: \$11.00 (Including GST) for every student over 30.
Times: Approximately 1 hour (can be longer with bigger or younger classes). Set up: 60 minutes. Pack up: 45 minutes.

