



MASTERCLASS – AM & PM

Learning in the Key of Music

Masterclass Presenters

Susie Davies-Splitter and Phil Splitter

An involvement in a music program helps to educate the whole individual intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally, kinaesthetically, artistically, aesthetically and creatively. This 'Orff' based approach inspires children to sing, move, dance, listen, create, play instruments and love music. Have them jumping for joy with material that makes learning interesting and fun.

Biographical Information – Susie Davies-Splitter and Phil Splitter

Susie is a music and movement educator, Orff practitioner, jazz musician, composer, children's entertainer and president of the Victorian Orff Schulwerk Association (VOSA). Phil has been composing and performing since an early age, playing guitar and percussion, as well as singing in many bands. Phil is also an accomplished motivational speaker and humourist, script and songwriter as well as a dynamic and high calibre MC.

Together, they have presented and conducted professional development workshops for teachers throughout Australia, New Zealand, Europe, USA and Singapore, as well as the renowned Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria. In July, 2004, Susie and Phil presented workshops and concerts at the International Society of Music Education in Tenerife, Spain and have been invited back to present at the 2006 conference in Kuala Lumpur in July. Following this they will be presenting music workshops for teachers and children in California, Canada and the UK.

From 2000 - 2002, Susie was the Director of Music and the Performing Arts at The King David School in Melbourne, overseeing the performing arts curriculum from 18 months to 18 years. Since 1997, Susie has been on the teaching team for the Orff level courses for VOSA and has lectured at The University of Melbourne to the Early Childhood and Bachelor of Education primary students. Susie is currently completing her Masters of Education in Music.

Together, Susie and Phil have developed the very popular 'Welcome to Music' Series of CD's and books, musicals and choral range which are enjoyed

extensively by teachers, parents and children of all ages throughout Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States. Titles include; Rainbows, Trees & Tambourines, Bop in the Bath, Funkey Monkey, Move It, Razzamajazz, Boomerang Jam, The Power of You and Anything is Possible.

They regularly present shows, family music workshops and artist in schools programs.

Over the years, they have been commissioned to write several songs for schools, associations and corporations, developed music programs in preschools and schools and directed choral festivals.

Susie and Phil have also received numerous awards for their song writing, including a top 5 place in the Unisong International song competition in the children's section, the 1st and 3rd place in the Australian Songwriters Association (ASA) 03 competition, in the Spirit of Australia section, 2nd place in the ASA 05 competition, in the children's section and 2nd place in the 06 QuickLaunch Song Contest in the USA.

Susie and Phil's vision is to spread the word to as many children and adults around the world that singing, moving, dancing, playing and creating music is good for the heart, for the soul, the body and the mind and that everyone can enjoy the benefits and love music!