

# Mind Ventures

## Final one-day program in 2007

Music lovers will be able to delve behind the scenes of musical performance at the final one-day MindVentures program for 2007 on Sunday 18 November.

The focal point of the program will be one of the regular concerts given in City Hall by the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concert – in honour of Professor Philip Bracanin of the University of Queensland's School of Music – will include the well-known 'Oh mio babbino caro' from Puccini's *Gianni Schichi* and Bracanin's own Symphony No. 3.

Participants in the MindVentures program will be able to meet beforehand with Bracanin to hear about the life and work of a composer, and the work itself; and also to hear from the manager of the Orchestra about the joys – and tribulations – of coordinating a group of musicians and presenting a concert program.

If you've already enrolled, we look forward to seeing you. If you haven't and would like to know more, you can obtain further information (and full details of the concert program) by contacting MindVentures (see details on this page).

## MindVentures in 2008

Islam; Australia in the 1950s; why Economics isn't the dismal science many think it is; and the history and culture of Spain, are the subjects of the regular one-day programs in Brisbane in the first half of next year.

Or you can take a short break and be a 'deliberate visitor' to Toowoomba, Yungaburra on the Atherton Tableland, Maryborough or Cooktown.

Be part of a small group of like-minded people who get to see things of interest in the region and meet members of the local community who have a passion for the place and its people.

The programs on the Atherton Tableland and in Cooktown are both offered 'ex Cairns' and will include transport from there to the venue. The trip to Cooktown will take you through the Daintree rainforest and national park, and when in Cooktown we'll visit the places where Captain Cook stood in 1770.

Details of both one-day programs and the 'short breaks' are summarised later in this newsletter and, for those who have access to the internet, also on the MindVentures website.

If you would like further information about any of these programs or to reserve a place, you can return the form accompanying this newsletter (if it's sent to you in printed form), or check the details on the MindVentures website ([www.mindventures.com.au](http://www.mindventures.com.au)) – go to 'What's On Offer' and 'How to Enrol'.

Or simply email [mindventures@uqconnect.net](mailto:mindventures@uqconnect.net), or give us a call on 07 3878 4077.

With best wishes,  
Bill Richmond

### SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS COMING UP

Short Breaks with a Difference	
FEB	TB506 – THE GARDEN CITY: TOOWOOMBA
APR	AT507 – EXPLORING THE ATHERTON TABLELAND: YUNGABURRA
MAY	MB508 – HERITAGE MARYBOROUGH
JUL	CK509 – TRAVELLING NORTH: COOKTOWN
One-day Courses	
NOV	MU504 – MUSIC, MUSIC
MAR	IS505 – ISLAM: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE
APR	AU510 – AUSTRALIA IN THE 1950s
MAY	EC511 – ECONOMICS: IS IT REALLY A DISMAL SCIENCE?
JUN	SP512 – HISTORY AND CULTURE OF SPAIN

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## PROGRAMS COMING UP...

### Short Breaks with a Difference

Longer programs, generally of three days/four nights, providing an insight into the environment and the people of a region. The cost of each program includes a stimulating program of presentations and field visits, all meals and the support throughout of a MindVentures host, in addition to high quality accommodation (twin share, with single accommodation generally available at an additional cost). And yes, (as always) we'll celebrate each day's activities with a get-together and a few drinks before dinner each night.

<b>TB506 – THE GARDEN CITY: TOOWOOMBA (\$785)</b>	<b>18-22 FEBRUARY</b>
<b>AT507 – HUB OF THE ATHERTON TABLELAND: YUNGABURRA (\$835)</b>	<b>2-6 APRIL</b>
<b>MB508 – HERITAGE MARYBOROUGH (\$765)</b>	<b>6-10 MAY</b>
<b>CK509 – TRAVELLING NORTH: COOKTOWN (from \$985)</b>	<b>8-12 JULY</b>

### One-day Courses

One-day programs led by expert presenters which allow you to explore a wide range of subjects in the company of a small group of people who enjoy learning and discussion.

These programs are held at the University of Queensland's Women's College on the third Saturday of each month (unless otherwise indicated). The cost for each is \$99, which includes a substantial buffet lunch and refreshments. A saving on this price can be made by subscribing.

<b>MU504 – MUSIC, MUSIC</b>	<b>(SUNDAY) 18 NOVEMBER</b>
Includes attendance at a concert of the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra preceded by a meeting with <b>Professor Phillip Bracanin</b> (one of whose works the orchestra will perform) and discussions with members of the orchestra's community.	
<b>IS505 – ISLAM: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE</b>	<b>15 MARCH</b>
Explores the philosophical basis of Islam (including a female perspective) with visit to the Kuraby Mosque and meeting with the imam, <b>Dr Mohamad Abdalla</b> (who is also the Director of the Griffith University Islamic Research Unit).	
<b>AU510 – AUSTRALIA IN THE 1950s</b>	<b>19 APRIL</b>
Do you remember the Carter Brown novels and the Larry Kent radio serials? Analyse these and other icons of Australian life and popular culture in the 1950s. Program coordinated by <b>Dr Toni Johnson-Woods</b> who teaches in the University of Queensland's Bachelor of Contemporary Studies.	
<b>EC511 – ECONOMICS: IS IT REALLY A DISMAL SCIENCE?</b>	<b>17 MAY</b>
Or really an <i>optimistic</i> science? Hear from <b>Professor John Quiggin</b> and other economists about how economics plays such an important part in our daily lives – and why there's no such thing as a 'non-economics question'.	
<b>SP512 – THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF SPAIN</b>	<b>21 JUNE</b>
Another <i>MindTravel</i> program that will give you a fuller appreciation of Spain and things Hispanic. Presenters include <b>Professor Alfredo Martinez</b> from the University of Queensland's School of Languages and Contemporary Cultural Studies.	

#### Save Money by Subscribing to One-Day Programs...

A Subscription of \$276 allows you to enrol in any three programs over a two-year period (plus deduct \$30 from the cost of any one of the short breaks). For details see the Enrolment Form or enquire.

*Clients of the Age-Fit gymnasium (conducted at the University of Queensland exclusively for people aged 60+) who demonstrated their exercise routines to participants in the MindVentures program HM504 – The Physiology of Personal Fitness held in September.*



If you do not wish to continue receiving information about MindVentures please let us know and we'll take you off the mailing list.