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## **[NOTICE OF AGM - Saturday 7 June 2025, 3pm at Bethlehem School Tauranga](#)**

### **Saturday 7 June 2025**

**10.30-2.30pm** - Advocacy session & lunch

**3pm AGM** - [ZOOM link](#)

MENZA will be holding an initial planning meeting to discuss how we, as an organisation, can advocate for music education within the New Zealand education system, particularly in response to the current political climate.

If you are interested in being part of this meaningful conversation, please join us at Bethlehem School, Te Kura o Peterehema, 66 Carmichael Road, Tauranga, before the MENZA AGM. Lunch will be provided for all participants. Please [RSVP](#) for catering purposes. Thank you and see you there!

To ensure proper governance we urge our members to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom. Please also ensure you have an up-to-date membership and are aware of your membership type and voting rights.

## **RESOURCES**

Check out this latest **Primary School [resource](#)**, with a list of websites with books to support **Literacy in the Classroom**, centred around Music and Puoro. [Click here](#) to find out more.

In case you missed it - Ben Lau's presentation at the IRMTNZ 'Ignite!' Conference in April 2024 on how to apply **Māori teaching principles to your practice**. This video will only be available until the end of 2025. [Click here](#) to watch.

## **OPT IN for Tune Me In Magazine**

If you would like a hard copy of Tune Me In Magazine, you will need to opt in via your

[MENZA login](#) to have one posted out to you - and please also check whether your postal address is correct. The magazine will also be available online.

Ngā mihi nui,

**MENZA Board**

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**AUCKLAND MENZA HUI 16 May 2025, 6.30-8.30pm, Crescendo Trust, Henderson Valley**

This is a special gathering for MENZA music educators in the Auckland region—a chance to connect, network, and strengthen our music education community. Come along to meet fellow educators, learn more about MENZA, and enjoy our shared passion for music. Food and drinks provided. You don't have to be a MENZA member to join in.

**Venue: Crescendo**

Unit 8, 14 Henderson Valley Road  
Henderson, Auckland 0612

**Directions:**

- Enter via **Smythe Road**.
- Parking is available on **Henderson Valley Road** or at **Henderson High School**.
- Go through the big glass doors marked “**Te Puna Creative Hub**”, then head down the **red-carpeted hallway to the left** and through the restaurant.
- The **studio entrance** is opposite the bathrooms.

If you get lost or have any questions, feel free to call or text me on **027 370 2793**.

There'll be yummy food and drinks — just bring yourselves and some good end-of-week kōrero.

Please [register here](#) for catering purposes, or contact Molly: [molly.devine@sae.ac.nz](mailto:molly.devine@sae.ac.nz)

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**TE RITO MENZA**

### **MENZA Conference, 7-9 July 2025, Massey University, Wellington.**

We are pleased to announce that one of our guest speakers is **Peter O'Connor**! His keynote will be about: **Teaching: The greatest art**. Nonsense phrases like 'knowledge rich curriculum' and 'science of learning' are thankfully already fading in education jargon. Teachers know there is so much more to learning and teaching. Teaching centred on improvisation creates classroom rich in the imagination. IT lifts the classroom beyond the mundane. Arts educators know this more than anyone.

**Peter** is Professor of Education and Director of the Centre for Arts and Social Transformation at Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland. With over 100 publications, he is a world leader in the research of and practice of the arts during disaster. His most recent work includes co-designing the Mitey approach for the Sir John Kirwan Foundation, and leading the Te Rito Toi resource development for using the arts post trauma in schools.

### **Subsidy for primary school teachers to attend MENZA conference**

We are also proud to announce that anonymous donor 'Ensemble' is providing up to eight \$250 subsidies for primary teachers to help with the costs of attending the MENZA conference. Criteria are: for those travelling from outside of Wellington and for only one teacher per school. Please email [admin@menza.co.nz](mailto:admin@menza.co.nz) with your name and school if you would like to apply.

Don't forget to [register](#) and [apply for the general MENZA subsidy!](#)

More Information about the conference [here](#).

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Held in Wellington, [MEFA](#) is New Zealand's premier national school ensemble festival, celebrating both traditional and jazz/blues styles. Our mission is to foster a **vibrant, educational, and community-driven** environment where students can thrive through music. With world-class concerts, mentorship, and performances, MEFA provides an **unparalleled opportunity for students to perform, learn, and grow**. There is no other festival like it in New Zealand.

Unlike traditional festivals that focus primarily on competition, MEFA is designed around a **mentorship-driven framework**, offering students **engaging workshops and unique learning experiences**. We collaborate with some of New Zealand's top educators and musicians, including the **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO)**, **Royal New Zealand Air Force Band**, leading universities, and **MENZA**. With over 60 tailored



**workshops**, students develop not only their individual instrumental and vocal skills but also gain exposure to areas they may not typically explore in school—such as **improvisation, conducting, and mixed-ensemble collaboration**, enhancing both their musical and social development.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the festival and to register your school.

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