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Welcome to Cultural Infusion's national schools program for 2012!

Cultural Infusion has been delivering authentic cultural experiences across Australia for nearly 10 years. Our programming features multicultural and indigenous artists, interactive performances, regional and interstate tours, excursions, concerts, artist-in-residence programs, and extra-curricular youth events.

Cultural Infusion's programs are a fun and interactive way to inform your students and engage them in a dialogue about cultural awareness. Our programs support your curriculum in areas such as LOTE, History, Performing Arts and Physical Education, as well as offer a practical initiative to promote global citizenship and wellbeing in your school community.

Cultural Infusion has reached an audience of more than 1,000,000 students since its inception. This year promises to be even bigger, as we proudly launch Sound Infusion! Sound Infusion is a free, online, interactive learning experience that allows students to create music from around the world. Cultural Infusion has created this unique resource to further enhance the classroom experience, particularly for schools with limited access to cultural programs. (see page 24 for details)

Cultural Infusion's goal is to promote cultural harmony and wellbeing for a more cohesive and richer society. With our wonderfully diverse presenters and now Sound Infusion, we can't wait to bring the world to your classroom in 2012!

Peter Mousaferiadis
Founder


“Learning by doing”



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Why have over 4,500 schools used Cultural Infusion?

A group of children are performing a cultural dance outdoors. They are holding large, colorful umbrellas in various colors like red, green, blue, and pink. The children are dressed in traditional or cultural attire. The background shows trees and a building, suggesting a school or community event setting.

Cultural Infusion has been enhancing the classroom experience for nearly 10 years, reaching over 4,500 schools and 1 million students across Australia. Our programs are underpinned by school curriculums, with the ultimate goal of nurturing an appreciation for diversity and a sense of global citizenship in the classroom.

The Australian Curriculum, guided by the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, recognises that we live in a linguistically and culturally diverse country, and that developing students' knowledge of other cultures is vital to equip them for the world in which they live - locally, regionally and globally!

Through the dynamic medium of performing arts, and by providing opportunities to engage with some of the world's oldest living cultures, Cultural Infusion aims to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of history, languages, and society.

Such knowledge and understanding is essential in helping students become imaginative, thoughtful and informed members of society, and will enrich their ability to participate positively in the ongoing development of Australia!

Cultural Infusion has the perfect format for your school

School Incursions

(50 mins – All Day)

Cultural Infusion brings presenters from a diverse range of backgrounds into your school for one-off sessions, to showcase the traditions and customs of their culture, in an entertaining and educational way.

National Schools Tour

(Regional / Interstate)

Cultural Infusion is committed to making art and culture accessible to all. Each semester we handpick some of our favourite programs to hit the road for a special tour to interstate schools and regional areas. Programs tour to each state for 1-2 weeks each, so places are strictly limited. Don't miss out!

Artist-in-Residence

(6+ weeks / school term)

Cultural Infusion can tailor a special long-term program for your school. A presenter will work closely with your students for a number of sessions over a term or semester, culminating in a group presentation.

Cultural Excursions

Every year Cultural Infusion presents a special school excursion or event in the community, showcasing our wonderful presenters and exciting cultures to a wider audience. Excursions are perfect for small classes, who may not have the minimum student number or budget for an incursion. You may even like to incorporate other stops along the way – such as a trip to the Museum or particular cultural precinct. Keep your eyes out for our special events!



“Experience the world”

“An education rich in creative arts maximises opportunities for learners to engage with innovative thinkers and leaders... Such an education is vital to students’ success as individuals and as members of society, emphasising not only creativity and innovation, but also the values of broad cultural understanding and social harmony that the arts can engender.”

Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs

How can Cultural Infusion connect to your curriculum?

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

Learning a language goes beyond just vocabulary! Promote and support your language studies in a fun and interactive way by giving students the opportunity to experience firsthand the ways people communicate and interact across cultures.

History, Cultural Awareness, Civics and Citizenship

Through the performing arts, students will learn about the past experiences of other societies and individuals, including their cultural identity and traditions. Knowledge of history and other cultures helps students understand the world around them and is essential for informed and active participation in our diverse society.

School Celebrations


Cultural Infusion's programs are perfect for Cultural Diversity Week, Harmony Day, Language Days and NAIDOC Week. An incursion is also a great way to bring colour and variety to your end of term activities, graduation celebrations or school fetes.

Health and Physical Education

Programs like Hip Hop, Capoeira and Bollywood are a fun and accessible way to introduce fitness and healthy lifestyle choices to your students, and provide an exciting alternative to traditional sports clinics.

Wellbeing and Student Engagement

Cyber awareness, social exclusion, and self-confidence are significant challenges in the modern school community. Cultural Infusion creates a non-threatening environment in which to address these issues. Students have fun, whilst developing self-confidence, and forging positive relationships with their peers and the wider community.

A man with traditional Indigenous body paint (white and red ochre) on his face and chest. He is holding a spear in his right hand and reaching out with his left hand towards the camera. The background is dark.

*Develop a refreshing, eye-opening understanding
and respect for our Indigenous culture through
Cultural Infusions Indigenous programs*

*Djarrin Blow
Indigenous Officer
Cultural Infusion*

Aboriginal Culture for a Day (Prep – Grade 6)

'Aboriginal Culture for a Day' is the perfect introduction to Indigenous culture. Led by Cultural Infusion's Indigenous Officer, Djarrin Blow, students will see artefacts and weapons once used in daily life, learn about aboriginal art symbols and come together in a wonderful celebration of music and dance. Our presenters are passionate about sharing their culture and through this hands-on, all-day program, students will develop a new understanding of the rich and ancient traditions of Australia's first inhabitants.

Program fee: \$10 + gst per student, minimum 150 students
Duration: 9 am - 3pm (approx)
Availability: Touring QLD, 4 – 8 June 2012



Warramar Man (Prep – Year 12)

Join Cultural Infusion's Indigenous Officer, Djarrin Blow on a journey back to the Dreamtime.

A member of the Barkindji tribe, Djarrin's name means 'fearless warrior'. In this presentation, Djarrin will take your students back to the time of the warrior, showing the weapons and artefacts he would have used in daily life on the land. Djarrin will share ancient stories passed down from his father, mother and uncles, to give students an insight into the one of the oldest living cultures in the world. By teaching the next generation, Djarrin hopes to preserve his people's rich and ancient traditions, as well as promote understanding and respect for the land and its traditional owners.

Program fee: \$4.50 + gst per student, minimum 140 students
Duration: 50 mins
Availability: Touring QLD, 4 – 8 June 2012

Commemorate
Sorry Day
(26 May)

"Just wanted to provide you with some feedback about the Warramar Man. He was FANTASTIC!!!! He was very passionate about his culture and the kids were engaged the entire time. The kids came out of it excited about what they had learnt and wanting to share it with their families tonight. I would definitely recommend the incursion to anyone. Djarrin was excellent with the kids and shared his knowledge passionately. A fantastic incursion. Thank you so much!!"

Berwick Fields Primary School - VIC

Programs to educate children on etiquette and safety on the internet

Cyber Wonder World (Primary)

Primary students can be extremely tech savvy, but not always aware of the risks the Internet can pose. This fun play introduces primary students to the concept of cyber awareness, teaching them how to protect their computer and, most importantly, their privacy!

Cyber Sense (Secondary)

Older students may have learnt about cyber safety, but don't necessarily heed the advice! This play examines the way students can use mobile phones, the Internet and social networking sites, and the impact their decisions and behavior can have on their own lives, and others.

Through our series of Wellbeing performances, Cultural Infusion aims to engage students in a dialogue about some of the challenges they might face at home and at school. The lively in-school performances engage and entertain students, whilst teaching them how to make better choices and developing their confidence and coping skills. The presenters lead a short follow-up discussion and teachers are provided with activities to complete in-class.

Program fee: \$5 + gst per student, minimum 150 students
Duration: 50 mins
Available: Touring QLD, 18 - 22 June 2012



Les Bâtons Français

Bonjour tout le monde! Come on a journey to the streets of Paris, as our hopelessly romantic hero encounters obstacles both strange and wonderful in pursuit of his lady love! A dynamic mix of mime, puppetry, music and dance featuring French traditions and icons such as la Tour Eiffel, the Three Musketeers, classical ballet, and the farcical theatre style of Moliere. It uses basic French words, making it accessible to all primary levels!

Treat your students to a taste of all things French with this hilarious performance, seen by over 5000 students last year!

Program fee: \$4.50 + gst per student, minimum 140 students

Duration: 50 mins

Available: Touring QLD, 30 July - 3 August 2012

"I thought it was hilarious and very professional...I questioned every class this week about the performance and the response was positive. 10+ / 10 "

Prescott Primary School - SA



Celebrate
Bastille Day
(14 July)

Commedia Dell' Arte

Split your sides as our acclaimed Commedia dell' Arte duo take your students on a hilarious journey al' Italia!

Watch out Il Dottore! The poor Doctor tries to win the heart of lovely Colombina by baking 'The Greatest Pie in the World'. But of course nothing goes to plan with tricksters Scaramouche and Arlecchino around! Drawing on the classic Italian renaissance theatre style of 'Commedia Dell' Arte', this is a loud, slapstick comedy with zany characters that will have your students laughing for days! It uses basic Italian words accessible to all primary levels!

Program fee: \$4.50 + gst per student, minimum 140 students
Duration: 50 mins
Available: Touring QLD, 30 July - 3 August 2012

"The characters were so convincing, the acrobatics so lively and exciting, the singing and music so entertaining and the acting and improvisation just hilarious. The students and teachers really had a wonderful morning of laughter! Thank-you again for providing such quality entertainment for our students."

Greenslopes State School - QLD



Highly
popular &
recommended
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Sumardi- Master Shadow Puppeteer

Touring directly from Indonesia

Back by popular demand, Cultural Infusion is once again proud to present Dalun (master) Shadow Puppeteer - Sumardi.

Give students a wonderful insight into the myths and legends of Indonesian history and culture. Theatrical storytelling brings to life the ancestral spirits said to swell inside the puppets. The climatic scenes are based on Hindu epics, such as the Ramayana Cycle. Students are given an opportunity to watch the shadow puppetry from both sides of the screen to experience the magic as well as learn the skills and techniques behind these ancient art forms. A magical experience!

Program fee: \$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students
Duration: 50 mins
Available: Touring QLD, 27 - 31 August 2012



Japanese Culture

Cultural Infusion will be touring an exciting new Japanese program in semester two. More details to come - stay tuned!

Program fee: \$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students
Duration: 50 mins
Available: Touring QLD, 22 - 26 October 2012

** For a Japanese program available year-round in metropolitan QLD – see Rhythms of Japan on page 21.*



Celebrate
Japanese
Cultural
Day

Touring Programs

Nov

The Tirol Dancers

Dust off your lederhosen or dirndl and dance your way across the Alps! As Cultural Infusion proudly brings an amazing German-Austrian folk dance duo to your school – just in time to celebrate Mock-tober Fest!

Join Rowan and his partner as they perform high-energy folk dancing from Bavaria and Austria. Students will love trying the famous Schuhplattler – kneeslapping dance. That is if they can untangle themselves for long enough!

Rowan has been performing this program in Sydney and regional NSW for Cultural Infusion for over 5 years. He is one of Australia's best, recently beating hundreds of other dancers for the chance to perform the Schuhplattler in a national television commercial! Now your students will have the opportunity to share his energy and enthusiasm, as he tours nationally for the first time!

Program fee: \$5 + gst per student, minimum 140 students

Duration: 50 mins

Available: Touring QLD, 5 - 9 November 2012

"We would definitely book this again because of the positive student response and the enthusiasm/professionalism of the performers... We would rate it at 10/10!"

Burwood Public School - NSW

Just in time for
"Mock"tober
Fest!

Dance * Confidence * Friendship * Fun





Multicultural All Day Program

Why book just one program to visit your school? With the Multicultural All Day program, you can book 5 programs! It's the perfect way to celebrate the diversity of our nation. Students rotate between 25 minute sessions, then come together for a 50 minute session to finish and celebrate the day!

Select from the individual programmes that appear on pages 18-22 including:

- African Drumming
- Bollywood Dance
- Steelpan Carnival
- Brazilian Capoeira
- Middle Eastern Dance
- ...and more!

Program fee: \$11 + gst per student, minimum 300 students
Duration: approx. 3 – 4 hours with breaks (4 x 25 mins plus 1 x 50 mins)
Available: Metro QLD, year round

"The Cultural Infusion presenters were very well organised and professional. The presenters had a genuine desire to share their cultural heritage with students, a desire that came across and reinforced our theme of harmony well. They considered it a highlight of our Harmony Day celebrations."

Bayside Secondary College - Williamstown Campus VIC

"I'm just writing to thank you for arranging a great day for us. The children enjoyed the African drumming and the Capoeira acts immensely."

Ardeer South Primary School VIC

Africa

Rhythm of Africa



From African traditions comes a joyous and exciting program that immerses students in rhythm. Music is an indispensable element in African social and religious rites. This incursion enables participants of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to experience the pulsating rhythms and instruments of Africa for themselves.

\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

Balkans

Balkan Beats



Come on a musical journey to Southeastern Europe with an interactive music program suitable for all ages. Students can use whatever percussion instruments they have; darabuka, djembe, bendir - or just clap their hands! – as they learn the rhythms of the Turkish gypsies, Bulgarian dancers, and Macedonian maestros.

\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

Brazil

Cool Capoeira



Capoeira is a unique African-Brazilian art form that fuses dance, martial arts, acrobatics, music and song into an exciting high-energy martial arts! Originally developed by slaves, Capoeira is complex martial art discipline disguised as a dance. Students will love keeping the beat as the Capoeiristas display their energy and athleticism.

\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

Central America

Latin Dance Fiesta!



Introduce your students to the fiery and fantastic Latin dance styles. This incursion enables students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to experience the exciting rhythms and movement of Central America, with ever popular styles like the Salsa, Merengue and Cha Cha. It will get everyone on their feet and dancing to the beat!

\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

Central America

Steelpan Carnival



Take an exciting and educational journey to the Caribbean, with the uplifting and infectious sounds of the Trinidadian and Tobagan steel drums! Students will love clapping and dancing along to the variety of percussion instruments and special Caribbean rhythms- like the reggae, calypso, salsa and more!

“Very professional delivery.... Energy and enthusiasm of performers was quite catching.”
Fairholme College – QLD

\$5 + gst per student, min. 150 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

China

Chinese Lion Dance



Presented by the martial arts school of Sigung (Grandmaster) Tom Lo, the Chinese Lion Dance brings good fortune, prosperity and longevity whenever performed! As well as gaining an insight into an ancient culture, students will love the vibrancy, energy and music of the Chinese Lion dance. They can even get up close and personal with the cheeky lion himself – don’t worry, he’s a vegetarian!

\$5 + gst per student, min. 150 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round



Introduce your students to French culture through Chanson – a style of music and song with origins in the Renaissance. Working with both traditional and more contemporary songs, this is a fantastic opportunity for your students to speak French language, sing and dance! An authentic, engaging and educational music program suitable for all ages.

\$5 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round



Bollywood Infusion cheerfully disregards the boundaries between classical Indian folk dance and popular contemporary styles. Students will love the movement and music of this high-energy program. Suitable for all ages and abilities, students will learn a fun Bollywood routine and the traditional meanings behind its key movements.

\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round



This exciting program introduces students to the fastest percussion instrument in the world - the North Indian Tabla! Students will be in awe of the drummer's speed and skill, how he creates a range of sounds to literally talk with his drum! A fun music program that encourages students to discover a new kind of music.

\$4.50 +gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

Japan

Rhythms Of Japan



Immerse your students in Japanese culture with this exciting and interactive music program. Students will learn about the sounds and performance of the traditional Taiko drums and even get the chance to try their hand alongside the skilful Motoyuki

\$5 + gst per student, min. 150 students

50 mins

Metro QLD, year round

Middle East

Middle Eastern Infusion



Introduce your students to the world of the Egyptian dancer. Students will love the colour, movement and music of this high-energy program. Suitable for all ages and abilities, students will learn a fun routine and the traditional meaning behind some of its key movements.

\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students

50 mins

Metro QLD, year round

Pacific Island

Infusion Pacifika



Experience the sights and sounds of Polynesia in this highly interactive workshop. Showcasing the Pacific Islands' rich tradition of performing arts and crafts, students will learn traditional Polynesian dancing, before experiencing how costumes such as leis and grass skirts are made!

\$5.50 + gst per student, min. 150 students

50 mins

Metro QLD, year round

Spain

Fire of Flamenco



With her long flowing dress and castanets, the Flamenco dancer will impress students with her intricate footwork, while they help keep the special Flamenco beat with palmas (handclapping). Student will learn basic Spanish words and experience vibrant Spanish culture through this unique Andalusian gypsy style.

\$4.50 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

Spain

Folkloric to Flamenco



Introduce your students to Spanish culture through poetic lyrics and memorable melodies. Working with both traditional and contemporary songs, this is a fantastic opportunity for your students to learn about Spanish music and Ladino history. It can be tailored to English-speakers right through to advanced Spanish students.

\$5.00 + gst per student, min. 140 students
50 mins
Metro QLD, year round

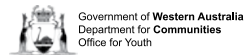


Make your own cultural music in your classroom
with Sound Infusion

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Booking is easy!

Booking Enquiry

- 1) Use this brochure, or visit our website www.culturalinfusion.edu.au, to find a program that best suits your school or curriculum outcomes.
- 2) Contact us to receive a quote for your preferred program. At a minimum, we will need to know your student number, school location, and preferred performance dates in order to provide an accurate quote.

Email
info@culturalinfusion.org.au

Phone
1800 010 069 (toll free)

Please note - presenters are only contacted to confirm their availability, once you have approved the quote.

FAQ

Availability

Upon your initial enquiry, Cultural Infusion staff can advise if a program is likely to be available on a given date – depending on the presenters' prior bookings with our company and the general availability they have provided us. The presenters are only contacted to their availability for a specific date once you have approved your quote.

Timeline

We recommend booking at least 8 weeks ahead of your preferred performance date. For 'Multicultural All-Day' programs, regional bookings and touring programs, please allow at least 12 weeks, in order to for us to coordinate with the multiple

presenters and/or make necessary travel arrangements. Short notice bookings are possible, but may not result in your first preference.

Fees

In addition to the Program fees stated in this brochure, a travel fee may be charged to schools located outside the metropolitan area. This is a direct result of the additional time, accommodation and transport involved in regional travel. Any travel fee will appear on your quote.

Minimum Student Numbers

Programs can run for less than the minimum stated student number, however the minimum fee will still apply. You are welcome to combine with other schools in your area, in order to boost your numbers. We

can arrange for a separate invoice if needed.

Duration

Our incursion programs run for 50 minutes. The 'Multicultural For A Day' program runs in a series of 25, and one 50, minute blocks with breaks timed to coincide with your usual bell times.

Performance Requirements

Presenters are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start time. All programs require at least a 4 x 4 m performance area and access to power. If a program has more specific requirements, these will appear on your quote.



Bringing the cultures of the world to your classroom

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