

Mic 'Microphone' Conway

ART BEAT

ART - What is it? What's the use of it?

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

This show is an excellent way to challenge children to think about various art forms and to break down some of the barriers between art and every day life. 'Art Beat' is an appropriate introduction to looking at and enjoying art and is an excellent program to stage before an excursion to the gallery.



VISUAL ART

THE PERFORMANCE - An hilarious and thought provoking show about art and its various forms and uses.

Life size puppet Cranky Frankie has been dragged along to the Art Gallery and he's not happy! With the help of some magic, music, comedy, juggling, dancing, a walking TV, a talking painting and a living sculpture, ARIA award winning Mic Conway shows us (and Frankie) that art is everywhere and we use it everyday to communicate and express ideas.

Picasso once said that "Art is a lie that shows us the truth in life" and that can be said of all the arts - from visual or fine arts to music, drama and literature. Often these forms of art are combined and in this show they are, in a most delightful and entertaining way. Art can be part of what we do, wear, use, hear and see. From a painting in a Gallery, an advertising billboard, to a song on the radio, etc... It's exciting, it's visual, it's musical....But is it Art?

THE PERFORMER - ARIA award winning **Mic Conway** is an innovative performer who has worked extensively in music, theatre, film, television and theatre-in-education. Working in Australia and internationally, Mic started in **Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band**, co-founded **Circus Oz**, and has appeared in numerous films and television shows. He has recorded many albums and CDs (two gold records) and has fronted **Mic Conway's National Junk Band** for over ten years.

Born into a family of vaudeville, theatre and opera performers, he brings many skills to his shows including: music, magic, tap-dancing, juggling, fire-eating and puppetry.

Mic has regularly appeared on various children's television shows, including **ABC for Kids**, **The Wiggles**, **Humphrey Bear** and is even the voice of **Wags the Dog** in **The Wiggles** TV shows and DVD's.

A favourite part of Mic's performances has always been the making and playing of home-made instruments which has inspired the DVD (booklet included) **Making Music with Anything**. <http://www.micconway.com>

"This show is an excellent way to challenge children to think about various art forms and to break down some of the barriers between art and everyday life. Mic, a talented actor, singer, musician and comedian, presents a fun filled, energetic, and dynamic performance that is both entertaining and thought provoking".
Liz Gibson, Children & Family Programmer Art Gallery of NSW

"He was fantastic, entertaining, inspiring, clever, funny and very brave...bring on more visual art performances". **Melissa, Rosetta High**

"The students were so excited that when they went back to class they created artworks and stories. Thank you, we loved it".
Rhonda, Upper Fern Tree Gully Primary

DURATION: 50 minutes	SUITABILITY: K-9
PERFORMANCE COST	PERFORMANCE MINIMUM
Per Student \$4.00	\$400.00 per performance
GST \$.40	\$ 40.00 GST
Total inc gst \$4.40	\$440.00 (inc. gst) (100 STUDENTS)