



Mark and Morna

UMS to organize Early Childhood Music workshop Nov 12-13

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KOTA KINABALU: Early childhood music education is vital for the development of a child, and an early head start in music development can pave the way to an all-round and wholesome development of a well-rounded individual.

Realising this importance and the responsibilities entrusted, a historical joint-venture arrangement consisting of the Borneo Heritage Research Unit (BoHRU), together with the Music Programme of the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage, the Faculty of Psychology and Education, Encore Music Education (Australia), Time and Tune School of Music and Dance, and the Associations of Sabah Kindergartens, will be organising a 2-day early childhood music workshop on November 12-13, 2015 at the Recital Hall, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage, Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

Aptly themed "New Sounds and Ideas," it is hoped that such an endeavour will catapult early childhood music education in Sabah to a new level. This workshop will be conducted by two highly acclaimed and renowned music educators, Mark Gibson and Morna Robinson.

Mark is the creative force behind the Encore Music Education and Accent Publishing in Australia. He is an outstanding music educator at teaching

children from as young as three years of age to the most advanced diploma levels. Since 2005, he has visited New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong to share his expertise with a vast number of music educators and children.

Likewise, Morna Robinson also has an impressive CV. With professional qualifications in both music and childcare, Morna is an expert in early childhood music education. She plays a key role in assisting new and continuing Kinder Beat teachers to develop and refine their skills. She is the integral part of the Encore training team.

Registration for the workshop has gotten off to an enthusiastic start. To date, a total of 62 participants, consisting of private music school teachers, lecturers of teacher training institute, music students and interested early childhood education parents from Tawau, Sandakan, Lahad Datu, Kota Kinabalu and China have registered themselves for the workshop. The two days' workshop fee is RM280 (lunch, workshop materials and certificate). In order not to miss this golden opportunity, interested parents and members of the public are advised to contact Ms Kimberly Yapp (016-8229886 – WhatsApp) or Ms Maple Foo (016-8380688 – WhatsApp) for further enquiry.