

MUSIC TOGETHER[®] at The Rhythm Tree is:

- a developmentally appropriate early years music curriculum
- based on extensive research
- founded on the recognition that all children are musical, can learn to sing in tune and participate in the music of our culture
- a program which emphasises and facilitates family involvement

Central to the approach is that children learn best from the powerful role models of parents/ caregivers who are actively making music rather than passively receiving it from CDs or TV.

The program brings families together by providing a rich musical environment and by facilitating family participation in spontaneous musical activity in daily life.

“What a wonderful start to their life in music!”
Mike
Music executive and Dad to Tom and Ella



“The classes have really enhanced our daughter’s social, verbal and musical skills.”
Lesley
Mum to Beth



“To see Oli’s happiness in class and be able to continue with the fun at home gives us all heaps of pleasure. Our CD is happily played every day.”
Christine
Nanna of Oli

“Gillian’s affinity with the children and the connection they have with her is beautiful to watch”
Mel
Mum to Lucy



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Music Together[®] Family Class

**Music and movement classes
for babies, toddlers and preschoolers...
and the grown ups who love them**



**Share the wonder of music...
together!**



**Gillian Lee,
teacher and director
of The Rhythm Tree**

With over 20 years experience in education, Gillian's passion for music has led her from primary school teaching in Scotland, to becoming one of only a handful of Australian Music Together teachers.

Along the way, Gillian qualified as a Colourstrings International Music Kindergarten Teacher (Kodaly based) and ran a successful early years' music company providing a creative, quality music program for children aged 1–6. During this time, Gillian became a highly recommended adviser on curriculum development providing music training for early years teaching professionals.

Her love of music led to an active role in Scotland's jazz community, involvement in numerous community music-arts projects both as a performer and adviser and a role as a music consultant to BBC Scotland.

In 2005 Gillian immigrated to Australia. With the encouragement and support of her Australian husband, Gillian took the opportunity to explore the different learning styles of her three children and research different methods of teaching music. She also took time to reflect upon the roots of her own love of music and the cultures around the world which create 'musical people'.

It was whilst doing this that Gillian discovered Music Together. Inspired by how Music Together aligned with her own teaching philosophies and principles, Gillian travelled to Japan for training and upon her return immediately began running classes from her own home.

Excited by the program, Gillian is now delighted to offer you, The Rhythm Tree's Music Together Family Class.



The Rhythm Tree's Music Together® Family Class is:

A community of families sharing songs, instrument play, rhythm chants and movement activities in a **relaxed, playful and non-performance oriented** setting

Infants, toddlers and preschoolers participating **at their own level** in family-style classes of mixed ages

Parents and caregivers **contributing to the enrichment of their child's music environment** — regardless of their own musical abilities

A new song collection 3 terms a year for three years, featuring **great arrangements of original and traditional songs** in a wide variety of tonalities, metres and cultural styles

45 minutes of **PURE FUN with your child** every week!

"Without the children even noticing, Gillian gives them lasting foundations to enjoy and make their own music."

*Moira Monro
Children's book author &
illustrator and Mum
to Chloe*



"My baby sister is teaching us and its fun!"

*Ella
Sister of Lucy*

The Rhythm Tree is committed to helping families rediscover the pleasure and educational value of shared musical experience.



"It's such a special, joyful time of the week for our family."

*Meaghan
Mother of Lachlan
and Chloe*



"I have tried other music classes but nothing comes close to providing that sense of community and true musical learning."

*Jackie
Music Together teacher
and Mum to Remo
and Athena*