

The Ballpoint Penguins

zany harmony trio

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Can decapitation lead to self-actualisation? Do jellyfish figure in wealth creation? Will Tom Lehrer and Eric Idle bring litigation when they hear the zany a cappella treatment their songs get? Impotence, death, housework as the ultimate aphrodisiac—nothing is sacred, but everything is treated with a light and (reasonably) tasteful touch by the Ballpoint Penguins, a harmony trio specialising in light-hearted and novelty songs.

Original songs and parodies, together with classics and new finds of the quirky canon, are varied with the occasional soulful ballad accompanied on guitar or up-tempo pop number given the a cappella treatment. Our mellow harmonies vary from barbershop to gospel to contemporary popular styles, with a morsel of blues, ragtime and country.

Think of us for events, festivals and cabaret if you are seeking musical entertainment that is a little different, fun but classy.

The Ballpoint Penguins began performing together in 2003., and have been heard on 720 ABC radio and 6PR. Some of our gigs have included Spring in the Valley, Fremantle Festival, Fairbridge Festival, Subiaco Street Party, Nannup Music Festival, the Australian national convention of the Red Hat Society, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery PIAF (featured flash choir for opening event), wineries, clubs and promotions.

We can also do wedding and background music--harmonised pop ballads accompanied on guitar. We love a party, and have kick-started many a post-gig singing session.



Kerry Egan, Tim Fisher and Colleen Dixon

Penguin Originals & Parodies

- Haircut:* What is it we actually want to take home from the hairdresser's?
- Jellyfish Rag:* With so damn many, there must be *some* use for them.
- Air on a Tea Towel:* Why Barbarella's needs a line in tea towels.
- Mosquito-Bitten Blues:* Throwing a barbeque? Don't forget to invite the bait.
- Renovation Rescue:* Lifestyle TV should come with a health warning.
- Lollipop:* 60s song hits sweet spot with the BLF.
- Domestic Goddess:* The never-ending laundry and other tales of horror.
- Head Holiday:* When it comes to conscious living, less is more.
- The Committee Song:* Free anger management—join the P&C.
- Why Did My Plant Die?* For the brown thumbs.
- The Greater Good:* The never-before-told risks of low-fat diets.

Novelty

- The Galaxy Song* (Eric Idle)
- Oh! No! Don't Slay that Potato!* (Tom Paxton)
- The Hippopotamus Song* (Flanders & Swann)
- The Gates* Everyone's favourite Billionaire gets it in the end
- All Gonna Die Someday* (Kasey Chambers would if she heard this version)
- Mercedes-Benz* (Janis Joplin goes gospel)
- Cold and Fugue Season* (Bach's Fugue in G Minor in F sharp)
- Istanbul* (Kennedy/Simon via They Might be Giants)
- And more....