



NEWSLETTER NR. 18 – 1ST TERM 2019

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Our Seniors had a very successful annual practice camp at Club Elani, on 15-17 February.

Despite the heat, our students practiced extremely hard on the Suidooster Festival & Eisteddfod repertoires.

Thank you students, staff and teachers for the hard work and beautiful memories.

WELCOME BACK

after the short break. We hope you are just as excited, as we are, to start the jam packed 2nd term.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR WCYO

Our Senior Orchestra will be performing at the **Suidooster Festival Varieté Show** on the 5th of April at the V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre **AND** at the **ATKV Suidooster Choral Gala Event** on the 1st of May.

Ticket details:

5 April – FREE ADMISSION

ATKV Choral Gala Event tickets will be available at 50% discount at the ticket desk.

1 May – R100pp at Computicket

https://online.computicket.com/web/event/atkv_koorgala/1271826059/Show:Additional%20Info

On Monday, 18 March 2019, the **SENIOR ORCHESTRA**, under the baton of Me. Fifi Olifant, had the honor to perform at the official opening of the newly upgraded, state of the art **Vredenburg Provincial Hospital** for the Western Cape Health Minister, Dr Nomafrench Mbombo and various VIPs.



Photo caption: From left: Ald. Marius Koen, Mayor of Saldanha Bay Municipality; Western Cape Minister of Transport & Public Works, Mr Donald Grant; Western Cape Minister of Health, Dr Nomafrench Mbombo; CEO of Vredenburg Hospital, Dr Silvio Morales-Perez; Ald. Harold Cleophas, Mayor of West Coast District Municipality; Head of Health, Dr Beth Engelbrecht



NEW DRUM-KIT & PERCUSSION TUTOR

Unfortunately, percussion and drum-kit tutor, Dylan Tabisher, has such a busy 2019 performance schedule, that he is unable to tutor full time at the WCMA. Although we say goodbye with great sadness, we wish him fulfilment and success with his future endeavours! Dylan, thank you for all your hard work, you will be missed!!

Every sad goodbye, also brings a new exciting HELLO and we would like to give a hearty welcome to our new percussion and drum-kit tutor **Mr. Cobi van Wyk**. We hope that he will have a wonderful time here in the West Coast.

Biography to date

- ♪ Cobi started percussion at the age of 11 at the **Frank Pietersen Music Centre** in Paarl.
- ♪ He studied percussion at the **Conservatory of Music** in Stellenbosch under Suzette Brits
- ♪ He has performed for the likes of **Nelson Mandela, Oprah Winfrey, Sir Elton John** and **Celine Dion**.
- ♪ Has performed with **Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuze, Kurt Darren, Nadine, Nataniel, PJ Powers** and other local celebrities at festivals, such as KKNK and Skouspel.
- ♪ He has played for three of our major symphony orchestras in the country - **Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra, Cape Philharmonic** and South Africa's premiere orchestra, **Kwa-Zulu Natal Philharmonic**.
- ♪ His versatile percussion playing has taken him to exotic locations such as Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Germany and Netherlands.
- ♪ He made his debut as musical performer when he was chosen to be one of three percussionists to perform for the International production of Disney's **The Lion King**.

Other international productions include:

- ♪ EVITA
- ♪ Joseph and the Amazing technicolor dream coat
- ♪ Annie
- ♪ Singin in the Rain
- ♪ The Sound of Music
- ♪ Dirty Dancing, Live on Stage
- ♪ The Phantom of the Opera
- ♪ High School Musical

Cobi is thrilled to be joining the WCMA & WCYO teams and cannot wait to share his international productions percussion and drum experiences with the students.

Au Revoir, but not Good Bye

D'mitri Linnerd, former WCYO EPWP & Senior Orchestra Euphonist and Phillip Verster, former WCMA Intern & WCYO Senior Orchestra Percussionist have started a new season, as they have enrolled at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein to complete their Diploma in Musc. They will be missed, but we wish them all the best!



D'mitri Linnerd



Phillip Verster

Outreach @ Diazville

Our students at Diazville Primary School were super excited when we introduced flutes, clarinets and saxophones in the first term. Students are also hard at work on their Eisteddfod repertoire, techniques and music theory.

We urgently need pre-loved instruments for our music education programs, to accommodate all our students.

Please support our instrument drive and help us to give a child the joy of music by donating an instrument



Music is one of the most powerful things the world has to offer. No matter what race or religion or nationality or sexual orientation or gender that you are, it has the power to unite us - Lady Gaga

Ways you Can Support WCYO

- ♫ Choose or ADD West Coast Youth Orchestra as your beneficiary on your MySchool Card. EVERY SWIPE COUNTS!
- ♫ SMS WCYO to 49333 and support our INSTRUMENT REPAIR FUND with a R 20 single donation
- ♫ Contributions in kind - Donate unused or unwanted instruments to our instrument drive for students in need
- ♫ The WCYO, PBO 132-992 is an approved institution for purposes of section 18(A) of the Income Tax Act, and donations made are tax deductible

Please contact Tania @ 074 428 2802 / tania@wcyo.org.za for more information.

Important Dates

- 5 April** - Senior Orchestra performs at the Suidooster Festival Varieté Show at V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre
- 1 May** - WCYO performance at the ATKV Suidooster Choral Gala Event @ Cape Town City Hall
- 17 May** - WCYO orchestras/jazz bands in concert T.B.C
- 25 May** - WCYO Senior Orchestra participation at Stellenbosch Eisteddfod
- 23 August** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod participation for all Orchestras /Jazz Bands / Ensembles @ Curro Hall
- 13 September** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod Prestige Event
- 26 November** - WCMA & WCYO Annual Prize-Giving @ Curro

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