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HOLLYWOOD IN SYMPHONY

The theme for the Senior Orchestra (WCYO) for 2020 is HOLLYWOOD IN SYMPHONY. At the beginning of the year, the senior orchestra members attended a bootcamp and immediately started to prepare for all the concerts and performances planned for the year. Then disaster struck. Coronavirus came to South Africa and lockdown was implemented. All concerts and performances were cancelled for the year. Carina Brown, director of WCYO, immediately decided not to let all the hard work go to waste. She felt that it was important to continue with the programme, as that would benefit the members of the orchestra.



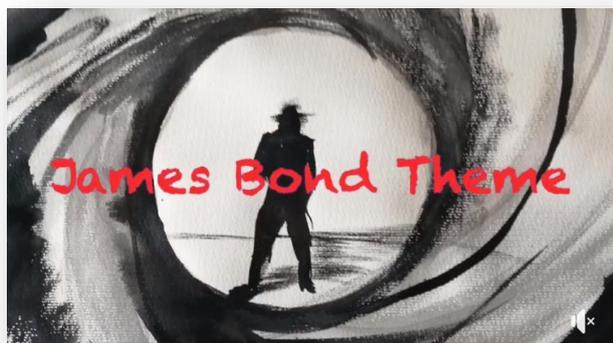
So, the Lockdown Project for the Senior Orchestra was born. Carina and her team arranged weekly lessons via mobile phones, the staff assisted with these lessons and helped students with the orchestra scores. This way, all orchestra players could practice and learn their individual parts.

Carina and D'mitri Linnerd then adapted all the orchestra scores and created audio files, which were sent to all the orchestra members. This was done to ensure that all the players were precisely synced when the files were combined. The players then used these audio files to record their orchestra pieces on their mobile phones.

Carina explained in detail how the orchestra members had to record themselves using the audio files. This was no mean feat as factors such as angle, light and noise had to be considered. As always, the senior orchestra members stepped up and put in the hard work. Each player recorded their piece on a mobile phone and then sent the files to Carina.

The video and audio files were organised and sent to a studio in Johannesburg where all the pieces were put together. A studio in Cape Town took over for the final audio and video mix. A special thanks to Etienne Mecloen from Johannesburg Youth Symphony Orchestra who mixed the music and Daniel Eugene Botha who drew and provided all the artwork free of charge.

The first video for this project is the James Bond theme and the second video featured the well-known musical score from The Good, The Bad & The Ugly. Click on the images below to view the videos on Facebook. The videos are also available to watch on [YouTube](#).



A project like this takes tremendous effort and hard work. This was no problem for the dedicated WCYO staff and players. However, it does not only take hard work, there is also a substantial financial implication. Cell phones and data had to be provided to students who did not have the means to record their orchestra pieces. The mixing of the audio and video files increased the final cost of the project. All donations and help will be greatly appreciated as more of these projects are planned. Please contact WCYO if you can assist us financially or in any other way. We need all the support we can get to continue with this exceptionally innovative programme for the benefit of the children of the West Coast.

The orchestra is currently busy working on more movie themes for future videos. As funding is received, new videos will be released. Keep an eye on all the WCYO social media platforms for news on upcoming videos.

THANK YOU, SAMRO

WCYO would like to thank the SAMRO Foundation for their very generous donation to our Outreach, Development & Teaching Programmes. We are grateful for their support and for believing in our vision and sharing our passion. With their help, we are striving to make a difference in the communities we serve. THANK YOU!



#LIGHTSONAFTERSCHOOL

The #LightsOnAfterschool project shines a light on afterschool programmes and their valuable role for learners in our communities. Research shows that after school programmes that include tutoring and homework, e-learning, skills-building, sport and arts & culture, can measurably improve learner success in school. All learners in South Africa have the right to an enriching educational environment and #AfterSchoolWorks to provide just that!

#LightsOnAfterschool #AfterschoolSA
#AfterSchoolWorks



WCYO joined this wonderful initiative and was excited to be part of the global #LightsOnAfterschool celebrations in October to show that After School matters.

The WCYO Outreach and Development Programme consists of a range of music and theory lessons, that take place once a week, on-site at identified marginalised schools when possible. All these students have full access to music education via WCYO, from beginner level, intermediate to advanced, up to after school training and career-driven tuition, depending on their choices, donations and sponsorship. Our programmes make a difference for the kids, families and communities they serve every day.



A **heartfelt thank you** to our wonderful sponsors, contributors, affiliates and partners.



"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music." — Albert Einstein



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- ♪ WCYO was registered as a Non-Profit Company (NPC 132-992) in 2013, which was also approved as a Public Benefit Organisation in May 2018 by SARS.
- ♪ When donating second-hand instruments, financially or adopting a musician, you will receive an **Article 18A Certificate**.
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Important Dates

27-29 November: WCYO Video Recordings of Hollywood Project (Final repertoire by Studio)

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