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HOLLYWOOD IN SYMPHONY

The theme for the Senior Orchestra (WCYO) for 2020 is HOLLYWOOD IN SYMPHONY. As mentioned in previous newsletters, because the pandemic put an end to all our planned performances, we started the Lockdown Project for the Senior Orchestra. So far, two videos have been produced and can be viewed on our [Facebook](#) page or on [YouTube](#).

Recently, the WCYO staff and orchestra members set aside a whole weekend to record 40-minute slots for 6 more videos for the project. They are assisted by [Cynosure Productions](#) who will do all the mixing and video editing for the videos. We cannot wait to see them!



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, but 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. We hope to launch the videos early 2021 one after the other, as more funds become available. All donations and help will be greatly appreciated. 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.

MASTERCLASSES

We recently had the opportunity to receive virtual masterclasses from players of the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra, arranged by the South African National Youth Orchestra. We are so grateful for this wonderful opportunity and want to thank the following people:

SANYOF – South African National Youth Orchestra Foundation

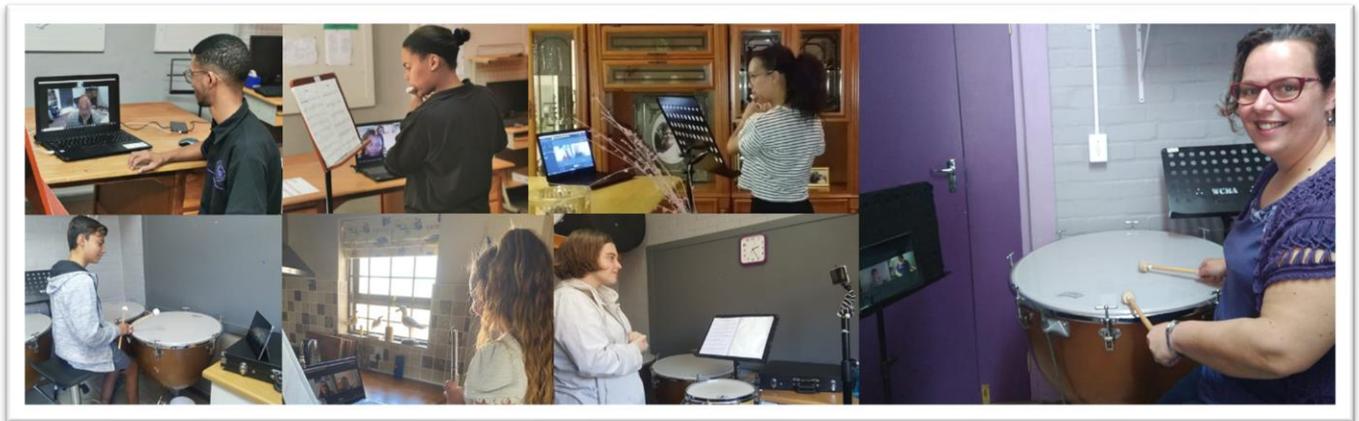
Sophia Welz – Managing Director of the South African National Youth Orchestra

JPO – Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra

Donny (Donald) Boucher – Principal Trumpet Player of JPO

Khanyisile Mthetwa – Principal Flautist of JPO

Magda (Magdalena) de Vries – Principal Percussionist of JPO



GOODBYE

We sadly have to say goodbye to the following people: **Cobi van Wyk**, **Bevan Snyders**, **Mariette Richter** and **Tania Mouton**. Cobi, Bevan and Tania were all closely involved with WCYO and we will miss them dearly.

We will remember you with warm thoughts and memories. Best wishes to you in all your future endeavours.



A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

Carina Brown, principal of the West Coast Music Academy and Director of the West Coast Youth Orchestra has received the SASMT (The South African Society of Music Teachers) award for Excellence in Music Education in 2020. She was one of only six recipients to receive this prestigious award this year. The award goes to a person who has made an exceptional contribution to music tuition within his or her own community.



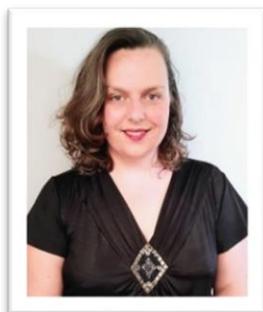
Carina has been the driving force in Music Youth Development Teaching Programmes on the West Coast for the past 25 years. The West Coast Music Academy is the largest professional music academy on the West Coast with more than 600 learners enrolled in four surrounding towns.

Carina is a founding member and the director of the West Coast Youth Orchestra, which reaches approximately 350 learners. Under the auspices of this orchestra, which has dual status as a Non-Profit Company and a Public Benefit Organisation, she is able to offer equal opportunities regarding music education to historically disadvantaged learners. The orchestra (WCYO) offers internships and employment opportunities to former students, teachers and management staff.

Learners may enroll internally for accredited examinations through various examination boards and tertiary programmes from the Universities of the Free State and Stellenbosch are available via satellite campus. Students from the academy regularly feature on the Roll of Honour as outstanding achievers at UNISA, Rockschooll South Africa and Trinity College London.

Carina's brand new recorder project offers free recorder tuition to West Coast Primary School Creative Arts and Life Skills teachers and aims to involve approximately 2 300 learners.

CONGRATULATIONS



Marna Smit recently passed her Teaching Licentiate of the London College of Music - LLCM (It is equivalent standard to final year Level 6 qualification) with Distinction. It took a lot of preparation, hard and dedicated work to get here and finally she achieved her goal. It's hard enough to succeed, but succeeding with Distinction is truly a remarkable achievement! We are super proud of Marna. We are privileged to have her as part of the Percussion and Drumkit Staff of WCMA and WCYO.

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



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is a great way of assisting a non-profit organisation like WCYO. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to develop new skills and make new friends. WCYO will welcome anyone who would like to volunteer in our various programmes. As a WCYO volunteer, you can make a difference in the health and wellbeing of your community, no matter how small or big. Anyone who volunteers for the duration of a full year, receives a Certificate of Appreciation for their Voluntary services rendered towards WCYO. Contact Carina Brown to find out how you can get involved.

BENEFITS OF SUPPORTING WCYO

- ♪ 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**.
- ♪ Your logo and a link to your website will be placed on the WCYO website.
- ♪ You will be mentioned in newsletters & social media if preferred.

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All funds raised will directly benefit WCYO students.

Important Dates

5 – 7 March 2021: WCYO Senior Orchestra Camp
Orchestra rehearsals will resume as soon as conditions are deemed safe.

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