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Welcome!

A warm welcome to all new 2016 WCMA students! Playing a musical instrument will definitely teach you perseverance, enhance your co-ordination, improve your mathematical ability, sharpen your concentration, foster your self-expression, relieve stress, create a sense of achievement, teach you discipline, and many more benefits!

We encourage all students to participate in all the regular opportunities WCMA creates, such as participation at Eisteddfods, examinations and performances. Remember ALL students will be rewarded at the annual WCMA Prize Giving on **25 November 2016**, for their progress and/or achievements during the year.

Students receive Merit award!

Congratulation to **Bianca Lochner** and **Anneen Uys**: both were awarded the Hennie Joubert Merit Award (awarded for outstanding achievements in UNISA examinations), for achieving **100%** for the **Grade 3 Theory of Music** examinations. Each receives a money prize and their photos will appear in UNISA's Musicus magazine. Congratulations to their Theory teacher, Lize Brown, who received various Merit Awards from UNISA already for her annual Theory results. Congratulations!

[Click here](#) to view all 2015 examination results.



Tutor Lara Block adjudicates in Zimbabwe

WCMA Tutor, Lara Block, had the privilege to be an adjudicator at the National Institute for Allied Arts' annual Eisteddfod, in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 29 February to 18 March. The Eisteddfod consists of Western and African music categories. Ms Block adjudicated the various orchestral instruments, ensemble, and orchestral categories. Students travel from all over the country to participate at this only official Eisteddfod in Zimbabwe.

Schools in Zimbabwe has a long tradition of orchestras and choirs and although there are not many music teachers, there are a few passionate ones.

Ms Block had an unforgettable experience! A huge thanks to the NIAA for the opportunity.

New tutors

Welcome to **Ash-Lee Louwskietter**, our Brass Tutor from Cape Town. He has a Masters Degree (Brass) and he is also involved at the Masidlale Grassroots program (Brass) of the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra.

We also welcome **Michael Lawrenson**, our Oboe and Cor Anglais specialist. He is currently completing his BMus Honours at UCT. He has been principal oboist for the S.A. National Youth Orchestra since 2012, and also played as an ad-hoc for the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra and Eastern Cape Philharmonic Orchestra.

Franschhoek Chamber Music Workshop

WCMA student and WCYO 1st cellist, **Joanné Coetsee**, was selected to attend the 26th Franschhoek Chamber Music Workshop during the March school holiday. This 7-day course includes intensive ensemble training for high school students. Congratulations to Joanné. We know this will be a very informative experience.

Tour to Europe!

We are very excited to announce that WCMA & WCYO will be touring to Europe in June 2017! With the help of the Arena Group, WCMA students & WCYO will perform at The International Youth Festival of Europe 2017 and visit exciting places in the history of music. An important information evening will take place on **Tuesday 5 April, 19:00 at Curro**. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting, and are welcome to join the tour. An information leaflet has been emailed to all parents.

[Click here to download the leaflet.](#)



The build of the 3rd music class at Hopefield High School is now complete. WCMA are grateful for these renovations to broaden our teaching horizons. All three classes will still receive some upgrades during the term.

The Curro music classes and hallway recently received a very colourful makeover. Keep a look out for more exciting changes to come.

All other venues will also be taken into consideration, and if possible, changes will be made to ensure that all WCMA students and teachers have a comfortable, safe and pleasant experience during their journey of music education and tuition.

Touch Band in the spotlight

Congratulations to the Band **TOUCH: Virl Albertyn** (leader), **Aldin Stuart**, **Eldri Rheeder** and **Joel Janneker** who were selected to perform at the 'Ou Dam' Festival in May. They were invited to attend the Cape Town Jazz Festival Workshop as well. Aldin and Virl has been spotted during the West Coast Talent Search and Aldin also won a second place cash prize during the competition. Virl, also a junior teacher at WCMA, is motivated to start more young bands in the Academy and build them to a standard where they can enjoy performances and take part in Eisteddfods and competitions.

Important Dates

- 7 May** – Trinity Theory exams
- 12 May** – Trinity Practical exams
- 13 May** – WCYO Concert
- 21 May** – Stellenbosch Eisteddfod (orchestras)
- 24-27 May** – Stellenbosch Eisteddfod (string instruments)
- 1 June** – UNISA Gr. 1 Theory exams
- 2 June** – UNISA Pre-Gr. 1; Gr. 2 & Gr.4 Theory exams
- 3 June** – UNISA Gr. 3 & 5 Theory exams
- 5 June** – Stellenbosch Eisteddfod Prize-winners Event

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