



NEWSLETTER – 1ST TERM 2019

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WELCOME!

We'd like to welcome all new and current students for 2019! We trust that you will enjoy your lessons and your instrument. Remember, keep working hard and you will reap the benefits!

We would also like to hear from you regarding feedback from your child, tutor or WCMA. Send us a WhatsApp or alternatively, send an email to info@westcoastmusicacademy.co.za.

Towards the end of term 2, you will receive an invitation to our Parents Viewing days where your child and his/her teacher will showcase some of the activities they have been working on.



The Importance of Music Education

Music can be very important for children to learn and can lead to better brain development, an increase in human connection and even stress relief. Various studies have found that engagement with music and music education can lead to:

- ♪ Improvement in brain development in children.
- ♪ It can enhance reading comprehension abilities in children.
- ♪ It gives students a way to connect with other people. Children are naturally very social, and it's important to encourage them to build relationships by providing them experiences to share with each other.
- ♪ It integrates many different subject areas. Not only will music education allow children to develop their musical skills, it also helps them to work on their math skills, reading and writing skills, science skills and history knowledge.
- ♪ Music also teaches children to develop time management skills and discipline.
- ♪ Music is an excellent way to relieve stress.



NEW DRUM-KIT & PERCUSSION TUTOR

Our percussion and drum-kit tutor, Dylan Tabisher, has such a busy performance schedule that he could not commit to WCMA full time any longer. We wish him success in all future endeavours!

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.

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 and made his debut as musical performer when he was chosen to perform for the International production of Disney's The Lion King.

He has performed for the likes of **Nelson Mandela, Oprah Winfrey, Sir Elton John and Celine Dion**. Has also 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. Other international productions Cobi was involved in include **EVITA, Joseph and the Amazing technicolor Dreamcoat, Annie, Singin in the Rain, The Sound of Music, Dirty Dancing, Live on Stage, The Phantom of the Opera** and **High School Musical**.

Cobi is thrilled to join the West Coast Music Academy and cannot wait to share his experiences of international productions and percussion and drums with the students.

WELCOME TO ELMARIE LITH

Elmarie was born in Cape Town, but completed her Higher Education in the Eastern Cape. She graduated from the University of Port Elizabeth with piano as main instrument and cello as 2nd instrument. She was a Cellist in the UPE String Orchestra under the baton of Prof Jack de Wet as a scholar and as an under-graduate where she gained invaluable experience. She is also a keyboard player and was a member of a rock band or two back in the day. Most of her work has been in Education as music teacher, choir accompanist and director. She is also a Freelance Musical Director for Amateur Theatre Groups and schools. We hope that she will enjoy her time with us.

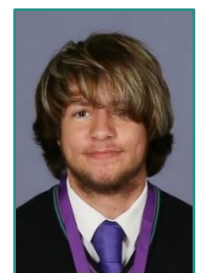


Au Revoir, but not Good Bye

D'mitri Linnerd, former WCYO EPWP & Senior Orchestra Euphonisit 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

Satellite Campus for Stellenbosch University

We are proud to announce that WCMA is now officially also a satellite campus for the University of Stellenbosch.

The **Introductory Certificate in Music Literacy** offered is a one year part-time course. It consists of two 2-hour music skills in theory of music & aural and one 45 min practical lesson weekly. Exit Levels: Theory Gr 3 & Practical Gr 4 / NQF Level 3.

This course is perfect for :

- ♫ Community musicians who wish to acquire or refine their music literacy skills.
- ♫ Students with rudimentary or basic music literacy skills, who wish to proceed to further music studies.

Contact usmusic@westcoastmusicacademy.co.za for more info.

Examination Results

UNISA - Theory of Music

We are extremely proud of our students that achieved 6 Roll of Honours, 7 Distinctions and 2 Merit in the October 2018, Theory of Music examinations. Well done students and teachers on these exceptional results.

The top achievers were:



Mieke Reynolds
(100% Pre-Gr.1)



Grace Prins
(99% Grade 1)



Bella Mansfield
(99% Pre-Gr.1)



Comé Meintjes
(98% Pre-Gr.1)



Tracy Schnetler
(97% Pre-Gr.1)



Rachel Janneker
(97% Pre-Gr.1)



Nelandi Boshoff
(88% Grade 5)

Trinity – Theory of Music

Congratulations to our six students who completed the Trinity Theory of Music examinations at the end of 2018. Congratulations to Nelandi Boshoff for achieving a distinction at 88% in her Grade 5 exams.

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

Wes-Boland Eisteddfod

The Wes-Boland Eisteddfod will be taking place from 19-23 August 2019 at the Dutch Reformed Church & Church Hall in Hopefield. The West-Boland Eisteddfod creates excellent opportunities for beginner to advanced students to perform solos, duets, trios and in various ensembles. Eisteddfod participation is vitally important because it provides students with opportunities to participate, grow, gain experience and showcase their talents.

Email sania@westcoastmusicacademy.co.za for any questions or information regarding the Eisteddfod.

Important Dates

- 2 April** - Lessons Resume for the 2nd Term
- 5 April** - WCYO Senior Orchestra & Jazz Band performs at V&A Waterfront (Suidoosterfees Pre-Festival)
- 1 May** - Suidoosterfees Gala Event @ Cape Town City Hall (WCYO performs)
- 4 May** - Trinity Theory of Music Examinations, 09:30 @ Curro Langebaan
- 14 May** - Trinity Rock & Pop Practical Exams @ Paul Bothners N1 City, Goodwood
- 20 May** - Trinity Practical Music Examinations, @ Hopefield Dutch Reformed Church
- 25 May** - WCYO Senior Orchestra participation at Stellenbosch Eisteddfod
- 3 June** - UNISA Grade 1 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg
- 4 June** - UNISA Pre-Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 4 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg
- 5 June** - UNISA Grade3, Grade 5 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg
- 19 - 23 August** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod Music Items (@ Hopefield & Langebaan)
- 13 September** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod Prestige Event
- 26 November** - WCMA & WCYO Annual Prize-Giving @ Curro hall

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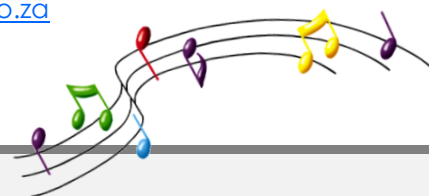
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