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CONGRATULATIONS!

Principal Carina Brown has been appointed as the Western Cape Education Department's Senior Examiner for this year's Final Matric Music Practical Examinations, which will take place from Aug/September 2019 onwards. We honour you for this extraordinary achievement!



Music and the Brain

Recent discoveries have led scientists to believe that both listening to and playing a musical instrument **makes you smarter** because these activities release more BDNF, CREB, and synapsin I, all elements that strengthen mental capacities. So, playing a musical instrument produces brain-building compounds and neural growth factors that are making you smarter, stronger, and better at doing activities throughout your day.

Some of the brain benefits of learning a musical instrument include increased comprehension and math skills, better coordination, and a greater capacity for memory. Another question on this subject is does music help you study? According to these finding, yes. Playing music will make learning easier by involving both sides of the brain in the process.

So, studying an instrument will be easier than studying any other subject since you're growing your brain power as you practice and learn!

Examination Results

Congratulations to the following students with their outstanding results:

TRINITY - Theory of Music



Nelandi Boshoff
Grade 6: 85%



Charlé Moolman
Grade 6: 78%

TRINITY - Practical

These students achieved distinctions:



Stevie Phillips
Grade 4
Piano: 92%



Milla Coetzee
Initial Violin
89%



Racquel Carelse
Grade 3
Flute: 88%



Aiden Fransman
Grade 4
Saxophone: 87%



Dané Meintjies
Initial Clarinet
87%

Five students also achieved Merit. Well done students and teachers on these exceptional results. We are proud of each one of you!

Satellite Campus for Stellenbosch University

Students currently doing the University of Stellenbosch Advanced Certificate course, presented by WCMA, are faring very well.

WCMA will also be presenting the Higher Certificate in Music and Diploma course of the University of the Free State! More info soon.

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

**New entries will
be open from
September 2019**



Auf Wiedersehen

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms Andrea Hobson, our part-time Brass tutor as well as WCYO Junior Orchestra conductor. She accepted a job opportunity in Germany and will be relocating there in the June holiday. We wish her all the best with this new chapter in her life.

Info about our new Brass tutor will soon be announced.

Welcome to Mr. Bevan Snyders

A warm welcome to our Violin Tutor, Mr. Bevan Snyders. Bevan is a talented violinist, excellent pianist and vocalist. He has already proven himself to be a huge asset to WCMA and has quickly become part of our family. Bevan has played with the Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and Cape Philharmonic Orchestra and at Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival (SICMF).

He received masterclasses from Alexander Gilman, Suzanne Martens, Alissa Margulis and performed with Birmingham Conservatoire students before. Bevan is passionate about making a difference in other's lives through music, just as music changed his life!



Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." — Plato

Wes-Boland Eisteddfod: 19 – 23 August 2019

The Wes-Boland Eisteddfod will be taking place in August at the Dutch Reformed Church & Church Hall in Hopefield. The West-Boland Eisteddfod creates excellent opportunities for beginner to advanced students to perform. Detailed information and participation programs will be communicated to parents and students in due course. All participating students will be awarded at the annual WCMA prize giving in November.

2019 Eisteddfod Dates:

Monday, 19 August

Guitar, Piano Grade R - 3

Tuesday, 20 August

Woodwind, Brass, Piano Grade 4 - 6

Wednesday, 21 August

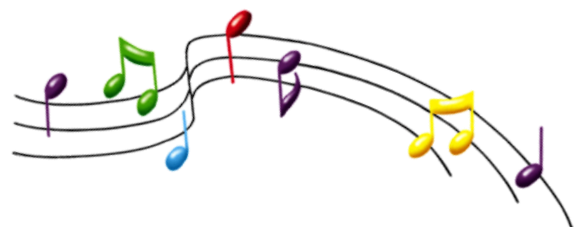
Recorder, High School Strings, Piano Grade 6 - 7, High School Piano

Thursday, 22 August

Primary School Strings, Keyboard, Drum-kit, Percussion

Friday, 23 August

GROUPS: Class music, Percussion orchestras, Mixed duets, Ensembles, Orchestras, Bands



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

Important Dates

11 July - Rockscool Practical Exams @ M&M Academy, Parklands

22 July - High School Singing with Piano Accomp: Wes-Boland Eisteddfod @ Malmesbury

27 July - West Coast Fossil Park Winter Serenade Concert

30, 31 July: Trinity Practical Exams @ Hopefield Dutch Reformed Church

1 August - Primary School Singing with Piano Accomp: Wes-Boland Eisteddfod @ Longacres Private School

5, 6 August - Choir Items: Wes-Boland Eisteddfod @ Swartland Primary, Malmesbury

7 August - Singing with Backtracks: Wes-Boland Eisteddfod @ Longacres Private School, Langebaan

19 – 23 August - MUSIC ITEMS: Wes-Boland Eisteddfod @ Hopefield & Langebaan

22 August - ABRSM Prep Test Practical Exams @ Curro Durbanville

4 September - Grade 12 Final Practical Music exams @ Hugo Lambrechts, Parow

11 September - Grade 12 IEB Final Practical Music exams @ Ct Cyprian's School

13 September - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod Prestige Event

15 October - UNISA Grade 5 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg Akkerdyk Church Hall

16 October - UNISA Pre-Grade 1 & Grade 2 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg Akkerdyk Church Hall

17 October - UNISA Grade 1 and Grade 3 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg Akkerdyk Church Hall

18 October - UNISA Grade 4 Theory of Music Examinations @ Vredenburg Akkerdyk Church Hall

29 – 31 October - Trinity Practical Exams @ Hopefield Dutch Reformed Church

2 November - Trinity Theory of Music Examinations, 09:30 @ Curro Langebaan

26 November - WCMA & WCYO Annual Prize Giving @ Curro Langebaan

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