



# NEWSLETTER

## Term 2 2023

### TERM 2

The second term marked the start of "Eisteddfod season". The students and staff worked diligently to prepare and record their pieces for the Stellenbosch and Western Cape Virtual Eisteddfods. Well done to everyone.

In the third term it is time for the Wes-Boland Eisteddfod. This is always a highlight on the WCMA calendar and we ask that everyone work together to make it a success.

Enjoy the break but do not forget to keep practising. Remember, as Walt Disney said, "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

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## EXAMINATION RESULTS

### TRINITY COLLEGE THEORY OF MUSIC & PRACTICAL EXAM RESULTS



**Joh Bester**  
Orchestral Percussion  
Grade 2 – 96%



**Danielle Meintjies**  
Piano Grade 2 – 92%



**Lienke du Randt**  
Flute Initial – 91%



**Kyle Snyders**  
Piano Initial – 91%



**Minette Stofberg**  
Piano Initial – 91%



**Amé van Niekerk**  
Vocal Grade 4 – 90%



**Corné Meintjies**  
Trombone Grade 3 – 90%



**Kallum Isaacs**  
Piana Grade 5 – 88%



**Liam Opperman**  
Double Bass Grade 4 – 88%



**Jan Phillips**  
Piano Grade 1 – 88%



**Armand Potgieter**  
Violin Grade 5 – 87%

The hard work and perseverance of WCMA students paid off with excellent results in the November 2022 Trinity Practical exam. Eleven students received Distinction and 20 students received Merit. Warmest congratulations on your achievement!

**Our own Teacher Marna also received Distinction for her advanced percussion exam! Well done, Marna!**



**Thomas Lintvelt**  
Grade 4 – 94%



**Danaé van Turha**  
Grade 2 – 92%



**Chasmin-Lee Topass**  
Grade 4 – 90%

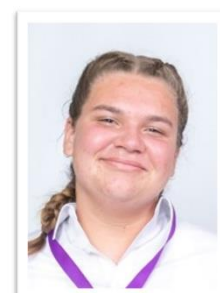
Congratulations to the WCMA students who achieved outstanding results in the May 2023 Trinity College Theory of Music exam. Thomas Lintvelt, Danaé van Turha and Chasmin-Lee Topass received Distinction and three students achieved Merit. Well done!

## ROCKSCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Well done to our students for their excellent results in the Rockscool exam (November 2022 session). Two students, Izabella Schnetler and Kaylie Basson, achieved Distinction and 5 students achieved Merit.



**Izabella Schnetler**  
Acoustic Guitar Grade 1 – 90%



**Kaylie Basson**  
Ukulele Debut – 90%

## STELLENBOSCH EISTEDDFOD



**Colan Fransman**  
Trumpet Solo A – Cum Laude

The Percussion Ensemble received Gold Plus. Congratulations to this group of students. Under the leadership and guidance of Teacher Marna Smit, they are going from strength to strength. We expect great things from them in the future.



All results can be viewed on our website:  
<https://westcoastmusicacademy.co.za/news-hub/results/>.

In the second term, many of our students participated in the Stellenbosch Eisteddfod. They achieved wonderful results; we are extremely proud of everyone who participated. A special shout out to Colan Fransman who achieved Cum Laude for his trumpet solo.

*“Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common.” - Sarah Dessen*

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Lushena Papier, Nqaba Ndita, Shania Kuilders and Tshitso Khahleli decided to pursue music and are currently studying at the WCMA campus of Stellenbosch University. They recently visited the university to receive their student cards. They took a tour of the campus and also visited the famous Neelsie Student Centre. Thank you to Petula Louw for escorting the students to Stellenbosch.

These students have a dedicated and supportive teaching team that looks after them. They are all members of the WCYO Senior Orchestra and Tshitso and Nqaba are also involved with the Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Band. We are closely following their progress and it is exciting to see their growth as musicians.

For more information on the available courses, contact us via WhatsApp at 076 742 8431 or send an email to [usmusic@westcoastmusicacademy.co.za](mailto:usmusic@westcoastmusicacademy.co.za).



## WES-BOLAND EISTEDDFOD

In the second term the students and staff put in a lot of time and effort to make sure the recordings for the Stellenbosch Eisteddfod and Western Cape Virtual Eisteddfod were completed on time and to the best of their ability. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to our hard-working staff.

The third term is Wes-Boland Eisteddfod time! The WBE will take place in August and September in Hopefield. The West-Boland Eisteddfod creates excellent opportunities from beginners to advanced students to perform. WCMA has always exceeded expectations when it comes to the WBE, so let's work hard to make sure 2023 is a record year again.

Detailed information and participation programmes will be communicated to parents and students in due course. Do not miss out on this opportunity.



## WHY IS MUSIC EDUCATION IMPORTANT?

At WCMA, we understand the importance of music education. Many studies have been done, and are still being done, on the benefits of music lessons on the youth. Here are a few interesting results (and reminders) of various recent studies:

In a study done in France, it was found that music and musical education have a **positive influence** on youth development. Music is critical and leads to **better brain development, increases human connection**, helps students to **socialise** and even **lowers stress levels**. Moreover, the study found that music education helps students learn to **memorize and process patterns**.

Research in the US on the impact of music education shows that for adolescents, the benefits appear to extend beyond a surge in neural connections in their brains. It actually **boosts their wellbeing**. "We know that the pandemic has taken a toll on student mental health. The many narratives of learning loss that have emerged since the start of the **pandemic** paint a grim picture of what some call a '**lost generation**,'" said Beatriz Ilari, a USC Thornton associate professor of music education and corresponding author of the study. "Music might be an activity to **help students develop skills and competencies, work out their emotions, engage in identity work** and **strengthen connections** to the school and community."

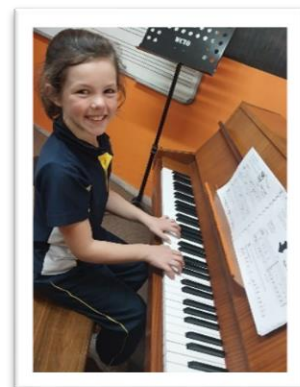
Students involved in music education score 22% higher in English and 20% higher in Math on standardised tests.

Dr E. Glenn Schellenberg, a psychologist, published a study in which one group of six-year-olds were given voice or piano lessons while another group waited a year to start music lessons. The experimental group enjoyed a **significantly larger increase in IQ** than the control group. Schellenberg followed this up with another study in which he surveyed the IQ, grades, and music lesson involvement of more kids. He found that six years of music lessons was associated with an increase of 7.5 IQ points.

90% of music students report better concentration skills than their peers.

He also studied college freshmen and discovered that those who played music as children had a small but **notable advantage in IQ, memory, perceptual organisation, and better high school grades**. This association remained strong even when controlled for gender, income, and parental education levels.

Children who study a musical instrument are **more likely to excel** in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education.



WCMA® offers tuition in the following instruments: Piano, Digital Piano, Keyboard, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French Horn, Tuba, Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Orchestral Percussion, Drum-kit, Ukulele, Guitar as well as Vocal Training.

WCMA® offers **Music as Subject** up to Grade 12 at Hopefield High School, Curro Langebaan Independent School, and Vredenburg High School. Contact us for more information.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 & 8 August** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod - Choirs
- 5 August** - Grade 12 GMK Workshop with Cape Philharmonic
- 14 & 15 August** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod - Vocal
- 28 August – 1 September** - Wes-Boland Eisteddfod
- 22 September** - WBE Prestige Event

**Save the Date – 30 September**

[www.westcoastairshow.co.za](http://www.westcoastairshow.co.za)



**The Percussion Ensemble & Marimba Band will perform at this event.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

WCMA offers music lessons to **CHILDREN** as well as **ADULTS**, regardless of your age or any previous knowledge or experience with music or an instrument.

WCMA offers lessons **IN PERSON** and **ONLINE**.

### Venues:

Hopefield, Langebaan, Moorreesburg, Vredenburg

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