



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to all students for 2021, current and new! We trust that you are enjoying your lessons and instruments. Remember, the expert in anything was once a beginner.

2020 certainly brought many challenges, but WCMA managed to seamlessly transition from in person lessons to online lessons. No teaching time was lost due to the pandemic. We are glad to say that most of our students are again enjoying in person lessons.

We are very excited about 2021 and believe it will be a wonderful year. We look forward to all the Eisteddfods, performances and yes, also the exams, theory and practical.

At WCMA, each student is important and is it a priority to develop each student to their full potential while also having fun.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

London College of Music Practical Examination Results

Congratulations to all the students who completed the LCM Practical Examinations (Recorded). Kristina Jonker, Monique van der Merwe, Alex du Toit, Chasmin-Lee Topass, Nicholas Baynes, and Emma Guthrie received Distinctions. Three students received Merit. Well done to everyone.



Kristina Jonker
Violin Step 2 – 96%



Monique vd Merwe
Violin Gr 8 – 94%



Alex du Toit
Violin Step 1 – 93%



Chasmin-Lee Topass
Violin Step 1 – 93%



Nicholas Baynes
Violin Step 1 – 90%



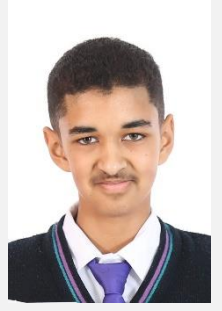
Emma Guthrie
Violin Recital Gr 5 – 85%

Unisa Theory of Music – February 2021 Session

Congratulations to our students for their superb results in the UNISA Theory of Music exams (February session). Two students achieved Roll of Honour and 4 students achieved Distinction. The Roll of Honour students are Keadré Botes and Joel Janneker.



Keadré Botes
Pre-Grade 1 – 96%

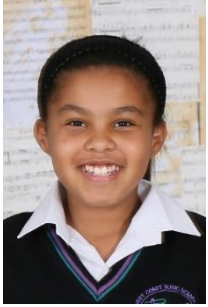


Joel Janneker
Grade 2 – 95%

Trinity Theory of Music – November 2020 Session

Congratulations to all students with excellent results achieved in the Trinity Practical examinations in November.

20 students achieved Distinction and 17 students Merit. Well done to all!



Caitlin Links
Initial Piano – 100%



Dané Meintjes
Grade 1 Clarinet – 98%



Armand Potgieter
Grade 4 Piano – 96%



Schalk Meintjes
Grade 4 Clarinet – 96%



Stevie Phillips
Grade 5 Piano – 96%



Danni Cleophas
Initial Piano – 95%



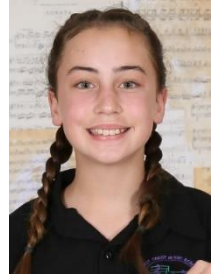
Tracy Schnetler
Grade 2 Piano – 95%



Connor Joseph
Initial Piano – 94%



Danielle Meintjes
Initial Piano – 94%



Mia Melck
Grade 3 Piano – 94%



Jennafer Tapuch
Grade 2 Keyboard – 93%



Shania-Amor Kuinders Grade 3
Clarinet – 92%



Lily Breedt
Initial Singing – 90%

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hub/results/](https://westcoastmusicacademy.co.za/news-hub/results/)

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to our new staff members. They are Suzette Brits (percussion), Terence Taljaard (maintenance & transport manager), and Bradley Nakeli (maintenance assistant). They are already well integrated and part of the team.

“Music is what tells us that the human race is greater than we realise.”

— Napoleon Bonaparte



Bradley Nakeli & Terence Taljaard

DIE KOELKAMERS CLASSICAL FESTIVAL




DIE KOELKAMERS
CLASSICAL FESTIVAL
PATERNOSTER

West Coast Youth Orchestra

Thursday 24 June 2021

18:00 | R40.00 pp

All proceeds to WCYO

Come learn about the courses and activities of the West Coast Music Academy.

www.diekoelkamers.com

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WCMA and WCYO are excited to announce that we will be performing at Die Koelkamers Classical Festival in **Paternoster** in June. Die Koelkamers presents the launch of their inaugural annual [@DieKoelkamers Classical Festival](https://www.diekoelkamers.com). They will be five incredible shows from Thursday 24 June to Sunday 27 June 2021, with their collaborators, the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra, Niël Rademan, Johan de Jager and the West Coast Youth Orchestra. Go to www.diekoelkamers.com to book your seats.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent of our young musicians.

Please come and support all the players.

MUSIC EDUCATION

WCMA offers Music as a subject up to Grade 12 at **Hopefield High School**, **Curro Langebaan Independent School** and **Vredenburg High School**. Students have the choice to incorporate Music as subject from Grade 8 onwards in some of these schools to prepare them for the required standard at Grade 10. This will enable them to proceed with Music as subject to Grade 12 with ease. Music is a university admission subject, just like Mathematics. Since it is a well-known fact that Music develops both parts of the brain, it is ideal to have Music on your Matric certificate. Music opens the doors to University admission, residence and any type of course you want to study. In addition, it is a privilege to be able to do your hobby as a subject. That way you can easily perform better in this subject.

EISTEDDFOD

This year, WCMA and WCYO will participate in three Eisteddfods: The **Wes-Boland Eisteddfod**, **Stellenbosch Eisteddfod** and the **Western Cape Virtual Eisteddfod**. All the Eisteddfods are virtual where videos of the players and ensembles will be submitted. There are about 600 entries for the respective Eisteddfods. We are excited about the number of participants and look forward to seeing them showcase their talent. This is wonderful exposure for all our students. See the [dates](#) for the Eisteddfods on page 5.



MASTERCLASS

On Saturday, 27 March, the Double Bass members of WCYO were surprised with a concert and real-time online chat with a brilliant up-and-coming Double Bass player from the UK, Will Duerden. First, they watched a recorded concert performed by Will, and then, as a surprise, instead of chatting with Carina Brown like they thought they were going to, Will appeared on the screen. What excitement - Nqaba almost fell off his chair and just kept laughing in amazement! Carina Brown and Damon de Foglio also joined the chat online. The players could ask all their questions and they chatted with Will for two whole hours. Later Will demonstrated things to them, and some of them played their pieces for him. It was incredibly motivating and these young Double Bass players got a big boost.



We want to thank our Patron, Ishani Bhoola, who put us in touch with Will. We also want to thank Will Duerden for making time to chat with the players. We know that this is something they will always remember.

Thank you to Carina Brown who always goes the extra mile to advance the development of players. She and Ishani is already a formidable team. Finally, a big thank you to D'mitri Linnerd who coordinated everything and handled the transportation of the players. We are so thankful for this wonderful opportunity.

VISIT FROM WELL-KNOWN LUTHIER

Sven from [Svencino](#) recently visited the West Coast and made time to visit Carina Brown. He is a very well-know luthier in South Africa, performing magic with stringed instruments. He came in person to access all WCYO & WCMA stringed instruments. Sven will visit again and have plans to reach out to our West Coast youths and to assist us in our work. Look out for more news to come.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 21 May** - Stellenbosch Eisteddfod Videos
- 29 May** - Trinity MAY Practical Examinations Video Recordings
- 30 May** - WCVE Videos
- 24 June** - WCYO & WCMA Concert at PATERNOSTER CLASSICAL FESTIVAL
- 25 June** - Curro close 2nd Term
- 9 July** - Public Schools close 2nd Term
- 19 July** - Curro open 3rd Term
- 26 July** - Public Schools open 3rd Term
- 8 Aug** - WBE Videos (Primary Vocal with Piano Acc)
- 10-15 Aug** - WBE Videos (Instrumental)
Vocals: Electronic, Self-Acc, Sér, Acapella groups, HS with Piano accompaniment.
- 20-21 Aug** - Trinity AUG Practical Examinations Video Recordings
- 23 Sept** - Curro close 3rd Term
- 1 Oct** - Public Schools close 3rd Term
- 11 Oct** - Curro & Public Schools open 4th Term
- 6 Nov** - Trinity Theory Exams @ Curro
- 23 Nov** - Certificate Programme US Awards Ceremony
- 15 Dec** - Curro & Public Schools close 4th Term

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