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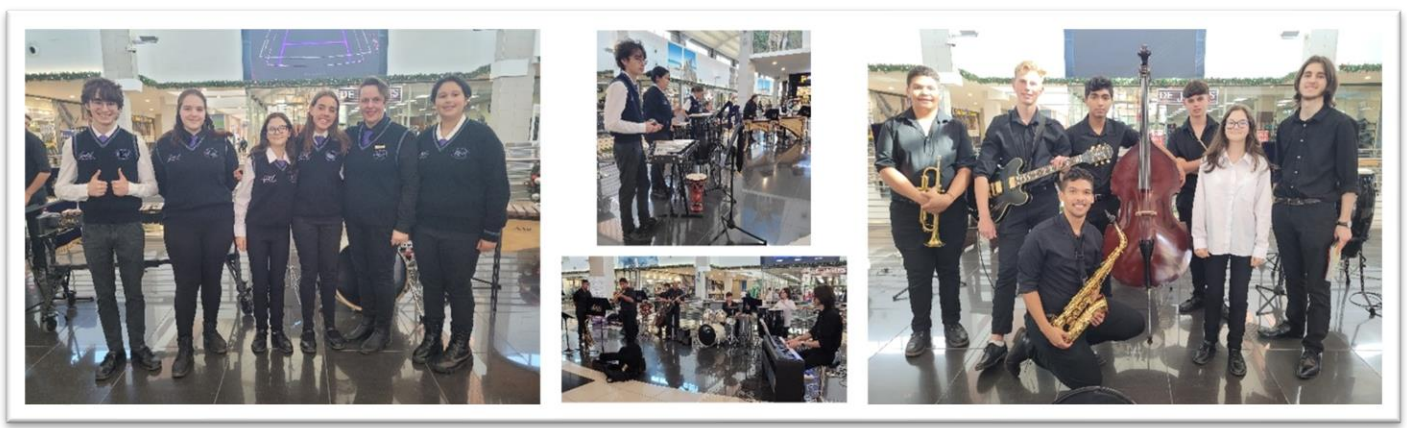
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END OF YEAR PERFORMANCES

On 5 December, the Junior Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble and the Senior Jazz Band performed at the **West Coast Disability Forum's Disability Day** festivities in Saldanha. We want to thank the WCDF for the opportunity to be part of this special day. Our players did a wonderful job. Teachers Marna and Elmarie was on hand to see that everything runs smoothly. D'mitri Linnerd was, as always, in charge of all the planning and organisation.



On the same day, the Percussion Ensemble and the Senior Jazz Band entertained shoppers at the **Weskus Mall**. It was a wonderful way to end the year's performances. We certainly have very talented players in WCYO. We are looking forward to more wonderful performances in 2023.



IYOB 2024 SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

On 16 October, the third online rehearsal for the International Youth Orchestra Bridges project was held. With every rehearsal, the excitement grows and we can't wait for the next opportunity to collaborate with our overseas friends.

We want to thank D'mitri Linnerd and Marna Smit for taking the lead on the South African side and telling the other groups more about South Africa. Our percussion ensemble also had the opportunity to display their skills by playing African by Toto.

A big thank you to Cathy Scott-Burt, Alexander Walker and Ishani Bhoola. As always, it was delightful to see you again. Thank you also to Bunny Bhoola from African Link Travel for giving more information on the tour.

A huge thank you to DK Wireless for assisting with our internet connection to ensure a problem free rehearsal.



Any musicians who are interested in being part of this wonderful experience can contact WCYO. There are no age restrictions for musicians from South Africa. Contact WCYO at info@wcyo.co.za for more information.

IYOB
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA BRIDGES

[Follow the International Youth Orchestra Bridges on Facebook.](#)

BENEFITS OF JOINING AN ORCHESTRA OR BAND

"One of the most important qualities for a young person to develop is resilience. This involves their ability to overcome adversity. Resilience is perhaps more important now than ever. Today's young people have been facing adversity on a mass-scale, thanks to COVID and all the disruptions to their education and social, home and working lives.

The good news is, resilience is not just something you are born with. It can be learned from our experiences and interactions with others. Parents may not be aware that one way to develop resilience is through group music making, such as in a school or community choir, orchestra or band.

We wanted to investigate how group music making can develop skills beyond just learning to play an instrument or sing. For our project, we collected comments from players, managers and conductors / teachers. Our findings show how qualities like teamwork, empathy and grit – all components of resilience – can be developed through group music making.

- We found if you are playing in a band, you are learning **team work** skills.
- **Empathy**, like teamwork, can be cumulative, growing over time through rehearsals and performances, as players and teachers support one another.
- It can take many months to learn a piece of music up to performance standard. And learning an instrument requires practice every day. So **commitment** is a key part of learning music."

Excerpt from article on <https://theconversation.com/>. Read the full article [here](#).

All WCMA students have the opportunity to **JOIN OUR ORCHESTRAS AND/OR BANDS**. Orchestra members can participate in Eisteddfods, competitions, festivals, regular performances, functions, excursions and tours. They can join various duets, trios, ensembles, bands and orchestral groups. Participation in an orchestra or band improves social skills, players learn about teamwork, it improves cognitive skills, and develops a sense of responsibility. It is also just a lot of fun!



THANK YOU

NAC PESP

WCYO received funding from the National Arts Council. We want to thank them for this wonderful gift, which is much appreciated.



Rupert Foundation

Thank you to the Rupert Foundation for their recent donation. We have many projects planned for 2023 and this donation has made it that much easier to get things done and take us forward. We thank you for your support and for your desire to help us succeed.

Newlands Rotary Club

WCYO want to thank Newlands Rotary Club for sponsoring a second set of Classical Collection Books and CDs for tuition purposes. WCYO is very thankful for any contribution made to assist us in educating the youths of the West Coast. All CDs are converted to mp3 format and books are translated into tuition language.



Mzansi Philharmonic Orchestra

We recently received funding from the Mzansi Philharmonic Orchestra. We are extremely grateful to them for considering WCYO as deserving of this opportunity.

Thank you for your generous gifts! It's donors like you that make our work possible. Your contributions are enabling us to provide the best tuition and opportunities to the youth of the West Coast. We're excited that you've chosen to help us along our journey and hope for a long and fruitful relationship.



We want to thank all our brilliant sponsors, contributors, affiliates and partners. We are grateful for their support and for believing in our vision and sharing our passion. With their help, we are striving to make a difference in the communities we serve. **THANK YOU!**

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT WCYO

- 🎵 **Technology/Digital assistance:** Donate second hand or refurbished laptops to WCYO for admin and other use. Assist WCYO in making recordings, managing sound for performances, donating any sound-equipment.
- 🎵 **Adopt-a-Musician:** Individuals and corporate companies can adopt a student in need of financial assistance as protégé.
- 🎵 **WCYO Alumni Programme:** Make a monthly contribution of your choice by EFT or Debit Order.
- 🎵 **Friends-of-WCYO Campaign:** Make a monthly contribution of your choice by EFT or Debit Order to support our Student Bursary Fund or any other programme of your choice.
- 🎵 **Instrument and Accessories Fund:** Contribute to our Instrument and Accessories Fund (repair, maintenance or purchase of accessories, e.g. sheet music stands, strings, rosin, reeds, fine-tuners and more).
- 🎵 **Transport:** Donate diesel vouchers or assist in transporting Outreach, Development, Band or Orchestra students from and to venues for tuition and/or rehearsals.
- 🎵 **SMS WCYO to 49333:** By sending such an SMS, you will donate a single R20 donation to our Instrument Repair Fund.

A [list](#) of our donors and partners can be viewed on our website.

BENEFITS OF SUPPORTING WCYO

- 🎵 WCYO was registered as a Non-Profit Company (NPC 132-992) in 2013, which was also approved as a Public Benefit Organisation in May 2018 by SARS.
- 🎵 When donating second-hand instruments, financially or adopting a musician, you will receive an **Article 18A Certificate**.
- 🎵 Your logo and a link to your website will be placed on the WCYO website.

Help us continue the work that we do to uplift and inspire the children in our community through music by donating here: [WCYO SUPPORT](#). You will be mentioned in newsletters and social media if preferred.

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"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." – Billy Joel

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is a great way of assisting a non-profit organisation like WCYO. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to develop new skills and make new friends. WCYO welcome anyone who would like to volunteer in our various programmes. As a WCYO volunteer, you can make a difference in the health and wellbeing of your community, no matter how small or big. Anyone who volunteers for the duration of a full year, receives a Certificate of Appreciation for their Voluntary services rendered towards WCYO. Contact Carina Brown to find out how you can get involved.



Important Dates

10 January 2023- Parent meeting re 2024 IYOB tour (17:30 @ Curro Langebaan)

11 January - Curro Langebaan opens

18 January - WCED schools open

16 / 23 January - Lessons start

SAVE THE DATE

January 2023 - WCMA / WCYO Annual Prize-Giving Event (Curro Langebaan)

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