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NEWSLETTER

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In this newsletter we celebrate our recent participation in the Artscape Youth Jazz Series, where our talented musicians delivered an outstanding performance.

Reflecting on this success, we eagerly anticipate the highlight of our year – the upcoming IYOB tour. After years of planning, countless meetings, and rigorous rehearsals, the tour is finally in sight.

This tour promises to be an unforgettable experience, providing our young musicians with opportunities for growth, collaboration, and showcasing their musical excellence on an international stage. Make sure to follow us on social media for regular updates and news regarding the tour.

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ARTSCAPE YOUTH JAZZ SERIES

The WCYO Jazz Band performed at the Artscape Theatre on 22 June as part of the annual **Artscape Youth Jazz Series**. What a wonderful experience for all the young musicians from across the Western Cape.

We want to thank the WCED, the City of Cape Town, and the Artscape Theatre who made this all possible. A special thank you to the Artscape sound technicians who always make everyone sound good, and then, of course, Hugo Smuts, Keith Tabisher, and Craig Parks for all your input and guidance. The future of jazz looks bright with the exceptional talent showcased on the night.



Under the expert guidance of Ms. Marna Smit, the Jazz Band has established itself as a formidable presence this year. Congratulations to Teacher Marna and all the talented players: Mr. Aiden Fransman, Thomas Lintvelt, Tyra Akdemir, Liam Opperman, Lindi Blomerus, and Nicholas Baynes. We are immensely proud of your outstanding performance and professionalism.



The **WCYO Orchestra**, the **Strings Ensemble**, the **Winds Ensemble**, the **Percussion Ensemble**, the **Marimba Band** and the **Jazz Band** will perform at the Wes-Boland Eisteddfod. We urge all our parents and guardians to come and support our wonderful talented players.

ARTSCAPE WORKSHOP

Before the June performance, Hugo Smuts and Keith Tabisher from the WCED visited all the participating bands. The WCYO Jazz Band had the privilege of receiving their visit in May. We extend a heartfelt thank you to both gentlemen for their invaluable input and guidance. Your support significantly enhanced our experience, making it more enjoyable. The players had a very positive experience and appreciated the opportunity to learn from experienced musicians.



LANGEBAAN REALTORS



On Wednesday, June 26th, Langebaan Realtors hosted a spectacular Night of Excellence for their cherished clients at the beautiful RockiBeach Restaurant, with the event hosted by Club Mykonos.

The delightful tunes of Lindi Blomerus, a talented Grade 10 student, welcomed guests with a vibrant ukulele performance.

We wish Zulika van Heerden, and her amazing team continued success in all their endeavours! Thank you to Tiaan from Club Mykonos for your continued support of the WCYO players.

IYOB 2024 TOUR

After years of meticulous planning, the **International Youth Orchestra Bridges Tour** is finally here! Join us for the **Symphonic Bridges: An International Youth Orchestra Concert** as it takes the stage at five spectacular venues from August 1st to August 6th. This is an unprecedented, first of its kind collaboration of talented young musicians from across the globe, conducted by the esteemed European maestro, Alexander Walker.



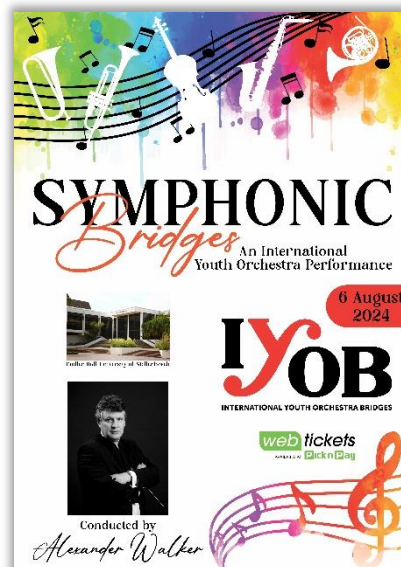
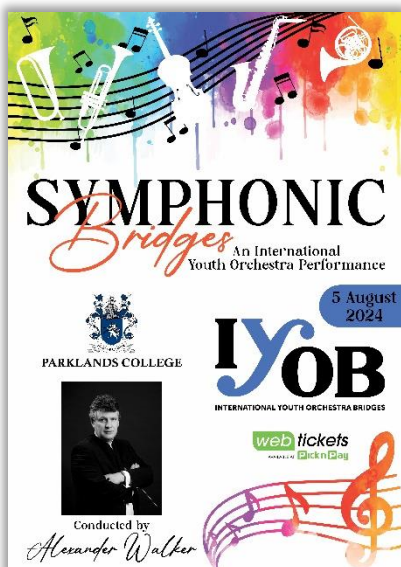
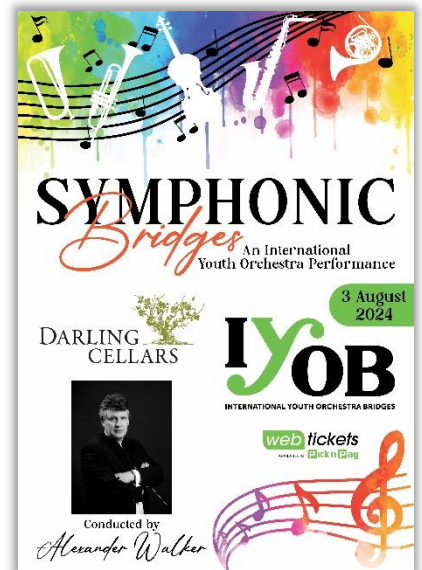
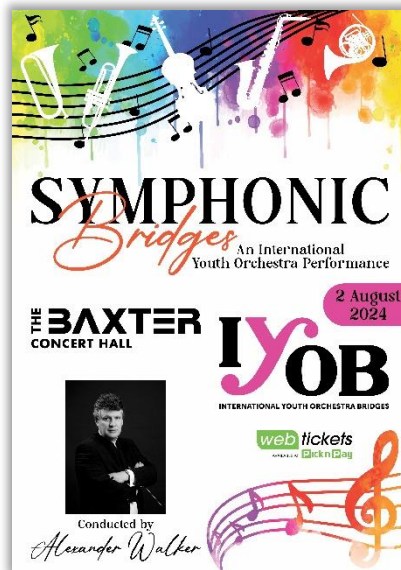
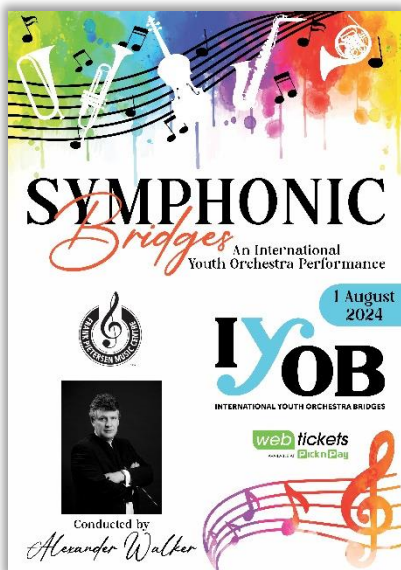
There are five concerts in total:

- 1 August 2024 - Frank Pietersen Music Centre
- 2 August 2024 – Baxter Theatre
- 3 August 2024 – Darling Cellars
- 5 August 2024 – Parklands College
- 6 August 2024 – Endler Hall (Stellenbosch)

Tickets available from



Don't miss out on this unique musical journey – book your tickets today!



Expanding horizons in music & beyond



We believe the **IYOB tour** will be incredibly enriching for the students, especially those from the WCYO Outreach Programme. It will offer them a unique opportunity to explore new cultures, connect with fellow musicians, and gain invaluable insights into the world of music and performance. We are confident that they will return from this tour with a wealth of knowledge and experiences that will contribute to their personal and academic growth.

However, to make this dream a reality, we need your help. Organising such a tour involves significant costs, including transportation, accommodation, meals, and other logistical expenses. Any donation, regardless of size, will make a significant difference. There are several ways you can contribute. All contributions of R100 and more will automatically receive an **Article 18A tax certificate**.

SnapScan: Convenient and quick, you can donate via SnapScan using the QR code attached.

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HELP US MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

IN JULY, WCYO PLAYERS ARE EMBARKING ON A TOUR WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE UPCOMING IYOB TOUR A SUCCESS. THERE ARE MANY EXPENSES INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION. HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE:

Target: R100 000
Amount raised: **R21 500**

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SUPPORT



We sincerely thank the National Arts Council for their steadfast financial support of WCYO. Your commitment to our orchestra and youth is profoundly appreciated. We are immensely grateful for your friendship and generosity. **THANK YOU!**

We extend our **deepest gratitude** to all our exceptional sponsors, contributors, affiliates, and partners. Your unwavering support, belief in our vision, and shared passion are invaluable to us. With your assistance, we are dedicated to making a meaningful difference in our communities. Thank you for being instrumental in our journey.



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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT WCYO

WCYO is a registered Non-Profit Company (NPC 132-992) and was also approved as a Public Benefit Organisation in May 2018 by SARS.

- ♥ **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, and donating any sound equipment.
- ♥ **Adopt-a-Musician: Individuals and corporate companies can adopt a student in need of financial assistance as protégé.**
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Transport:** Donate diesel vouchers or assist in transporting Outreach, Development, Band or Orchestra students from and to venues for tuition and/or rehearsals.

We urge you to keep on using your **MySchool Card** as well as **SnapScan** to help WCYO raise funds. These are quick and easy ways to help, and all funds raised go directly to benefit our students.

For more information on how to become involved in our Outreach Programme or to become a volunteer, contact Carina Brown at director@wcyo.org.za or visit our website (www.wcyo.org.za).



Important Dates

27 July – 6 August – IYOB Tour

2 – 6 September – Wes-Boland Eisteddfod

11 October – Wes-Boland Eisteddfod Prestige Event

Rehearsal days are as follows:

Mondays – Marimba Band

Wednesdays – WCYO Band

Thursdays – Percussion Ensemble

Fridays – Orchestra (Sectionals or tutti)

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