

MUSIC VOYAGE MISSIVE

Newsletter for friends and supporters of Music Voyage

Dear friends and supporters of Music Voyage,

We did a thing! In these tumultuous times, when everything seems to be uncertain, we decided to go ahead anyway and start fundraising for a Marimba Tour.



We are planning to take the marimba band kids to Cape Town, via Bloemfontein over the Heritage Day week in September.

We've reached out to all our wonderful supporters, and one month into our fundraising drive, the feedback has been heartening.

We're about halfway to reaching our goal of R45000. This is already an achievement and we want to thank everyone who has donated – every pledge makes a difference, not only to the bottom line, but also as a reminder that there is magic in music, and magic within everyone who loves and supports what we do at Music Voyage.

If we're halfway now, we truly believe that with your continued efforts we can get to our goal by mid-September!



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It's worth mentioning that the Marimba Band members have also raised a well-deserved R4957 for the tour by busking at our local shopping centres.

Thanks to The Quarry in Hilton and St Johns Lifestyle Centre in Howick for hosting us, as well as the Hilton Steam Heritage Association and Station Stop Coffee Shop along with generous sponsors on the day, PostNet Hilton.

See our Facebook page for more photos and videos from these events.

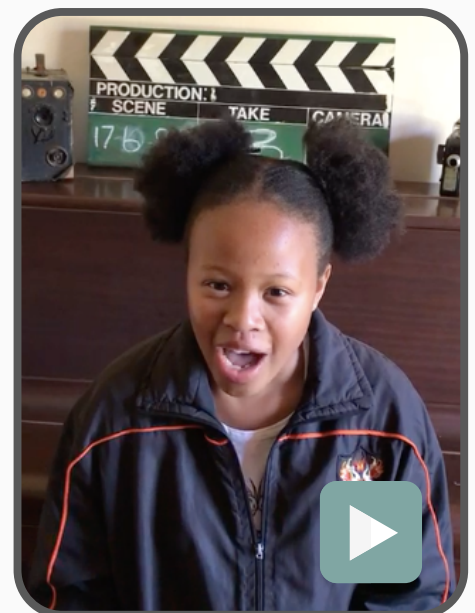
Speaking of amazing supporters, Con Roux (a loyal fan of Music Voyage while heading up the N3TC, and who has continued to support Music Voyage into his retirement, had this to say about our endeavour, and specifically about our director, Katherine McClelland:

“ I applaud you for your courage, dedication, and extreme generosity in sharing your giftedness with the Music Voyage family. I feel blessed to be able to sponsor tour costs for one of the children, I hope you have the most amazing time and that it is a life-changing experience for them all. Goodness knows, they deserve it. I shall always be tremendously grateful for the privilege of time spent with you and the rest of the gang. You have a very special place in my heart!! ”

Please remember all donations can be offset with a Section 18A tax certificate. If you have made a donation and would like a certificate, please email Katherine and she'll be more than happy to supply one.

If you've ever wondered what an investment into a child's education can achieve, you just need to look at Aphile Mdlalose – what a wonderful, confident, and ambitious young woman, who has filled her potential and then some!

She recently sent a video message to Katherine and Fiona at Lucky Beans to once again say thank you for the opportunity provided to her through the sponsorship, and to let us know that she is planning to study something business-related and ultimately become an actress. We're all so excited for her and have no doubt she will make it happen.



We're so proud of our saxophone students, Luyanda and Philasande, who are still making progress despite the COVID related lockdowns. They are now involved in a collaboration between the Pietermaritzburg City Orchestra (PCO) and Hilton College. It's a community project that hopes to provide an opportunity for young and talented musicians in the area to become members and to rehearse and perform regularly. Rehearsals will start after lockdown when everyone starts feeling a bit safer, however our talented young women recently did an online project with the colab for Youth Day.

There's always a very special feeling when we hand instruments over to new students for the first time, and this happened with the Grade 3 and 4 pupils at Lions River Primary School. These students have embraced their recorder and violin lessons and have done well enough that we've entered them into the PMB Eisteddfod to show off their newly acquired skills. To avoid disappointment, we recorded all their performances ahead of time, to ensure they can participate even in the event of another lockdown. We're really glad we did, considering we're in level 4 now. Tracking their growth and enthusiasm is a wonderful privilege; we'll keep you posted on their achievements.



Please join us in congratulating our Marimba Band teacher, Justice Hakata on his recent nuptials – his students really enjoyed the opportunity to play at the wedding!

We'd also like to offer a special thank you to the Village Talk Newspaper for continuously highlighting our news and fundraising efforts, as well as everyone who has liked our page on Facebook, shared one of our posts, or even told a friend to follow us.

We realise we need to grow our network of supporters so we're not constantly relying on the same pool of generous donors. Please do your bit to publicise Music Voyage on our behalf.

If you've received this newsletter and think someone else might be interested in our project, please feel free to forward it to your friends and family. While we are grateful for the support received already, we are always looking for more.

Please keep safe, and let's get through this third wave together (apart),

Regards,

The Music Voyage team

Partner with Music Voyage today, and change lives through music.

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