



MUSIC VOYAGE MISSIVE

NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF MUSIC VOYAGE

Dear friends and supporters,

It's the festive season and we are filled with joy and gratitude for what we've achieved in 2023 - from our regular gigs, to the outstanding Eisteddfod results, live performances, locally and in Johannesburg, and welcoming new children in to the Music Voyage programme. As usual, we are thrilled that we were able to invest in so many children's lives and we'd like to thank all the people and institutions who helped to make this possible.

We are extremely appreciative of the continued support from KZN-based organisations who have regularly funded Music Voyage over the years, and who will be supporting us again in 2024. We are equally thankful to our local community who contribute to our busking boxes, as well as those of you who donate anonymously and regularly into our bank account, we see you! We'd also like to salute our newest supporters, **Ashton International College** in Ballito who raised R15 000 for Music Voyage through their Debutantes and Squires Ball. *Ngiyabonga!*

Please remember all donations can be offset with a Section18A 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.

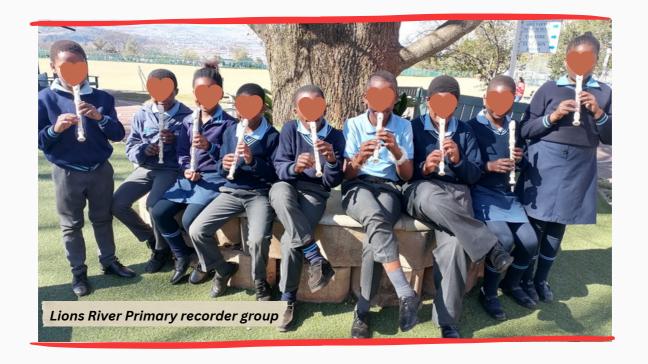












It's been such a rewarding year for Music Voyage and the children we work with.

In this economic climate it's even more important that these lovely, talented children have a constant in their lives that is free of stress and focused purely on joy; through our regular lessons, practice sessions, and gigs, this is what we aim to provide, the real Christmas gift that keeps on giving!

- Katherine McClelland, Director

Our recorder, violin, and choir lessons are still going strong at Lions River Primary, Crystal Springs Primary in Lidgetton and Hawkstone Primary in Howick. These dedicated children have excelled at their lessons and performances, and the Lions River violin and recorder learners did really well at the Eisteddfod in Pietermaritzburg in August.

We've also secured two regular gigs for the Marimba crew, whose lively performances you can enjoy on Saturdays, either at the Karkloof Market or Piggly Wiggly (2024). And, soon the Lions River violin group will be joining them. Please support their debut at the Karkloof Market - dates and details will be available on our Facebook page.









We appreciate them every day, but we'd like to offer an extra special thank you to the parents, teachers and volunteers who do so much to ensure the children succeed and get the recognition they deserve for all their hours of practise. Here's to you **Justice Hakata**, **Carol Solomon**, **Ryno Solomon**, **Andre McClelland**, and **Fiona Bull**. We are also grateful to have the tireless **Bheki Shelembe** on board - we couldn't do it without our driver and community liaison.



Massive heartfelt congratulations go to Aphile Mdlalose who has just completed her Grade 12 at Drakondale School of the Arts.

The Music Voyage team, as well as her sponsors at Lucky Beans e.V. are enormously proud of her and cannot wait to see what she achieves in the future!



Our Marimba Band is available for bookings in 2024! Contact Katherine on 0824139843 for bookings, or to get a testimonial from recent gigs played!

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 hoping for more.

Take care, Katherine and the Music Voyage team

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

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