



Kronendal Music Academy of Hout Bay

Special events in the Academy's life:

Our first variety concert, "An Adventure in music"

Visiting Violin Maestro from Paris, Jean Estournet

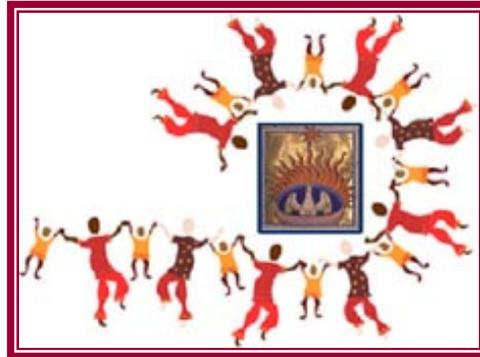
"Pangeos Instrumentos" workshop with Victor Gama

Our very first Pupils' Concert, "Pupils in the Sun"



"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see"

~ John W. Whitehead,



"Igniting the Spirit"

December 2007
"Phoenix Emblem"

Happy holidays from our family to yours!

They say that time is "speeding up"... well it certainly feels like it as I sit here and reflect on what has just whizzed by as "2007"...

So, what exactly have we been up this year....?

Getting started...

In February 2007 we started 20 students in tuition during school hours at Kronendal Primary School. We were very lucky that the school needed someone to provide music tuition as much as we needed a venue to teach from! Presently we teach individual piano lessons and group recorder lessons during the school hours and many other instruments to children from all over Hout Bay, in the afternoons.

March saw us beginning the skeleton of the Hout Bay Youth Choir with more than 50 youths between grades 4 and 7. This choir has taken part in 3 concerts this year as well as a filmed concert at the SABC studios in December...

From 8 schools in the valley, 150 applications were received from pupils wanting music tuition. This impressive response, mainly from the underprivileged communities in Hout

Bay, is indicative of the interest and demand for musical outlets which the Academy seeks to provide – once we have the funding needed to run a project of this size!

On the 31st of March we very daringly produced a music extravaganza evening showcasing nearly every instrument on offer at the Academy, with outside musical groups offering free-of-charge acts ranging from pop to classical ensemble, gumboot dancing and Kaapse Klopse!

As with all showbiz, time ran out and before we knew it, we had ONE WEEK to gather three local choirs together to produce a massed choir performance. But most importantly, and honouring our ethic of "integration is regeneration", this attracted a full audience comprised of members from the entire Hout Bay Community at the Primary School.

Our fabulous Teachers:

Piano: Anneke Punt
Voice: Anthea Haupt
Drums: Stefan Greyling
Classical Guitar: Gerhard Maree
Rock Guitar: Andre Ferrera
Cello: Stephanie Marais
Violin: Thomas Beckman
A-Capella: Ike Moritz
Kronendal School: Victor Foreman



Academy Pupils say "It's a breeeeze" after the "Pupils in the Sun" concert

ACADEMY HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

November the 22nd presented our pupil's VERY FIRST "end-of-year" concert, "Pupils in the Sun" showcasing each and every pupil as well as the Youth Choir...

Although it was a blustery and chilly night our Beach Party Theme on stage helped warm everyone's hearts and spirits!

Guy Patterson-Jones received our first Academy Award for Excellence and each pupil received a special mention certificate. We are so very proud of all of you for doing your best, some of you having never played in front of others before - WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

Second and Third Term!

At the start of April music tuition started for paying pupils – the few pupils out of the 150 applications who could afford music lessons and could buy the necessary instruments. **This represents a mere 15% of the demand.**

We commenced with fund-seeking and marketing and the Academy was established as an NPO and a local committee was created. We were also featured on SAFM programme, "Otherwise" with Nancy Richards.

Negotiations began with The Provincial Department of Arts and

Culture for funding. HOLD THUMBS!!

A new blessing came our way at the end of July in the form of 3 founding members who have been indispensably helpful, supportive and encouraging:

Shannon Mowday – Internationally acclaimed South African Saxophonist and educationalist;

Paul Sedres – Music IT Laboratory manager and Higher Music Educationalist from UCT;

and Carol Martin – Education Programme Developer in multi-African countries.

Thank you all SO MUCH for all your help.

Headline News: "Brothers Find Wings"

August produced a benefit concert for local a capella group, "Brothers with Voices", from which we raised enough funds to put the choir through training for the rest of the year, with well-known singing star, Ike Moritz, based in Hout Bay. They have since been seen performing with Ike around Cape Town and are looking at clinching a recording deal! What a success story!! Thanks Ike!

In September we introduced an exciting new addition to what's available to our children in the valley: The "Hout Bay Drum Majorettes" was started in Sentinel Primary School in the Hangberg, by the multi-talented and seriously dedicated Mumsey Mongwe ☺ Thank you to Carol Martin for footing the bill for the girls' brand new outfits! WATCH THIS SPACE!

On the 4th of September we were ever so privileged to have visiting violinist from Paris, Jean Estournet, hold a workshop for the youth on violin technique and ensemble playing. A very big thank you goes to Jilly Cohen and Elaine Trequesser

for arranging this wonderful opportunity for our pupils ☺ To add to our September excitement our "Champion a Music pupil" project took off, resulting in private funding for two pupils.

The highlight in October was a workshop with Portuguese musician-artist, Victor Gama: using his unique and original "Pangeos Instrumentos", this workshop was a first for the Academy in facilitating racial and cultural integration amongst the participants, as 10 groups were formed for the workshop consisting of youth from Hout Bay who had previously never met, or mixed with one another.

On December the 17th the Hout Bay Youth Choir will partake in a concert at the SABC entitled "Songs worth Singing", initiated by The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation". This concert will be filmed and recorded and a DVD sent to schools in the Western Cape.

And that was 2007... All this with not a cent of grant money!

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"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

- Marianne Williamson



Having fun with Victor Gama



One of our privately funded pupils, Denecia Muller

Many Thanks....

... to all who have generously donated their time, resources, support and funds to our Academy this year:

Danny Kagen and The Rainbow Dream Trust; The Hout Bay Rotary; The Constantia Rotary; The 2007 Academy Committee; Mr and Mrs BP Rabinowitz; Mr Dirk Ottenbacher; Mr and Mrs Gerry Barnard and Mr George Lloyd; Bothners in Plumstead and Claremont; Craig and Lois Strachan; Tom Toomey and "Music for Africa"; Dot Canham; Ghalieb Essop and the "Western Cape Youth Commission"; Jenny Seager; Jo Pancaldi and Susan Kievits; Sherene Hill; John Henry and his staff; Megan Williamson; James House for their support; Don Lilford and the Sentinel News; Nigel Vermaas; Jennie Ritchie; Nancy Richardson and SAFM; Matt Mercer; Chapman's Peak Liquor Store; The Liquor Ranch Hout Bay; Office National Hout Bay; Superspar Hout Bay; Oakhurst Spar; Woolworths Hout Bay; All at The Hout Bay Victim Support Centre; BOKBUS; The Academy teachers; Legacy of Sound; Bayside Christian School; The International School Hout Bay; Hout Bay High School; Sentinel Primary School; Kronendal Primary School and staff; Julia Raynham; Victor Foreman; Stephen Duffett and David Higgs; Simone W at the Chronicle; Gerhard Maree; Mumsey Mongwe and Caryn Eigner.

A special message from the Director

The Hout Bay valley is a real gem in the Western Cape – not only because of its natural beauty and diversity, but also because of its cultural and social diversity – a microcosm of South Africa in so many ways. But, like any other part of the world, the majority of the youth are increasingly at risk from drugs, crime and lack of resources. Our Academy is committed to address the need for creative and enriching activities, through the magic of music.

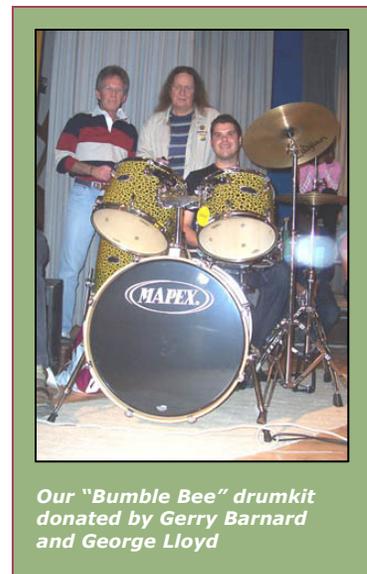
It is our vision to create opportunities that integrate the community, especially the youth, through sharing the gift of music. We envision singing evenings, community choirs, local "jamming groups", festivals and concerts that will bring the wonderful people of this valley together.

I believe that everyone can benefit from exposure to music and the many disciplines it entails, to take with them a spark of light that will one day grow into an inner pride and joy in whatever they do. I would like to offer my passion to you: let's make music!

May the spirit of the festive season be with you always, bringing you peace and warmth and a sense of belonging.

Ms Dwyn Griesel

Look out for our new instruments on offer in 2008: clarinet, flute, brass, saxophone and African percussion and marimbas.



Our "Bumble Bee" drumkit donated by Gerry Barnard and George Lloyd