



# WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASSICAL POPS

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SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025  
16h00 Cape Town City Hall



# MASTERS OF CEREMONIES



**Lethukukhanya Mbambo**



**Chad Johnston**







# MARIMBAS - INGOMAS

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Tuhina Moodley  
 Khethiwe Mashologu  
 Naomi Ncube  
 Abigail Simpson  
 Alexandra Petersen  
 Anna Wege  
 Anna Van Helden  
 Jacklyn Kengne  
 Jorj Henchie  
 Laura Owens  
 Emma Louw

Medley of songs - Drake



**Director:** Nomapostile Nyiki





# MARIMBAS - WIMBOS

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Niyaz Cassiem  
Kairo Courtney  
David Aaris  
Elena Warburg  
Emmanuella Kasende  
Hemal Keshav  
Matthew Pooler  
Thato Mokotso  
Zacharie Husselman  
Farah Frizlar  
Likhona Teyise

Love me again - John Newman



**Director:** Nomapostile Nyiki







# CHAMBER CHOIR

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**Soprano** - Keira Shung King, Julia Boulle, Abigail Simpson, Sophie Williams, Eefa Ferriman, Mabassinga Bidounga Bikouta, Thato Mokotso, Mischa Forbes, Fraser Macdonald, Anabella Dellbridge

**Alto** - Anjali Hofmeister, Mia Arendse, Jenna Parsons, Zoe Doyle, Emma Valkenburg, Thato Gillespie-Naidoo, Kelly Paxton, Rio Immerman

**Tenor** - Khanyiso Nxazonke, Jorj Henchie, Jacklyn Kengne, Kian Goliath, Joseph Holland, Ethan Gilham, Oliver Berndsen, Joshua Molver

**Bass** - Khalil Crookes, Joseph Timberlake, Ray Lester, Yaseen Isaacs, Joseph Allderman, Phatho Simani





# CHAMBER CHOIR

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Good Luck, Babe!  
Chappell Roan  
Arr: Logan Widmor

Coldplay, Viva la Vida  
Arr. Jens Johansen

**Conducted by**  
Janu Engelbrecht

**Accompanied by**  
Vasti Zeeman-Knoesen







# ORCHESTRA

**Violins:** Malaika Kazadi, Aimee Quinn, Leah Rothschild, Lara Maree, Tianle Wang, Eefa Ferriman, Keira Shung King, Rebecca Sher, Giulianna Lloyd-Paez, Eve Terblanche, Ella Black, Emily Pinder, Zoe Killick, Tatum Madurai, Sophia Sollinger

**Viola:** Khalil Crookes

**Cello:** Luke Stamer, Ben Maree, Kyle Pelander, Alex Malgas, Mia Ballantyne, Naomi Farber-Daniel

**Double Bass:** Matthew Pooler

**Flutes:** Ella Adamson, Erin Ross-Gillespie, Thomas Luger

**Clarinet:** Kirsten Mills, Leila Fox, Samantha Gavin

**Bass Clarinet:** Yaseen Isaacs

**Trumpets:** Joseph Timberlake, Milan Josephy

**French Horn:** Olivia Dunbar

**Trombones:** Luly Serekonyane, Anna Bolus, Zen Rusch

**Piano:** Yannan Ke

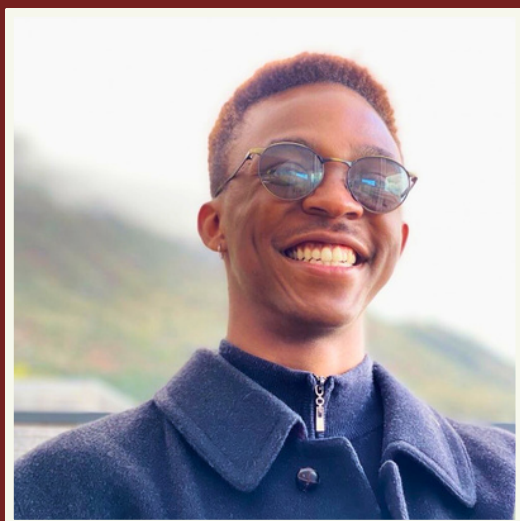
**Percussion:** Jessica Schacht, Adrienne Roubain, Jacklyn Kengne





# ORCHESTRA

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Elgar Cello Concerto  
1st movement:  
Adagio - Moderato

**Soloist:** Luke Stamer

Sibelius: Finlandia

**Conductor:** Mulalo Mphaphuli







# LUKE STAMER

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Luke Stamer, 17, is a cellist studying under the guidance of Graham du Plessis at the University of Cape Town. He currently holds a Grade 8 distinction as well as an ATCL Performance Diploma from Trinity College London.

Luke has participated in the UCT String Competition and the Hubert van der Spuy National Music Competition, gaining valuable experience on the competitive stage. He is presently the principal cellist at Westerford High School and plans to join the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in the near future.

Known for occasionally stepping outside conventional technique, Luke brings a uniquely passionate sound to his performances, one that resonates deeply with his listeners. Looking ahead, he plans to expand his repertoire with a greater focus on chamber music and technical solo work.





# SIYAKHANYA CHOIR

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Hlelokuhle Zweni  
 Lee Ramaboli  
 Usiphile Tokwe  
 Simamkele Dlokweni  
 Sanda Ntanjana  
 Khazimla Ketse  
 Sibongile Thabi  
 Elam Shogole

Samantha Masikondo  
 Azania Sachane  
 Emmanuella Kasende  
 Liyabona Galada  
 Micah Felix  
 Asiphe Nxazonke  
 Jamelia Boyenge  
 Likhona Teyise



Sanibonani  
 Arr. UJ University

Lalel'indaba  
 Themba Clifford Rhadebe

**Director:** Nomapostile Nyiki







# ORCHESTRA

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Rachmaninov Piano Concerto  
No. 2

1st movement: Moderato

**Soloist:** Alex McIvor

**Conductor:** Birgit Penny



# ALEX MCIVOR

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Alex, 17, began piano at age 7 and clarinet at 11. He has excelled in competitions, winning multiple medals at the Cape Town Eisteddfod (2018–2019) and gold in both Junior (2018–2019) and Senior (2021) Piano Sections of the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod. In 2021, he was U16 Winner at the Western Cape Piano Eisteddfod and was also recognised for a collaborative performance with his brother.

At Westerford, Alex has been a regular soloist at the Concerto Festival (clarinet: 2021, 2024, 2025; piano: 2022, 2023). He reached the finals of the Pieter Kooij Competition in 2022 and 2023 (piano) and will compete on clarinet in 2025. He won the Johann Vos Junior Piano Section (2023) and was runner-up in the Senior Section (2024).

At Westerford High School, Alex has been a committed contributor to the school's musical life—playing in the Orchestra, Concert Bands, and Big Band, as well as serving as keyboardist for the school's Rock Band "Senior Trouble". He was also part of the Orchestra for the school's production of District Six, a highlight of his collaborative experience.

Alex credits his musical growth to the guidance of many dedicated teachers, with special thanks to Mrs Kettle-Loubser and Mrs Grobbelaar for their exceptional mentorship throughout his high school years.

Holding Grade 8 distinctions in both instruments, Alex is also active in school ensembles and enjoys tennis, hockey, and surfing. He hopes to study engineering while continuing music at university.





# 20 MINUTE INTERVAL

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FOLLOWED BY:

STAFF ITEM

THE CROSSING (OSIYEZA) -  
JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA



# CONCERT BAND



**Flutes:** Ella Adamson, Erin Ross-Gillespie, Thomas Luger, Lulama Jolobe, Emma Valkenburg, Tessa Donnellan, Emily Gilham, Echo Buffler, Dylan Tough, Ava Benkenstein

**Piccolo:** Mulalo Mphaphuli (staff)

**Oboe:** Mea Pursad

**Clarinets:** Alexander McIvor, Kirsten Mills, Leila Fox, Samantha Gavin, David Holmes

**Bass Clarinet:** Yaseen Isaacs

**Alto Saxophones:** Liyabona Fikizolo, Jesse Flash, Thea Henshall, Annabel Fabris, Ben Wray, Hannah Boxall, Jenna Parsons, Shella Nortje, Luke du Toit

**Tenor Saxophones:** Kian Goliath, Laura Hoffa, Fraser Macdonald

**Baritone Saxophone:** Matthew Oosthuizen

**Trumpets:** Joseph Timberlake, Olivia Dunbar, Philippa Dower, Jacob van Rooyen, Milan Josephy, Anabella Berry, Sierra Courtney

**Trombones:** Luly Serekonyane, Anna Bolus, Zen Rusch, Rohan Lutchman, Emily Dunbar

**Tuba:** Yaseen Isaacs

**Drum Kit:** Jens Dugas

**Timpani:** Jessica Schacht

**Percussion:** Thato Gillespie-Naidoo, Matthew Pooler, Ruben Terblanche







# CONCERT BAND

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Iturralde: Pequeña Czarda  
Concert Band:

**Soloist:** Kian Goliath (Saxophone)

Reid & Warden: African Dawn for  
Concert Band

**Conductor:** Birgit Penny



# KIAN GOLIATH

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Kian Goliath is a dedicated saxophone pupil at the Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre, where he studies under Dr Arisa Voges. He has performed as a soloist with several symphony orchestras, most notably with the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in 2024.

Kian has excelled in numerous competitions. In 2023, he won the junior category of the Johan Vos Competition and placed second in the Pieter Kooij Competition. Earlier in 2024, he won the Rainbow Exchange UCT Young Soloists Woodwind Competition (Junior Category). He also reached the semi-finals of the National Youth Music Competition in both 2022 and 2024. This year, he is a finalist in both the Johan Vos and Pieter Kooij competitions (to be held in August and September) and will again be competing in the National Youth Music Competition.

In addition to his achievements as a soloist, Kian is an active ensemble musician. He is a proud member of the Hugo Lambrechts Senior Wind Band and the AWE Symphony Orchestra Tour Group. At Westerford, he plays in the Big Band and Concert Band, sings in the Chamber Choir, and serves as chairperson of the Music Society.

Beyond the saxophone, Kian is also a keen and enthusiastic drummer. He plans to study Computer Science with a B.Tech in Music at Stellenbosch next year.



# ROCK BAND, CHAMBER & SIYAKHANYA CHOIRS

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ASIMBONANGA - JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA



# CONCERT BAND

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LADY GAGA DANCE MIX  
ARR. TED RICKETTS





# BIG BAND

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## **Alto Sax:**

Steven Mclvor  
Thea Henshall  
Arran Wade  
Liyabona Fikizolo  
Adam Prince

## **Tenor Sax:**

Kian Goliath  
Fraser McDonald  
Laura Hoffa

## **Bari Sax:**

Matthew Oosthuizen

## **Trumpets:**

Joseph Timberlake  
Olivia Dunbar  
Philippa Dower  
Annabel Fabris

## **Trombones:**

Zen Rusch  
Rohan Lutchman

**Electric Guitar:** Ray Lester

**Bass Guitar:** Matthias Potgieter

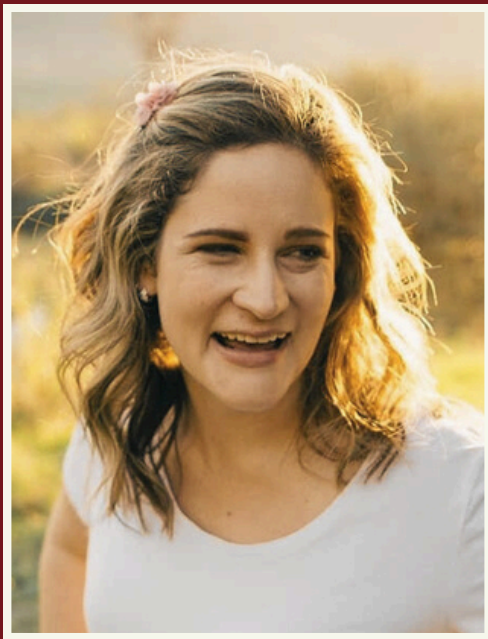
**Drums:** Mia Engelbrecht

**Piano:** Alex Mclvor



# BIG BAND

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Watermelon Man - Herbie Hancock

Have you met Ms Jones? - Lorenz Hart and  
Richard Rodgers

**Soloists:** Joseph Holland & Ella Hickey

**Conductor:** Marike Grobbelaar





# JOSEPH HOLLAND



Joseph Holland discovered his passion for singing in Grade 10 under the guidance of Mrs Zeeman-Knoesen. Since then, he has been a dedicated member of the Westerford Chamber Choir, where his love for music has flourished. Having achieved Trinity Level 6 in singing, Joseph continues to grow as a performer. One of his greatest joys is singing in duets—he treasures the beauty of blending harmonies and the unique connection it creates on stage.

# ELLA HICKEY



A lifelong lover of music, singing, and the art of performance, Ella Hickey has spent many years lighting up the stage in school plays. However, it was only this year that she stepped into the musical side of Westerford's culture, auditioning—alongside a friend—for a place as a vocalist in the Big Band Jazz Festival. To her delight, she was selected, and performing with the exceptionally talented Big Band musicians has become one of the true highlights of her time at Westerford.



# ROCK BAND

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**Vocals:** Julia Boulle & Thato Mokotso

**Electric Guitar:** Isabella Hoepner

**Electric Guitar:** Ray Lester

**Bass Guitar:** Matthias Potgieter

**Piano:** Alex McIvor

**Drums:** Mia Engelbrecht





# ROCK BAND

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Kansas:  
Carry on Wayward Son

Michael Jackson:  
Beat It

**Director:** Peter Narun







# MASS ITEM

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**Circle of Life** - Song by Tim Rice, Elton John, Lebo M

All musicians and singers!

**Vocal soloists:** Thato Mokotso, Julia Boulle, Mabassinga Bidounga Bikouta, Sibongile Thabi, Jacklyn Kengne & Thato Gillespie-Naidoo.



**Conductor:** Mulalo Mphaphuli



# THATO MOKOTSO

Thato Mokotso began singing lessons in Grade 8 with Mrs Zeeman-Knoesen, and has since immersed herself in Westerford's vibrant musical life.

She has been a proud member of the Siyakhanya Choir, the Chamber Choir, the Rock Bands, and, most recently, the Marimbas. Her performance highlights include singing with the Big Band at the Baxter Theatre, performing at the V&A Waterfront, competing in Battle of the Bands, and taking the stage at countless school events such as Valedictory. A versatile performer, Thato also shone in the leading role of Mary in District Six: The Musical. Whether in a solo spotlight or part of an ensemble, she treasures every chance to share her love of music with others.



# JULIA BOULLE



Julia Boulle's singing journey began in Grade 8 at School of Rock, where she first took the stage as a rock band vocalist. The following year, she continued to grow under the guidance of her school singing teacher, Mrs Zeeman-Knoesen, with whom she has trained for the past four years.

At Westerford, Julia has performed in countless concerts, multis, productions, and band camps—shining both as a soloist, in the choir, and as one of the rock band vocalists. Being part of the music department has been the highlight of her high school career, nurturing her passion for performance. Julia now looks forward to the next chapter of her journey as she pursues dance and musical theatre at the Waterfront Theatre School.



# MABASSINGA BIDOUNGA BIKOUTA

Mabassinga Bidounga Bikouta, a Grade 11 music pupil, is a passionate vocalist and pianist who has loved making music with her peers for as long as she can remember. She studies voice with Mrs Zeeman-Knoesen, who has helped her refine her technique and grow as a performer. Westerford has nurtured her talents, giving her the tools to unlock her full potential. Highlights of her musical journey include singing the lead role of Mary in the school's District Six: The Musical in Grade 9, performing in numerous quarterly concerts, and reaching the finals of the school's talent competition.



# SIBONGILE THABI

Sibongile Thabi is a Grade 9 music subject student whose first instrument is voice, alongside playing the guitar. She has been singing in choirs since the age of nine and has always had a deep passion for music. At Westerford, where she has voice lessons with Mrs Zeeman-Knoesen, she has already performed at a quarterly concert, and the school continues to inspire her to grow as a musician and to reach beyond what she once imagined possible.



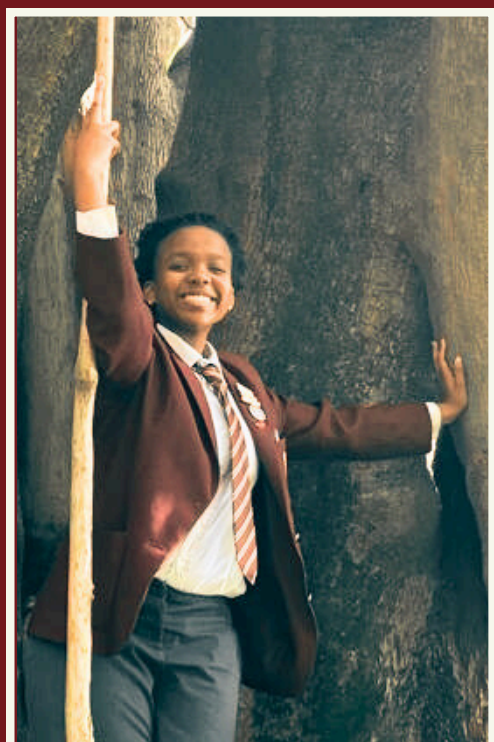


# JACKLYN KENGNE

Jacklyn is a Grade 11 music student and theatre enthusiast. She has been involved in local theatre productions since the age of 8 and recently played a supporting character in the SACS production of 'Guys and Dolls'. She was also a member of the prestigious Tygerberg Children's Choir for 5 years, during which she toured to Namibia and competed internationally in the UK as part of the team that secured 3rd place in the global rankings. As a Grade 4 Piano student, Grade 5 Voice student and percussionist, Jacklyn's biggest passion is sharing the joy of music. She is a member of the Westerford chamber choir, Marimba Band and Orchestra and loves performing with her friends.



# THATO GILLESPIE-NAIDOO



Thato Gillespie-Naidoo (Grade 10) discovered her love for singing from a young age and began formal vocal training with Mrs Zeeman-Knoesen in Grade 8. She has sung with the prestigious Cape Town Camerata choir, where she performed in Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil (Vespers), Op. 37. In addition to her vocal achievements, Thato also plays piano and guitar, having completed her ABRSM Grade 4 piano exam.

In 2025, she shone on stage as the role of Sarah Brown in SACS's production of Guys and Dolls. At school, Thato is an active and dedicated member of the Concert Band, Chamber Choir, and Guitar Ensemble, where she continues to share her passion for music.

# EXTRA PLAYERS

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Grateful thanks to the wonderful musicians (all who have ties with Westerford) for joining us for Classical Pops:

**Violin:** Nadine Thompson (past Westerford staff) and OWs:

Nicci Botha (now a violinist in the KZNPO), Emma Henshall (1st year UCT) and Jordan Brooks (Royal College of Music, London) See youtube links.

**Viola:** Lizzie Rennie (part time staff)

**Cello:** John Minnaar (part time staff)

**Oboe:** Andrea Salomo (former student teacher), Jamie Rutgers (OW, 1st year UCT)

**Bassoon:** Glyn Partridge (Mrs Penny's bassoon teacher)

**French Horn:** Shannon Theubis (OW sibling), Mark Osman (former Westerford Parent)

**Trombone:** James George (part time staff)

**Tuba:** Luke Pooler (OW, 1st year UCT)

Jordan Brooks:

<https://youtu.be/m0kufg40phE>

<https://youtu.be/trPcpEbtr-l>

<https://youtu.be/hO72BDlrTI> (6 years ago)

<https://jordanbrooksviolin.com>





# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

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- All the musicians – for the hard work, dedication, and hours of rehearsal that brought this event to life.
- All the parents – for their patience, support, and countless lifts to and from practices.
- Music Teachers – Birgit Penny, Peter Narun , Marike Grobbelaar, Mulalo Mphaphuli, Janu Engelbrecht, and Nomapostile Nyiki.
- Masters of Ceremonies: Lethukukhanya Mbambo and Chad Johnston for hosting with style and flair.
- Part-time music staff – for their valuable contributions.
- Ryan Mckenna and the Maintenance Team - for all their assistance, especially with transport.
- All extra players – for generously sharing their time and talent.
- All the event organisers behind the scene.
- Judy Hesom for managing the tickets and bookings.
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- Film Crew – for capturing the event.
- The Catering team.
- Sharon Alcock – for the beautiful flowers.
- Catherine Theron for the design of the programme.
- The Stage Hands - for their dedicated service on stage.
- All the Westerford Staff - for your continuous support.
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