



**REPORT ON
THE 3rd EDUCATION AFRICA
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL MARIMBA AND STEELPAN FESTIVAL
2022
245 performances; 1650 participants; 9 countries!
8/9/15/16 October 2022**

INTRODUCTION AND THANK YOU

This year is our 11th Festival Anniversary and Education Africa's 30th Birthday!

Besides our 3rd Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival, we also produced an extremely successful Online Sounds of Celebration Concert in June.



We have also started our first teacher training programme for our Marimba Alumni who have matriculated and are keen to learn to be marimba teachers. We have 12 students who attend classes once a week and are interning during the week at their respective Marimba Hubs where they started their marimba journey. We now can proudly say that we offer marimba training from preschool in our preschool marimba programme all the way to post-matric level.

We have 19 Marimba Hubs and 9 preschool Marimba Hubs with 1500 students attending our marimba programmes on a weekly basis during school terms.

We would like to invite all of you if you live in **Gauteng** OR the **Eastern Cape** to this concert:



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The South Africa/America Music Exchange (SAME)

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Featuring the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra, choir, jazz and African Music soloists in Gauteng and the Imbumba Freedom Orchestra in Makhanda playing Ed Sarath's composition

His Day is Done, based on Maya Angelou's poem dedicated to Madiba.

Also featuring South African music icon Dizu Plaatjies and USA jazz violin sensation Regina Carter and musicians from the famed Education Africa Marimba Hubs Programme.

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4 December | Guy Butler Theatre | Makhanda | 3pm

8 December | Linder Auditorium | Gauteng | 7:30pm

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Thank you to everyone who took part in our **3rd Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival** this year. Here are some comparative statistics over the three COVID years:

2020	2021	2022
677 performers	1615 performers	1650 performers
141 performances	256 performances	245 performances
5 countries	11 countries	9 countries
45 institutions	80 institutions	77 institutions
5 soloists	16 soloists	11 soloists
5 composers	4 composers	Did not run this competition
1 SAMRO commissioned work	2 SAMRO commissioned works	Did not have a commissioned work

The participating countries were: South Africa, the USA, the United Kingdom, Australia, Italy, Trinidad and Tobago, New Zealand, Zimbabwe and Botswana.



Thank you to the Virtual Festival Committee which ensured that the Festival ran smoothly. Khabonina Motaung, our Marimba Hub manager and Puseletso Ramashoai worked behind the scenes as well as with our Marimba Hubs giving them support and guidance. Mbali Sebokedi and Bradley Lithgow handled our social media. Wendy Saner, our financial director took care of all the financial and compliance matters and James Urdang, our CEO continually supported us during the Virtual Festival process.

We welcomed Nicholas Hall our new COO at the beginning of September. Bradley Lithgow has joined the Education Africa Marimba Team in a part-time capacity as the assistant marimba specialist.

Thank you to the production team consisting of Ian Hooper and Bradley Lithgow. Together they ensured the 12 videos were produced and all the videos were in the correct categories and episodes.

TRIBUTES

Thank you to all the teachers from all around the world who embraced this Festival with love and dedication. We appreciate all the hard work you have put into this Festival. We will continue to host a Virtual Festival every year so that all our friends around the world will continue to take part in our Festival. Who knows, perhaps some of our overseas participants may come to South Africa to take part in our Live Festival in the future?



Maranatha Teachers' Band from Mpumalanga, South Africa

SOCIAL COHESION

Social Cohesion is what drives us at Education Africa. Social Cohesion does not just happen! We need to create moments that enable this to happen. Possibly more than ever in the history of our world do we need to learn tolerance, kindness, caring and the spirit of ubuntu. Please could I challenge each and every teacher who took part in this Virtual Festival, wherever you come from, to find an opportunity at least once in the next year to reach out and play marimbas and steelpans with another group that you have never played with before. You will be doing something awesome for humanity through your love for music!

INCLUSIVITY

Being fully inclusive we had 3 special needs bands competing in the Virtual Festival this year. There was a deaf band **from The Dominican School for Deaf Children** in Hammanskraal and two SID bands: **Jiswa School**, in Lenasia and **MM Sebitloane School** in Taung. All three schools are part of the Education Africa Marimba Hubs Programme.



Dominican School for Deaf Children from Gauteng, South Africa

THE FESTIVAL

Being a Virtual Festival, all participating bands took videos of their performances in various categories and age sections and submitted them by the closing date. We received 245 videos. These all had to be checked and put into the 21 band categories and 2 solo categories. Once checked they were uploaded onto a virtual platform for the adjudicators to view and adjudicate. When the adjudication was completed, the compilation and production of the actual Virtual Festival started.



Westville Senior Primary School Marimba Band from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



Merrifield College from Gauteng. South Africa



Aotearoa Steel Orchestra from Auckland New Zealand

ADJUDICATORS

Our six adjudicators were **Mark Stone** from the USA, **Mokale Koapeng** from Zambia, **Magda de Vries** from Gauteng, South Africa, **Yvonne Raedane** from Limpopo, South Africa, **Bongani Sotshononda** from Gauteng, South Africa and **Dave Reynolds** from Cape Town, South Africa.

Over 7 days the adjudicators adjudicated the various categories. The adjudicators who were divided into two teams adjudicated in isolation and were not permitted to confer with each other. Each adjudicator adjudicated approximately 125 videos.

TEAM A: adjudicated band categories as well as the solos.

Dave Reynolds from South Africa



Dave lives in Muizenberg, Cape Town. He has been composing, performing and facilitating workshops on steelpans since 1990. He has recorded and performed all over the world with Hugh Masekela, Andy Narell, Paul Hanmer, Mccoy Mrubata and Gloria Bosman among others. His latest album SANDANCE! the soundtrack to the movie which was recorded with Pops Mohamed won Best Feature Documentary at the Paris Film Festival. He has been an adjudicator at our “live” Festival in 2019. He has adjudicated at all three Virtual Festivals and has also presented steelpan workshops at all our live Festivals.

Magdalena de Vries from South Africa



Marimba One™ endorsed artist, Magdalena de Vries, is regarded as South Africa’s foremost classical marimbist. She completed her undergraduate studies in South Africa and pursued post graduate studies in percussion at the Tokyo College of Music. She performs extensively in South Africa as well as abroad. She has adjudicated several times at the Live Festival and has adjudicated twice at the Virtual Festival.

Mokale Koapeng from Zambia



Although Mokale is from South Africa he is now working in Zambia and is the Head of Department at Rusangu University in Zambia. He is well-known in music circles as a composer, performer and choral conductor. He adjudicated at the Live Festival in 2019 and we are delighted that he agreed to adjudicate our 3rd Virtual Festival.

TEAM B: adjudicated band categories.

Mark Stone from the USA



World multi-percussionist Mark Stone has performed with the foremost musicians of Uganda, Ghana, South Africa, India, Trinidad, Ecuador, and the United States. An accomplished composer and improviser, Mark writes regularly for his many projects and commissions. His musical style results from a unique synthesis of multiple world traditions and innovation rooted in a deep knowledge of those traditions. His experience in world percussion music makes him the perfect candidate as an adjudicator. Mark has adjudicated at several of our Live Festivals and adjudicated at our first Virtual Festival.

Yvonne Raedane from South Africa



YVONNE RAEDANE has retired from active duty in the NGO sector. She had years of experience working with the JYO (Johannesburg Youth Orchestra) as the Eyethu Soweto Music Project Manager. Her knowledge and understanding of music and the challenges facing many of our young people in South Africa especially in the poorer communities who are wanting to play music makes her a worthy adjudicator. She last adjudicated at our Live Festival in 2019.

Bongani Sotshononda from South Africa



Bongani is a composer, arranger, marimba and vibraphone player who has wowed audiences in both South Africa and Internationally. His latest album released in 2020 entitled Bongani Sotshononda's Indigenous Orchestra Live in Cape Town has been well-received. His experience as a performer on keyboard percussion instruments makes him a worthy adjudicator. He last adjudicated at our Live Festival in 2014.

SPONSORS

We are delighted to introduce our sponsors for this year's Virtual Festival. We are extremely thankful for their contribution to the prizes.

HIGH COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

We give thanks for the prizes for the best **South African** Steel Band performances in the Primary and High School Sections donated by the **HIGH COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, PRETORIA**. Our relationship with the High Commission started in 2012 and they have supported ALL eleven of our Festivals.



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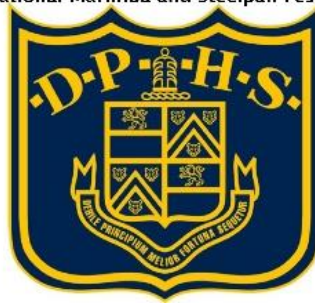
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PRIZES WINNERS

FOR THE 3rd EDUCATION AFRICA VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL MARIMBA AND STEELPAN FESTIVAL 2022

SOLO COMPETITIONS

The solo competition required the soloist to perform 1 piece of no longer than 5 minutes performed in a lockdown situation.

CATEGORY: SOLO DIATONIC MARIMBA UNDER 19	WINNER	PRIZE
1 ST PLACE	CHRISTIAN MACHAKATA HARARE, ZIMBABWE	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA
2 ND PLACE	KUDAKWASHE MUDEHWE HARARE, ZIMBABWE	
3 RD PLACE	TARZAN TAPAMBWA HARARE, ZIMBABWE	
CATEGORY: SOLO CHROMATIC MARIMBA AND STEELPAN UNDER 19	WINNER	PRIZE
1 ST PLACE	KAMARIA RICHARDS TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	CASH PRIZE FROM THE MARIMBA WORKSHOP
2 ND PLACE	HANNES VONMETZ TYROLE, ITALY	
3 RD PLACE	CAIRIS APPOLLIS EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA	



Hannes Vonmetz from Tyrole, Italy



Kamaria Richards from Trinidad and Tobago



Kudakwashe Mudehwe from Harare, Zimbabwe

SPECIAL PRIZES

	CATEGORY	WINNER	PRIZE
1	1ST BAND TO REGISTER AND PAY	KHULA COMMUNITY CENTRE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	FREE REGISTRATION FOR 2023 VIRTUAL FESTIVAL
2	BEST SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL PERFORMANCE	DOMINICAN SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN Gauteng, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
3	THE MORRIS "ARNIE" LANG AWARD FOR THE BEST EDUCATION AFRICA MARIMBA HUB	JOHN WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE Gauteng, South Africa	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
4	THE INSTITUTION THAT ENTERED THE MOST STUDENTS INTO THE FESTIVAL	ST. DAVID'S MARIST INANDA Gauteng, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
5	THE SPIRIT OF THE FESTIVAL AWARD	MERRIFIELD PREP. AND COLLEGE Eastern Cape, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
6	THE BEST YOUNG DRUMMER AWARD	THE DRUMMER FROM ST. DAVID'S MARIST INANDA GRADE 3 MARIMBA BAND Gauteng, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
7	BEST STAFF BAND PERFORMANCE	MARANATHA SCHOOL Mpumalanga, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
8	THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HIGH COMMISSION AWARD FOR THE BEST SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL STEELPAN PERFORMANCE	SUNRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Eastern Cape, South Africa	CASH PRIZE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
9	THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HIGH COMMISSION AWARD FOR THE BEST SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH SCHOOL STEELPAN PERFORMANCE	CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC PAN BAND Eastern Cape, South Africa	CASH PRIZE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



BAND COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY	WINNER	PRIZE
PS1: 1 ST PLACE	ACS INTERNATIONAL COBHAM: GRADE 7 MARIMBA BAND Surrey, United Kingdom	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA
PS1: 2 ND PLACE	SUNRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Eastern Cape, South Africa	
PS1: 3 RD PLACE	SEKAMPANENG PRIMARY SCHOOL Gauteng, South Africa	
PS2: 1 ST PLACE	CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL Eastern Cape, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
PS2: 2 ND PLACE	ST ANDREWS'S PREP. Eastern Cape, South Africa	
PS2: 3 RD PLACE	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - VREDEDORP – JUNIORS' BAND Gauteng, South Africa	

PS3: 1 ST PLACE	JOHN WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE Gauteng, South Africa	CASH PRIZE FROM THE MARIMBA WORKSHOP VOUCHER FROM MUSICIANS GEAR ZONE
PS3: 2 ND PLACE	MASIBAMBANE COLLEGE Gauteng, South Africa	
PS3: 3 RD PLACE	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - PIMVILLE- SUPER CRAZY Gauteng, South Africa	
PL1: 1 ST PLACE	SUNRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL: BEAT WAVES STEEL BAND Eastern Cape, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
PL1: 2 ND PLACE	WESTVILLE SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	
PL1: 3 RD PLACE	KING EDWARD VII PREP : SENIOR BAND Gauteng, South Africa	
PL2: 1 ST PLACE	SEKAMPANENG PRIMARY SCHOOL	CASH PRIZE FROM THE MARIMBA WORKSHOP CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
PL2: 2 ND PLACE	QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL ROQ – RHYTHM OF QUEEN'S	
PL2: 3 RD PLACE	WATERSTONE COLLEGE	
PL3: 1 ST PLACE	WESTVILLE SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
PL3: 2 ND PLACE	WATERSTONE COLLEGE	
PL3: 3 RD PLACE	DOMINICAN CONVENT SCHOOL	
P4: 1 ST PLACE	JOHN WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE Gauteng, South Africa	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
P4: 2 ND PLACE	WATERSTONE COLLEGE Gauteng, South Africa	
P4: 3 RD PLACE	CURRO HCA KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	
HS1: 1 ST PLACE	WINAD MUSIC TRUST Harare, Zimbabwe	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA
HS1: 2 ND PLACE	PRINCE EDWARD SCHOOL Harare, Zimbabwe	
HS1: 3 RD PLACE	EPWORTH HIGH SCHOOL KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	
HS2: 1 ST PLACE	CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL: CLASSIC PAN Eastern Cape, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC VOUCHER FROM MUSICIAN'S GEAR ZONE
HS2: 2 ND PLACE	MOPHATO PRIVATE SCHOOL: SENIOR MARIMBA BAND Francistown, Botswana	
HS2: 3 RD PLACE	MASIBAMBANE COLLEGE Gauteng, South Africa	
HS3: 1 ST PLACE	CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL: CLASSIC PAN	CASH PRIZE FROM THE MARIMBA WORKSHOP BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
HS3: 2 ND PLACE	SACRED HEART COLLEGE MARIST OBSERVATORY HIGH SCHOOL MARIMBA BAND	
HS3: 3 RD PLACE	GRAEME COLLEGE: PAN ENSEMBLE	
HL1: 1 ST PLACE	THOMAS MORE COLLEGE: SENIOR MARIMBA BAND KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	VOUCHER FROM MUSICIAN'S GEAR ZONE CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
HL1: 2 ND PLACE	OUTREACH FOUNDATION Gauteng, South Africa	
HL1: 3 RD PLACE	PENRYN COLLEGE Mpumalanga, South Africa	

HL2: 1 ST PLACE	MERRIFIELD COLLEGE Eastern Cape, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
HL2: 2 ND PLACE	POTCHEFSTROOM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL North West, South Africa	
HL2: 3 RD PLACE	THOMAS MORE COLLEGE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	
HL3: 1 ST PLACE	CURRO HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
HL3: 2 ND PLACE	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - PROTEA GLEN: ROCK STARS Gauteng, South Africa	
HL3: 3 RD PLACE	NOT AWARDED	
H4: 1 ST PLACE	WINAD MUSIC TRUST Harare, Zimbabwe	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA VOUCHER FROM MUSICIAN'S GEAR ZONE
H4: 2 ND PLACE	KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL Gauteng, South Africa	
H4: 3 RD PLACE	MOPHATO PRIVATE SCHOOL: SENIOR MARIMBA BAND Francistown, Botswana	
OS1: 1 ST PLACE	FREDONIA RAGTIME ENSEMBLE New York, USA	CASH PRIZE FROM EDUCATION AFRICA
OS1: 2 ND PLACE	KHULA COMMUNITY CENTRE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	
OS1: 3 RD PLACE	OUTREACH FOUNDATION Gauteng, South Africa	
OS2: 1 ST PLACE	WINAD MUSIC TRUST Harare, South Africa	CASH PRIZE FROM THE MARIMBA WORKSHOP
OS2: 2 ND PLACE	OUTREACH FOUNDATION Gauteng, South Africa	
OS2: 3 RD PLACE	SUNRIDGE BEAT WAVES MARIMBAS Eastern Cape, South Africa	
OS3: 1 ST PLACE	EDUCATION AFRICA ALUMNI ALL STARS MARIMBA BAND Gauteng, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC CASIO KEYBOARD FROM CASIO
OS3: 2 ND PLACE	NOT AWARDED	
OS3: 3 RD PLACE	NOT AWARDED	
OL1: 1 ST PLACE	HILTON COLLEGE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	CHOCOLATE HAMPER FROM BEYERS CHOCOLATES
OL1: 2 ND PLACE	THE AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND STEEL ORCHESTRA Auckland, New Zealand	
OL1: 3 RD PLACE	ALUMNI ALL STARS MARIMBA BAND Gauteng, South Africa	
OL2: 1 ST PLACE	HILTON COLLEGE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	VOUCHER FROM MUSICIAN'S GEAR ZONE
OL2: 2 ND PLACE	JOHN WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	
OL2: 3 RD PLACE	ST DAVID'S MARIST INANDA: JUNIOR COLLEGE MARIMBA BAND	
OL3: 1 ST PLACE	HILTON COLLEGE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
OL3: 2 ND PLACE	JOHN WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE Gauteng, South Africa	
OL3: 3 RD PLACE	THE MOUNTAIN CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL North West, South Africa	
O4: 1 ST PLACE	HILTON COLLEGE KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	BOOK HAMPER FROM LOVEMORE MUSIC
O4: 2 ND PLACE	ALUMNI ALL STARS MARIMBA BAND Gauteng, South Africa	
O4: 3 RD PLACE	ST DAVID'S MARIST INANDA Gauteng, South Africa	

If you wish to watch any of the episodes you can go to the following YouTube link and find them there: <https://rb.gy/znbqgg> or visit our FaceBook page: "Education Africa's International Marimba and Steelpan Festival"

Thank you for participating in this 3RD Virtual Festival. It has been our pleasure serving you. We look forward to welcoming you to the 4TH Education Africa Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival in 2023 and our Live Festival on the 29th and 30th of July 2023 at St Dominic's Catholic School for Girls in Boksburg, Gauteng!

Yours in marimba music!



Joan Lithgow and The Education Africa Festival Committee.

