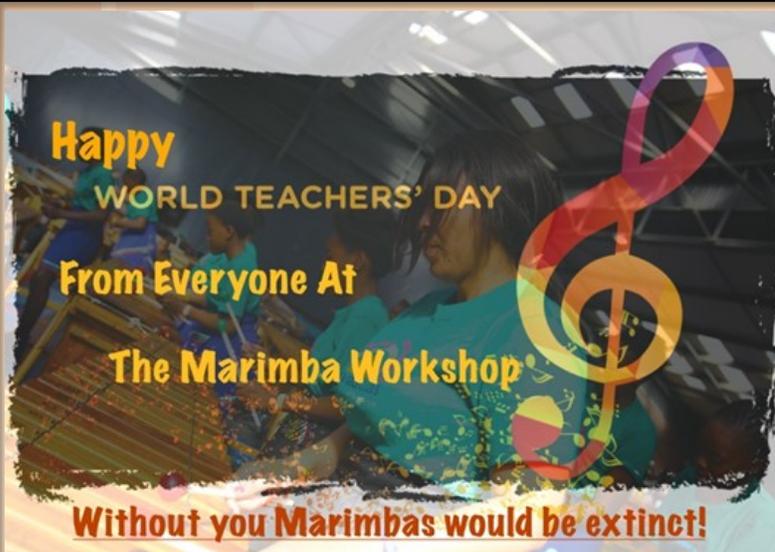


The Marimba Workshop

Marimba Monthly



This past month we celebrated World Teacher's Day, and once again we would like to commend all the music and marimba teachers worldwide for the brilliant work you do in enhancing the educational and social lives of your students through marimba playing. We are excited to see the fruits of many of these teachers in the

upcoming Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival.

We have a very jam packed newsletter this month, and we hope you enjoy reading through it. We would love to hear your feedback or how you and your school's marimba band are keeping during this final stretch of 2020. Please drop an email to Bradley@marimbaworkshop.co.za
The Marimba Workshop Team

As we are slowly ending the year, we would just like to remind all our clients that should you want to still order marimbas or other products, we have a company policy that allows you to still take advantage of this year's prices even if you only pay for your products early next year. This is provided you order your marimbas or marimba-related products before we close on the 16th of December 2020.



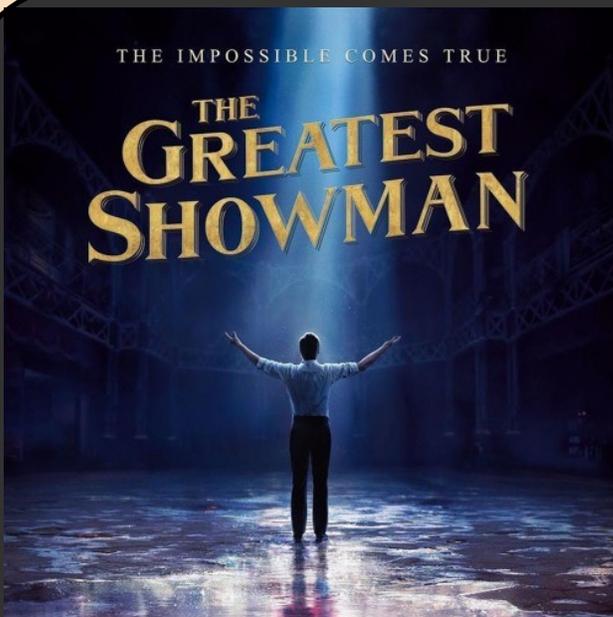
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Product Highlight



We are the only marimba manufacturing company that manufactures marimbas that have the ability to be converted to a fully chromatic marimba by simply purchasing the “add-on” chromatic attachment. The chromatic attachment simply stands separately in front of all models of our diatonic marimbas, thus adding all the chromatic notes to your pre-existing diatonic instrument, and giving you endless musical possibilities.

With the ever increasing number of students taking marimba and percussion as their instrument to matric level, this may be the perfect and most cost-wise solution. Contact us today to find out how to convert your pre-existing diatonic instruments into fully chromatic instruments.



A Million Dreams from the hit movie: The Greatest Showman

Legally purchase the marimba band arrangement here:

<https://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/a-million-dreams-arranged-by-bradley-lithgow-for-african-marimba-band-diatonic-in-c-digital-sheet-music/21813575>

NEW MUSIC



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Throwback feature

This month we throwback to one of our first marketing pictures we ever took as a small fish company in the equally small marimba industry in South Africa, around 2006. We are so proud to have been a part of the growth of the South African Marimba Industry, both as a company as well as a family.

To celebrate this growth we have decided to reward our loyal customers who have had Marimba Workshop instruments for 10 years and more. Brad has emailed our clients who according to our records qualify for this reward, if you think we may have missed you and you have not received an email, please contact Brad on: Bradley@marimbaworkshop.co.za



We are very excited to once again be nominated in two categories for the BASA (Business and Arts South Africa) Awards for our continued partnership and support of NPO Education Africa's International Marimba and Steelpan Festival

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Look mom, I'm Famous!

In 2014 our good friend, Kgotso Motaung (freelance musician and sound engineer) starred in the Hollywood movie featuring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore: "*Blended.*" We were so excited to see our marimba on the big screen, in the movie theatre, shown to millions of people across the world.

You can watch the section of the movie with Kgotso and the rest of the band jamming in the background here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7lWxdF7z00>



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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

School: Tom Newby School

Teacher: Sharon Reynolds

Location: Gauteng

Tom Newby acquired their first marimbas in 2006 - 1 bass and 1 combination. We were very fortunate to be able to add a new marimba each year until we arrived at 5 combinations and 2 bass marimbas. Every child in the school is given the opportunity to play the marimba in their class music lessons where a number of children have discovered their musicality.



Marimba Band is a much sought after extramural activity. We have 3 marimba bands which meet and practise after school. The skill levels range from the beginner band of mainly Grade 3 children to the more advanced Senior Band. Many children in the senior band play orchestral instruments such as the violin, cello, flute, clarinet and piano.

Our bands are kept very busy during the year. We enter Eisteddfods, accept invitations to play at retirement homes, play for school functions as well as doing the London College of Music Ensemble examination each year. The highlight of the marimba year is of course the Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Festival.



Many thanks Bradley for the Aug Newsletter. I always enjoy reading them and print a copy out for my music boys to read. – Rowan Knight from Queens College Boys Primary



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Upcoming Events

Education Africa introduces the inaugural Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival!

You can't stop the music! Education Africa is forging ahead with its International Marimba and Steelpan Festival, but for the first time in a virtual format. Schools, universities colleges and institutions with Marimba and Steelpan bands from around the world will be showcased in several virtual competitions between the 1st and 13th December.



Blu Earth News



L-R: Hastings Nyirenda, Kyle Allens, Magda de Vries, Kgotso Motaung, Wian Joubert and Bradley Lithgow.

Our company marimba band had the great pleasure of recording the SAMRO commissioned piece for Solo Marimba and Marimba Band: Bazaruto by Gareth Walwyn. It was such an awesome journey of learning the piece and recording it with South African Classical Marimba Queen: Magda de Vries. The piece will be premiered during the prize giving of the Education Africa Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival in December.

We are looking to schedule some teacher and student workshops around South Africa in the new year. Please contact us should you want to participate or host one of these workshops at your school. Please email: info@marimbaworkshop.co.za



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