

The Marimba Workshop

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Marimba Monthly

A warm welcome to all of the Marimba Workshop Community to the start of a great 2022 Marimba Year! With all the joy and chaos of back to school madness, we have decided to keep this month's newsletter a short one. We are planning several Teacher Training Workshops throughout the country in 2022. Keep a lookout for these! Have a great month ahead and we look forward to sharing with you some fantastic news about various marimba projects and schools this year.

Regards

The Marimba Workshop Team

Follow us on Social Media for regular updates and exciting news:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMarimbaWorkshop>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHnuvBUhgZvF0jc1bbYZHhg>



New Product Arrival

New and exclusive to The Marimba Workshop (PTY) Ltd is our brand new Marching Marimba.

The perfect instrument to integrate your marching band or drumline into your school marimba band. Contact us today to find out more information about the instrument.

Check it out here: <https://youtu.be/siZZ0Yban3s>



A note on tuning

Note tuning, like piano tuning, is an ongoing maintenance procedure one needs to do to all models of African marimbas. Wood is a living entity and will expand in the heat and contract in the cold. If your marimbas are used regularly and exposed to various elements your notes will eventually need to be tuned. We recommend that our clients get their notes retuned around once a year depending on how often they are used. Please send us an email should you want to book you Marimba Workshop notes in for tuning.

New music

Blinding Lights

by The Weeknd

<https://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/blinding-lights-by-the-weeknd-for-marimba-band-digital-sheet-music/22051429>



Proof that Marimbas are for all!
No matter how small!

<https://youtu.be/ZY10z3DVMfE>

More about our brand new
Little Grey Squirrel Marimba
Preschool Program in
next month's
issue!

Congratulations to all the schools who have received new marimbas to kick off their 2022 year! We wish them the best of luck as they start their Marimba Journey!



Workshops

Early in January we conducted an Introductory Teacher's Training Workshop in Taung in the North West Province of South Africa.

We are excited to be starting February with a bang with 2 Teacher Training Workshops scheduled for the 12th of February in Gauteng. Please see the posters below.

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An Introductory Teacher Training Marimba Workshop

- This workshop is specifically for adults who are new to the world of teaching marimbas. We go through a step-by-step method for effectively teaching marimbas to large groups of students (even if you do not have enough marimbas for your class).
- No music reading is required just loads of enthusiasm!
- Who should attend: music teachers, current marimba teachers looking for an effective teaching methodology, creative arts teachers wanting to incorporate marimbas in their classes, teachers wanting to start a marimba program at their school.

Workshop Details:
Date: Saturday the 12th February, 2022
Place: St Dominic's Catholic School for Girls, Boksburg: Kruger Street , Boksburg
Time: 8am (registration) to 1pm
Cost: R550 per person (including tea/coffee, refreshments and teaching material covered during the workshop).
Contact: Joan Lithgow on 082 2664229 (office hours only) or email: joan@marimbaworkshop.co.za
 Limited number of participants. Please book before Wednesday the 9th February, 2022.
 All Covid protocols will be observed. Mask-wearing will be mandatory.

After attending one of our teacher training workshops we are always at hand to offer assistance over the phone as you start your marimba teaching journey and become part of the Marimba Workshop Family.

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This workshop is designed for musically literate/experienced marimba teachers who are familiar with our methodology from the Introductory Workshop. We recommend this workshop for teachers who have been teaching marimbas for at least a year and are looking to take their bands and teaching to the next level. At this workshop you will learn how to teach and use complex hand pattern rhythms within your marimba arrangements. We will also give music arranging tips, advanced technique tips and ideas on how to both musically and educationally get the most out of your lessons.

Workshop Details:
Date: Saturday the 12th of February, 2022
Place: St Dominic's Catholic School for Girls Boksburg: Kruger Street, Boksburg
Time: 13:00 (registration) to 16:30
Cost: R550 per person (including tea/coffee, refreshments and teaching material covered during the workshop).
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We are also in the process of scheduling teacher training workshops in Durban in March. Please contact us if you are interested in attending.

The Introductory Workshop is the perfect workshop to attend even if your school does not own marimbas yet!

Upcoming events

Should you want your Marimba Workshop-related event or concert published in our newsletter, please email bradley@marimbaworkshop.co.za

Please note: all incoming adverts are subject to company policies.



Our marimbas are created and designed with full music education inclusivity in mind. They are the only instruments manufactured in the country with interchangeable notes which allow you to play in different keys. Apart from that, they also cater for students with learning problems as they allow notes to be taken off thus enabling students initially to focus on specific notes and develop the ability to slowly play more and more notes without being overwhelmed by a full keyboard all at once. Marimbas in general, have significant social and cognitive developmental impacts on all children. Playing the marimba is one of the few activities where you use both sides of your brain all the time. As correct marimba technique involves alternating your hands, crossing the midline becomes second nature, which has major positive developmental effects. Our signature marimbas, in particular, encourage team work, sharing and easier peer to peer learning as there are multiple children on one instrument as opposed to other models of marimbas where the students are physically disconnected being on other instruments and not together as a group.