

The Marimba Workshop

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The Marimba Workshop (PTY) Ltd is a manufacturer of African Marimbas and Marimba-related educational equipment. We are one of the few marimba manufacturers that puts Music Education at the forefront of what we stand for.

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Marimba Monthly

This is the February 2022 edition of The Marimba Workshop (PTY) Ltd newsletter. We are very pleased to see tremendous leaps forwards in the marimba and music industry in general from the slump of the last 2 years. As such we have a busy newsletter this month. If you do not have time to read the full newsletter or are only planning on “skimming” we would like to just draw your attention to Teacher Training Workshops coming up in Kimberley (this weekend) and in Durban (next week). Spaces are limited and almost fully booked. If you would like to book yourself on one of these workshops please send an email to info@marimbaworkshop.co.za. The Introductory Workshop is the perfect workshop to attend even if your school does not own marimbas yet!

Wising you a busy and productive month ahead.

Regards The Marimba Workshop Team.

A sneak peak at what new products are coming next month...

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TheMarimbaWorkshop](https://www.facebook.com/TheMarimbaWorkshop/)

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



Workshops

Teacher Training Marimba Workshops coming up in March!

We are excited to be presenting 4 teacher training workshops this upcoming month:

KIMBERLEY, NORTHERN CAPE

4th of March: (Intermediate)

5th of March (Introductory)

DURBAN, KZN

8th of March: (Introductory)

10th of March: (Intermediate)



For more information or to book yourself or a colleague on one of these workshops please send an email to info@marimbaworkshop.co.za

We are in the process of scheduling more teachers' workshops throughout the country. Above is a picture from our teachers' workshops presented in Gauteng earlier in February. We thank St Dominic's School For Girls Boksburg for hosting the workshops.

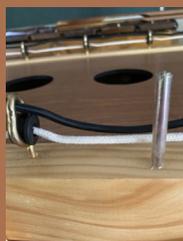


We are very grateful for one of our marimba teacher friends in Perth, Australia, Andria Snelson, who tested out the possibility for live streaming our teacher training workshops. We are pleased to say that it was a great success and in our next workshop in Gauteng we will be opening up the workshop for our Marimba Workshop Community of teachers who are scattered around the world.

We would love to hear from you if you are not based in South Africa and are teaching marimbas in your community elsewhere in the world. Please drop us an email on info@marimbaworkshop.co.za

Care and Maintenance Tips

Always make sure the white rope on your marimba is tight to prevent the note from "bottoming" (hitting the wood at the bottom). A simple pull of the white rope and knot against the spring is all it takes every couple of months.



New Music

Old Town Road by Little Nas and Billy Ray Cyrus



<https://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/old-town-road-for-marimba-band-diatonic-in-c-digital-sheet-music/22068356>

Supplier Appreciation



Ian Lithgow and Jeannette Hitchcock

We are pleased to add a new segment into the newsletter highlighting our extended family of suppliers to The Marimba Workshop, many of whom have worked with Ian and Joan since the company began over 18 years ago!

We thank them for their loyalty, kindness and friendship and hope they know they are highly valued members of the Marimba Workshop Family.

New Product

The Adventures of Little Grey Squirrel and Friends

The Adventures of Little Grey Squirrel and Friends is a preschool marimba programme that draws upon music, drama, art, movement, fantasy play and storytelling to engage young children in arts and culture. It covers all the music concepts required of preschoolers through playing on the marimba.



To see this programme in action follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/8qoZQBDqG1U>

Teaching and playing tips!

Do not bang your instruments. Always remember that marimbas are as valuable and as musical as your piano! They do not need to be banged on and played excessively loud. One of the most magical sounds of marimbas comes from when they are played very softly.

Registrations open for the Education Africa Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival

Education Africa has launched their 3rd VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL AND STEELPAN FESTIVAL 2022 which will be taking place in October 2022 on both Facebook and YouTube.

Please visit www.internationalmarimbafestival.org/virtual for all the details including online registration.

Please note: there are limited numbers of registrations that can be accepted.

Community Music Project/School Highlight

School: John Wesley Community Centre

Teachers: Mapaseka Khumalo, Lindeka Khalane, Thandi Dube, Patience Mkhabela, Refilwe Mkhonto, Naledi Nkabinde

Location : Etwatwa, Gauteng

John Wesley Community Centre focuses on ensuring that our community receives Psychosocial services so that they can better cope with the present socio-economic and health challenges faced by serviced households on a daily basis.

Marimba was introduced in 2009. Marimba classes started with 15 kids and other kids showed interest as times went on. We have entered several Marimba Festivals and have won a number of trophies over the years. In 2014 and 2015 ten of our young Marimba band members had the opportunity to perform in London with Joan Lithgow from Education Africa.

We have also participated in Education Africa's annual Sounds of Celebration Concerts as well as at local schools, weddings and events to market JWCC and raise funds.

JWCC Marimba band participated in the Guinness World Record attempt for the most people busking simultaneously on 11 June 2016 at the Northmead Square.

Marimba has played an important role in our everyday aftercare kids.

Benefits of playing Marimba for our aftercare kids are:

- Helping withdrawn kids to overcome shyness
- Playing Marimbas helps with brain stimulation
- They are able to express emotions when they play
- Marimba Playing has helped with public speaking
- The participants have all learnt self-discipline
- It keeps our children away from the streets and substance abuse
- It builds confidence to stand in front of the audience
- Helps to improved concentration, patience, perseverance, numeracy, ability to read and interact with other children
- We have won the best Education Africa Hub for the past three years.



To view John Wesley Community Centre Marimba Band visit:
<https://web.facebook.com/jwccentre/videos/1291250544719784>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9kDpFIK9Ls&t=180s>