

# The Marimba Workshop

(PTY) LTD



**BEAT IT!**

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.

October 2022

Edition 29

## Marimba Monthly

Looking to start your school year off with a twist or end it with a bang! How about marimbas? Contact us today on [info@marimbaworkshop.co.za](mailto:info@marimbaworkshop.co.za) to find out how you can get marimbas going at your school or community centre.

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

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

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



**BEAT IT!**

The Marimba Workshop (PTY) Ltd

[www.marimbaworkshop.co.za](http://www.marimbaworkshop.co.za)



## Tuning Special

**10% OFF your marimba tuning from now until the end of the year!**

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 once a year depending on how often they are used.

### Terms and Conditions

- This special only applies to tuning of Marimba Workshop Instruments
- The 10% does not include courier fees to us or back to your school
- Tuning can only be done at our factory in Gauteng
- The 10% DOES apply to replaced notes if needed, during the tuning process
- Notes need to be received before the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, our factory closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December



Send an email to [info@marimbaworkshop.co.za](mailto:info@marimbaworkshop.co.za) for more information



# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT



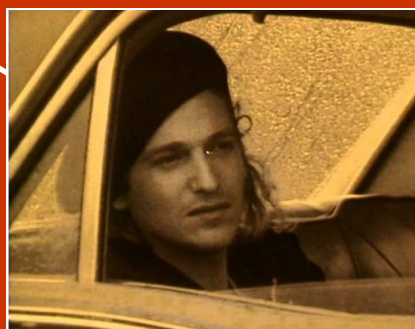
Looking to spend that last bit of budget for the year, why not think about new beaters for your marimba band!

Our Marimba Workshop marimba beaters are specially designed for our own instruments. The black beaters are for bass, the red are for the tenor, the blue for the soprano and the green for the piccolo. If you play with beaters that are too hard on the wrong notes it may damage or break the notes.

## NEW MUSIC

### Weeping by Bright Blue

[https://www.sheetmusicplus.com/  
title/weeping-digital-sheet-  
music/22070350](https://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/weeping-digital-sheet-music/22070350)



## Marimbas for Christmas Presents!

There are many children who may be very interested in having their own marimba from Santa. As much as marimbas are normally based at schools, we do have many clients who have purchased marimbas for their children and families and have started a family band. Do you want the joyous sounds of marimbas in your home this Christmas? Send us an email for more information to ensure we can get them manufactured before Christmas.

**We are closing on the 14th of December.**

**Last chance to take advantage of our 2022 prices.**

We are trying to keep our product price increases as low as possible for next year but are largely dependent on raw material costs from suppliers. We have a policy whereby if you place your order this year but for delivery and payment in 2023 we will still honour our 2022 prices. (Ts and Cs apply)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Upcoming Workshop!

With lots of time to plan ahead, we will be having both an Introductory and an Intermediate Teachers Training Workshop on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 in Gauteng!

Please send us an email on [info@marimbaworkshop.co.za](mailto:info@marimbaworkshop.co.za) for more information or to book your spot!



**Remember to have fun!**

**If you are not having fun as the teacher and your students are not having fun as the players, then you are doing marimbas wrong!**

**SOUNDS AND WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE  
HONOURING NELSON MANDELA**

The South Africa/America Music Exchange (SAME)  
is an innovative social cohesion initiative.

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.

**BOOK NOW:**  
4 December | Guy Butler Theatre | Makhanda | 3pm  
8 December | Linder Auditorium | Gauteng | 7:30pm

R100 unreserved and R60 for pensioners and children

For block bookings contact: [joan@educationafrica.org](mailto:joan@educationafrica.org) | Tickets [www.ticketpros.co.za](http://www.ticketpros.co.za)

## Tips on care and maintenance

Now that we are coming up to exams and school holidays, thousands of sets of marimbas around the world are going to go into hibernation for the Christmas holidays. Make sure they are carefully put away in a safe room, away from open windows or areas where they will be in the sun or a very hot room. Make sure they are covered either with custom covers from The Marimba Workshop or a simple blanket or sheet to keep them from getting dusty.

# School Highlight

**School:** Steyn City School

**Teacher:** Polite Ngwenya, Pippa Clegg, Juliette de Reuck

**Location:** Fourways, Johannesburg, Gauteng

Marimba Band is one of the most popular co-curricular activities at our school, and it is no surprise that the students clamour to find a space in one of our six Preparatory School bands. Our marimba practices are held in our beautiful Plumari Hall and the happy sound of marimba music spills out into the hallways and fields every afternoon, creating such a vibey atmosphere!



We initially purchased three diatonic combination 3.5 octave marimbas and two combination bass baritone marimbas, but at the start of the school's fourth year the interest in marimba necessitated the purchase of two more marimbas! Now, we can accommodate up to eighteen students in each band and it is so exciting to see so many students enjoying making music together!

Our marimba players are valued assets to Steyn City School, and they perform at all our open days, as well as Founders' Day, Valediction, and Prizegiving ceremonies. We are excited to hear the Grade 7 band perform for their peers at the Grade 7 Dinner in November.

In 2018 and 2019, our school participated in the Education Africa Marimba Competition, and we can't wait for this exciting festival to move out of the virtual space so that we can enjoy its vibrant and bustling energy again. This year, several of the Grade 7 marimba students composed their own music, and they found it valuable to use the additional marimba accidental keys when applying what they know about transposing. The keys are easy to remove and such a great addition to our set.

Playing marimba enhances coordination, boosts memory and cognitive ability, and develops perseverance, stamina, and focus. In addition, playing together in a band or ensemble is one of the best ways of creating joy, nurturing connection between people and building community. Our next goal is to get our staff involved in a weekly session on our fabulous marimbas!





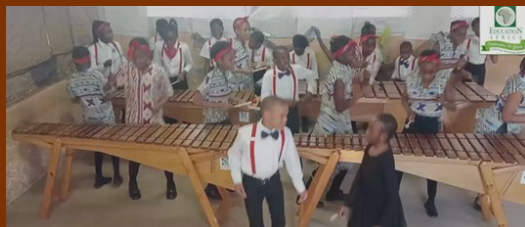
# OCTOBER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to all the schools who participated in Education Africa's 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival. In particular to all the proudly Marimba Workshop clients! We have highlighted a few who won their categories in the Primary School, High School and Open Sections. We are particularly delighted to see more and more top High Schools trusting Marimba Workshop for their instruments.

You can watch the festival on their YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsei0CNAvqGHNElek4P5rg>



**PS3: JOHN WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA



**PL2: SEKAMPANENG PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA



**PL3: WESTVILLE SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA



**OS3: EDUCATION AFRICA ALUMNI ALL STARS MARIMBA BAND**  
GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA



**HL1: THOMAS MORE COLLEGE SENIOR MARIMBA BAND**  
KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA



**HL3: CURRO HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL**  
KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA



The Education Africa  
Bidvest Marimba  
Band shared the same  
stage as John Legend

The Marimba Workshop (PTY) Ltd



Our company band: Blu Earth  
Marimba Band performed at a  
number of gigs

