



The Marimba Workshop (PTY) Ltd.

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Greetings from the Marimba Workshop family!

What a jam-packed year for marimba deliveries and performances and it is only March. We have already visited multiple provinces of South Africa and given teacher training workshops in Gauteng, with more to be scheduled soon! We would love to hear how your "Marimba Year" has started and if there is anything we can help or assist you with, whether it be instruments, sheet music, arrangements, or just another ear to bounce ideas off of.

Please drop us an email on info@marimbaworkshop.co.za

Don't forget to register!

After three years of online festivals, The Education Africa LIVE International Marimba and Steelpan Festival is back and better than ever before! Do not forget to register, the closing date is on the 13th of March. For more information visit the website on www.internationalmarimbafestival.org



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We are one of South Africa's leading suppliers of Marimba Instruments and additional educational and marimba-related material. Give us a like on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel to stay up to date with all things Marimba Workshop!





PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT

Pre-COVID we had been working with a school in the East Rand of Johannesburg to develop marimbas that can easily fit multiple wheelchairs on one instrument. In the early stages of that discussion we got hit with COVID and unfortunately that was no longer a priority for the school. We are so pleased to have had that spark in the school reunited in May last year. We have been working very closely with their Occupational Therapist and music teacher with many trial instruments being made and workshopped over the last few months. Ian's persistence and ingenuity was never wavering. We are pleased to be launching 2 products into our instrument catalogue.

The Sit-on Marimba designed for chairs and wheelchairs



The Low Mobility/Wheelchair-Friendly Combination Marimba



Note 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 your Marimba Workshop notes in for tuning.

New Music Catalogue

Are you looking for new music of Pop song arrangements for your marimba bands? We have a large number of South African and International Pop Music Arrangements written specifically by Marimba Teachers For South African School Marimba Bands. Contact us for the full catalogue.



School Highlight

Beaulieu Preparatory School

Teacher: Lekoba Monini

Susi Grasmuck

Marimba is offered as part of our cultural offering here at Beaulieu Preparatory School, alongside other music group activities such as drum-line, choir and string ensemble.

Marimba has been offered for over twenty years here at Beaulieu Preparatory and it has always remained a popular choice for our children to fulfil their cultural portfolios.

The music we learn is largely based on some of our students' favourite pop songs or is inspired by African repertoire. We keep the parts simple and learn everything aurally which means that tunes are learnt quickly, boosting both confidence and enthusiasm. Currently we run two groups but the children enjoy it so much that sometimes children join multiple groups. Collaboration with other groups is also not uncommon.

Our children perform regularly at Eisteddfods, Assemblies, Open Days and took part in the Virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival in 2022.



Marimba Workshop affiliated activities that happened these last few months.



- Catch Blu Earth Marimba Band performing at Stravaganza at Montecasino's Teatro Theatre for the whole month of February until the 5th of March
- Our Marimbas were featured as part of the SAME (South Africa/America Music Exchange Project) at the Guy Butler Theatre in Makhanda and at the Linder Auditorium in Johannesburg
- We presented an Introductory and an Intermediate Teachers Training Workshop in Gauteng in January
- Our Marimba Band performed at an exclusive restaurant on Christmas day, apart from a number of other notable performances.
- We held a Little Grey Squirrel Preschool Marimba Programme training session in Richards Bay KZN in January
- Our Marimba Band showcased at the Oakfields Bridal Expo, and were so happy to have heard some great stories of current brides-to-be about their joyous experiences playing in their school marimba bands
- As stated before, we are so pleased to have delivered marimbas to Ithembelihle LSEN School in Germiston, a school for physically-challenged learners.
- We presented Marimba Workshops to students at the Umoya Band Festival at the American International School of Johannesburg
- We were thrilled to get a very complimentary stamp-of-approval of our instruments by legendary South African/African Music expert Dizu Plaatjies and American World Music Specialist Mark Stone, who performed on one of our marimbas at the SAME concert
- A visit by the Norwegian School of Music and Wits University to one of Education Africa's Marimba Hubs

