



# IMAD... MUSIC NEWS

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## THE DOUBLE RAINBOW COLLABORATION



This project was created in 2019 between The Little Giants and the Musikschnle from Soest in Germany with the purpose of sharing ideas between our two countries through music and culture. The Little Giants visited Soest for two weeks in February 2019 where they held joint performances and workshops and shared their music and culture. Ten young musicians from Soest were in Cape Town last month for the return visit. They spent the first few days in Cape Town visiting the Waterfront, the Crypt Jazz Club in St. George's cathedral, going up Table Mountain and attending a Kaapse Klopse event. They rehearsed with the Little Giants and had a joint performance at the Gugu S'Thema amphitheatre in Langa.

Their visit concluded with a concert for this combined Musikschnle/Little Giants band at York Road Primary School, which also featured the IMAD Khayelitsha band and the York Road choir and musicians. This was followed by their final concert at the Wave Theatre in Cape Town.

## ARTSCAPE THEATRE ARTS FESTIVAL



The IMAD Khayelitsha band was one of 50 schools invited to play at the Artscape Schools Arts Festival, which took place over four nights in August. There was an arts exhibition in the foyer, and there were poetry, dance, choir, drama and music performances on the stage. Our band played Hymn for Taiwa by Moses Khumalo. The last night was a gala event at which fifteen of the performances were invited to perform again. Our Khayelitsha band was selected as one of these - and the only band selected. They did us proud!

## YORK ROAD SHOWCASE



Our York Road Primary School learners have been back in the classroom since the beginning of this year. Most of them only started their lessons with us then. In the last week of the third term we organised a musical showcase attended by the whole school. There were several solo performances, two numbers performed by the band and two others sung by the choir. The audience really enjoyed the opportunity to see and hear our programme in action. As a result we are confident that our student numbers will increase significantly in 2023.

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## WHO IS IMAD?

- IMAD is an institute that teaches music to over 100 young people at schools in Khayelitsha and Lansdowne. Added to this there are also Saturday music classes for both young and old.
- The Little Giants Big Band is the flagship.

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The German musicians and eight Little Giants then had a weekend trip out of town to perform at the Barrydale Karoo Art Hotel on the Saturday night and at a picnic concert at Rainbow Glen in Montagu on the Sunday afternoon. They also presented a workshop at the Smitsville community hall in Barrydale in conjunction with the local Net-vir-Pret music initiative.

**THEORY CLASS**



We have a weekly theory class for all our Eluxolweni Primary School learners. This provides an introduction to reading and understanding music – the notes, their values, the rests, the bars and time signatures, the major keys, and a number of other important elements in developing our students’ ability.

**LITTLE GIANTS CD LAUNCH**

The Little Giants second album – Songs of Our Fathers - was launched at the Nassau Theatre in Newlands in September in front of a full house of very enthusiastic followers. The album’s eight tracks draw from the South African songbook of yesterday and today with compositions spanning the eras from Dudu Pukwana, Mankunku and Chris McGregor to McCoy Mrubata and Mandla Mlangeni.



Here’s a review of the CD:

<https://sigwenjazz.wordpress.com/2022/06/19/the-little-giants-songs-of-our-fathers-much-better-than-biltong-for-fathers-day>

[The CD can be ordered from thelittlegiants@jazz.co.za.](mailto:thelittlegiants@jazz.co.za)

**GLOBAL AWARE CHURCH**



Our Khayelitsha band was invited to perform at the Global Aware church in Retreat at a Sunday evening service recently. The church suggested that the band played an improvised tune featuring the trumpets. The band met this challenge successfully, and their performance was much appreciated by the congregation.

**UTHANDO VISIT**



Uthando organises tailor-made tours to community development projects for local and international groups of tourists. IMAD has been one of the projects they have been visiting for a number of years. On this most recent visit to us at Eluxolweni Primary School in Khayelitsha our young musicians entertained visitors from Germany, Italy and the United States.

Uthando also make donations to the projects they visit. We are really grateful to them for their financial support to us.

**SOUTH AFRICAN JAZZ REAL BOOK LAUNCH**

This ground-breaking book was launched at a concert held during the Suidooster Festival at the Artscape Theatre Complex in Cape Town on 30 April and 1 May in front of two capacity audiences. It features the lead sheets of 116 songs from 86 of our leading composers. Jannie van Tonder and George Werner, the compilers of the book, led the band which played a selection of songs from the book. They were joined on stage by four of the composers – Ramon Alexander, Tony Cedras, Tete Mbambisa and Hilton Schilder – to play their songs in the book.

Copies of the book can be ordered from [www.sheetmusic.co.za](http://www.sheetmusic.co.za).





Who of these young musicians will be next to perform as a band member of The Little Giants? The IMAD Khayelitsha band performing at Artscape above and an ensemble led by Duncan Johnson at the recent York Road performance below



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