



## **Carpe Musicam! Orchestra**

### **Timpani Funding Appeal**

The George-based Carpe Musicam! Orchestra was established in 2015 with 16 members and has since grown to a reputable orchestra of 35+ players which delivers regular concerts of a high standard in George, Sedgefield, Knysna and Mossel Bay. The players all perform voluntarily and we have always been self-funded and have relied almost solely on concert ticket sales to cover our overheads. Several generous members of the business community have sponsored our printing and other day-to-day expenses which have helped enormously to keep our financial needs to the minimum.



Our main aim from the very beginning has been to popularise orchestral music in the Garden route amongst old and young alike—especially among the young. Fully 20% of orchestra members are now below the age of 25 and this number will continue to grow as members of our Brass and Wind Ensemble mature and begin to fill the orchestra ranks.

We also are in the throes of beginning a string ensemble to fill out that side of the orchestral equation.





We have funded the purchase of many necessary instruments in the past, including our Drum Kit, various percussion instruments, Violins, Celli, and a Double Bass—as well as a number of Brass and woodwind instruments. A Set of Timpani has been on our shopping list since day one. A new set is prohibitively costly— +/- R120 000— and second hand sets are extremely scarce.

An excellent set of 3 Premier Timpani are presently being offered for sale by the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra for R25 000. We would very much like to purchase these in order to add a new dimension to our already exciting and colourful performances. They will also create a new area of endeavour in the training of young people in musical skills.

Thanks to precautions regarding COVID-19 over the last 20 months or so, we have not been able to generate our normal income and the R35 000 needed to purchase the Timpani and transport them from Johannesburg is beyond our limited means. The orchestra members have already pledged R8 500 towards the cost of these instruments.

We ask that you and/or your business/business partners pledge an amount of R500 (or more) towards the cost of these instruments and their transport from Johannesburg.

Donors will receive two complimentary tickets to a gala performance in 2022 in which the Timpani will first be used in public.

Please feel free to contact Norman Carless (Conductor) at 082 229 6779,

or

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should you wish to donate, or would like more details.

Warm regards

Norman Carless







Providing enjoyable orchestral and choral  
music in the South Cape area,  
by creating a safe, fun and educational  
environment for local musicians  
- young and not so young -  
to develop and refine their art.



Orchestra

Boutique Band

Choir

Tuition

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our projects alive and growing,  
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