Dear Parents and Music Teachers

**❤️Strings - HeartStrings Pop Orchestra Academy**

CONCEPT

❤️Strings is a pop string orchestra club for string players aged 8 to 18, providing opportunity for children with at least Grade 1 music reading skills, on violin, viola, cello or double bass, to

* Learn customised arrangements of pop/jazz/funk/rock music
* Practise twice weekly in a fun group environment
* Enrich their playing experience
* Make progress
* Build confidence
* Showcase talents
* Make friends

The club is run by Lizzie Rennie, an experienced music teacher, string programme developer, performer and arranger. She is recognised as a specialist in her field, particularly for her success in developing string orchestras, engaging and motivating children through carefully selected, accessible, modern music.

*“Playing in a string orchestra is a brilliant learning space, especially if it is fun! Many music pupils go through stages when they want to give up their instrument - lacking motivation, unable to practise effectively, finding it too hard, not enjoying music exams etc. String orchestra makes practice fun and enjoyable, carrying young players forward positively on their musical journey.” Lizzie Rennie*

SKILL LEVEL

❤️Strings A Orchestra: Approx. Grade 4 and up

❤️Strings B Orchestra: Approx. Grade 1 to 3

SCHEDULE

❤️Strings A Orchestra: Wednesdays 4pm to 5pm, Saturdays 10am to 11am.

❤️Strings B Orchestra: Wednesdays 3pm to 4pm, Saturdays 9am to 10am.

VENUE

Peter Clarke Art Centre, Vredenhof Road (off Keurboom Rd), Claremont.

FEES

R960 per term (16 x 1 hour group lessons)

Regular twice-weekly (Wednesday and Saturday) attendance is encouraged and fees are charged termly upfront, irrespective of attendance. Each term consists of 16 group lessons of 1 hour each.

DATES 2023 - Weds afternoons and Sat mornings

(no Term 1)

Term 2: 15 April to 10 June = 16 sessions. No session 29 April.

Term 3: 26 July to 20 Sept = 16 sessions. No session 9 August.

Term 4: 11 October to 2 December = 16 sessions

AUDITIONS

❤️Strings Auditions: Sat 11th/18th March, Peter Clarke Art Centre.

Audition results will be finalised by 22 March and emailed to you.

Audition Requirements:

1. **1 minute** excerpt of a piece of your own choice, unaccompanied - please bring a copy of your piece.
2. **Prepared** short orchestral excerpt (will be sent via email) at the appropriate skill level.
3. **Sight-reading** - a short test at the appropriate skill level will be given.

To register for an audition please follow the link and complete the form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScENtgY-l9psdunKK2aPSqcjITGxotRFDarzvR8JK5i867QrQ/viewform?usp=sf_link>

We look forward to receiving your application and providing your child with an exciting and enriching musical experience.

Please contact Lizzie Rennie at lizzierenniemusic@gmail.com should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

The ❤️Strings Team