

Strings

Venue: De Hoop Primary School, Somerset West

Date: 11, 12 August 2026

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General Rules

- A copy of the sheet music must be presented to the adjudicator beforehand.
- Please indicate the duration of your work (maximum 8 minutes).
- Competitors need to participate in at least two categories to be considered for medals or prize winner's certificates.
- Age as of 1 January.

Strings Solo

- R100.00 per solo entry

Age availability 6 – 17years and open

Instruments:

Violin, Viola, Cello and Double bass

- Baroque
- Concerto (one movement)
- Romantic
- Modern
- Own Choice

Strings Groups

KINDLY NOTE: Payment **per group entry** and NOT per group member.

- R130.00 per **duet** entry
- R195.00 per **trio** entry
- R260.00 per **quartet** entry
- R330.00 per **ensemble** entry (5 – 8)
- R350.00 per **ensemble** entry (9 – 20)

Age availability 6 – 17 years and open.

When different ages enter for a group, enter in the highest age group.

Any combination for ensemble (with the majority of strings) is allowed.

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VITAL DETAILS

General rules:

- When an **age** is specified, the participant's age on **1 January** is applicable.
- **Dress code** for participants
 - Own choice – preferably not school uniforms.
- **Participant's slips** and copy of work
 - Please download the appropriate participant's slip from the website and submit with a copy of your work (sheet music) to the adjudicator on the day of participation.
- The same item may not be performed by the same participant in more than one subsection of a category.
- Results are final and may not be negotiated with adjudicators.
- No participants, teachers or parents are allowed to confer with the adjudicators until after the adjudication.

Entries:

- **PERIOD**
 - **Monday, 1 June – Monday, 22 June 2026**
 - The entry system is programmed to **shut down at midnight on 22 June 2026**.
 - Unfortunately, **NO LATE ENTRIES** are possible once the entry system has closed.
 - All **invoices should be downloaded** and **PAID** before or on **22 June 2026**.
- **PROGRAM / TIMETABLE**
 - Preliminary programs of respective sections will be e-mailed to affiliates as soon as the conveners are ready. (during the June holidays)
 - After the re-opening of the schools, affiliates will have one week **to double check their enrollees**. (age, names, sections, dates)
 - **Rectifications** should be e-mailed to the respective conveners **no later than Friday 24 July 2026**. **NO name changes or replacements** will be accepted thereafter.
 - **Withdrawals** should be reported to the respective convener at least 24 hours before the performance.
 - SADLY, **NO refunds** for withdrawals or erroneous

Awards:

Certificates are being printed **according to the spelling that you submitted on the enrolling system**.

90% and higher	Cum Laude
85% – 89%	Gold Plus
80% – 84%	Gold
75% – 79%	Silver Plus
70% – 74%	Silver
60% – 69%	Bronze
50% – 59%	Certificate of participation

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SPECIAL AWARDS

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INDIVIDUAL (SOLO) AWARDS:

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

- Awarded **per age (year) group** to the solo contender who achieved the single highest mark (90%+).
- Participation in **only one item** is required to qualify.
- Only applicable when there are at least 5 entries/age/sub-section.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Awarded **per age phase** to the contender who achieved the highest average percentage in two or more solo items.
- The winner will be determined by calculating the highest average percentage (90% +) of the two highest marks of a contender, irrespective of the number of solo items participated in.

VERSATILITY AWARDS

- Contenders who participated in **3 or more different sub-sections** will be considered, and the winners will be determined by a unique formula.
- Junior Versatility Award (age 6 – 11 years)
- Senior Versatility Award (age 12 - 17 years)

GROUP AWARDS:

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

- Awarded on merit **per phase** to the different groups as indicated in the syllabus.
- Only applicable when there are at least 5 entries/phase/group.

MUSIC	Age as on 1 January
Foundation Phase	6, 7, 8 years
Intermediate Phase	9, 10, 11 years
Senior Phase	12, 13, 14 years
Advanced Phase	15, 16, 17 years
Open	18 years and older