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Orff South Africa

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This is an exciting year for the Orff Schulwerk Society of South Africa who celebrate 50 years. To mark this momentous occasion they will be hosting a conference from the 6-9 August at South Downs College in Centurion. The conference will be celebrating with workshops and performances by local and international presenters.



The Heritage Series Workshops were implemented to promote and celebrate the rich culture of South Africa and provide resources and ideas in teaching music and movement using the Orff approach. The content of the workshops is envisioned to be entirely South African, encouraging original material to be written by presenters as well as sourcing good quality South African music that can be used in the classroom. Julie Griffiths teamed up with local artist and indigenous music activist Thobekile Mbanda to present the first of the series in KwaZulu Natal in November 2021. The workshop showcased indigenous music instruments and activities in using them to explore soundscapes, accompany movement and a folk tale. The workshop concluded with an exciting performance by Thobekile on the various instruments. On the same day, in Gauteng, committee members George Potgieter and Bronwyn Pieters presented a workshop that included vocal exploration, gumboot dancing and marimbas. It is hoped that workshops will be presented in every province leading up to the celebration. In celebrating the 50th anniversary and for membership rejuvenation the society has dropped its pay wall and is offering free membership for this year. We hope that you will join us in our celebrations on our website, www.orff.co.za, online and at our conference in August.

[See attached video](#)