

Hugo Lambrechts

Music Centre • Musieksentrum
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Subject Policy: Woodwind Department

The woodwind department of the Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre provides specialised practical tuition in the following instruments:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Bassoon

Learners are taught according to the techniques of the Western Art Music tradition associated with their instrument of choice. This approach will nurture an excellent foundation in sound production, finger dexterity and musical comprehension. Although these techniques and associated genres form the basis of our teaching, learners and teachers are encouraged to explore a variety of musical styles allowing for further creativity all the while fostering a mindset of inclusivity towards different genres and the cultures associated with them.

Learners are strongly encouraged to enroll for theory tuition at the Music Centre as part of a comprehensive music education.

Priority will be given to WCED school-going learners w.r.t lesson times and available instruments for hire.

Learners below the age of 11 are permitted to start with clarinet or flute. Should a learner younger than 11 wish to play saxophone, bassoon, or oboe, they will be encouraged to start on clarinet until such time as they are physically able to manage the larger instrument. Exceptions can be made in cases where a learner has their own instrument and/or are strong enough to manage it. Recorder, J-Flute and Clarineos are used for learners who are still too small to manage a regular clarinet or flute. The Woodwind Department will only place learners below the age of 7 in exceptional cases.

Learners will receive one lesson per week for the duration agreed upon in the annual registration form. As part of the holistic music education promised by the Music Centre, all learners are required to be a member of a wind band/orchestra appropriate to their level of playing. Learners are encouraged to join smaller chamber music ensembles arranged by the respective teachers. FET Subject Music learners are required to play in a chamber ensemble as part of their subject requirements.

Learners are expected to prepare diligently for their weekly lessons through daily practice. Parents/guardians are encouraged to take a keen interest in their child/ward's practice routine and to encourage the discipline required to make suitable progress. Lessons are not to be missed without valid reason. The Learner Code of Conduct must be adhered to at all times.

Communication between teachers and parents/guardians remains an integral part in the development of the learner. Teachers will communicate via email, WhatsApp, and the learners' homework books. Parents/guardians are encouraged to do the same. Should learners require special assistance w.r.t learning, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to communicate this with the teacher concerned. All such matters will be handled with the strictest confidence.

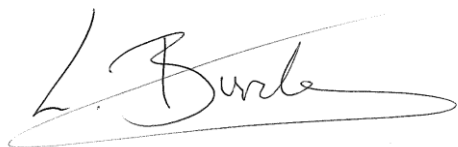
Learners will be assessed during the bi-annual Music Centre Assessments on dates indicated on the Year Planner. These evaluations are compulsory for all school-going learners.

Learners are strongly encouraged to attend the various concerts presented at the Music Centre and around Cape Town. Learners are also encouraged to participate in masterclasses, instrumental workshops, eisteddfodau, competitions, external examinations and to attend the various festivals and courses presented in the Western Cape and nationally. These activities will greatly contribute towards the holistic development of the learners.

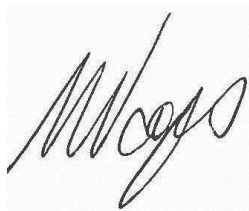
Where accompaniment is required, the responsibility remains that of the parent and learner to make the necessary arrangements. The teacher will provide guidance in this regard.

Adults with experience on their instrument of choice, and/or a past affiliation with the Music Centre, are permitted to receive lessons after a successful audition should the space be available. Adult learners' lessons must take place in the morning or early afternoon to avoid prime teaching time. Adult learners are to contribute to the Music Centre in a meaningful way by joining a wind band/orchestra as soon as they are at a suitable level. Adults are encouraged, but not obliged, to complete a formal assessment annually. All adult learners must present a valid police clearance certificate before lessons commence. Tuition fees are payable quarterly in advance.

Teachers in the Woodwind Department are encouraged to remain lifelong learners of their craft. Participation in courses, masterclasses and performances, where beneficial to teaching and learning, is strongly encouraged and supported.



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