

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF MUSIC TEACHERS  
DURBAN CENTRE**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2009 - AUGUST 2010.**

The Durban committee once again welcomed new members, many of whom have already made use of our various concerts, etc. Despite disruptions to the normal sequence of events created by the 2010 World Cup, (note the absence of concerts during this period) and strikes affecting some teachers the committee still managed to arrange a number of concerts for our students. I am sure that all our active members are grateful for these opportunities.

**CONCERTS**

Two new venues in the Highway area proved very popular, with relaxed country settings and a welcoming audience. Thank you D. Moerdyk, Thomas More College, and G. Scott, Highbury Preparatory School. We hope you will allow us to use your venue again.

J. Bonsignore, Northlands Girls High School and Claire Segers, Durban Girls' College, once again went out of their way to hold concerts. Many new faces were seen at Beginners' Concerts at H. Sumpton's Montclair J. P., and C. Petzer's Ashley Primary. Between them well over a hundred beginners performed to enthusiastic, well behaved audiences including babies. It must be mentioned that two of our student members were very actively involved in these two concerts.

The Invitation Concerts, including Rising Stars, went ahead, seemingly without hitches. Thank you Dr R. Conrad, Mr B. Mills, and Mrs. B. Trofimczyk. Please note teachers that it would make difficult work so much easier if deadlines were met for CVs, programme details, etc. Many times this year programmes could not be checked as they had to be done at the last minute. Special thanks to UKZN for the use of the Howard College Theatre.

**CONVENTION**

This took place at St Mary's DSG in October 2009. Excellent speakers enlightened us on their varied topics. (See Feb.2010 VIVA VOCE.) St Mary's, as always, was the perfect host. Thank you to S. Young our Regional Vice President and her sub-committee for organizing the day. We left wishing you could organize events like this on a monthly basis.

**ETHEKWINI EISTEDDFOD ( 2009)**

Rose Matier and her committee are to be thanked for their commitment to all those who took part. Their work includes many hours of administrative work, trophy "hunting", sorting, labelling, and running both the eisteddfod and the two prizewinners concerts.

**SOCIALS**

Our welcoming event early in 2010 took place on an incredibly hot day which had our members gradually seeking comfort in my studio, although unprepared for guests it had an airconditioner. Meetings still end with delicious eats!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

New members joined the SASMT Durban branch (see Viva Voce for details).  
The committee welcome new ideas from members.

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dr R. Conrad is the National President and her Exco committee have been holding planning meetings for a National Conference to be held in Durban in 2011.

Members get involved, we need your support to make this a memorable conference.

Dr LM Jacobs our UKZN representative is preparing very exciting and instructive sessions with some of South Africa's finest musicians.

Sandra Breschi,  
Chairperson, SASMT, Durban Centre.

## **LIST OF EVENTS from SEPTEMBER 2009 - AUGUST 2010 organized by the DURBAN CENTRE of the SASMT.**

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| 1. Oct.  | BEGINNERS' CONCERT         | Montclair J.P.   |
| 2. Oct.  | CONVENTION                 | ST Mary's DSG    |
| 3. Nov.  | BEGINNERS' CONCERT         | N.G.H.S.         |
| 4. Nov.  | PUPIL'S CONCERT            | Highbury Prep    |
| 5. Dec.  | RISING STARS               | Jewish Centre    |
| 6. Feb   | WELCOMING FUNCTION         | Sandra's home    |
| 7. Mar.  | ACHIEVERS' CONCERT         | DGC              |
| 8. Mar.  | PUPILS' CONCERT            | NGHS             |
| 9. Apr.  | BEGINNERS' CONCERT         | Ashley Primary   |
| 10. May  | PUPILS' CONCERT            | DGC.             |
| 11. May  | PUPILS' CONCERT            | Thomas More Col. |
| 12. Aug. | YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS CONCERT | Howard College   |
| 13. Aug. | SENIOR STUDENTS CONCERT    | Howard College   |

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