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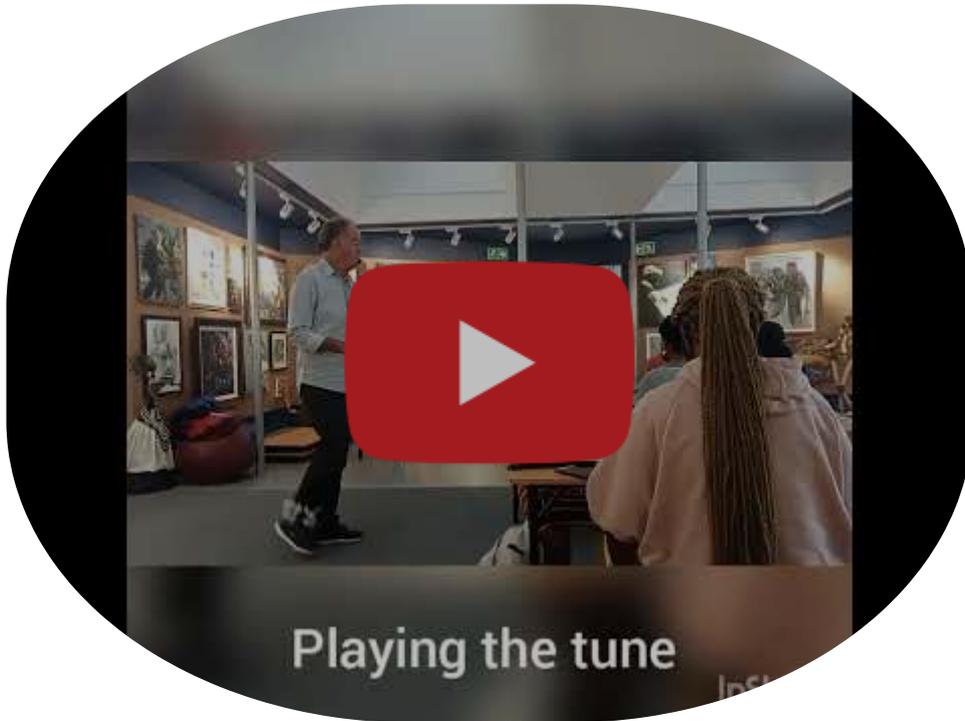
WE CAN PLAY MUSIC!!

Over five afternoons in early February, Music-man Pedro Espi-Sanchi transformed a group made up of staff, teachers and other partners into musicians. Our new xylofuns combined with Pedro's own enthusiasm, skill, patience and creativity achieved this magic. The new musicians are now ready to transform groups of young people into makers of music.

Xylofuns are large wooden xylophones that can be played by three people at the same time. Each key has one or two large red, green or blue coloured dots on it that indicate the sound it makes when struck. There is no need for complicated notation because Pedro conducts by pointing to a sheet of paper in the colour needed for each note. For rhythm, he uses a simple line with differently spaced notches rather than quavers and crochets. The shaker on Pedro's stamping foot – and later the shakers on the feet of the new musicians – holds it all together.

After five afternoons, the new troupe performed ten pieces for a group of teachers, NGO friends and others on a Friday afternoon – starting with *Jabulani* and ending with *Nkosi Sikelel'iAfrika*. A saxophonist, Duncan Johnson, joined the new musicians to add extra pizzaz. Years ago, Duncan fell in love with music in one of Pedro's classes and has not looked back since.

We look forward to our xylofuns being well-used as the new musician trainers pass on their skills to young people in Hout Bay.



Xylofun Training

WE ARE NOW REALLY IN OUR BUILDING!!

It is a new-ish year, and we are enjoying being settled in our new-ish building. With the exhibitions up, and activities happening, the building has come to life.

The first exhibition spans about a third of the inside wall of the gallery. It tells the story of Denis, “an ordinary man who did extraordinary things”. The exhibition has children as its main target audience. However, the interest shown by many adults who come to have their vaccination boosters (see below) proves that the exhibition appeals to all ages.



Those who are not able to come to Hout Bay to see the full-size exhibition can view the photos, documents and narrative at:

<https://www.calameo.com/artafrica/read/00483619129f29ba25363?authid=siHrCnsxkhZ8>

The second exhibition spans another third of the gallery wall-space. This wall-space shows a selection of the vibrant artworks that Denis collected over the years. Those who visited Denis's home will recognise some of the individual paintings, as well as the feeling of wonder created by having a large number of colourful artworks packed closely together on the walls.



Big thanks are due to Brendon Bell-Roberts and Stephan Rheeder for their generous and skilled assistance with both exhibitions.

Some of Denis's large artefacts are dotted around the corners of the gallery and other parts of the building and grounds. We have arranged them in a way that maximises the space available for a wide variety of different activities – dance, music, art-making, discussions, and watching movies on the large screen in the middle of the remaining wall-space. We bring in our multi-coloured beanbags, stools, trestle tables and chairs as and when they are needed.

We are planning the official opening for early April, on Denis and Esme's wedding anniversary, and close to what would have been his 88th birthday. Unfortunately, specially with the COVID-19 danger, we have to limit numbers. The opening will therefore be by invitation only. But if you are in Cape Town, please don't wait until the official opening. Come and visit on any weekday between 8h00 and 17h00, and on Saturdays between 09h00 and 13h00.

LOTS AND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES!!



Our offering of activities is growing fast.
Our current ongoing programmes include:

- Weekly hip hop dance classes in partnership with Jazzart
- Weekly participation of Hout Bay children in the Cape Cultural Collective's multi-are Junior Rosa Choir
- A seven-session Pre-School Book Club for parents of pre-schoolers, in partnership with Mikhulu
- Basic computer training on the International Computer Driving Licence in partnership with SHAWCO
- Monthly children's yoga sessions for younger and older school-age children
- Monthly arts and culture sessions with Waves for Change's surf mentors
- Weekly Readers Today Leaders Tomorrow reading groups for high school learners in partnership with SHAWCO, the Scott Estate and Baviaanskloof Community Improvement District, and FUNDZA
- Monthly movie screenings in partnership with Encounters (starts in April)

For the March-April 2022 holidays, we have planned:

- A three-day holiday workshop for children, including an outing to Kirstenbosch Gardens
- A morning at Zip-Zap Circus for children who attend our hip hop classes.
- Our first xylofun training for children
- A One Child One Note event with Music-Man Pedro

Please feel free to enjoy the building and exhibitions even if there is an activity in progress. We very much welcome your interest in our programmes. But we ask you to be mindful that the young people involved are not themselves on exhibition!



A DIFFERENT SORT OF BOOST!

Being in the new building has given the Denis Goldberg House of Hope a substantial boost. It has also allowed us to provide the space for a different type of physical boost.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday a team from the provincial Department of Health uses our smaller activity room to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Our foyer – decorated with its large mural and other portraits of Denis – serves as a registration and waiting space.

The arrangement provides the Department with an accessible Hout Bay location for the service. It provides users of the service with the opportunity to spend a little time learning about Denis and enjoying his art collection, the building and surroundings more generally.



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