

# MUSIC

**T**HE work of musicians varies, depending on their field of specialization. Musicians may play musical instruments, sing, write musical compositions, or conduct instrumental or vocal performances.

Performers are usually associated with a band or orchestra. There are many different instruments that can be used in various ways in musical groups ranging from military bands, symphony orchestras to dance bands and pop groups.

Composers create original music. They transcribe ideas into musical notation using harmony, rhythm and melody.

Conductors direct orchestras or bands. They should be experienced musicians with detailed knowledge of the music to be played. They must be prepared to rehearse and conduct the orchestra or band in such a way that the composer's desired effect is obtained.

Musicians can also work as music journalists or in the administration of organizations that promote and organize the performance of music. A further possibility is that of music teacher with the main task of encouraging and developing the pupils' musical talents through instruction.

## RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Music.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification. People who intend to take up music as a career must have musical talent.

## SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of an audition indicating proficiency on his or her instrument (solo or ensemble) and the ability to read music.

## TRAINING

### UNIVERSITY

Universities offer degree and diploma courses in music. The BMus degree takes four years to complete and the BA (Music) degree takes three years to complete. Musicians interested in teaching careers can combine educational training with music. They can, for example, follow a BMus(Ed) degree.

### UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

A four-year BTech: Music is offered at most universities of technology.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Musicians are employed by the various theatres, symphony orchestras, private bands, the military bands of the SA National Defense Force, SA Police Service or Department of Correctional Services, choirs and organizations such as churches. Job opportunities also exist in teaching in all its facets: school, music centres, tertiary institutions and private teaching. Any person with the talent and necessary qualifications can give private music classes.



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