

NEWSLETTER

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Local Jazz Band building a legacy.



On the 20th of April 2023.

Our journo, Obakeng Maimane, was given an opportunity to interview our local (hometown) jazz band, Badimo Jazz Band Family Affair, that resides at Mathibestad in the North West. The band was founded by David Ngobeni alongside his wife, Mapula Ngobeni and their two sons, the late Elinton Ngobeni and the other Phillip Ngobeni. The band currently consists of six (6) members namely, Phillip Ngobeni (drummer), Malala Komane (bass guitarist), Enoch Moale who plays percussion, Kgwadi Silly Matseke (pianist), Mapula Ngobeni (jembe and toys), and David Ngobeni (Tenor sax, alto sax and flute).

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An interview with Bonolo "Karishma" as she shares her life with us and experience visiting Tsholofelo Ya Sechaba.

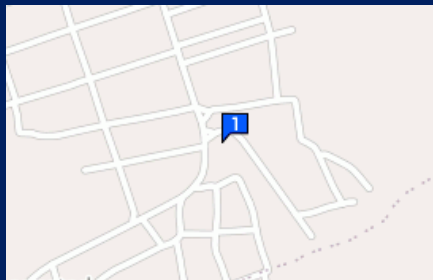
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Notice! For our audience.

Please be advised that from now on, the newsletter will come out on the first weekend of every month.

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The root of Badimo Jazz Band.

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David Ngobeni, the band's mentor.

Not all members could show up for the interview, however, one member of the band was sent to represent it. Phillip Ngobeni, said in the interview conducted by Obakeng that he started with the drums and after a while he took the guitar as his main instrument because he sighted that it gives him more pleasure. He says that he learned from the band leadership skills and how to work under pressure.

Badimo Jazz Band mentor David Ngobeni, on the picture on the left, has been involved in music over the past 35 years. Phillip describes how him and other family members used to follow him to rehearsals and concerts over the years before they suggested to him that they should get their own instruments and join him.

His eldest son Elinton, who was named after the international jazz legend Duke Ellington was sent to Crescendo Music College in Johannesburg after his father notice how the young man was killing the keyboard during a performance at a night club.

Badimo has recorded three (3) albums and a live DVD under their name and currently they are working on their fourth album. The repertoire includes swing, jazz standard and afro sounds. They hosted a music workshop at the municipality hall at Mathibestad on the 24th of April to give back to the community.

Starting the month on a high note with a Teddy Bear Challenge.



April begun on a high note, our team leader, Tsholofelo "Zebra" Pitse felt an urge to not only challenge but allow the kids to explore their creative side. And also, encouraged every person who was present to participate.

The kids of Tsholofelo Ya Sechaba Community Centre along with facilitators were challenged to create a teddy bear using the materials that was available at the centre. At the end of the activity three winners was selected and they were given trophies, Onthatile Majatladi, one of our facilitators, came third in the competition. She was followed by her little sister, Amogelang Majatladi, who got the second place. Lastly, the winner of the challenge was Arabang Pitse, for the best Teddy Bear.



The picture on the left shows Onthatile Majatladi on the left side, Amogelang Majatladi on the centre, and Arabang Pitse on the right side each holding the prize and teddy bear.

They each received an award (trophies) for their remarkable work and their commitment to the challenge. All participants will be awarded with certificates for their outstanding participation.

Overall, it was a successful activity for the day. And, one of those activities we hope will be remembered for this year, with plans of doing another challenge like this in future.

Bonolo “Karishma”, the Rising star.



We had a wonderful visit from Karishma who is currently a student at TUT (Tshwane University of Technology) on the 28th of March and fleetingly, our Journo, Obakeng Maimane had a conversation with her and she was kind enough to share with us her BIOGRAPHY:

Bonolo Motileng is a dancer, master of ceremonies, musician and actor who was born on the 3rd of October in 2002. She started her journey by dancing and singing at the age of 10.

In grade 11 she joined a record label called Letona Entertainment. She became an MC and mastered her art performance. In 2019 she released her first track called “5 Years Ago” that hit a lot of viewers. She then became the well-known local female artist. Bonolo’s work was recognised by a lot of famous people such as Plee & Tusca, Seven Step, Lovers and Zing Master who collaborated with her.

She got motivated and decided to further her interest on implementing her performing art career. She was then accepted at TUT Arts and Design campus. She did her higher certificate qualification in 2022 and is graduating on the 25th of May 2023. She plans to further her music career by adding a diploma qualification.

She is a proud citizen of Makapanstad; hence, she is volunteering at our organisation, Tsholofelo Ya Sechaba Community Centre.

Her thoughts about Tsholofelo Ya Sechaba Community Centre

During her visit at the centre, she volunteered as a facilitator. In her conversation with Obakeng, she spoke about her experience during the visit and said that she learned that everyone is unique and that one has to be patient, have understanding and be accommodative when working with people. This enables us to share personal but related problems for support and growth as experienced at the centre.

Affirmation, inviting positive thinking and creative mindset.

Our Team Leader came up with a way to motivate the kids and help them develop a positive mindset. I think it is common that in order to accomplish and become the greater version of yourself you need to always have a positive mindset. The affirmation goes like this “I choose to feel confident right now. And remember that I can do anything that I set my mind to. I am a good kid! No matter what anyone says. So, I choose to believe in myself and allow confidence into my body and mind. I am a good kid, so I choose to feel confident right now.”



Seaparankwe Makapanstad Clinic

On the 19th of April 2023, we got to talk to Grace Rametse, the operational manager of the clinic, about the services rendered at the clinic. A clinic that we've been working with here (at Makapanstad where our centre operates), the main clinic locally that has been around for many years.

We thought it would be good to learn more about the clinic and share some of the details to the audience. However, due to disclosure and privacy measures we are only able to share limited information, those that is available to the general public.

Grace was only able to share the following information;

The services rendered include **doctor's services** of which the doctor comes in **5 days a week**, an **occupational physio**, and a **psychologist** who help with mental health and an outreach team that goes out and traces patients that are not well, and also helps out old people in the community where help is needed.

To contact the clinic, you can use the following information;

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Comments



Itumeleng Kgosana

Marketing & Communications Manager

"It is with great pleasure to be given the responsibility to design and edit the information given to me by my colleague as we strive to get better with every newsletter that we release each month. The newsletter gives us an opportunity to grow as an individual, and a chance to learn more about life. It opens our eyes to the wonderful things that life has to offer and how one life can bring hope to another life. Encouraging people to do great things, not only for themselves, but for one another. Humility can take us far as a community if it is built on sincere hearts, one which is caring and filled with love."



Obakeng Maimane

Journo & Drama Facilitator

"It is an honour and a big privilege to be working on the newsletter. Some days are not the same of course, but we soldier on for our growth and for being the best versions of ourselves, for ourselves and the community at large. The most comforting thing about life is that God has given us everything, all we need to survive and live a purposeful life. All we have to do is align ourselves with our inner beings and explore with all that we have to secure our future."

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