



REPORT of 2023 FOR GIUSEPPE  
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THE SUNSHINE CONCERTS 2023

After a busy year playing a variety of musical programs, the Cape Town Baroque Orchestra's 2023 outreach series, called the Sunshine Concerts, were scheduled to take place in December.

The program is for people who are unable to attend concerts because they are elderly, indigent, or disabled in some way.

For the 2023 series there was a small change of instrumentation from previous years, and we included a keyboard with three stringed instruments.

Members of our group were Craig Williams (violin), Remi Ludick (viola), Cheryl de Havilland (cello) and Erik Dippenaar (spinetto).

We played at the following homes:

Douglas Murray Home, Retreat; Lilac Residence Old Age Home, Welgelegen; Rosedon House, Rondebosch East; Nazareth House, Cape Town; Adams Farm, Plumstead; and Murambi House, Wynberg.

Scheduling of the concerts for December meant that we received requests from many venues to include Christmas music in our program.

We played a mix of popular baroque music by Bach, Handel and Pachelbel, and some less well-known baroque dances by Bassani; we also included several Christmas Carols, and we invited the residents to sing along to these. Their participation in this way always seems to create a happy atmosphere at the concerts.

Douglas Murray Home is a residential facility providing care and safety for the aged and frail. It is a venue that we have enjoyed visiting since our first set of concerts in 2009. There was a full hall of residents, many of whom now know our faces, and everyone enjoyed our music.



*The Board, Management, Staff and Elders of Douglas Murray Home for the Aged once again wish to take this opportunity to sincerely express our gratitude to you, Cheryl, Erik, Craig, and Remi for your faithful generosity shown to us. You took our Elders down memory lane with your classical music and Christmas carols. **You proved once again that music is the universal language that transcends all barriers.** In this time of financial struggle in the NPO sector, it is extremely challenging to raise much needed funding to purchase the basic needs for the Elders. Your contribution makes it possible for us to ensure that the Elders have their needs met. In this way we can continue rendering much-needed services. We are eternally grateful to you for your continued support and prayers to Douglas Murray Home for the Aged and appreciate the positive impact and change that your contribution towards investing in this great cause has created.*



Lilac Residence is an Old Age Home in Cape Town with an Assisted Living Facility, and it has a team of dedicated staff who take care of people in a dignified way.

This was our first visit to the home. There was a small group of approximately 20 residents, and many appeared to be only partially responsive. However, it was clear that our music was warmly received, with a request to return next year.

Rosedon House is a residential facility for adults with Cerebral Palsy who are no longer able to live independently or with their families. The residents come from communities across the Western Cape and have varying degrees of cerebral palsy. This is a venue we have visited frequently over the years and there is always great excitement in anticipation of our visit. They love to sing, and for one resident our visit is a highlight because he takes the opportunity to conduct us, much to the entertainment of all! As at many of the venues we have played, several people stood up to speak and to thank us for coming to play for them, each in their own heartfelt way.



Dear Cheryl & team

On behalf of Rosedon House, please accept our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful concert you performed for our



residents. They really enjoyed it and loved singing along to the Christmas carols.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful festive season.

Kind regards

Dianne Fernandes

Manager - Rosedon House

Nazareth House provides care for orphans, the elderly, and abandoned children as well as AIDS orphans. Their care homes offer life with dignity and respect. Our concert this year was mostly attended by the elderly residents of the Home. They listened quietly but appreciatively, and one resident stood up and took the opportunity to sing an operatic solo.



With our friend and colleague Dr Barry Smith, who now resides at Nazareth House

Adams Farm is a long-term residential care facility for women with intellectual disabilities.

Over the years we have played regularly at Adams Farm. This year a few of the residents had already returned home for Christmas , but there was still quite a large and enthusiastic group of ladies who were excited about our visit and our music. After we had played, several ladies took the opportunity to express their thanks.

Murambi House is a Retirement Home, and one of the longest established Geriatric Homes in the Western Cape. This was our first time playing at the Home. Although the residents sat quietly while we played, all were very appreciative of our visit and loved hearing our music.







### In Conclusion

Another successful series of Sunshine outreach concerts have been completed. It is always a privilege to play these concerts; music communicates with people in a deep and special way.

Sincere thanks to the G. and R. Raimondo Charitable Trust for their generosity and support for the concerts and for the opportunity it gives to serve and reach out to the Cape Town community.

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