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**Dear Sir / Madam**

This letter serves to inform you of the progress that the Interim structure as elected by yourself (at the Provincial Musicians Conference) has made in terms of the mandate that had been given.

The members have adopted the name “Western Cape Musicians Association”, however, it is still an Interim structure. Joe Mthimka was elected as the chairperson and Melanie Davids was elected as the treasurer of the Association. They are currently busy with the final draft of a constitution, which will be circulated to you for further input (before the end of August 2006). They are in the process of forming partnerships with the managers of the Cape Town Festival and the Hermanus Whale Festival. If negotiations are successful, these festivals may be another platform for local talent to be showcased.

The following key objectives were identified from the feedback on the questionnaires (from the conference) by the members of the Association, as this was priority:

<b>TASKS / FUNCTION</b>	<b>PERSON</b>
- Initiate policy to protect musicians & related industry practitioners (inclusive of the acceptable remuneration of the musicians) -Include the education plan	Rosie Katz & Ian Smith Timothy Zeeman

Looking into the rights of musicians and thereof	Rosie Katz & Ian Smith Timothy Zeeman
-Develop a database of musicians & other practitioners -Develop a music directory	Charles Alexander & Alban Petersen
<b>Research:</b> - Structures that already exist e.g. Moshito, MUSA, Gugulethu Music Association & Creative Workers Union - Policy on protection of musicians <b>(to be link to all the functions)</b>	Charles Alexander & Alban Petersen
Establishment of Resource Centres in the six regions	Joe Mthimka & members
Provide for counseling and re-habilitation	Joe Mthimka
Drafting of Constitution	Joe Mthimka, Melanie Davids, Sizenka Mabunda and Timothy Zeeman
Lobbying of funding from government & private sector (marketing plan)	All members
Draft a three year plan / strategy for the development of music for the musicians of the Western Cape	Ian Smith Mzwakhe Mdidimba Joe Mthimka Melanie Davids Boebie Hamza Mariana Seekoei <b>(in conjunction with extensive consultation with role-players in the music industry)</b>
Setting up sub-structures / forums in the six regions	All the members
Planning and hosting regular information sessions in the six regions	All the members

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Successful information sessions were held at Baxter Theatre in Rondebosch on the 25<sup>th</sup> May and at the Civic Centre in Hermanus on the 6<sup>th</sup> June by the Interim Western Cape Musicians Association. The Association forms a partnership with Glenn Robertson, who is a professional musician. In conjunction with the Association, Mr. Robertson has

organized a successful information session at Tin Roof in Claremont on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006. All these sessions were well attended by the relevant role-players in the music industry.

The Minister of Department Cultural Affairs and Sport, Mr. Whitey Jacobs had an interactive session with musicians in Gugulethu on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006. He envisages having interactive sessions in the other regions (Boland, Karoo, and West Coast, in future).

The music industry of the Western Cape has lost two prominent musicians, Robert Sithole and Jerome Martin (known as Red Angel) during the month of June 2006. It is crucial that a formal structure be constituted as soon as possible, enabling the Association to set up and manage a benevolent fund for musicians.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, in collaboration with the Interim Western Cape Association, are in the process of organizing events for the Heritage month and SA music week (in September). The theme for Heritage month is “Celebrating Our Music, Our Heritage”

The Minister of Department: Cultural Affairs & Sport: and Recreation, Mr. Whitey Jacobs is planning a roadshow during August and September 2006. He envisaged engaging with musicians and other relevant persons in the music industry in the different regions. His itenary is listed below and he is inviting you to join him at the following venues:

<b>DATE &amp; REGION</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
23 August 2006  <b>West Coast</b>	19h00	Florence Filton Ph 0272 133018 Fax 0272 133019	Vredenburg regional office: Dept. Cultural Affairs & Sport
24 August 2006  <b>West Coast</b>	18h30	Florence Filton Ph 0272 133018 Fax 0272 133 019	Vredendal regional office: Dept. Cultural Affairs & Sport Matzikama Street, Vredendal

Thursday, 7th September 2006  <b>Karoo</b>	18h00 till 19h30	Mareve Biljohn Ph 044 279 1766 Fax 044 272 0693	Multi Purpose Community Centre, Cnr Bantom & De Vries Street, Rustdene, Beaufort West
Friday, 8 September 2006  <b>Eden</b>	15h00 till 17h00	Mareve Biljohn Ph 044 279 1766 Fax 044 272 0693	George Museum, Courtney Street, George
Thursday, 14 September 2006  <b>Overberg</b>	15h00 till 17h00	<b>Lawrence Heron</b> Ph 072 367 4264 Member of <i>Interim</i> Western Cape Musicians Association	Community Centre, Glas Kasteel, Recreation Street, Bredasdorp
15 September 2006  <b>Boland</b>	15h00 till 17h00	<b>Mariana Seekoei</b> Ph 072 718 6513 Member of <i>Interim</i> Western Cape Musicians Association	Worcester Museum 23 Traub Street, Worcester
Tuesday, 19 September 2006 Khayelitsha	19h00		Site B Community Hall, Zolani Drive, Khayelitsha Ph 360 1211

The dates for the meetings for Mitchell's Plain, Southern and Northern Suburbs still need to be confirmed by the Minister, Mr. Whitey Jacobs.

The Theme for Heritage month is Celebrating Our Music, Our Heritage. The National Department of Arts and Culture in conjunction with the Western Cape: Department of Cultural Affairs & Sport will be hosting workshops at the following venues: **You are invited to attend these workshops, please RSVP by Monday 11 September 2006, to Lindsay Jeptha Ph 021 - 483 9722 or cell: 072 875 0233** (important for catering arrangements)

VENUE	DATE AND TIME	TOPICS
Gugus Thebe Centre, Langa	Thursday, 14 September 2006: 10h00 till 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Careers &amp; networking in the music industry</li> <li>➤ How to record &amp; market a Demo</li> <li>➤ Negotiating a Record Deal and Understanding Contracts</li> <li>➤ Basics of Copyright</li> <li>➤ Artist Performance and Gigs</li> </ul>
I Trust Centre, 118A Masithandane Street, Kayamandi –Stellenbosch	Friday, 15 September 2006: 11h00 till 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Careers &amp; networking in the music industry</li> <li>➤ How to record &amp; market a Demo</li> <li>➤ Negotiating a Record Deal and Understanding Contracts</li> <li>➤ Basics of Copyright</li> <li>➤ Artist Performance and Gigs</li> </ul>

## DETAILS OF INTERIM WESTERN CAPE MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION:

If you have any enquiries about the progress of this Musicians Initiative, you may contact any of the members:

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