

Three Teenage South African Stars Win UK Music Scholarships

The Quartet of Peace Trust UK (Charity No. 1151479) and the ARCO unit in the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire are working to secure the next generation of outstanding South African musicians. THREE of our teenage protégés in South Africa have won scholarships to major British Music Schools for September 2020. **Great news and a great challenge: to cover their airfares and living expenses.**



SIFISO MBATHA, 17 (Cello): 70% of fees for two years' 6th-form study at the Purcell School in Hertfordshire.

Sifiso is from Dobsonville, Soweto. He first encountered the cello in 2015 when being auditioned for the ARCO Project. He participated in the Easter course of the National Youth String Orchestra of Great Britain in 2019, and was invited back to the summer course with all expenses paid. He has performed a solo work at St. John's Smith Square, and performed at the 'Voorkamerfest' in Darling, Cape, along with 7 other ARCO students.

<https://youtu.be/JRgVFkY26oA>

<https://youtu.be/NEtGgWksPpM>



KAMOGELO MARABA, 18 (Cello): 86% Scholarship to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Kamo is from Diepkloof, Soweto, and became serious about music as a career after attending the National School of the Arts from 2015, achieving a distinction in music. He has been a member of the Rand Symphony Orchestra, the Johannesburg Youth Orchestra, and the Morris Isaacson Centre for Music String Ensemble.

<https://youtu.be/jHDPfcY86hU>

<https://youtu.be/jARrL9dJfCU>



JORDAN BROOKS, 16 (Violin): 100% scholarship to Chetham's School of Music, Manchester.

Jordan is from Cape Town. He started violin lessons at 7, has performed as soloist with the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra, and has won several competitions including the National Youth Music Competition in 2019. He is concertmaster of the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Beau Soleil Senior Strings. He participated in a tour of Europe in 2018, and has been an online learner with the ARCO Project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hO72BD1rTI&feature=share>