



2020 NEWSLETTER

HIKARI School of Music is an internationally trusted education facility that offers quality training to help individuals attain their full potential. We are dedicated to impacting society through our services and our mission is to provide world-class quality education and create sustainable employment opportunities for Kenyan youths. This newsletter shows and explains our projects, our activities in 2020, and our future plans

Our Classes

HIKARI School of Music offers a diversity of courses and programs that carefully intertwine the practical and theoretical aspects of learning. In the face of the global pandemic, we have quickly shifted our classes to online. However, we still facilitate some physical lessons where all the necessary safety precaution measures are strictly adhered to.

Apart from our popular instrument and voice lessons, we also offer classes in Music Production/Technology, Sign Language, Mathematics, Computer Studies, Photography, Videography, and Language Courses for Japanese, Swahili, and English. There is also a Kids English Club.



Our Teachers

It is no secret that we have **professional and competent teachers** who focus on their students' needs by ensuring that each lesson is particularly tailor-made to suit individual students. The tutors are keen on time management and facilitate well-planned lessons.

Moreover, HIKARI School of Music has employed more staff due to the influx of international students from Japan, U.S.A, U.K, Belgium, India, Singapore, Germany, Cambodia, Spain, Rwanda, China, and Israel.

We are passionate about building the future of Kenya by providing employment opportunities to the youth and training them to become professional teachers. Furthermore, the feedback received from the international students is positive and most of them enjoy the teaching methods of our able teachers, which is proof of our expertise.



Online Lessons

In April 2020, we started our online lessons following the Coronavirus pandemic, so as to keep you safe and to observe the government regulations. Our online lessons give you a professional learning experience at the comfort of your home through our well-equipped tutors and you do not have to worry about being stuck in traffic when you're trying to get to your class in time.

Some have perceived online learning to be less effective, but HIKARI School of Music ensures that the online learning experience is interactive and not lacking in any way. Moreover, our online lessons are flexible and adapt to your schedule.



Register for online classes.



Media Features

On 10th June 2020, we got the privilege to be featured on Japanese Tv's famous show called "Hirunandesu." During the show, our directors explained our school's mission to provide employment opportunities to the Kenyan youth and to offer quality music /language education to students worldwide. This show helped us connect with the Japanese audience, and the HIKARI Gospel Voices also participated in the program by singing "We Are The World" with Japanese celebrities.

In addition, our directors were interviewed on Tuko, an online entertainment and news platform. During the interview, they shared their life story and talked about how HIKARI School of Music was initiated, its mission, and its vision. Be sure to watch [the intriguing interview](#) on Youtube, which has over 825k views.



Online Recitals and Free Trial Lessons

We have had 3 successful online recitals, and the students have shown significant improvement. Keep it up! During the recitals, our students present/perform the pieces they have learned to each other. This helps us to connect our students from all over the world hence creating a great environment for them to make friends and encourage one another.

We also co-hosted an online event with African Kids Club in Japan where our teachers shared a Kenyan dance and taught some Swahili words to the children who live in Japan. It was such a great experience where we were able to help open up the young minds to other cultures.

Furthermore, HIKARI takes pride in educating the masses, and to achieve this goal, we have held 6 free online lessons for Drums, Piano, English, Swahili, Guitar, and Ukulele in 2020.



Our Youtube Channel

The HIKARI School of Music Youtube Channel has seemingly grown and now has above 3.3K subscribers with up to 100 videos. The content on our Youtube page includes language lessons, instrument lessons, tutorials, performances during recitals, events, or classes, and our Music Tours. Therefore, if you're looking for interesting content that could improve your musicianship skills or language, kindly check [our Youtube page](#).



Kids Band

Our Kids Band initiative is aimed at helping our students to learn to work together hence promoting cohesiveness, increasing their confidence, and growing their musicianship skills.

Currently, we have 12 children in the Kids Band, who meet weekly to play a particular song using various instruments. So far they have played the following songs: "Ode to Joy", "Seek ye first", "Hit the Road Jack" and "Sky fall".

In addition to individual music lessons, this experience helps them to listen to each other and work together to create one piece of music. Every week we see visible growth in our students and we encourage you to sign up your kids for the Kids Band.



Let Your Light Shine Initiatives

At HIKARI School of Music, we believe that our talents and ability to work are gifts from God; therefore, we are drawn to sharing with the less fortunate in society.

In this regard, we regularly support Magoso school in Kibera slum, Nairobi, and the Garden of Siloam, a facility for special needs children in Limuru. We give glory to God Almighty for enabling us to give back to the community.



Magoso school educates more than 500 vulnerable children in Kibera slum, Nairobi



The Garden of Siloam serves children with special needs in Limuru, Kenya.

LEGATT EDUCATIONAL TRUST Funded Project

Before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, HIKARI School of Music had started working with LEGATT EDUCATIONAL TRUST, an organization in the UK supporting initiatives for less fortunate children in Kenya, where we signed up over 50 children to train them in singing and playing instruments.

The children came from CHAZON Centre Molo, and a local School run by Eagles Point Elementeita. Most of them were from backgrounds affected by the Post Election Violence. HIKARI acquired instruments through the funding from LEGATT EDUCATIONAL TRUST and provided teachers to work with the children, train them, prepare them for concerts, and record their music. Unfortunately, when the government issued the directive for schools to close due to the pandemic, we had to stop the training. However, we intend to resume once the schools are back in session from January 2021.



International Choir Project

HIKARI School of Music was privileged to be a part of an international choir project connecting Japan, Malaysia, and Kenya in singing "It's a Small World". Click here to watch "It's a Small World" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpB-ixvaUfg>

In this project, we worked with Mukogawa Girls' Highschool Choir in Japan and UiTM Chamber Choir in Malaysia. One of our visions is to bridge the gap between different cultures and this international choir project helped to achieve that. Furthermore, a new and exciting choir project is underway and it will involve 5 countries Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Hungary, and Ireland.



Thank you so much for being part of HIKARI School of Music





We are honored to serve you.



Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year 2021



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