



## HIT THE BEAT 2016

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### **Waldorf School Windhoek**

Yes! It is almost time for the Hit the Beat concert again. Our students and teachers are super excited to participate in this year's Hit The Beat concert.

Last years concert was an enormous success. The learners and Simone De Picciotto worked together with the PEPFAR project (President Emergency Plan For Aids Relief) on workshops to encourage self love and to educate the youth and the public about HIV and AIDS. These workshops included poetry, drumming, choir, art and much more.

The theme for Hit The Beat 2015 was "Silent words,Sing out loud". The theme was to encourage the youth to voice their opinions and never hold back on their talents, as well as to encourage a conversation surrounding HIV/AIDS.

This year's theme is "In rhythm we meet unity through rhythmic and cultural diversity," and we will be working more toward building awareness of drug abuse problems which plague our country.

Simone De Picciotto accompanied by Markus Sprengler started with a few workshops in February with some of the high school students this year. They were mostly in the higher grades. The learners were allowed to choose their workshops. Markus coached the soloists and was in charge of the grade 11's firm. The grade 11 learners assisted with the event management for Hit the Beat 2016. Simone worked with the high school choir, provided life skills about drug and substance abuse, as well as training in poetry and spoken word.

All of the high school students are looking forward to the Concert in June; it promises to be an unmissable event. The grade 10, 11 and 12 learners will perform at the Warehouse Theatre in June. The learners will be practicing for 3 weeks straight working on African and contemporary dancing, drumming, poetry and choir. The learners are still working on their choir performances once every week with Sarah Situde the choir conductor and they are really enjoying every second of it.