



MIAGI's 10 Years Anniversary Celebrations

JHB Linder Auditorium, on 1 May @ 20h00 - MIAGI Youth Orchestra & Youth BigBand

Sasha Mäkilä (conductor, First Assistant Conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra), Steve Dyer (saxophone soloist)

This concert is the culmination of the annual MIAGI Youth Orchestra and Youth BigBand (MYO & MYBB) course at HeronBridge College. The 117 MYO & MYBB members are young musicians between 15 and 25 years of age from all strata of South African society. There is no cost to individual participants who have been selected. The stunning MYO & MYBB in concert is an opportunity not to be missed, at least not if you believe the feed-back from their sold out performance at the Berlin Konzerthaus during a highly successful tour to Germany in August 2009. At the Young Euro Classic festival, MYO & MYBB performed with youth orchestras from all over the world such as the Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra and the European Union Youth Orchestra:

"Among the most celebrated events: the sold out concert with the MIAGI Youth Orchestra and Youth BigBand from South Africa." *German Press Agency* "When the audience begins to dance in a packed hall one thinks one MUST be dreaming!: The MIAGI Youth Orchestra sings, swings, dances and brought, not only with Dvorak's famous symphony, 'New Worlds' to the Berlin." *Der Tagesspiegel* "For this event, the Berlin Konzerthaus hall seating 1 700 could easily have been sold out twice, such was the demand for tickets. The event was significant not the least because of the fact that only some years ago a South African youth orchestra genuinely representing the entire spectrum of South African society would not have been possible". *Ulrich Deppendorf - director of the ARD television station.*

Programme: The world premiere of a specially MIAGI commissioned South African piece by [Steve Dyer](#) called 'Rebirth' - 'an African concerto for soprano saxophone and full orchestra, including marimba, added saxophone section and African percussion'. The programme also includes one of the most important composers of the 20th century, [Igor Stravinsky's Firebird Suite](#), (the firebird is an ancient symbol of rebirth in Russian folklore), [Alexander Mosolov's Zavod](#), also known as 'Machine Music' and one of the most beautiful romantic miniatures ever written [Franz Schmidt's famous Entr'acte or Intermezzo](#).