



These are some of the members of the East Rand Youth Orchestra (from left): Katlego Malapane, Gladys Ngobeni, Phuti Dube, Tshepang Ntoba and Pascali Mokadi.

## It's time for the National Youth Orchestra auditions

If you play a musical instrument, at least at Grade six level (Unisa or Trinity), and you are between the age of 13 to 25 years old, you may qualify to play in the National Youth Orchestra.

The 2011 Johannesburg auditions take place on the 25 and 26 February.

Benonians can be very proud to have five young musicians who were selected to play in the National Youth Orchestra (NYO) during the 2010 auditions.

Pascali Mokadi and Katlego Malapane formed part of the first orchestra while fellow Benonians, Phuti Dube,

Tshepang Ntoba, Gladys Ngobeni were all selected for the second orchestra.

All five are members of the East Rand Youth Orchestra under the baton of Pienaar Fourie.

Fourie is also involved in the NYO.

These youngsters were chosen from more than 500 applicants country-wide with only 200 musicians being selected.

The South African National Youth Orchestra Foundation is a non-profit organisation that aims to offer world-class music education, from its development initiatives to the icons of

youth who perform classical music in South Africa.

It was founded in 1964 and formalised in 1979.

The foundation has hosted annual orchestra courses, concerts, international and national tours and workshops for young musicians.

The role of the South African NYO foundation is to run annual orchestra courses, support initiatives and provide musical tuition to historically disadvantaged South Africans.

It also unites classical youth music in South Africa through networking.

For more information about the auditions contact 083 272 2117.