

Perfect weather for Carols I

The East Rand Youth Orchestra, under the baton of Pienaar Fourie, performed their final concert for 2011 at the Matthew Goniwe School for Leadership and Governance, in Benoni, on November 26.

The event took place on a perfect summer evening, without any wind, not too hot and with the sun setting.

Christmas tables were beautifully set, with candles and lanterns burning, and the audience was entertained by the carols presented by talented individuals from Ekurhuleni.

The audience enjoyed singing carols in a English and Afrikaans.

Soprano Anneke du Plooy performed solo for some of the verses of certain carols.

The highlight of the evening was definitely the handbells, played by Gottfried Schiele.

He rendered a version of O Holy Night, with backtracking, that brought tears to audience members' eyes.

The handbells are imported from America and he learnt to play the bells when he lived there.

The last carol of the evening was Silent Night.

The evening concluded with festive snacks and wine.

Funds raised from the concert will go towards the running costs of the East Rand Youth Orchestra, as more than half of the musicians come from disadvantaged families and communities and are financially supported by this type of concert.

To book of the orchestra for an event contact Janet Dixon on 082 689 6586.



The East Rand Youth Orchestra performs.