



## Calling all Musicians

After years of nurturing pupils' musical talents and a strong cultural tradition, SAHETI School has embarked on an ambitious initiative - the establishment of an adult orchestra. The aim is to attract musicians from all backgrounds to join the orchestra and re-kindle their love of music. An invitation to join the group is extended to any interested musicians in the local community, including past pupils and parents, although this is not a prerequisite. A pilot programme is being launched, which will see the orchestra perform for an initial season, which will hopefully become an annual event.

Acclaimed tenor, musician and conductor Nicholas Nicolaidis will lead the orchestra. His impressive musical career started at the age of eleven, while at the Drakensburg Boys' School Choir. In 1997 he was appointed as the Musical Director of the Welsh Male Voice Choir of South Africa, which he conducted for seven years, performing to critical acclaim at the Royal Albert Hall in London for the Millennium Festival of Male Voice Choirs. He later took on orchestral conducting, with the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra and the Symphony Choir of Johannesburg, and more recently conducted the Johannesburg-based chamber choir *Collegium Vocale* and the Johannesburg Chamber Wind Ensemble.

Musicians in the following instruments are invited to audition for a place in the orchestra: viola, double bass or electric, flute, oboe, bassoon, horn, trombone and piano. Players have already come forward for the violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, guitar and drums; however, more applications will be welcome. Please contact Maretha Senekal (011 479 3738 / 082 499 2551) or Diana Cowen (011 479 3712) for further information.