

UWC's Henriette Weber describes the impact of the Arianna Quartet's work as follows:

"My brief encounter with the Arianna String Quartet (ASQ) in 2011 during the 25th Anniversary celebrations the UMSAEP programme at UWC. This was the seed that was planted and bore fruit in 2013 when the ASQ spent three weeks in Cape Town.

During this three-week period, the ASQ conducted workshops and masterclasses, school concerts and professional concerts in the broader Western Cape. This was our main mission as a Centre - Community Engagement in Action.

During these concerts, the ASQ joined us in launching the Chamber Music Institute and the accredited music courses. The chamber music ensembles are still active depending on the student registrations per semester and the accredited music courses received a positive review in 2016 by an external evaluator from the University of Stellenbosch Music Conservatoire.

Due to this partnership, two additional donors contribute to the Centre activities. Firstly, the UWC Centre for the Performing Arts initiated a partnership agreement with the Western Cape Government's Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) offering tuition for community music practitioners from financially impoverished communities. The UWC CPA-DCAS partnership allows 20 students per year to receive a bursary of R10 000 each for full tuition fees. The amounts per annum has been R200,000 (2015), R220,000 (2016) & R240,000 (2017) for the first three years. This agreement has been extended for another two years.

Since 2016, Mrs. Wendy Ackerman (Pick n Pay) has sponsored R50,000 and these funds have been used to cover the salaries for the conductors and directors for the chamber music ensembles.

As you read this document you will realize that the impact of the UMSAEP partnership lives in the daily life of the UWC Centre for the Performing Arts. We will remain continually grateful for the opportunity that was granted in order that music can be relevant at UWC but also the greater music community of the Western Cape who were previously deprived of these opportunities."