



Jordan Brooks (15), a grade 10 learner at Westerford High School, started violin lessons at the age of seven at the Beau Soleil Music Centre under the tuition of Anne-Marié Swanepoel.

Since the age of 11 he has performed as a soloist with various orchestras on a regular basis: the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra on numerous occasions, the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, the Hugo Lambrechts Symphony Orchestra (four times), as well as numerous performances with the Beau Soleil Strings. At these concerts concerti by Mendelssohn, Lalo, Wieniawski, Bériot, Bach and Vivaldi were performed.

Winner of the 2015 Samro Hubert van der Spuy National Music Competition, prizes for the best Baroque, Romantic and South African compositions were also awarded to him. In addition to that he won the Junior Section of the Hugo Lambrechts 30th Birthday Competition in 2016. He won the Junior String Section of the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod in the same year, followed by winning the Senior String Section in 2017, thus acquiring several silver and gold medals.

Jordan is currently the concertmaster of the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Orchestra as well as of the Beau Soleil Senior Strings. As a member of the 1st violin section of the Miagi Youth Symphony Orchestra, he participated in a tour of Europe in 2018. Taking part in a master class by the German violinist Alexander Gilman, he successfully passed an audition for Mr Gilman's prestigious LGT Young Soloists based in Switzerland.

Jordan loves chamber music and is a regular participant in the annual Franschhoek Chamber Music Workshop, while also having attended the Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festivals of 2017 and 2019. Here he was chosen to take part in a number of faculty concerts together with various invited overseas artists.

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Overall winner of the 2015 SAMRO Hubert van der Spuy Music Competition, he also won the junior section of the Hugo Lambrechts 30th Birthday Competition in 2016. Jordan participated as first violinist in the Miagi Youth Orchestra's 2018 tour of Europe.

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