



**Remarks by Her Worship, Cllr Zama Sokhabase at the
KZN Youth Band**

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Playhouse Theatre, Durban

**Programme Director and Acting HOD of Arts and Culture,
Mpumelelo Mnguni,
MEC for Human Settlement and Public Works, Hon Ravi Pillay,
MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture , Hon Bongzi Molozi
Mr Mpumelelo Mnguni, Acting HOD : Dept. of Arts & Culture,
Mr Russel Scott of the KZN Youth Wind Band,
Members of the Band,
Musicians,
Distinguished guest,
Members of the Media,
Ladies and gentlemen,
All protocol observed,**

Sanibonani,

We are so excited to be part of this occasion this morning as eThekweni Municipality. We are grateful to be part of this spectacular send-off concert as the people of eThekweni Municipality and KwaZulu-Natal celebrate an incredible milestone for this provincial symphonic wind orchestra.

Your music and rhythm are out of this world. The KZN Youth Wind band is one of the most important and powerful bands in our city and

province. It plays a major role in our lives. Without their melodies and harmonies we would not be here today to celebrate their excellence. Listening to them playing different tunes, makes us realize that KZN and eThekweni is a home of many talents.

We are motivated by this projects and its prospects in our community. We think that this band should grow and reach out to more young people. Music has power of changing the artist and its audiences. Music educates and entertains us but also inspires us as audiences. However, it can help to create a career and business for artists. What is the most important things is that it inspires hope and dream to young people. Being part of this band alone means a lot to each and every participant.

Mphathi wohlelo,

We are inspired by this band which considers young people who are coming from disadvantaged communities. We are very about seeing our youth traveling the world and showcasing talent. This band gives them an opportunity of a lifetime. Even though some will not end up being musicians but skills that they have learnt here will take them far. The discipline and patience are good ingredients for individual success in life.

Programme Director,

As eThekweni Municipality we are here to contribute the little we have. We are giving you **half a million rand** (R500 000) as a send-off package. We are saying to you - Go there and represent us. You must fly our flag high. You must tell the world about Durban and South Africa. They must know that we are united in our diversity. You must tell the world that we are not xenophobic but loving and kind people of South Africa. You are our ambassadors, if you represent us well, more people will come to Durban. Through your song and music, investors will flock into this city to discover more talent.

Programme Director,

In closing, on behalf of Mayor Zandile Gumede we would like to wish you well. We want to use this occasion to congratulate the winners of Metro FM music awards which were held in Durban last night. Durban and KZN is a home of talent and a home of music.

With those few words, congratulations and here is your R500 000.00 cheque.

I thank you.