

JASMINE BONES

Agri's Got Talent 2022 WINNER



Jasmine Bones became the ninth winner of Agri's Got Talent at the grand finale, held at Goudini Spa on 21 October. By Elise-Marie Steenkamp

Asapling worker from Witzenberg Properties, Ceres, Bones's dream of touching people's lives and hearts with music came true when she did a stellar rendition of Tina Turner's *River Deep Mountain High* and Celine Dion's *It's all coming back to me now*. The standing ovation that followed spoke volumes.

Bones is responsible for the orchard architecture and pruning at Dennekruijn Farm on Witzenberg Properties, where she lives.

Her love for music comes from her grandmother, who often sang while carrying her as a baby. "My whole family loves music, we are a family of musicians and singers," she says.



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Bones's dream of touching people's lives and hearts with music has now come true.

Raymond Swartz from Haygrove Growing Systems in Grabouw took second place, followed by Gerthroline Philander from Duo Fruit and Nonna in Worcester in third place. Swartz's sister Faith Nogemane won Agri's Got Talent (AGT) last year and Philander's sister Magdaleen, won in 2019. The monetary prize for the top three was sponsored by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA).

Drovigas Goshai from Marlenique Packhouse at Simondium who sang *Lemoene* won the Afrikaanse Taalraad's special award for the best singer in an indigenous language. This prize is a new addition to the AGT offering.

With the 2020 and 2021 events having been broadcast digitally due to COVID-19, this live show was particularly special.

The AGT programme doubles as a social development programme for agricultural workers. It's a joint venture between



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1. Jasmine Bones and Dr Ivan Meyer (Western Cape Provincial Minister of Agriculture) 2. The 10 finalists, from left: Michelle Februarie, Willmary Hanekom, Gerthroline Philander, Jasmine Bones, Raymond Swartz, Anela Zweni and Gail Van der Westhuizen. Seated, from left: Drovigas Goshai, Francois George and Elton Botes. 3. Dr Hendrik Theys (Vice-Chairman of the Afrikaanse Taalraad) presents Drovigas Goshai with his award 4. Jasmine Bones is flanked by Raymond Swartz (left) who took second place, and Gerthroline Philander who came third

Hortgro, the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA), Vinpro, the South African Table Grape Industry (SATI) and the WCDoA. The competition is open to all South African farm workers in the deciduous fruit, citrus and wine industries. 🍷

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