

Mzansi Youth Choir Biography

The Mzansi Youth Choir was established in July 2003 with the aim of affording talented, underprivileged teenagers the opportunity to proficiently perform locally and abroad. The choir consists of 45 enthusiastic young choristers who hail from Soweto, south west of Johannesburg. The word Mzansi means south in isiZulu and is also the township slang word for South Africa.

Over the past seven years the choir has built up a national profile and is regarded as one of the best - if not the best show choirs in the country. Performance highlights include the opening of the Pan African Parliament at Gallagher Estate, the One World Music Festival in Durban, Songs of Praise, the Presidential Awards Ceremony and successful performances at the Walter Sisulu and National Botanical Gardens. Corporate performances include performances for Sasol, VW/Audi, MTN, Nedbank and Standard Bank . The choir also performed at the opening of the Government African Science Conference, the annual function for the Institute of Directors and the MTN FIFA World Cup Sponsorship Launch.

Workshops and/or Concerts with visiting choirs include: The Tuscon Boys Choir from Arizona USA; Kokopelli Youth Choir from Edmonton in Canada; Radcliffe Choral Society Girl's Choir from Harvard University, Boston, USA; Leuven Meisjeskoor from Belgium; Morehouse College Choir from Atlanta, USA; St Albans College Choir from the National Cathedral in Washington DC, USA; Papaya from Denmark and G - Stimmt from Austria.

As the Mzansi Youth Choir continues to take the South African entertainment industry by storm, many consider them to be the most exciting choir to emerge in recent years. The choir's repertoire is a vibrant assortment of South African music, which incorporates elements of traditional music, popular music and jazz. The choir takes pride in performing the music of our beautiful land and wholeheartedly embraces their slogan 'South Africa's Choir'. Mzansi's unique pulsating energy, buoyancy and devotion to South African music is an experience not to be missed.