

**Credits** 

#### **Choir Master**

**Shimmy Jiyane** 

#### **Musical Director**

Diniloxolo Ndlakuse

#### Management

Mary Mulovhedzi Shimmy Jiyane Bongani Ncube

#### **Production/Stage Manager**

Alan Maguire

# **Set & Lighting Design**

Zachary Ciaburri

### **Lighting Technician**

**Jack Champion** 

#### **Sound Technician**

Gideon Cozens

### **Photographer**

Will Bucquoy

#### ? 1hr 20mins no interval

Suitable for all ages.

**Credits** 

# Senior Producer/Company Manager

**Toni Rudov** 

#### **Producer**

**Andrew Kay** 

#### **Performers**

Pamela Hlabangwana

Phello Keabetswe Jiyane

**Shimmy Jiyane** 

Katlego Khasela

Sibongile Makgathe

Jabulile Mola

**Thabiso Molefe** 

Kenosi Moshe

**Velile Msimango** 

Mary Mulovhedzi

Magdeline Ndindwa

Sipho Ngcamu

Phumla Nkhumeleni

Fanizile Nzuza

Vusimuzi Shabalala

Hlamarisa Sidumo

Victoria Sithole

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# Soweto Gospel Choir – HOPE at Te Ahurei Toi o Tāmaki Auckland Arts Festival presented by Andrew Kay

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**Programme** 



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Following an opening medley, the program will include the following:

Nonkonyane Ka Ndaba Traditional

Bawo Xa Ndilhlekayo Traditional

Umandela Uthi Traditional

**Ayihlome Ihlasele** 

Amen J. Hairston (Curtis Mayfeld)

What's Going On R. Benson/A. Cleveland/

M. Gaye (Marvin Gaye)

Judgement Day Sipho Gumede

Heaven Help Us All R. Miller (Stevie Wonder)

Litshonile Ilanga Travis Agolo

Pasopa Verwoerd Vuyisile Mini

Joh Le Fifi Traditional

**'Sechaba' from Sarafina** H. Masekela

A Change is Gonna Come S. Cooke

**Respect** O. Redding

(Aretha Franklin)

I'll Take You There A. Bell (The Staple Singers)

**Programme** 

Mbayi Mbayi Traditional

Freedom Songs Medley: Letta Mbulu/

Jikijela, Mbongeni Ngema

Rolihlahla Mandela

Harriet

In the Living Years

B. A. Robertson/M. Rutherford

(Mike & the Mechanics)

**'Stand Up,' from the** C. Erivo/J. B. Campbell

soundtrack to the film, (Cynthia Erivo)

Hallelujah L. Cohen

About the Company



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Hailing from Soweto (South West Township), a township outside of Johannesburg and home of Nelson Mandela and South Africa's democratic movement, Soweto Gospel Choir continues to inspire audiences around the world with their powerful blend of African gospel, freedom songs and international classics.

Comprising a line-up of some of South Africa's best vocalists, these uplifting performers have shared the stage and collaborated with the biggest names in contemporary music including Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Beyonce, U2, Diana Ross, Peter Gabriel, Chris Martin, John Legend, Pharrell Williams, Jimmy Clif, Ben Harper, Angelique Kidjo, Robert Plant, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Hugh Masekela and Josh Groban.

Soweto Gospel Choir was formed in 2003 at the end of the apartheid era and during South Africa's inspiring return to Democracy. Taking part in some of the major historical events in the new democratic South Africa, Soweto Gospel Choir are proud to have performed on many occasions for the Father of their Nation, former President Nelson Mandela and sadly at his State Funeral in South Africa and at the subsequent commemorative service at Westminster Abbey in London.

They were similarly invited to perform at the funeral service for the late President's first wife, Winnie Mandela. The group acts as Ambassadors for the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

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#### Highlights:

- Three-time Grammy© Award winners including 2019
   Best World Music Album for Freedom.
- Performed with the biggest names in music including U2, Stevie Wonder, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Josh Groban.
- Over 17 million views on YouTube.
- Spreading joy to audiences across the globe for nearly two decades.

#### **About the Festival**

Who We Are

Te Ahurei Toi o Tāmaki Auckland Arts Festival is a melting pot of shared experiences, whakaaro, live entertainment and kōrero every March.

Our lifeblood is arts and culture in contemporary Tāmaki Makaurau. We care deeply about celebrating artists both here in Aotearoa and from around the world, serving the creatives and communities behind the works we present, honouring te reo and te ao Māori in all that we do, and contributing to a better city and society. That's us.

Every March you'll see a big reunion with our city's arts community — many of whom we consider our whānau whānui, our extended family — alongside our mahi towards better accessibility and education opportunities for our audiences. We're also passionate about the works we curate and our collaboration with the many people who make those experiences happen. We strive to celebrate with generosity; human connection and manaakitanga will always be at the heart of what we stand for.

When we're on, we're on a mission to make Auckland an amazing place to socialise and be entertained in. Whether you're discovering the city for the first time or rekindling your love for its hidden gems, we truly believe there's something for everyone at the Festival.

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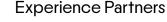
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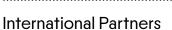


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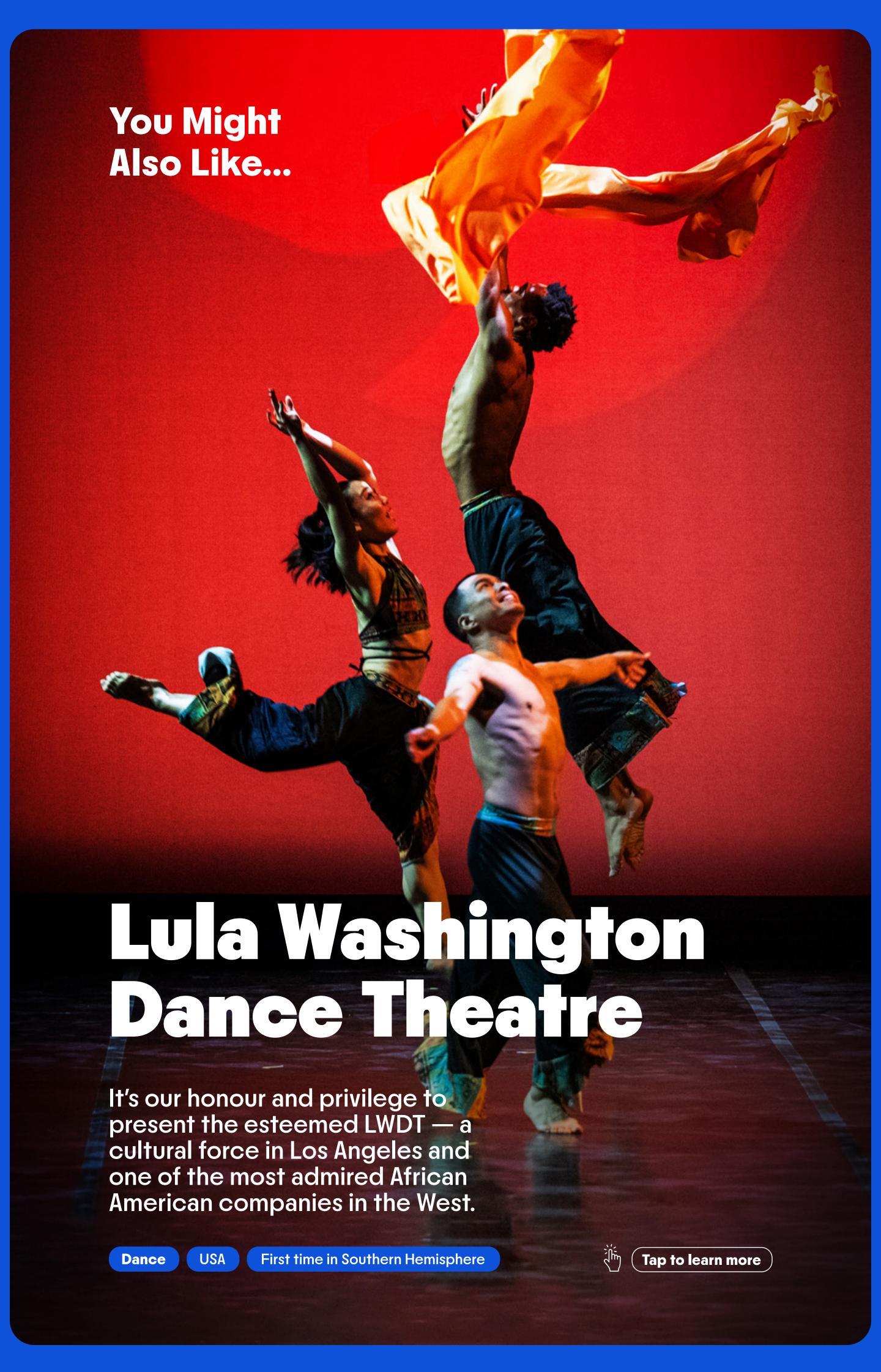
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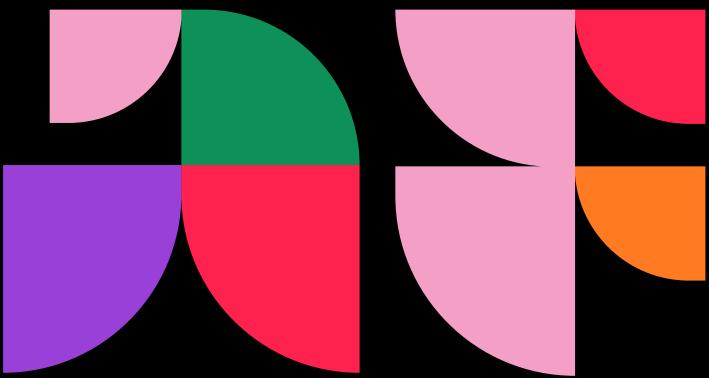




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