



TE AHUREI TOI O TĀMAKI
AUCKLAND
ARTS FESTIVAL

Soweto Gospel Choir

HOPE



Digital Show Programme

Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall

Tue 11 March 2025

Soweto Gospel Choir – HOPE

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.

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

Nonkonyane Ka Ndaba	Traditional
Bawo Xa Ndilhlekayo	Traditional
Umandela Uthi Ayihlome Ihlasele	Traditional
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 <i>Sarafina</i>	H. Masekela
A Change is Gonna Come	S. Cooke
Respect	O. Redding (Aretha Franklin)
I'll Take You There	A. Bell (The Staple Singers)

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Mbayi Mbayi

Traditional

**Freedom Songs Medley:
Jikijela,
Rolihlahla Mandela**

Letta Mbulu/
Mbongeni Ngema

In the Living Years

B. A. Robertson/M. Rutherford
(Mike & the Mechanics)

**'Stand Up,' from the
soundtrack to the film,
*Harriet***

C. Erivo/J. B. Campbell
(Cynthia Erivo)

Hallelujah

L. Cohen



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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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