



**DRAKENSBERG
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**FESTIVAL PROGRAMME
27 – 30 April 2017**



 **THE
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THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017

14h00 Choirs Splash Concert

Ticket Price: R130 | 75 Minutes (no interval)

- Twin Rivers Choir
- Grey College Choir
- Durban Girls College (Senior Primary) Choir
- Drakensberg Boys Choir

Enjoy a performance of youthful voices from Zimbabwe, Bloemfontein and Durban, featuring choirs such as the Twin Rivers Choir, Grey College Choir and the Durban Girls College Senior Primary Choir. The visiting choirs featured in this show are known for their energetic and vibrant performances and this concert is sure to leave the audience feeling musically enriched. Each choir will present a short solo programme, before the Drakensberg Boys Choir will take to the stage with a short selection of light Classical and Pop items.

19h00 Choirs Extravaganza

Ticket Price: R130 | 75 Minutes (no interval)

- Whitestone Choir
- Northwest Children's Choir
- Durban Girls College (High School) Choir
- Drakensberg Boys Choir

Be entertained by the harmonious sounds of the Whitestone Choir (Bulawayo, Zimbabwe), North West Childrens Choir (Potchefstroom) and the Durban Girls College Choir (Durban). These visiting choirs have well-established choral traditions and are known to entertain audiences with their versatile and exuberant performances. Each choir will present a short solo programme, before the concert ends off with a performance by the Drakensberg Boys Choir, presenting a brief selection of folk songs and choral gems from their 2017 repertoire.

FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2017

14h00 Choirs Concarne Concert

Ticket Price: R130 | 75 Minutes (no interval)

- UP Youth Choir
- TWC Choir
- Drakensberg Boys Choir

The University of Pretoria Youth Choir (Gauteng) and the choir of The Wykeham Collegiate (Pietermaritzburg) will share the stage with the Drakensberg Boys Choir in this concert. Both visiting choirs have won multiple awards at national competitions (locally and abroad) and performed to great critical acclaim. Our audience for this concert can look forward to an afternoon of exceptional music-making, with the Drakensberg Boys Choir rounding off the line-up with their renowned Folklore set *Siphume Afrika* ("We come from Africa").

19h00 The Parlotones

Ticket Price: R220 | 120 Minutes (no interval)

Off the back of another amazing year spent sharing their music with fans far and wide, The Parlotones are pleased to announce their *The Parlotones: The Stories Behind the Songs* tour. Inspired by the song writing prowess of front man Mandoza, the band, led by Mandoza, Meebe, and collaborated as a collective for over 15 years, the band will get up-close and personal with fans, as they take them behind the scenes of their song writing journey, their influences and influences over the years. These factors have enabled them to remain one of South Africa's most celebrated rock-pop acts in recent times, earning them an enormous, wide-spread and appreciative fan-base.



SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2017

11h30 Old Boys 50th Celebration Concert

Ticket Price: R165 | 100 Minutes (no interval)

The Drakensberg Boys Choir Old Boys Association presents a variety concert to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Drakensberg Boys Choir School. The programme includes a diversity of genres and styles, ranging from classical vocal and instrumental compositions, to contemporary works. The compères for the concert are acclaimed actors, Deon Lotz & Terence Bridgett, both old boys. The concert will be performed by the Old Boys Choir, with many accomplished Old Boys, such as Nicholas Nicolaidis, Marshall Lombard and Xander Kritzinger to mention a few. In addition, some past accompanists and conductors of the school will also perform.

15h30 Shining Stars

Ticket Price: R165 | 70 Minutes (no interval)

Join us for an afternoon of showstoppers and popular hits, when the premier youth orchestra of South Africa, the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Orchestra (under the baton of Mr Lyk Temmingh), takes to our stage, along with top vocalists of the Drakensberg Boys Choir. Come and enjoy our young stars-in-the-making, as they collaborate on hits like *New York, Sway, Yesterday, Pata Pata, What a Wonderful World*, and hits by bands like MUSE, Freshly Ground and Fall Out Boy. The full Drakensberg Boys Choir will join in the action with backing vocals, and even some opera choruses, to complete an afternoon of delightful offerings.

19h00 50th Celebration Gala: Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*

Ticket Price: R220 | 60 Minutes (no interval)

The main attraction at our festival is a performance of the epic musical work, *Carmina Burana*, by German composer Carl Orff. This titanic celebration, filled with energetic percussion, haunting melodies, complex rhythms, triumphant choral settings and a touch of mystique, has been performed by the Drakensberg Boys Choir a number of times through the last 50 years. The choir will join forces with old boys of the school and the choir of The Wykeham Collegiate, to form a massed choir worthy of the grandest of musical traditions. This *tour de force* is a collection of medieval poems about an allegory of 'taboo' subjects of that time (such as forbidden love, tempting fate, enjoying the 'fruits of the vine' and living in a secular society). The performance will feature the musical talents of Vanessa Tait-Jones (Soprano), winner of the ATKV-Muziqanto competition, and Nicholas Nicolaidis (Tenor/Baritone), old boy of the Drakensberg Boys Choir School and acclaimed local and international singer.

SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2017

09h00 Founders' Day Assembly

All Welcome | 60 Minutes

Seating on a first-come, first-served basis

In January 1967 the Drakensberg Boys Choir School opened its doors to just 20 soprano boys. Today, this world famous choir school is home to 115 boys and has been the foundation of a number of successful musicians and professionals. In this Founders' Day Assembly, we will celebrate 50 years of the Drakensberg Boys Choir School, by welcoming both new and old boys, as well as their friends, family and supporters of the school. Join us for a blessing, stories from the old days and an address by the current Head Boy of the school, Liam Muller.

11h00 Drakensberg Boys Choir: Portrait

Ticket Price: R165 | 120 Minutes (with Interval)

The acclaimed Drakensberg Boys Choir will be ready to welcome you to our exquisite surroundings for a morning of choral entertainment. Heavens combine with the pulsating rhythms of... giving you a taste of our signature blend of... Classical, Pop and Indigenous Folklore music. Whether you are a music connoisseur, or simply enjoying a holiday in our valley, you are sure to be astounded by the talent on stage.

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