



SING & SAFARI

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION AND
FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

@ SUN CITY

24 – 28 September 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF NORTHWEST PROVINCE

We await a special letter of invitation from the Premier of Northwest Province to welcome you all to this incredible friendship Festival



North West Premier
Hon. Prof Job Mokgoro

BACKGROUND

SING & SAFARI EVENT

South Africa is known as the Rainbow Nation and for the incredible diversity of its natural wildlife, specifically the big 5. This event aims to embrace both these key features of our beautiful country in this unique festival with a strong focus on:

- Engaging local choirs, who might not have the means to travel abroad, in an international choral experience
- Introducing international choirs to the rural part of our country where they can experience the wildlife in a rural setting
- Provide opportunities for local and international choirs to share the same experiences and form new friendships
- Offer unique development opportunities that will create memories of a lifetime for each participant
- Engage and form new networks with internationally acknowledged jurors to engage and share their expertise



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?



- Event focus is to celebrate and showcase the cultural diversity of world nations and creating interactions for Peace and Tolerance in a big Friendship Festival
- An international 4 –night/5-day event at Sun City, Northwest Province South Africa
- Safari Experience for all participants in the Pilansberg Game Reserve - home of the BIG 5
- International Choral Competition and Friendship Festival
- Event overview:
 1. Total of minimum 50 choirs: this represents >2500 singers
 2. Overall winner will win a big cash prize
 3. Closing ceremony will culminate in the Premiere of the World Choir for Peace under the baton of Nicol Matt, performing works of the renowned composer, Kim Andre Arneson who will be part of the event, engaging all participants in mass rehearsals and performance.
 4. Kim Andre Arneson will host a composer's session as an additional option for growth and fun at the Festival
 5. Our world class Jury and Choir-in-Residence will conduct development sessions with choirs to ensure optimum engagement and growth
 6. Our final evening will offer a beach party at the Valley of the Waves
 7. Individuals will be allowed to participate in the World Peace choir and conductors, music professionals or individuals with a passion for singing can register
 8. Mohau Mogale, artistic directors coordinating the main ceremonies with Martin Berger taking overall artistic responsibility as Head of Jury for the competition and development initiatives
 9. The orchestra in residence will be the under the guidance of Gerben Grooten



EVENT LOCATION: SUN CITY





Big 5 Game Reserve



EVENT SCHEDULE



24 Sept	25 Sept	26 Sept	27 Sept	28 Sept
Arrival of choirs Stage rehearsals for competitions	Daily competitions in 7 categories			Departure Participants
Daily lunch for all participants in Catering Centre				
Stage rehearsals for competitions	After lunch 90 minute rehearsal with Nicol, Kim, for World Peace Choir			Juror wrap up
20h00 Opening Ceremony	Mentor sessions with jurors and choir-in-residence		14h30: Grand Prix Finalist Gala Concert 17h00: Award Ceremony Award ceremony: Incl crowning of the Grand Prix Champion 20h30: Closing Ceremony Incl World Peace Choir with Nicol Mat & Kim Andre Arnesen	Strike
	20h00 Celebration Concerts	20h00 Celebration Concerts	 WORLD CHOIR FOR PEACE	
All event participants will get one game drive as part of package either early morning or evening				



OVERVIEW OF COMPETITION CATEGORIES



Cat.	Discription	Age limit	Requirements	Time
A1	Childrens Choir (Junior)	<12	3 pieces of own choice, of which is 1 from your respective country	8-15 min
A2	Childrens Choir (Senior)	<15	3 pieces of own choice, of which is 1 from your respective country	8-15 min
B	Youth Choir	Majority of singer between 15-24	3 pieces of own choice, of which is 1 from your respective country	8-15 min
C	Adult Choir	Majority of singers >18	3 pieces of own choice, of which is 1 from your respective country	8-15 min
D	Gospel / Spiritual: Music of all religions, churches and denominations, as well as songs of spirit and faith	No age restriction	2 pieces	8-15 min
E	MyHeritage Music: Music where I come from	No age restriction	2 pieces	8-15 min



- NOTE:**
1. All amateur choirs are welcome to participate
 2. Category age groups may not be exceeded by 10% of the choir with more than 3 years
 3. A minimum actual singing time must be at least 8 minutes and may not exceed 15 minutes.
 4. Piano on stage will be provided. Any other instrumental accompaniment will have to be organised by the respective group. A maximum stage set-up time of 5 minutes will be allowed.
 5. Performance order are determined by organisers

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES



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GAME DRIVE



SING AND SAFARI EXPERIENCE

This implies that each choir will be allocated a time in the early morning or evening to go on an authentic African game drive in the African bush of the Pilanesberg Nature Reserve, home of the Big 5.

THIS IS
Pilanesberg

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Thus you have to book this separately and pay extra to participate in these activities

Contact us for costing detail



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COMPOSER SESSION WITH KIM ANDRE ARNESEN

Kim Andre Arnesen
COMPOSER

Spend a morning with Kim not only discussion his hauntingly beautiful compositions and process of composing but interacting with him and question and answer session to inspire and assist composers. To ensure an intimate session, limited seats will be available

Starting times : 25 Sept

Time: 10h00 – 13h00

Duration : 3 hours

HIGHLIGHTS:

Kim is a Grammy nominated composer who is also an elected member of the Norwegian Composers Society and in-house composer for Boosey & Hawkes. In South Africa this composer is best known for his 'Even when He is Silent' that was performed during the Varsity Sing contest.



Go to his website to get an insight into the incredible inspiring and soul touching music of this modern composer.

<https://www.kimarnesen.com/works>

AFRICAN DRUMMING



Each person gets
a drum.
**Everyone is
100% involved.**



HIGHLIGHTS Gather in the ancient Sun City Amphitheatre for an interactive lesson about the different sounds and rhythms made by a traditional djembe drum with other choirs in groups of up to 200, expression

Starting times : 24 – 26 Sept 16:00 & 18h00

Duration : 1 hour

HIGHLIGHTS: Taking us through three stages.

1. First, we break down barriers, level the playing field, with an opening of non-verbal communication through music the universal language *to bring people together*.
2. Secondly, we align everyone to a common theme through the bass note, the foundation and alignment of the music, to demonstrating the power of alignment within the group.
3. Thirdly, we explore the diversity, in each and everyone's unique and individual contribution through the tone note. Through call and response we teach the importance of communicating better by accurate feedback.
4. We close off with an interactive high energy percussion set, embracing diversity handing out fun percussive instruments, in an all out celebration of self

• **Meet at the Amphi theatre behind Valley of the Waves**

BEACH PARTY



HIGHLIGHTS This will be a farewell function that choirs or individuals can subscribe to, to end off their final day at the Music of the Continent Festivals. Cost include access to the beach and entertainment.

Starting times : 27 Sept

Duration : 22h00 - late

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Lighted Water park with a lazy river & thrill slides, plus a wave pool & children's area with lifeguards.
2. Offering family-friendly water activities that appeal to adventurers of all ages Meet at the Amphitheatre behind Valley of the Waves
3. Our final party of the participants will include music and fun to say goodbye to Africa



CHOIR TOUR GEAR

- Standard event merchandise will be available at the event for purchase available closer to the time.
- Choir gear listed below will be dual branded to include the choir and official event branding on gear in colours the choir prefer.

Merchandise	Choir per person
Choir Tour/Event T-shirt	R 150
Choir Tour/event warm jacket	R450 – 650 depending on size
Choir Tour/Event Cap	R 80
Choir Tour/event Water Bottle	R 100
ALL MERCHANDISE PACKAGE	R750 – R950

HOW DO YOU BECOME PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT?



1. Register online: <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/music-of-the-continents/>
2. Pay the registration fee per choir to secure your spot in the event and for 1 competition category. Any additional category will incur an additional cost
3. Due to limited spaces only 50 choirs in total will be allowed to participate.

NOTE:

1. Registration fee is to register your choir or individual for the event and to secure your space
2. An additional amount per singer will be required to cover event costs. This will depend on your/your choir requirements:
 1. Fully inclusive with accommodation as defined
 2. Participant-only costs that imply that you take full responsibility for your accommodation and transport logistics – this option is only available to choirs

NOTE: Both options will include daily lunch at Sun City to ensure engagement in the premiere of the World Choir for Peace rehearsal session with Nicol Matt

3. We will not allow participation in more than two categories to ensure that you have time to get value from workshops and sessions with the choir in residence



EVENT PACKAGE OPTION 1: PARTICIPANT-ONLY PACKAGE



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PARTICIPANT-ONLY PACKAGE

Participant-Only Package per chorister/individual



Standard Participant-only Package include:

- Daily entrance to Sun City facilities as defined,
 1. A scheduled stage rehearsal per competition category & your competition performance
 2. Access to competition concerts as audience as seating available
 3. Opening Ceremony(audience) & Closing Ceremony(Participant)
- 1 Game Drive per choir/per person,
- Opening Ceremony as audience member
- Lunch daily(4 lunches in catering center), starting on arrival day
- Daily 90 minutes Rehearsal for World Choir for Peace with Nicol Matt and Kim Andre Arnesen(3 rehearsals & 1 performance),
- Music scores and voice tracks for the World Choir for Peace music,
- Daily workshops and development activities with choir-in-residence and jurors as per individual programme,
- Award Ceremony where all participating choirs will receive certificates & category & jury winners will receive a trophy
- Participation in World Choir for Peace during the Closing ceremony
- Support on-site from the CCNF Team
- Competent assistance at your performances
- Preparation of your choir's specific itinerary

NOTE: PARTICIPANT-ONLY PACKAGE IMPLIES **OWN PARTICIPANT LOGISTICS**, that means own accommodation, meals not specified & transport.

All Sightseeing/excursions/activities not included above must to be booked separately.



EVENT PACKAGE OPTION 2: FULL EVENT PACKAGE



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INCLUSIONS FULL PARTICIPANT PACKAGE



1. Event Pass that allow access to:
 1. ACCOMMODATION AS PER YOUR SELECTED ACCOMMODATION CATEGORY(4nights/5 days)
 2. Daily entrance to Sun City facilities as defined if staying off-site,
 3. A scheduled stage rehearsal per competition category & your competition performance
 4. Access to competition concerts as audience as seating available
 5. Opening Ceremony(audience) & Closing Ceremony(Participant)
2. Participation in 1 Competition category per choir(Additional category will incur an additional fee – max of 2 categories allowed),
3. Lunch daily(4 lunches in catering center at Sun City), starting on arrival day
4. Daily 90 minutes rehearsal for World Choir for Peace with Nicol Matt(3 rehearsals), incl electronic music scores and voice tracks for World Choir for Peace,
5. Daily workshops and development activities with choir in residence and jurors as per individual programme,
6. Award Ceremony where all participating choirs will receive certificates & category winner will receive a trophy
7. Participation in the African Premiere of the World Choir for Peace in Closing ceremony
8. 1 Game Drive per choir as group or grouped for individuals
9. Support on-site from the CCNF Team
10. Competent assistance at your performances
11. Preparation of your choir's specific itinerary

NOTE:

Transport excluded unless selected

Sightseeing/excursions/activities not listed are excluded and must to be booked separately.



FULL EVENT PACKAGE



Africa: A sing and safari experience

INCLUSIONS (CONT):

- All inclusions as per the Inclusions defined on page 19
- Accommodation is provided in a choice of accommodation types with specifics defined in your selected accommodation package where applicable.
- Note that Economy 1 and Standard 1 are *off-site accommodation* and will daily require own or contracted transport and is only available for choirs. Individuals have to stay onsite.
- Accommodation services included:
 - 4 x overnight stays in the requested hotel category (minimum stay length)
 - 4 x breakfasts in accommodation
 - 4 lunches in the catering center at Sun City from 24 Sept 2020

NOTE:

1. **Transport EXCLUDED unless selected to be provided to your choir**
2. All Sightseeing/excursions/activities except the game drive are excluded and must to be booked separately.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

PACKAGE are per person for a 4-NIGHT PACKAGE

note inclusions PLUS accommodation on B&B basis in choice of accommodation

Availability of Economy 1 and Standard 1 accommodation is limited and outside Sun City

Transport, Dinner daily and sight seeing for your own account



EVENT PACKAGE

ECONOMY 1: (Hostels, off-site: daily own or contracted transport needed) ONLY FOR CHOIRS

Accommodation 1 GH (3 per room)

Accommodation 2 RH (Double)

Accommodation 3 LC (TBC)

STANDARD 1: (Off-site, daily own or contracted transport needed) ONLY FOR CHOIRS

Hotel 1: RL

Hotel 2: SE

STANDARD 2: ON SITE: (Own transfers to Sun City at end & start required) CHOIRS & INDIVIDUALS

SCCB – Luxury(3 per room)

SCCB standard

SCSH - Luxury (3 per room)

SCCS - Luxury (3 per room)

SCSH- Standard

LUXURY: ON SITE(Own transfers to Sun City at end & start required) CHOIRS & INDIVIDUALS

SCP - Luxury (3 per room)

SCCS - Superior luxury

SCP – Standard

TRANSPORT



Music of the Continents International Choral Competition



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TRANSPORT:

In order to accommodate choirs who might come with their own buses, transport are excluded from the event packages on offer.

Note that should you stay on Suncity resort you will not require additional transport
Transport detail for individuals will be confirmed on request.

NOTE:

ALLOW US TO DO A TRANSPORT QUOTE FOR YOUR GROUP

Sightseeing/excursions/activities not listed are excluded and must to be booked separately.



SUMMARY



A four night/5 day SING & SAFARI competition & fun friendship festival in the African Bush
Be part of World Choral History by performing as part of the African Premiere of the World Choir for Peace doing works by world renowned composer Kim Andre Arnesen during the Closing Ceremony of the Music of the Continents

The fun factor is through the roof with fun singalong and rehearsal sessions with Kim, Nicol, Martin and Gerben and the JPO, work sessions with world class jurors, spectacular opening ceremony, an authentic Safari experience and incredible environment that force you to relax and enjoy life.

This event something for all age groups



Variety is the spice of life! Why not try something completely different in 2020: Apart from the free Choral Celebration Festivals that are hosted nationally to ensure you get fun performance experiences in world class venues, three unique experiences were created so that you can participate with your choir or sing along as an individual:

1. Conductors Network Events: First one for 2020 15 Feb 2020 The Maslow Time Square in Pretoria. You can register on <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/conductors-network-breakfast>

2. 24 – 28 Sept 2020: **Sing and Safari at the Music of the Continents International Competition and Friendship Festival at Sun City.** The closing ceremony will feature the World Choir for Peace with all participants singing together to promote cooperation tolerance and peace. Individuals can daily enjoy the competition concerts and be part of the 90 minutes rehearsals after lunch with Kim Andre Arnesen, Nicol Matt, Gerben Grooten & Martin Berger and a professional orchestra. You can register:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/music-of-the-continents>

3. **Choirs Connect Classics in Cape Town – date to be confirmed. Register now:**

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/choirs-connect-classics>

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Register to secure your spot on: <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/music-of-the-continents>

**or email ccnfestivals@gmail.com to get more information specific around
your choir or individual needs**

<http://ccnf.co.za/home/>