



Friday | December 9 | 8pm | Berklee Performance Center

Soweto Gospel Choir
HOPE: It's Been a Long Time Coming

Choir Master

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Vusimuzi Shabalala

Phello Keabetswe Jiyane

Hlengiwe Msomi

Nersia Mofokeng

Philisiwe Faya

Zanele Ngwenya

Phumla Nkhumeleni

Magdeline Maserame Ndindwa

Zinhle Zanele Mpfu

Linda Sambo

Hlamarisa Surprise Sidumo

Nobuhle Dhlamini

Today's program will run approximately 90 minutes, with no intermission.

Soweto Gospel Choir appears by arrangement with
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PROGRAM

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

Traditional	Nonkonyane Ka Ndaba
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J. Hairston (Curtis Mayfield)	Amen
R. Benson/A. Cleveland/ M. Gaye (Marvin Gaye)	What's Going On
Sipho Gumede	Judgement Day
R. Miller (Stevie Wonder)	Heaven Help Us All
Travis Agolo	Litshonile Ilanga
Vuyisile Mini	Pasopa Verwoerd
Traditional	Joh Le Fifi
H. Masekela	"Sechaba" from <i>Sarafina</i>
S. Cooke	A Change is Gonna Come
O. Redding (Aretha Franklin)	Respect
A. Bell (The Staple Singers)	I'll Take You There
Traditional	Mbayi Mbayi
Letta Mbulu/ Mbongeni Ngema	Freedom Songs Medley: Jikijela, Rolihlahla Mandela
B. A. Robertson/M. Rutherford (Mike & the Mechanics)	In the Living Years
C. Erivo/J. B. Campbell (Cynthia Erivo)	"Stand Up," from the soundtrack to the film, <i>Harriet</i>
L. Cohen	Hallelujah

SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR

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 Cliff, 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.

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.

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