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**DRAKENSBERG BOYS CHOIR INVITES YOU TO THE USHUKELA VIBES CONCERT**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, 6 June 2024: The Drakensberg Boys Choir School (DBCS) invites you to join the "Ushukela Vibes" concert and savour unforgettable classic choral works while enjoying mesmerizing Afro-Pop rhythms amid the rolling hills of the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast. This special event aims to raise funds for the Drakensberg Boys Choir's tour of the United Kingdom in September. By attending, you will support these young musical ambassadors in sharing their talent and South African messages of hope with British audiences.**

"The Drakensberg Boys Choir, affectionately known as the Drakies, is renowned for its exceptional blend of classical choral music and contemporary African genres. The choir is celebrated nationally and internationally for its artistry and commitment to cultural enrichment through music," states DBCS Executive Head Dave Cato.

Audiences at the Ushukela Vibes concert can look forward to a captivating performance that showcases the choir's versatility and musical excellence. From classical masterpieces to the infectious beats of Afro-Pop, the concert promises an evening of musical enchantment that appeals to all ages and tastes.

**Event details:**

* Date: Friday, 21 June 2024
* Cost: Tickets start from R180 and can be purchased on Webtickets
* Venue: iZulu Theatre, Sibaya Casino & Entertainment Kingdom, 1 Sibaya Dr, Umhlanga Rocks, Durban

This special concert is a golden opportunity to show your support for South Africa's national choral treasure and enjoy a spectacular repertoire that spans timeless classical pieces and vibrant Afro-Pop rhythms. By attending the Ushukela Vibes concert, you will contribute to a worthy cause, ensuring that these talented young musicians can represent South Africa internationally.

"The funds raised from this event will help the Drakensberg Boys Choir embark on their UK tour, where they will act as musical ambassadors, sharing their talent and South African messages of hope with British audiences," he adds. Your support will help cover essential expenses such as flights, accommodation, and subsistence for the UK tour," says Cato.

Bring your family and friends to experience the Drakensberg Boys Choir's outstanding performance and support their journey to the United Kingdom. It's an evening not to be missed!

Tickets for the Ushukela Vibes concert are available from R180 on Webtickets. Secure your seats today and be part of this memorable event. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit the Webtickets website or contact the concert organizers at [dbc-concerts@dbchoir.team](mailto:dbc-concerts@dbchoir.team).

The Drakensberg Boys Choir School (DBCS) is a Christian institution dedicated to nurturing young men of exemplary character through music, academics, sports, and social enrichment. Recognized as a South African national asset, the choir is celebrated for its premium music brand and international acclaim.

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**EDITORS' NOTES**

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**To purchase DBC concert tickets, visit** [**www.webtickets.co.za**](http://www.webtickets.co.za)

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**More helpful website links for media reference:**

* Please visit the Facebook page for views of the sold-out performances and activity during the four-day Music in the Mountains festival that took place on the Freedom Day long weekend and more information on the choir – <https://www.facebook.com/dbchoir>
* The photo page on the Facebook page gives a good view of the diversity, life and extraordinary talent of the boys at Drakensberg Boys Choir School – <https://www.facebook.com/dbchoir/photos>
* Visit these links for a glimpse of the world-renowned choir's international and local choral work, both in the classical and distinctly African genres – <https://www.youtube.com/user/DBCHOIR>, <https://youtu.be/C521O4XHO_I>, <https://www.facebook.com/dbchoir/videos/934329527988775/> and <https://dbchoir.com/web/videos/>