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THE ABC MOTSEPE SASCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IS BACK IN 2022 TO SERENADE THE CHORAL MUSIC LOVERS

The Department of Basic Education and the Motsepe Foundation will from Tuesday 28 June to Friday, 01 July 2022 host the annual ABC Motsepe South Africa School Choir Eisteddfod (SASCE) National Championships at the Rhema Bible Church in Randburg, Johannesburg.

Showcasing what has since 2016 continued to be a significant partnership with the Motsepe Foundation, the ABC Motsepe SASCE is one of the Department's most significant cultural events on the annual school calendar.

Celebrating its 20 edition this year, the Eisteddfod remains one of the most crucial school enrichment programmes that promote unity in diversity, national reconciliation, a new South African National Identity, social transformation and social cohesion among learners.

The ABC Motsepe South African School Choral Eisteddfod is back in 2022 after being absent for past two years due to Covid19 pandemic which forced the programme to be postponed as the country went into lockdown.

Learners will compete under various categories that includes ***Solo Soprano, Mezzo Soprano, Solo Tenor, Solo Bass, Duet, Small ensemble***. More than 7 000 learners from all nine provinces are expected to participate in this year's competition with an expected daily attendance of 5000 plus members of the audience made up of parents, educators and the general public over the four (4) days of the competition.

Members of the media are invited to attend **2022 ABC Motsepe SASCE** as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 28 June - Friday, 01 July 2022
Venue: Rhema Bible Church, Randburg, Gauteng
Time: 08h00 daily

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Media Accreditation:

Members of the media are requested to RSVP ahead of time to ensure accreditation is available for collection upon arrival. No member of the media will be granted access to the venue without accreditation owing to strict security measures at the venue, compliance is essential. Please complete the attached accreditation form and email it back to: lerefolo.s@dbe.gov.za and khala.t@dbe.gov.za by **Monday, 27 June 2022 at 12 midday.**

Media Interviews:

There will be an opportunity to interview the learners, teachers and participants throughout the competition. Members of the media seeking assistance with interviews are free to email Mr. Terence Khala: khala.t@dbe.gov.za

2022 Eisteddfod Background

The South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE), remains one of the most crucial school enrichment programmes that promote unity in diversity, national reconciliation, a new South African National Identity, social transformation and social cohesion among learners. The 2022 national championships, which celebrates the 20th edition of the competition, will showcase what has since 2016 continued to be a significant partnership with the Motsepe Foundation, the annual ABC Motsepe South African School Choral Eisteddfod, the school choral and traditional music competition also known as the ABC Motsepe SASCE.

The aim of the competition is to enhance the various singing talents of the South African learners through various stage performances and music. It is one of the Department's most significant cultural events on the annual school calendar, which resonates well with Government's vision to improve the quality of life for all citizens, free the potential of each person and build a united and democratic country.

The school choral and traditional music competition advances the holistic development of the young, preparing them for constructive lives fulfilling to themselves, their country and their people. The competition has produced world singers who went on to become international stars like Pretty Yende, who is presently residing in Europe and proud to have been produced and nurtured by the Schools Choral competitions.

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