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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION AND MOTSEPE FOUNDATION PARTNERS HOSTS THE 2023 ABC MOTSEPE SASCE AT RHEMA BIBLE CHURCH IN RANDBURG

The Department of Basic Education and the Motsepe Foundation will host the 2023 ABC Motsepe South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (ABC Motsepe SASCE) National Championships at the Rhema Bible Church in Randburg, Johannesburg. The championships take place from Tuesday, 27 June – Friday, 30 June 2023.

The ABC Motsepe SASCE is one of the most prestigious events in the annual school calendar. It is part of our broader strategy for building social cohesion and promoting unity in diversity as envisaged in the 1996 Constitution of democratic South Africa.

The Eisteddfod is a lever for delivering key messages to young people on current challenges and social ills that are facing our nation, Africa and the world, such as Gender Based Violence, crime, drug and alcohol abuse and teen pregnancy.

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 **#ABCMotsepeSASCE2023** as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 27 June – Friday, 30 June 2023
Venue: Rhema Bible Church, Randburg, Gauteng
Time: 08h00 daily

ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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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 close of business on Monday, 26 June 2023.

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

2023 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 2023 national championships, which celebrates the 21st 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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