

**CELL C presents**

**SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR  
ON TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA**

THE ASTOUNDING GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING  
SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR TO PERFORM IN  
JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN, PORT ELIZABETH  
AND DURBAN IN SEPTEMBER

*"Soaring and ecstatic...brought the house down"*

*Washington Post*

From Europe to the United Kingdom and Asia, Australia to Canada and the United States of America, Soweto Gospel Choir continues to wow audiences across the globe. In September 2007, this multi international and Grammy-Award winning choir returns home for their first national tour of South Africa. Soweto Gospel Choir performance dates are from 8 to 30 September, in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban.

The choir will be debuting their new show *African Spirit* with the theme of "a spiritual journey, performed with true African Spirit". Repertoire will include songs that deal with the many different aspects of the human spirit, whether the religious spirit (gospel), the spirit of love for another human being (Bob Dylan's "I'll Remember You"), the spirit of living together as one nation ("World In Union") or just the spiritual love of life.

South African World Music Sensation Soweto Gospel Choir has had a remarkable 2007. They did us proud by winning the 2007 Grammy Award for their CD *Blessed* in the "Best Traditional World Music" category; they

followed this with a SAMA Award for “Best Live DVD” for *Blessed*; they were nominated for the 26<sup>th</sup> International Reggae and World Music Awards held in Harlem in May this year and they released their highly anticipated 3<sup>rd</sup> CD *African Spirit*.

Since Soweto Gospel Choir's introduction to the world four and a half years ago, this amazing choir has amassed a growing international fan-base. The choir has appeared on 'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno', has performed for Bill Clinton, has sold out concerts throughout the world and has sung alongside icons such as Bono, Peter Gabriel, Queen, Diana Ross, Johnny Clegg, Jimmy Cliff and Bebe Waynans. They've recorded with Robert Plant and recently were the support act for the Red Hot Chili Peppers in Germany.

### The Critics are Raving about Soweto Gospel Choir

The choir performed for Oprah Winfrey and her guests at Sun City over New Year's Eve, receiving great praise from both Oprah and her star-studded audience. This is what *The O* magazine writes about the choir.

“Soweto Gospel Choir makes our world seem beautifully small...The 26-member group performs in six languages, blending traditional hymns, Western pop, and their native South African harmonies into a singularly, joyful sound.” -*Oprah Magazine*

“(The choir) has a cornucopia of remarkable voices: sharp, sweet, kindly, raspy and incantatory leads above a magnificently velvety blend...the music is both meticulous and unstoppable...”  
-*The New York Times*

“Soweto Gospel Choir is truly inspirational, but that's not the reason they deserve five stars. Those are simply for a flawless performance”  
- *The Scotsman*

“Simply the best!”  
- *Star Tonight*

Under the direction of Executive Producer/Director Beverly Bryer, notable Musical Director David Mulovhedzi, Associate Musical Director Lucas Bok and Choreographer Shimmy Jiyane, Soweto Gospel Choir draws on the best talent from the many churches and communities in and around Soweto. Performing in six different languages, including English, Xhosa, Zulu and Sotho, Soweto Gospel Choir's earthy rhythms, rich harmonies and charismatic performances create a unique blend of inspiration, soul and celebration of the unique spirit of South Africa.

Since their first international performances in Australia in 2003, including a sold-out Sydney Opera House, Soweto Gospel Choir has become a worldwide phenomenon. Cell C are delighted to continue their relationship with Soweto Gospel Choir and are thrilled to be part of this national tour that takes Soweto Gospel Choir to the people of South Africa.

The experience of hearing and seeing Soweto Gospel Choir live is like none other. Their emotionally rich vocal performances, athletic dance numbers and spectacularly coloured garb engage all of your senses. "Soweto Gospel Choir has become a South African phenomenon over the past few years," states Bryer. "When we first auditioned the choir members, we knew we had something special, but it has far exceeded our expectations - the success that the choir has achieved, nationally and internationally, has been remarkable.

I believe it can be attributed to the unique talent we have in our country and also, to the amazing joy of singing and performing that shines through whatever this choir does. Be it African gospel, backing rock superstars, or singing Happy Birthday to Archbishop Desmond Tutu when he celebrated his 75th birthday here in South Africa. Soweto Gospel Choir continues to grow from strength to strength, expanding their repertoire to include a wide range of music, and performing sell-out concerts throughout the world. "

Soweto Gospel Choir has performed to capacity audiences all round the world. If you haven't experienced the marvellous, inspirational voices and astounding performances of Soweto Gospel Choir, then get your front row tickets now!

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Tickets are available through Computicket on 083 915 8000, at Computicket outlets or online at [www.computicket.com](http://www.computicket.com).

**Tour dates**

<u>Cape Town</u>	Baxter Concert Hall	8 September
<u>Port Elizabeth</u>	Opera House	15 September
<u>Johannesburg</u>	Johannesburg Civic Theatre	19 - 23 September
<u>Durban</u>	Playhouse Theatre	28/29 September

**Ticket prices: Range from R60 to R175  
(Excluding Computicket fee)**

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