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The Gugulethu Tenors



They have been described as “South Africa’s *Il Divo*”, “Pavarotti’s Children” and “the Diamond of the Township” – the Gugulethu Tenors enchant the concert halls of South Africa with their collective song.

While their peers enjoy Kwaito, Hip Hop and Rap, the Gugulethu Tenors pursue their inherent love of Opera, a genre which is not traditionally associated with the township. By incorporating contemporary and subtle ethnic elements in their music, they have made the genre their own, capturing the hearts of audiences across South Africa with their raw talent.

Their repertoire includes operatic favourites such as *O Sole Mio*, *Nessun Dorma* and *Nella Fantasia*, as well as popular songs like *The Prayer*, Miriam Makeba’s *Pata Pata* and even Gé Korsten’s *Liefling*. Their original compositions like *O Afrika!* and *Nyamezela* have audiences on their feet at every performance.

The quartet consists of Mpendulo Yawa, Siyabulela Gqola, Xolani November and Loyiso Dlova. Previously known as Fez Tenors / Three Young Tenors, the group was formed in 1999. These self-taught vocalists were selected from scores of hopeful entries at Fezeka High School in Gugulethu to enter a music competition called the Prompt Voice Search. They won first place for the best group category and have never looked back. They went on to win 1st prize at the Nyanga Junction Golden Voice Competition, 1st at the prize-Tyger Valley Star Search competition, 2nd prize at the Westgate Mall Voice Search competition and 1st prize at the Langa Gospel competition.

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The Tenors proudly represented South Africa during the 2010 Soccer World Cup, where they performed in front of thousands of fans at the Cape Town Grand Parade FanFest, as well as at the many FanWalks across the greater City area. They garnered rapturous responses from crowds during the tournament, and enjoyed far-reaching media coverage; even SKY News Worldwide aired an insert about the Tenors. They've also performed for politicians, dignitaries and superstars including Oprah Winfrey, Chris Rock and Mariah Carey. At the 2006 Oprah Party, guests were blown away, and Oprah herself was touched by their sincere performance and humble beginnings.

Other performance highlights include:

- Arts Festivals such as the Cederberg Festival, Varing Festival, Greyton Rose Festival, Forbidden Fruit Festival, Suidoosterfees and Paarl Cultivaria
- Ubuntu Festival and Cape Town Festival
- Die Burger Kerskonsert 2008 & 2009
- Public concerts at the V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre, On Broadway, Marimba Restaurant, Maponya Mall (Soweto)
- Nederburg Auction
- ETV Youth Day
- Numerous Parliamentary functions
- Cape Town 2010 FIFA FanFest (Grand Parade, Main stage) & various FanWalks
- Official opening of new Central Terminal Building, Cape Town Airport
- "Table of Unity" 2009, Table Mountain
- Parliament of SA Film launch 2008
- Recording of instrumental supergroup Sterling EQ's live DVD Concert, Artscape 2010
- 2006 Cape Town International Jazz Festival at the Greenmarket Square public concert
- Various Youth Day celebrations
- Kirstenbosch Summer Concert series 2002, accompanied by the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra
- Various Corporate functions, for (among others) Sanlam, Woolworths, Old Mutual, Distell, SAB, international incentive groups etc.

The Gugulethu Tenors' ambition goes beyond success as performers – collectively they aim to be role models for South Africa's youth and, through their singing, to showcase the richness and diversity of South Africa's cultural heritage.





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MEDIA

NEWSPAPER

- Weekend Argus (the Good Weekend section): Feature Article ("Tenacious Tenors from Gugs"), 2 May 2010; p. 9
- Cape Argus: Feature Article ("Tenors to take opera to the townships"), 17 September 2009, p. 3

TELEVISION

- E-TV: 20 May 09 - Mpendulo Yawa is interviewed live on the Sunrise Breakfast Show
- Sky News Worldwide: 9 June 2010 – "World Cup Fever Sweeps the Township" – televised news insert

RADIO

- Fine Music Radio (FMR): 23 August 2010
- Good Hope FM: 21 June 2010 (live from the FIFA FanFest)
- CCFM: 4 May 2010
- Bush Radio: 6 May 2010
- Cape Talk: 22 May 09 – Time Out, with Soli Philander
- Bush Radio: 10 July 09 – interview with Busi Mtabane
- Umhlobo Wenene: 17 July 09





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RECORDING



The Tenors released a 7-track Demo CD, *O Afrika!*, in July 2009. A copy of this CD can be ordered by contacting info@gugstenors.co.za or on the website www.gugstenors.co.za

Tracks: Il Mondo, Pata Pata, The Prayer, Nessun Dorma, Funiculi Funicula, O Afrika!, O Sole Mio





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FEEDBACK

Thank you so much for suggesting the Tenors for the Keepers Banquet this year. They were perfect and delightful chaps and yes very well received. Please could you kindly pass on our grateful thanks to the Tenors.

Karen Chaloner - NC Connect / Whiskey Live Festival

Wanted to really say that we were blown away by the Gugulethu Tenors and so was the Client. They really contributed to the Italian ambiance of a very successful evening and WOW what talent! They are a great group of guys and what struck us most that they are a very humble group of guys that are singing because they love it and because they all have a special talent. Our wish for them is that they go far and wide and enjoy success as they truly deserve! Thanks for making our event turn from ordinary to extra-ordinary!

Nikki Wagner – The Production Line

Just to let you know that we thoroughly enjoyed the performance of the Gugulethu Tenors in Greyton last weekend - they were fabulous and we would like to invite them again for the Greyton Winter Classical Music Festival in June 2010.

Coenie Visser - Media Consultant

I just wanted to express my gratitude for your amazing performance at the Nederburg Festival this weekend. It made my day and I cant stop telling people about it. Please add me to your media list and let me know what you're getting up to so that I can one day write about you. You are all truly talented and a credit to our country.

Lauren Cohen - Senior Reporter for The Times

The Tenors were absolutely FABULOUS!!!! We had such great feedback from our media guests in regards to our choice in entertainment so many thanks for setting it all up, they really were super.

Monique Postema - Lijudlingo Communications

We had only positive feedback concerning the Gugulethu Tenors. The ladies even has tears in their eyes!! We will definitely consider the Gugulethu Tenors for any future bookings.

Eileen Walsh - Manager: Groups, Events and Incentives, Platinum Africa



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