

POPPY CONCERT

11 Nov 2017

An afternoon of Remembrance
#SALegion #WearAPoppy #WeRememberThem

Featuring:

Jeppie Boys Pipes and Drums
SA Irish Pipes and Drums
Welsh Male Choir
Coro Guiseppe Verdi Choir
Liedertafel Choir
JMPD Choir
Jeppie Boys Choir
Michael McGovern
Samantha Hough

Time:

Show starts at 15h00
MOTH shadow march at sunset

Where:

Jeppie Boys High School Hall
Cnr Roberts Ave & Good Hope Str
Kensington, Johannesburg


Adults R90


Veterans & Pensioners
& Children R60


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The Story of the Red Poppy of Remembrance

The red poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) is mentioned in history from the earliest of times. The flower was found on Egyptian pyramids dating back 3000 years. It features in Homer's Iliad and plays a central role in Greek mythology. It has become the symbol of remembrance for fallen comrades. This is explained by the simple phenomenon that the poppy's seed can lie dormant for extremely long periods and once exposed to sunlight, the seeds sprout and grow in abundance.

Vast carpets of poppies have formed on the scenes of violent battles through the ages. Genghis Khan's battlefields were covered with the white Asian poppy and battlefields during the Napoleonic War were covered in red poppies. Fields of poppies appeared in Flanders and elsewhere during World War 1. The poppy has inspired many anthems, songs and poems, including Lt Col John McCrae's now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'.

After the Great War hundreds of thousands of people worldwide were unemployed, incapacitated and bereft as a result of war. In the UK, Field Marchall Sir Douglas Haig, Commander of the British Expeditionary Force in Belgium and France, formed The (Royal) British Legion, in 1921, to assist the men who had served with him in battle. In that year, a group of French veterans' widows proposed to him that the Legion sold French-made silk poppies to raise funds to support British veterans. He ordered 9 million of these poppies and sold them on 11 November that year.

And so the tradition of wearing a red poppy in remembrance gained momentum. It is now common practise in many countries including South Africa. The South African Legion distributes poppies in aid of South African Military Veterans and their families every year in November.

Symbolism of The South African Legion Red Poppy of Remembrance.

The Four Overlapping Red Petals:

The four red petals are overlapping and tilted forward to represent a forward motion and positive action.

The subtle white cross:

Representative of the white crosses marking the graves of our fallen soldiers.



The 11 seeds:

The 11 seeds represent the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. End of war. The 11th seed is a teardrop.

The Red Colour:

Representative of the international colour of remembrance.

Support the South African Legion, veterans and their families

- wear a **POPPY**

Founded in 1921 in Cape Town
Patron-in-chief: President of South Africa
Registered Non Profit Organisation No 000 623 NPO
Registered Public Benefit Organisation PBO 930007996



A member of the Council of Military Veterans' Organisations of the RSA.
A constituent member of the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Service League.

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SA Irish Pipes and Drums

The band plays a significant role as a military and ceremonial instrument and adds its distinctive look and sound to special commemorations of events like The Battle of Sidi Rezeigh and Armistice Day.

The S A Irish Pipes and Drums is also a formidable competition band, the band won most of the pipe band competitions in which it participated in 2009. The band has been awarded the South African Champions and Champion of Champions trophies in its grade for this year.



Jeppie Boys High School Pipes and Drums

The Jeppie Pipe Band is the oldest school pipe band in South Africa. The band won the South African Pipe Band Championships in 2014 and there has since seen a huge increase in membership, resulting in the band having to form two competition bands. Over the last few years, the band has become well-renowned in South Africa, as well as internationally.

Welsh Male Voice Choir of South Africa



The Choir, whose Welsh name means 'Choir of the Sons of Wales, South Africa', was formed in January 1978 by a group of expatriates. Its mission is to promote singing in the manner of Welsh choirs. A non-profit-making organisation made up of amateur choristers, our reward is to give enjoyment to others - as well as ourselves - through the medium of song.



German Male Voice Choir of South Africa

The German Male-voice choir was founded in 1896 in Johannesburg under the Name of "Liederkrantz". This choir has offered German "Gemütlichkeit" to newly-arrived immigrants and the local German community for many years.



DEUTSCHER MÄNNERCHOR

Liedertafel

Coro Giuseppe Verdi Choir



With over 40 years of musical performances, the Coro Giuseppe Verdi wants to impart the love of music to their audience. Italy Ambassador, Vincenzo Schioppa, said music for the Italians is something they share amongst themselves and with the world.

JMPD Choir

The Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department Choir was established in 2003 as a support structure to render musical items at memorial services of the department and the City of Johannesburg.

The choir has since then been successfully involved in various musical projects and initiatives i.e. Old Mutual National Choir Festival, AKTV, GACMA, SACMA and other community-based projects.



Jeppe Boys High School Choir

The Jeppe Choir has made a return in 2017. Although they are still a young choir, they have come a long way since their first rehearsal at the start of the year. In a school as diverse as Jeppe High School for Boys the choir gives students from all walks of life a chance to have their voices heard. They embody a truly South African spirit and have the tendency to turn black and white into gold.



Michael McGovern

Michael has been in the entertainment business for many, many years. Doing TV, radio, film, musicals, cabaret at the London Savoy Hotel and was a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company. He has also lectured at Damelin for many years on all aspects of the business.

Samantha Hough

Sam made her debut on stage at age 7 and loved it ever since. She has an NQF4 in music and vocals. She sings all over South Africa at different events and celebrations. She looks forward to singing for you.

