



MZANZI *Conductors* CONVENTION

13 - 15 March 2026 | Cape Town City Hall

INNOVATING FOR GROWTH

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026 | CONVENTION OPENING DAY

15:00 - 18:00	Delegate Registration	Cape Town City Hall
15:30 - 16:00	Inkanyezi: reading session - Western Composition	Cape Town City Hall
16:00 - 16:30	Inkanyezi: reading session - African Composition	Cape Town City Hall
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OPENING EVENT

19:00	Doors open	City Hall Main Auditorium
19:30	Opening Welcome and introductions	City Hall Main Auditorium
20:00	Opening Concert - Misa a Buenos Aires (Misatango) — Martín Palmeri	City Hall Main Auditorium
21:00	Wine Choir	Banquet Hall
22:00	End of Day 1	

SATURDAY 14 March 2026 | PRESENTER SESSIONS

08:00	Arrival Rusk & Coffee	Foyer of Cape Town City Hall
08:30	Joint session - Masterclass with Dr Paul Head (University of Delaware)	City Hall Main Auditorium

PRESENTATIONS

09:00 - 09:50	Session 1A - Dr. C Wentink & M Hendriks Innovative rehearsal techniques with junior school choirs (foundation phase learners)	Session 1B - Dr. Merna Nicholls Ensemble Music: A Platform for Low-Income South African High Schools.	Session 1 C - Asakhe Cuntsulana From Bow to Choir: Innovating uHadi Idioms for Choral Growth
10:00	Morning Tea Break		Foyer of Cape Town City Hall
10:30- 11:20	Session 2 A - Hermann Pretorius Copyright and Creativity: What Musicians Must Know About the Law Today.	Session 2 B - Dr Anchen Froneman Developing kinaesthetic awareness towards choral and embodied well-being through Lessac Kinesensics.	Session 2 C - Hattingh Davel The Resonant Conductor: Shaping Sound, Shaping Lives.
11:30	Joint session - Masterclass with Lyn Williams (Artistic Director, Gondwana Voices)		City Hall Main Auditorium
12:30	Lunch		Foyer of Cape Town City Hall
13:30- 14:20	Session 3 A - Marissa von Mollendorf Help! I Just Got a Choir... What Do I Do With Them?? A Vocal Parenting Approach to Building Choirs with Heart	Session 3 B - Riaan Oosthuizen The Adolescent Female Voice - Physiological and Pedagogical Insights for Choral Conductors	Session 3 C - Edna Alencar de Castro Innovative Transcultural Approaches in Musicology: Perspectives from Intercultural Contexts
14:30- 15:20	Session 4A - Rina Francis Holistic growth with the Kodaly approach in children's choirs	Session 4B - Matlakala Bopape FROM BATON TO VOICE: Innovating growth through conductorless performances	Session 4 C - Dr Kyle Paulssen The Science of Singing - an anatomical exploration of the human voice
15h30- 16:20	Session 5A - Jan-Erik Swart Engaging your (alien) choristers towards choral excellence in a digital age.	Session 5 B - Phillip Visagie HAVE A VOICE - CAN SING! Community Choirs - a crucial element in driving innovation and growth in choral music.	Session 5 C - Prof Thabe Matsebatlela Taking the music development to the grassroots: Innovative ways of training the next generation of musicians.
16:30	Joint session - Masterclass with Elaine Hagenberg (Award-Winning Composer of Choral Music)		City Hall Main Auditorium
17:30	Dinner		Foyer of Cape Town City Hall
18:00- 18:50	Repeat Session 2 - Hattingh Davel The Resonant Conductor: Shaping Sound, Shaping Lives	Repeat Session 2 - Hermann Pretorius Copyright and Creativity: What Musicians Must Know About the Law Today	Repeat Session 2 - Dr Anchen Froneman Developing kinaesthetic awareness towards choral and embodied well-being through Lessac Kinesensics
19:00	Comfort break		

Male Voice Convention Celebration Festival

		City Hall Main Auditorium
20:00	CENESTRA Male Choir	Themba Madlopha
20:30	Cape Welsh Choir	Sibongile Mngoma
21:00	Veni Cantare	Sizwe Mondlane
21:30	End of Day 2	

SUNDAY 15 MARCH | CONVENTION CLOSING DAY

09:00	Singalong session with Bernard Krüger, Merna Nicholls and Faye Prinsloo	City Hall Main Auditorium
10:00	Maestro Mingle	Banquet Hall
12:00	Lunch	Foyer of Cape Town City Hall
12:30	Announcement of the 2026 Convention Choir Conductors Theme and main guests	

CLOSING CONCERT | CONVENTION CHOIRS SHOWCASE

12:30	Announcement of the 2026 Convention Choir Conductors Theme and main guests	
12:45	Convention Masterclass Choir	Dr. Paul Head
13:15	Joint session - Masterclass with Saul, Martin & Josué: Argentinian Music	
13:45	Convention Children's Choir	Lyn Williams
14:15	Convention Treble Choir	Elaine Hagenberg & Sonja van Amstel
14:45	Combined song - MCC Anthem/ Birthday song	Bernard, Merna and Faye

EVENT Close off: 15:00