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SENSATIONAL SOUNDS OF SOUTH AFRICA

(Kerrville) – While this group has sung with rock giants, won Grammys for their ebullient recordings, and been Oscar nominated for best song (Wall-E)...this ensemble provides a “rich choral interplay that is a reserved and cool passion guided through the 26-member choir and instrumentalists”, according to their most recent review with the Philadelphia Enquirer.

This high-energy ensemble will provide a variety of selections that will seamlessly transition through an African traditional “Avulekile Amasango” in a medley with a Creole feel...through songs like Bob Marley’s “One Love”, and even a percussive routine to “In The Canteen.” Those who take advantage of this opportunity to hear these fine musicians as they make two stops in the Texas hill country will have two evenings of sheer enjoyment.



Spiritual Sounds of the Soweto Gospel Choir will ring throughout the Texas Hill Country as The Rockbox Theater (Fredericksburg) and the First United Methodist Church (Kerrville) partner with the Kerrville Performing Arts Society to host this inspirational vocal ensemble that has been touring the globe since their premiere in November 2002.

According to The New York Times, "The choir has a cornucopia of remarkable voices: sharp, sweet, kindly raspy and incantatory leads above a magnificently velvety blend...the music was both meticulous and unstoppable...the songs were both spirited and spectacular".

When it comes to vocal talent, Africa, and more particularly South Africa, has spawned the most evocative sounds on earth and still produces the very best that the world has to offer in this art form. Soweto Gospel is that very best! You can expect earthy rhythms, rich harmonies, acapella numbers, as well as accompaniment by an exciting 4-piece band and percussion section. Add to this, energetic dancing and vibrant, colorful costumes, and the mix is awesome. This young dynamic choir performs both traditional and contemporary music, adding its own unique feel and interpretation to both. The choir performs in 6 of South Africa's 11 official languages.

Two opportunities for Hill Country Residents include a performance in Kerrville at The First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 7:30pm. General Admission Tickets can be purchased at the church office from 8am-5pm daily. The second show will be held at The Rockbox Theater in Fredericksburg, well known for their family-friendly entertainment, that will open their doors to this ensemble on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 7:30pm. Reserved seating, ranging from \$28-\$40 is available at the Rockbox Theater Box Office or by calling their toll-free number of 1-866-349-6688.

The Kerrville Performing Arts Society is thrilled to be coordinating this community collaboration and providing the opportunity for arts organizations to work together to promote the performing arts within the greater Texas Hill Country. For additional information, visit www.kpas.org or www.sowetogospelchoir.com, www.rockboxtheater.com, or www.kfumc.org.

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