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SOWETO SWINGS INTO TEXAS

(Kerrville) – A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear the Grammy-Award winning Soweto Gospel Choir from Africa will be afforded to both Kerrville and Fredericksburg...a great way to welcome spring with this ensemble as they perform a vocal virtuosity which weaves nuanced harmonies into melodies.

Dallas Morning News Special Contributor, Manuel Mendoza, recently reviewed Soweto's March performance in Dallas as follows, "Soweto could easily extend its name to include "dance troupe" and "percussion group" with rhythms and movement routines as crucial as vocals as the multitalented entertainers put on a dazzling show at Winspear Opera House to close the 2009-2010 TITAS music series." *NOTE: TITAS is a premier presenter of performing arts in Dallas.*



The Soweto Gospel Choir was formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African Gospel music. The 26-strong choir draws on the best talent from the many churches in and around Soweto. The choir is dedicated to sharing the joy of faith through music with audiences around the world.

Soweto's high profile performances on their American Tour did not originally include the Texas Hill Country in their list of performance venues. But due to a quirk in their schedule, KPAS was able to coordinate two performances as the choir is enroute from California to Jones Hall in Houston to perform for 2,700+ concertgoers.

The Kerrville First United Methodist Church will present the first performance on Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at the church office, located at 321 Thompson Drive, at the cost of \$30. Approximately \$10 from each ticket sold will be donated to "Imagine No Malaria", a program of the Global Health Initiative that provides education, treatment and education about this serious illness in Africa. KPAS is thrilled to be joining with First United Methodist Church in bringing this talented choir to our community, and to help strengthen the community impact of a disease that infects more than 500 million people on an annual basis.

Soweto Gospel Choir will then journey to Fredericksburg's Rockbox Theater on Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:30pm. This performance marks the first KPAS venture with Fredericksburg...a collaboration between two communities that love and support the arts...and the Rockbox Theater staff is most excited to be presenting one of the world's most acclaimed gospel choirs in their family-oriented theater. Tickets (\$28-\$40) are available by calling Toll Free: 866-349-6688.

So if you're ready to enjoy an evening of 22 dancing singers, backed by a pair of singing and dancing drummers and a small band, performing a repertoire of South African spirituals, sprinkled with American gospel tunes and an occasional pop hit...mark April 6th and/or April 7th on your calendars now! Seating is limited and you will want to make sure that you will be in the audience to watch this phenomenal ensemble sway side to side in colorful, flowing gowns while performing their Grammy Award winning vocal selections.

For additional information, visit:

www.kpas.org or www.sowetogospelchoir.com, www.rockboxtheater.com, or www.kfumc.org.

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