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BLENDED VOICES CHORAL COMPETITION RETURNS TO THE THEATRE FOR ITS 2ND EDITION

The National Theatre of Namibia (NTN) in partnership with the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), is thrilled to announce the return of the **Blended Voices Choral Competition**, back for its second edition on 25 April 2026 at the NTN in Windhoek, with the red carpet starting at 16h00 followed by the show at 17h00.

Following a successful inauguration last year, the **Blended Voices Choral Competition** returns with even more choirs, more music, familiar faces, and twice the prize money. The total prize money has increased to N\$180 000, from N\$100 000 in the first edition.

This year's participating choirs are *Ongwediva Youth Choir, Lüderitz Youth Choir, Sion Youth Choir, Opuwo Youth Choir, /Ae //Gams Vocal Ensemble, Walvis Bay Ensemble, Namib Camerata, Atlantic Vocal Ensemble, and Opuwo Golden Voices*. Notably, /Ae //Gams Vocal Ensemble and Namib Camerata return after standout performances in the first edition, highlighting the competitions growing reputation within Namibia's choral music community.

Each choir will perform renditions of two Namibian songs, blending contemporary hits with choral arrangements. Audiences can expect choral interpretations of well-known music by artists such as Gazza, Swart Baster, Jericho, Phura, Ethnix, Lioness, Sunny Boy, and more, all celebrating the diversity and unity of Namibian sound. The evening will also feature special guest performances by Khomas Diverse Choir, one of Namibia's premier choral ensembles and the winners of the 2025 Blended Voices Competition.

"Choirs received a rare gift this year: a deep-dive workshop on the prescribed song with judges and composer David Haoseb, unpacking style, theory, and judging insights they'll carry far beyond this stage. Now the challenge is to sing it alive. Step outside comfort zones and transform Namibian genres into vibrant choral art. Honour every detail: pitch, tempo changes, dynamics, breath, and meaning. Let creativity sparkle through cohesive choreography and confident storytelling. Rehearse until unity feels effortless. And conductors, be the steady pulse, not the spectacle. Shape, cue, and inspire so the choir's collective voice, colour, and character remain the true star", say Roger Nautoro, the head judge for the competition.

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The competition also introduces a Lifetime Achievement Award, honouring an individual whose work has made a lasting impact on Namibia's choral music scene.

Don't miss this spectacular night of talent and harmony. Get your tickets early and experience Blended Voices live on stage.

Tickets are:

Early Bird – N\$150 | Standard – N\$200 | At the Door – N\$250

For more information on the choirs and ticketing details, visit www.ntn.org.na

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