



CHOIR PROFILE : MANZINI CHOIR
Manzini, ESwatini

On its 42nd year of existence, Manzini Choir, recipient of the prestigious Khabi Mngoma Award from Old Mutual NCF and NACMA, still prides itself of an excellent mix of both young and matured choristers, and of choristers from diverse backgrounds and career specializations.

Manzini Choir has established and positioned itself as a highly versatile choir, locally and abroad. Its strength is rooted in its collective ownership of the choir by its members, and sustained by its adherence to basic principles of democracy in its governance. As a people's choir, it generally performs and participates in major national functions and community projects.

The choir's participation in the National Choir Festival dates as far back as 1985. Since then the choir has ranked among these competition's most prominent choirs. In this 33 year old relationship, Manzini Choir has represented its previous and current region for 24 years, in total.

Also worth noting is that the choir was the first to win the championship back – to – back in 1991 and 1992. While it has a long history, it also has a very bright and exciting future.

In 2016, the choir celebrated 40 years of its existence through staging various activities that were spread over twelve months.

SONGS:

Western: "Gloria in exelsis deo" by L. von Beethoven - from his Mass in C

African: Ramathaihai by Mohau Mogale