

ODEION SCHOOL OF MUSIC (OSM) STIMMEN

“One Family, One Voice”

Odeion School of Music Stimmen which means voices in German, abbreviated as OSM Stimmen is a choir founded by the Odeion School of Music vocal students. The choir is led and conducted by Mr. Mpho Thenjekwayo. It comprises as well of interested students of various faculties of the University of the Free State at large. It has a membership of approximately fifty-five (55) choristers at this moment. It was founded out of the hunger of music student to create a platform to perform, compete and showcase their talent, and it was stimulated by the culture of singing and it was inspired by the genre of choral and opera music.

The choir was formed during the month of May 2018 and it made its debut performance in collaboration with the Free State Symphony Orchestra (FSSO) during a two-day Opera Gala Concert which took place at Qwaqwa and Bloemfontein, featuring only its own soloists. Furthermore, the choir participated for the first time at the Free State department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) Eisteddfod on the 16th of June at the Sand du Plessis theatre. The choir was crowned the champion after obtaining 1st position in both the renditions in the standard category.

Vision

A choir recognized across the country for excellence in musical achievement and human reconciliation.

Mission

- ✓ Demonstrating in everyday practice the value of human togetherness and solidarity across social and historical divides.
- ✓ Promoting innovation, distinctiveness, and leadership in both academic and human pursuits.
- ✓ Recruiting the best and most diverse choristers into the choir.
- ✓ To take care of the needy and poor.

- ✓ To promote the Odeion School of Music for prospective students.
- ✓ To promote diversity and integration amongst all race groups.
- ✓ To promote Multiculturalism and integration amongst choral, classical, opera, folklore, isitibili and traditional music.

Values

- ✓ Human Embrace
- ✓ Institutional Distinctiveness
- ✓ Excellence
- ✓ Critical Diversity
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Family