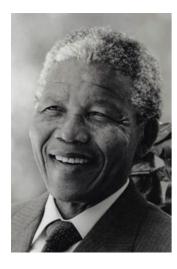


## **Nelson Mandela Memorial Concert tonight**

The South African State Theatre hosts the Nelson Mandela Memorial Concert tonight at 7.30pm. Vusi Mahlasela, the eclectic women's jazz combo, Ladies in Jazz based in Pretoria, and the powerful voice of Thembisile Ntaka join the list of musical and theatre royalty announced earlier, which include Gcina Mhlophe, Simphiwe Dana, Sipho Mabuse, Jessica Mbangeni, Mak Manaka, Gauteng Choristers conducted by Sidwell Mhlongo, Jerry Mofokeng, Sello Maake ka-Ncube, Seputla Sebogodi, Xolile Tshabala, David James, and Vuyani Dance Theatre.



An array of music industry organisations, which includes Airco, SAMRO, RISA, SAMPA, AESA, CWUSA among others, have aligned in unity also to honour Madiba. In a joint statement, they salute Madiba who "taught us to live a fulfilled life and serve our people selflessly", they said.

The industry is grateful to Nelson Mandela who once said: "South Africa is fortunate to have a strong cultural sector, rich in potential and emerging talent to feed and sustain its future growth."

The music industry salutes an extraordinary man who lived an exceptional life. We commit ourselves to uphold the ideals he lived for.

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