

African Vocals Acapella Band



From left: Josef Elia (Tenor 2), Shadile Iyambo (Bass), Joel Nambuli (Contra, Tenor & Percussion), Sylvanus Hanadaod (Tenor 1), Sebulon Hoaleb (Baritone & Percussion) performing at Sophia Dale, Swakopmund, in October 2013.

African Vocals simply translate to African voices: The group was founded 3 years ago and has grown from amateur performers to professional entertainers, focusing mainly on African percussion and music. The group mostly performs for tourists visiting Namibia and it is based in Swakopmund, Namibia.

Biography

African Vocals started singing with the aim of just the love of music creativity that members shared with one another. As they got recognition for their work, they went semi-pro and started randomly for tourists in all possible places in their home town Swakopmund.

They had no group uniform and no instruments to their name and that inspired them even more to go out and approach the business community for sponsorship but no avail.

So for two consecutive years, they performed for free or for food, they got a sponsorship from the J.N drumming academy with a Ndjembe (African drum).

Since then they have no look back, because they were inspired even more to perform for visitors and market themselves so as to become well known in the tourism industry of Namibia.

They are planning to record two albums in the middle of November 2013 titled “African harmonic melodies” and “The African rhythms”

African Vocals have also started a donation program to young underprivileged children of the Mondesa location where the groups roots are firmly grounded and had a fundraising concert in the beginning of 2012 and the income was donated to scholars that had no proper uniforms to attend school. This project is patroned by Her worship the national council member for Swakopmund constituency and former major, Honorable Germina N. Shitaleni.

Throughout the past 3 years, the group has overcome a lot of obstacles and hardships, but one thing has remained focused on their minds and that is to take their music abroad.

That dream has not died and it's the driving force behind the success of African Vocals throughout the years. Things became even more easier when the group got a very hard working and helpful lady who is busy promoting and organizing the group's tour to Europe and currently the group's manager. Her name is Mrs. Konny von Schmettau, a big thanks to her from the group's side.

Band interests

Performing for the disabled people; the young (vulnerable) children and needy; giving back to the community (through donations, choral lessons).

Future projects

African Vocals has been invited to tour Germany for 3-4 weeks in 2014 and is scheduled to perform in several major German cities and in every German region. The group will tour alongside the famous Eufonia MGV (Men's choir) from Germany in Cologne / Brühl.

African Vocal's are planning to release two albums in December 2013.

Meet the members

Joel Nambuli – Contra, Tenor & Percussion

Sylvanus Hanadaod- Tenor 1

Josef Elia- Tenor 2

Sebulon Hoab- Baritone & Percussion

Shadile Iyambo- Bass

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