

AARTS

ARTISTICULTA ARTS ORGANIZATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Welcome to the **A-Arts Choir Festival**, where voices come alive, artistry is celebrated, and passion for music takes centre stage.

Join us and experience the excitement, inspiration, and unforgettable moments that make the A-Arts Choir Festival truly special.



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GETTING STARTED

Welcome! We hope this guide contains everything you need to navigate our general processes and rules.

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- A-arts Choir Festival general info
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DATES & VENUES

Area	Venue	Date	Closing date
Rising to Fame A-Arts Grand Finale	Emperors Palace	28 March – 1 April 2026	Feb 27, 2026
A-Arts Festival Garden Route (Mosselbaai)	Curro Mossel Bay High School	1-3 May 2026	Extended to Apr 8, 2026
A-Arts Festival Limpopo	NG Moedergemeente Polokwane (Pietersburg)	25– 27 June 2026	May 25, 2026
A-Arts Festival JHB South Alberton	Kenton Primary School Alberton	1 – 4 July 2026	May 25, 2026
A-Arts Festival Rustenburg	Laerskool Proteapark Rustenburg	23 – 25 July 2026	Jun 25, 2026
A-Arts Festival Bloemfontein	Wynand Mouton Theatre Bloemfontein	31 July - 1 August 2026	Jun 25, 2026
A-Arts Festival Mpumalanga	Cornerstone Church Middelburg	20 August - Drama/Music 21-22 August 2026 - Dance	Jul 25, 2026
A-Arts Festival Centurion Gauteng	Sax Theatre (Southdowns' Theatre), Centurion	21-22 Aug - Drama 24-27 Aug - Music&Vocals 28-29 Aug & 31Aug - 5 Sept-Dance	Jul 27, 2026
A-Arts Festival Upinton	Primary School Upington Hall	18-19 September 2026	Aug 7, 2026
A-Arts Festival Cape Town	Sea Point Civic Centre. (Cape Town)	9-11 October 2026	Sep 7, 2026
A-Arts Festival KZN	Milkwood Theatre, Vrginia, Durban North	16-17 October 2026	Sep 15, 2026
A-Arts Festival Hartbeespoort	Skemerberg Venue Hartbeespoort	23-24 October 2026	Sep 25, 2026
A-Arts Festival Potchefstroom	Laerskool ML Fick, Potchefstroom	30-31 October 2026	Sep 25, 2026
A-Arts Online Festival – Only for qualifying rounds to participate in the A-Arts Grand Finale	N/A	Nov 1, 2026	Oct 31, 2026



General Information

Entries Open: 15 June 2026

All entries must be completed on our online entry system. Please register your studio at www.music.artisticulta.co.za and create your own login details by entering your email address and password. From there you can complete your entries. No late entries will be accepted. Entry fees are to be paid into the following account:

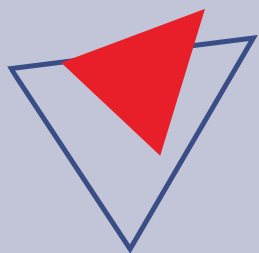
Banking details:

A-Arts Organisation of South Africa
FNB
Account number: 6314 772 4074
Savings

Reference: Name of School or Institution

Send proof of payment to:
All Provinces:
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Judges to be
announced closer to
the date.

ENTRY FEES

R100	Choir registration fee
R750	Choir Fee
TBC	Spectators Fees will be announced with each festival

ENTRIES OPEN 15 JUNE 2026
Entry fees are not refundable

A-ARTS MERCHANDISE

Order your merchandise on our E-tail site:
<https://etail.xco.co.za/order/9CV3H>

Variety of goodies to choose from!





SCORING SYSTEM

A++	Certificate	90 - 100%	
A+	Certificate	85 - 89%	
A	Certificate	80 - 84%	
B+	Certificate	75 - 79%	
B	Certificate	70 - 74%	

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**All entries are completed online:
www.music.artisticulta.co.za**



**All copied music must be handed to the judge's assistant with arrival.
Two copies of the choir's repertoire must be made.**

**All choir masters are liable for the payment of performance rights.
Please adhere to the time limit per choir.**

The piano remains on stage unless prior arrangements have been made beforehand.

**One music stand and choir stalls will be provided.
Choirs set up in four rows.**

The judge's decision is final.

Choirs should arrive at the venue 30 minutes before their scheduled performance time.

Waiting rooms will be provided for all participating choirs.

Choirs may not exceed a total of 100 members.





FEEDBACK & CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

Judge's Reports and Feedback will be given after each section.

Trophies and certificates will be handed out after each section.

CHOIR PROGRAM

The performance program may consist of any **THREE** songs.

There is no restriction on language, style or genre, although the performance program should consist of at least **TWO** different national languages and **TWO** different styles or genres.

Program duration may not exceed a time limit of 15 minutes.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY A: Pre-school Choirs (Ages 4 - 6)

CATEGORY B: Junior Choirs (Grade 1 - 3)

CATEGORY C: Senior Primary Choirs (Grade 4 - 7)

CATEGORY D: High School Choirs (Grade 8 - 12)

CATEGORY E: Tertiary Choirs (Students from Universities, Colleges & other Tertiary Institutions)

CATEGORY F: Adult Choirs (19 years & above)



A-ARTS CHOIR FESTIVAL 2026 TAKES PLACE IN THE REGIONS BELOW:

FREE STATE: Bloemfontein

Wynand Mouton Theatre

Sunday 2 August 2026

GAUTENG: Southdowns, Centurion

Sax Theatre

Sunday 23 August 2026

NORTHERN WEST: Potchefstroom

Venue TBC

Sunday 1 November 2026



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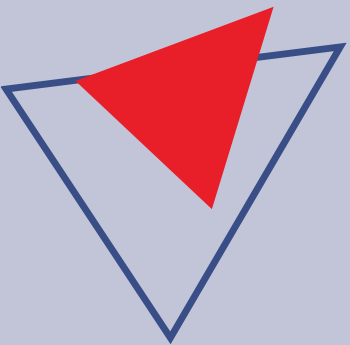
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RISING TO FAME GRAND FINALE 2027

Note that if participants receives 80% and above they qualify to enter for the Rising to Fame A-Arts Grand finale 2027!

More info will be released
during 2026.

