

Stellenbosch Libertas Choir to visit Germany

The Stellenbosch Libertas Choir, under the baton of Professor Johan de Villiers, will be undertaking a tour of Germany from 30 November to 17 December 2012.

The Libertas Choir will be hosted by the Ecumenical Federation of Southern Africa (EFSA Institute) and the Academy of Tutzing in Bavaria. This forms part of the official Bavarian-Western Cape Dialogue Programme, with support from the Bavarian government. One of the highlights of the tour will be a special Christmas concert for the members of the German Parliament (Bundestag) in Berlin.

The EFSA Foundation, in partnership with the Libertas Choir, will use this tour to raise support and funding for the HIV/Aids work of religious communities in South Africa, as part of a special programme of the National Religious Association for Social Development.

Vision for transformation

Throughout its 23-year existence, the Libertas Choir has kept its vision for transformation and passion for excellence in musicality. The choir is richly textured, with its members from widely contrasting backgrounds, speaking a variety of languages and representing a kaleidoscope of the cultures and communities that is weaved into South African society.

Professor de Villiers founded the choir in 1989, during a time in the history of South Africa when multi-racial groupings were still frowned upon. The mandate of the choir still is to foster peace, goodwill and reconciliation across racial and cultural divides through a shared passion for music.

For more information on the remaining South African concerts for 2012, go to www.libertas.co.za.