



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

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St Pius X College Chatswood to host Ubuntu Africa “Make That Change” Concert - Monday 21st May at 7pm

Graduates of the African Children’s Choir will share their poignant stories through song, masterful drumming and dance in a public concert on Monday 21st May 7pm at St Pius X College, Chatswood.

The UBUNTU AFRICA Tour is raising funds to complete construction of a new high school in Uganda. The 14 performers, chaperones and 2 of the crew were all sponsored from the ages of 6 - 7 years through The African Children's Choir and have just graduated high school. Upon their return to Africa many will commence university.

UBUNTU AFRICA will share their personal and inspiring stories, with the gifted performers delivering a spectacular show, revealing Africa’s extraordinary vibrant culture.

Head of Student Services at St Pius X College, Sean Brannan explains “as an Edmund Rice school, St Pius X College supports and partners with Edmund Rice schools in South East and West Africa so hosting the Choir and event provides a wonderful opportunity for our boys and community to interact and experience other cultures”.

The College will also host the Choir at a school social event on Wednesday 16th May including a sports match, soccer or volleyball, followed by meal. Then on Thursday 17th May the talented performers from 'UBUNTU' will lead Year 6 students in an African drumming and dance workshops before running a Masterclass with the College Choir.

PUBLIC CONCERT

7pm Monday 21st May 2018

Venue: St Pius X College, 35 Anderson St Chatswood

Tickets: Adult \$20, Student/Concession \$12.50, Family of 4 - \$50

Book through trybooking.com/UZOO

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About the African Children's Choir

The first Choir was formed in 1984, selected from orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda's Kampala and Luwero areas. The children travelled among the North American church communities where they impressed audiences with their vibrancy, outstanding musical talent, and dancing abilities.

They quickly became ambassadors for the plight of the many thousands of vulnerable children like them in Uganda. The funds they earned through donations provided for their own support and education. Proceeds from that first tour also funded the building of a choir training academy in Kampala from which a second African Children's Choir was selected.

Over the last 30 years more than 52,000 children have been provided with quality education while more than 100,000 people have benefited from the organisation's relief and development efforts.

In 2012 the Choir sang an especially composed 'Sing' for the Queen's Jubilee.

Website: www.africanchildrenschoir.com

About Kwaya Australia

KwaYa is a not for profit charity based on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

During the past five years, over 200 volunteers (aged 13-75) have travelled to Uganda with KwaYa Australia, raising more than \$360,000 in funds and donating 1500kg of goods including clothing, nappies, knitted blankets and baby clothes. While in Uganda volunteers work on crucial African Children's Choir Music for Life projects in the slums, including:

- building fences and facilities at schools
- clean-up projects
- painting classrooms and dormitories
- planting crops to feed the school children
- providing daily supplies at orphanages
- running Australian art and culture workshops for the school children.
- Construction of a new choir training facility
- Construction of a secondary school

Kwaya sponsored the African Children's Choir visit to Australia in 2013 and 2015, followed by UBUNTU in 2016 which resulted in sold out concerts and workshops along the east coast of Australia.

Kwaya is sponsoring the upcoming Ubuntu Africa tour in April-July 2018 which visits Victoria, ACT, NSW and QLD

Website: www.kwaya.org