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## **UCT and Yale choirs team up for historic performance**

**Tickets still available for performance at  
20h15 on Wednesday, 17 July 2013, Baxter Theatre Centre**

The renowned Whiffenpoofs of Yale University in the USA and the choir of the University of Cape Town will join in concert for a once-off performance at 20h15 on Wednesday, 17 July 2013, at the Baxter Theatre Centre in Cape Town. This is the first time that the Whiffenpoofs will perform at UCT.

The UCT Choir and Whiffenpoofs will sing excerpts from their respective repertoires in a concert supported by UCT's Gordon Institute of Performing and Creative Arts, and the South African College of Music. The programme will include a rich variety of choral music - from classical to contemporary genres, both sacred and secular.

Every year 14 senior Yale men are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, reportedly the world's oldest collegiate a cappella group. The group was founded in 1909 and has performed for esteemed guests such as Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama as well as a range of US Presidents: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W Bush, and Bill Clinton. Their voices have echoed through Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Centre, while they participated in events such as *The World Series*, *Saturday Night Live*, *The West Wing*, and NBC's *The Sing-Off*.

The UCT Choir, a multicultural, male and female musical group that performed in 2011 for Prince Charles at UCT's Jameson Hall and for Sir David Attenborough in the Baxter, is a student-run ensemble. The 50-person choir is currently under the direction of Kurt Haupt, a well-established pianist, singer and actor who has worked on a number of productions at home and abroad. The UCT Choir was founded in 1985 and plays an active role in the musical scene of Cape Town. The choir also tours nationally. In 2010, it released its first CD, which featured music from its 25th anniversary year.

Tickets for Wednesday's performance by the Whiffenpoofs and UCT Choir cost R60 (for adults) and R30 (for pensioners, students and learners), and are available through Computicket and at the door.

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