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Kruis van Liefde: An Award Nominated Easter Oratorio of Faith, Hope and Redemption Comes to the South African State Theatre

Acclaimed South African composer Franco Prinsloo's celebrated Afrikaans oratorio will be performed as part of the Vox Chamber Choir's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Pretoria, South Africa – Music has the remarkable power to inspire, comfort and unite. Few works embody this more profoundly than **Kruis van Liefde**, an extraordinary Afrikaans oratorio that has touched audiences through its breathtaking musical beauty, emotional depth and powerful retelling of one of history's most significant stories.

On **Sunday, 14 March 2027**, the South African State Theatre proudly presents **Kruis van Liefde** at the **Opera Theatre**, inviting audiences to experience a magnificent Easter production that celebrates faith, hope, sacrifice and redemption through world-class music and theatrical storytelling.

Presented by **Franco Prinsloo Productions (Pty) Ltd**, *Kruis van Liefde* is one of South Africa's most celebrated sacred choral works. Composed by acclaimed South African composer **Franco Prinsloo**, the production has received multiple **South African Music Awards (SAMA)** nominations and has become one of the defining works within the Afrikaans sacred choral repertoire.

Created as the second instalment of the acclaimed **LIG | KRUIS | KROON** oratorio trilogy, regarded as the largest oratorio trilogy in the Afrikaans language, *Kruis van Liefde* tells the moving story of Christ's crucifixion through soaring choral music, evocative theatrical staging and emotionally compelling musical storytelling.

Far more than a concert, *Kruis van Liefde* is a deeply immersive artistic experience that invites audiences to reflect on themes of compassion, sacrifice, forgiveness and the enduring power of hope. Through its rich musical textures and moving narrative,

the production creates a space where faith and artistry come together in an unforgettable celebration of the human spirit.

The performance forms part of the **Vox Chamber Choir's 10th Anniversary Celebration**, marking a decade of artistic excellence, musical innovation and cultural contribution. Widely recognised as one of South Africa's leading choral ensembles, the award-winning **Vox Chamber Choir** will be joined by a spectacular mass choir comprising alumni and specially selected singers, creating a breathtaking musical experience that promises to fill the Opera Theatre with extraordinary sound and emotion.

Under Franco Prinsloo's masterful musical direction, audiences will experience a work that combines the grandeur of classical music with the intimacy of theatrical storytelling. Every movement has been carefully composed to guide listeners through moments of reflection, sorrow, hope and ultimately triumph, creating an emotional journey that resonates across cultures and generations.

At a time when many people seek moments of peace, renewal and inspiration, *Kruis van Liefde* offers an opportunity to reconnect with timeless values through the universal language of music. Whether experienced as a spiritual reflection, an appreciation of outstanding musical craftsmanship or an evening of exceptional cultural performance, the production promises to leave a lasting impression on every audience member.

The South African State Theatre continues to champion productions that celebrate artistic excellence while showcasing South Africa's rich musical heritage. Hosting *Kruis van Liefde* reflects the Theatre's commitment to presenting world-class performances that inspire audiences and strengthen the country's vibrant cultural landscape.

Whether you are a lover of sacred music, classical performance, choral excellence or meaningful theatrical experiences, *Kruis van Liefde* offers a rare opportunity to

witness one of South Africa's most celebrated musical works performed by some of the country's finest vocal artists.

This is more than an oratorio.

It is a journey of faith.

It is a celebration of hope.

It is a testament to the transformative power of music.

It is an unforgettable Easter experience that will inspire hearts and uplift souls.

Join us on **14 March 2027** for an evening where extraordinary music, powerful storytelling and timeless faith come together in one unforgettable performance.

Production Details

Production: Kruis van Liefde

Presented by: Franco Prinsloo Productions (Pty) Ltd

Composer: Franco Prinsloo

Venue: Opera Theatre, South African State Theatre

Performance Date: Sunday, 14 March 2027

Genre: Classical Music / Staged Oratorio

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Featuring:

Vox Chamber Choir

Mass Choir of Alumni and Specially Selected Singers

Age Restriction: No children under 13

BOOKINGS & TICKETS

Tickets are available online via **Webtickets** and at **Pick n Pay** outlets nationwide.

Early booking is recommended for this special Easter performance.

For bookings and enquiries, contact the South African State Theatre on **012 392 4000** or visit www.statetheatre.co.za.

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