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KZN Midlands Youth Choir — 2027 Auditions

A Gold-Winning Choir. A National Moment. Your Invitation.

On 26 August 2026, a video posted to Instagram stopped South Africa in its tracks.

A group of KZNMYC choristers descended the escalator at Sun City — dressed in traditional Zulu-inspired beaded costumes, South African flags in hand — their voices filling the atrium. Within hours, Briefly.co.za, one of South Africa's most-read platforms, ran a dedicated national feature. South Africans responded: "Goosebumps. So proudly South African." "Tata Madiba would've been so proud."

That moment came directly from the discipline, hours, and heart that our choristers pour into this choir every week.

Read the Briefly.co.za feature: <https://briefly.co.za/people/251222-rainbow-nation-kzn-choirs-entrance-sa-proud>

Watch on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kzn_myc

What We've Achieved

- 🏆 Gold medal winners at the Summa Cum Laude (SCL) International Choral Festival
- 🌐 2nd place at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod, Wales
- 🏆 Two gold medals and a silver at the AV International Choral Competition, Greece
- 👑 Royal commendation received
- 📺 National media feature — Briefly.co.za, August 2026
- 🎤 Sun City 2026 — SCL Festival performance to a national audience

This is not just a school choir. This is a platform that takes you places. Our choristers have stood on international stages, received royal commendations, and represented South Africa with pride. If you have the voice and the commitment, we want to hear you.



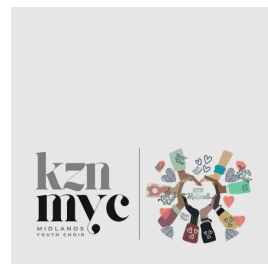
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The Commitment

KZNMYC choristers achieve extraordinary results because they put in extraordinary hours. This is not for everyone — and that’s intentional. If you’re ready to commit, here is what your year looks like:

Period	What Happens	Time
October 2026	Auditions	Afternoon sessions
October 25, 2026	Non-refundable deposit due	
Term 4 (before camp)	2 rehearsals	Wed 17:30–19:00
6–10 December 2026	Specialist Training Camp Golden Harvest Retreat, Nottingham Road	5 full days — COMPULSORY
Term 1 2027 (+/-10 Wednesdays)	Weekly rehearsals (St Anne’s)	17:30–21:00
Terms 2 & 3 2027	Wednesday evening performances and some weekends	17:30–21:00
End August 2027	Year-end	

 **Specialist Training Camp is compulsory. No exceptions.** This is where the gold medals are built — five days of intensive training with four of South Africa’s most respected choral conductors. Choristers must arrive knowing their music.



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What You Gain

Our choristers don't just learn to sing. They learn to perform under pressure, represent their country with pride, travel to national and international platforms, and grow into young leaders. Parents consistently tell us:

"The choir changed my child."

- 🎵 Performance excellence — trained by some of South Africa's finest conductors
- 🌍 International exposure — competitions in Wales, Greece, and beyond
- 💪 Discipline and resilience — skills that transfer far beyond music
- 🤝 Community and belonging — a choir family that lasts a lifetime
- 🇿🇦 National pride — representing South Africa on the biggest stages

The hours are real. The growth is real. The results speak for themselves.



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Membership Fees 2026/2027

KZNMYC is a registered NPO sustained entirely by member fees. We keep our costs as lean as possible so that every rand goes directly into developing your child as a musician. The fee structure below is transparent, structured, and non-negotiable.

⚠ The deposit is non-refundable. Once paid, your child's membership position is secured and Specialist Training is confirmed. Should your child leave the choir for any reason, all outstanding fees remain payable in full. By proceeding with payment, you agree to this obligation.

Item	Amount	Due Date	Notes
Non-refundable Deposit includes: Specialist Training Camp - 5 days All music KZNMYC T-shirt	R5,750.00	October 25, 2026	Secures membership. Includes 5-day camp (Dec 6–10). Non-refundable.
Membership for 2027	R6900	November - 25 January 25, 2027	All payments must be made through our payment portal on the website. Parents can choose to pay this amount off over a period of time according to the credit service providers on our website.
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	R12,650		



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 **All payments are processed via the KZNMYC website using Peach Payments.** Flexible payment options are available at checkout. No bank transfers are accepted. Visit www.kznmyc.org to make payment.

 **Early payment discount:** Complete the full annual membership fee before December 31, 2026 and receive a 5% discount. Use your unique discount code at checkout.

 **Sponsorship letters:** As a registered NPO, KZNMYC can provide a personalised sponsorship letter to help your child secure funding. Contact Cecile Jansen at info@kznmyc.org.



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How to Audition

OPTION A — Assisted Video Audition

Best for: Busy schedules or singers who live further away.

Partner with your school music teacher or choir conductor to record your audition in a comfortable, familiar environment. Record your scales, aural tests, and your 24-bar excerpt of Baba Yethu and submit online.

 **Deadline:** 5 October 2026

 **Perk:** Record when you feel ready — no travel required

[\[Click Here for Video Audition Instructions & Submission Form \]](#)

OPTION B — Live Audition

Best for: Singers who prefer performing in front of a live panel.

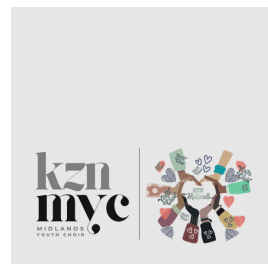
Come and meet our artistic team in person. Perform your scales, aural/rhythm tests, and your prepared excerpt of Baba Yethu live in front of our panel, with a live accompanist provided.

 **Dates:** October 2026

 **Location:** TBC

 **Perk:** Immediate feedback and a taste of our rehearsal space

[\[Click here to apply for a live audition \]](#)



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What to Prepare

The following applies to both audition formats:

1. **A Major & Minor Scale** — in a comfortable range for your voice
2. **Aural & Rhythm Readiness** — repeating a short melody and clapping back a rhythm
3. **Baba Yethu (SATB)** — at least 24 bars of your specific voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass)

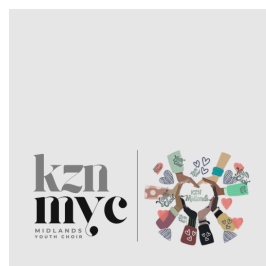
[\[Download the Baba Yethu SATB Score \]](#)

Not sure which format is right for you? Reach out — we'd love to chat.

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“Always an entrance. Carrying the South African flag high with pride and musical excellence.”



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What Your Year Looks Like — In Detail

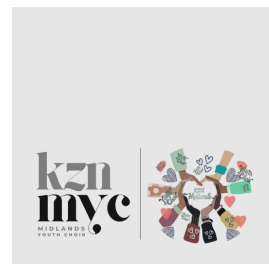
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September–October 2026	Auditions	Afternoon sessions
Term 4 (before camp)	2 rehearsals at St Anne's	Wed 17:30–19:00
6–10 December 2026	Specialist Training Camp Golden Harvest Retreat, Nottingham Road	Compulsory. Full days.
December 10, 2026	Annual General Meeting (AGM) + short concert + tea	11:00 AM at Golden Harvest Retreat
Term 1 2027 (~10 Wednesdays)	Weekly rehearsals — St Anne's	17:30–21:00
Terms 2 & 3 2027	Wednesday evening performances	17:30–21:00
End August 2027	Year-end	—

Rehearsal Expectations

- **Arrive by 17:30 sharp.** Latecomers will not be permitted to rehearse without prior arrangement with Mrs. Jansen
- **Bring:** choir file, music, pencil, and water bottle — every session, every time
- Parents are not permitted inside the hall during rehearsals but may watch the last 15 minutes
- Collect promptly after all rehearsals and performances — arrive 15 minutes early. Late collections without communication may result in a fine of R500 per hour, per staff member
- Transport to local performances is the parent's responsibility. Specific dates in the KZNMYC Year Planner

Specialist Training Camp — December 6–10, 2026 | Golden Harvest Retreat, Nottingham Road

Attendance is compulsory and non-negotiable. This is where gold medals are built — five days of intensive training with four of South Africa's most respected choral conductors. Choristers must arrive with a solid knowledge of their music. Voice notes will be provided in advance.



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- Dorms are separate for boys and girls and strictly monitored
- No medication may be kept in dorms — all medication handed over upon arrival
- Itinerary and packing list sent in November 2026

Voice Notes & Recordings

Submitting voice notes and virtual recordings is mandatory throughout the year. These are provided by our vocal coach and are an essential part of independent preparation between rehearsals. Arriving at rehearsal without having listened to and practised your voice notes is not acceptable.

Code of Conduct

KZNMYC represents KwaZulu-Natal — and South Africa — on national and international platforms. Every chorister is an ambassador. The standard of behaviour we expect reflects that.

5.1 Respect and Commitment

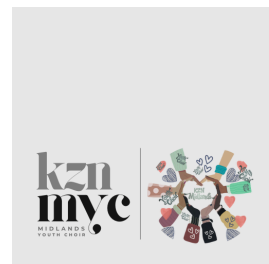
Choristers must demonstrate respect for fellow members, the conductor, staff, parents, and all venues — through punctuality, preparation, focus, and respectful communication at all times.

5.2 Attendance Policy

A maximum of three absences per year is permitted. After three absences, the chorister will be asked to leave the choir. Notify the Administrator in advance of any absence — this prevents it from counting toward the limit. Specialist Training Camp attendance is compulsory with zero exceptions.

5.3 Voice Notes & Preparation

Submitting voice notes and virtual recordings is mandatory. Arriving at rehearsal unprepared is not acceptable — choristers are expected to have listened to and practised their voice notes before each session.



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5.4 Prohibited Substances & Vaping

⚠ Zero-tolerance policy. The use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, illegal substances, and vaping devices (including e-cigarettes) is strictly prohibited at all KZNMYC-related activities and events — including camp, performances, and travel. Violation results in immediate disciplinary action (see below).

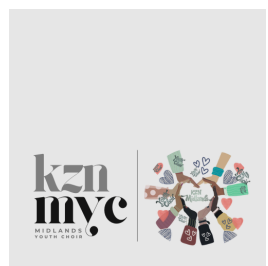
5.5 Social Media & Public Representation

All digital communication must reflect positively on KZNMYC. No photographs or videos of choristers, staff, or choir activities may be shared without express written permission from KZNMYC management. Any concerns must be reported to the Choir Manager or Conductor immediately.

5.6 Disciplinary Action

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in:

1. Immediate Removal from the event or activity
2. Parental Collection — parents or guardians called immediately
3. School Notification — KZNMYC reserves the right to inform the chorister's school
4. Immediate Expulsion from the choir
5. Financial Implication — all payments forfeited; no refunds; all outstanding fees remain payable in full



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Uniform Requirements

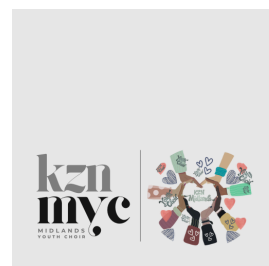
Girls

Item	Supplied by
Beaded collar and headband (R400)	KZNMyc website
Badge (R80)	KZNMyc website
Golf shirt	Included with acceptance and first payment
Black Puffer jacket	KZNMyc website
Black infinity dress	Self-source or purchase via kznmyc.org
Black school-type blazer	Self-source
Black court shoes (low heel)	Self-source
Black Sports bra with crossed back (to hide under dress)	Self-source
Blue jeans (not ripped) (Travel)	Self-source
Takkies or sports shoes. (Travel)	Self-source

Appearance: Nude makeup only. French manicure/pedicure only when in uniform.

Boys

Item	Supplied by
Black tie (R110)	KZNMyc website
Badge (R80)	KZNMyc website
Golf shirt	Included in first payment
Puffer jacket (R700)	KZNMyc website
white long-sleeved collared shirt	Self-source
black school-type blazer	Self-source



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black shoes	Self-source
blue jeans	Self-source
takkies or sports shoes	Self-source

⚠️ Ordered uniform items will not be handed over without full payment. Choristers will not be allowed to perform without the correct uniform. No exceptions.

Communication

Primary communication is via WhatsApp. Please save KZNMYC's number (073 293 0380) immediately upon acceptance. A Gmail account is recommended as KZNMYC uses a Google-based choir data system.

📱 @kzn_myc on Instagram and Facebook

Parent Agreement — Summary

By proceeding with payment of the non-refundable deposit, parents/guardians confirm they have read and agreed to the following:

- ✓ All fees are payable in full, even if the chorister leaves the choir during the year
- ✓ The non-refundable deposit cannot be refunded under any circumstances
- ✓ The Code of Conduct has been read and is understood
- ✓ Specialist Training Camp attendance is compulsory
- ✓ KZNMYC may use photographs and video footage of the chorister for marketing purposes
- ✓ KZNMYC and its staff are indemnified from liability for injury, death, or material loss during choir activities



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The full Membership Agreement and Indemnity Form will be provided upon successful audition and before the deposit payment deadline.

"We are that choir."

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