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## **MULTI-GRAMMY WINNING SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR COMING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH**



Soweto Gospel Choir

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (DATE) – The Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities and Campus Ministry at the University of Saint Joseph will present the multi Grammy and Emmy Award winning Soweto Gospel Choir on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in the Connor Chapel of Our Lady, located on the University’s main campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, Conn. Both performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. A “Meet the Choir” pre-show reception will be on November 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Formed in 2002 to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African Gospel music, Soweto Gospel Choir has brought joy into the lives of audiences all over the world. In their native South Africa, the Choir frequently performed for, and celebrated with, two of their biggest fans, their Patron, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the father of their nation, the late Nelson Mandela. Following the passing of Mandela, the Choir was honored to participate in services around the world celebrating and commemorating Mandela’s life.

Since Soweto Gospel Choir's introduction to the world 13 years ago, the group has brought recognition, pride, and honor to South Africa, amassed a growing local and international fan-base, and received many awards. In 2009, the Choir collaborated with singer, musician, and recording artist, Peter Gabriel on the song "Down to Earth" from the film *Wall-E* which won a Grammy for the "Best Song in a Movie" category. They have also collaborated, recorded, and performed with many other artists, including Bono and U2, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Celine Dion, and Josh Grobin.

Tickets for the show are \$25 for adults; \$15 for students/seniors; "Meet the Choir" pre-show reception is \$50 (includes show). Advance ticket sales only. Tickets are available online at [tickets.usj.edu](http://tickets.usj.edu) or at the Frances Driscoll Box Office: 860.231.5555. Sponsored by South African Airways

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