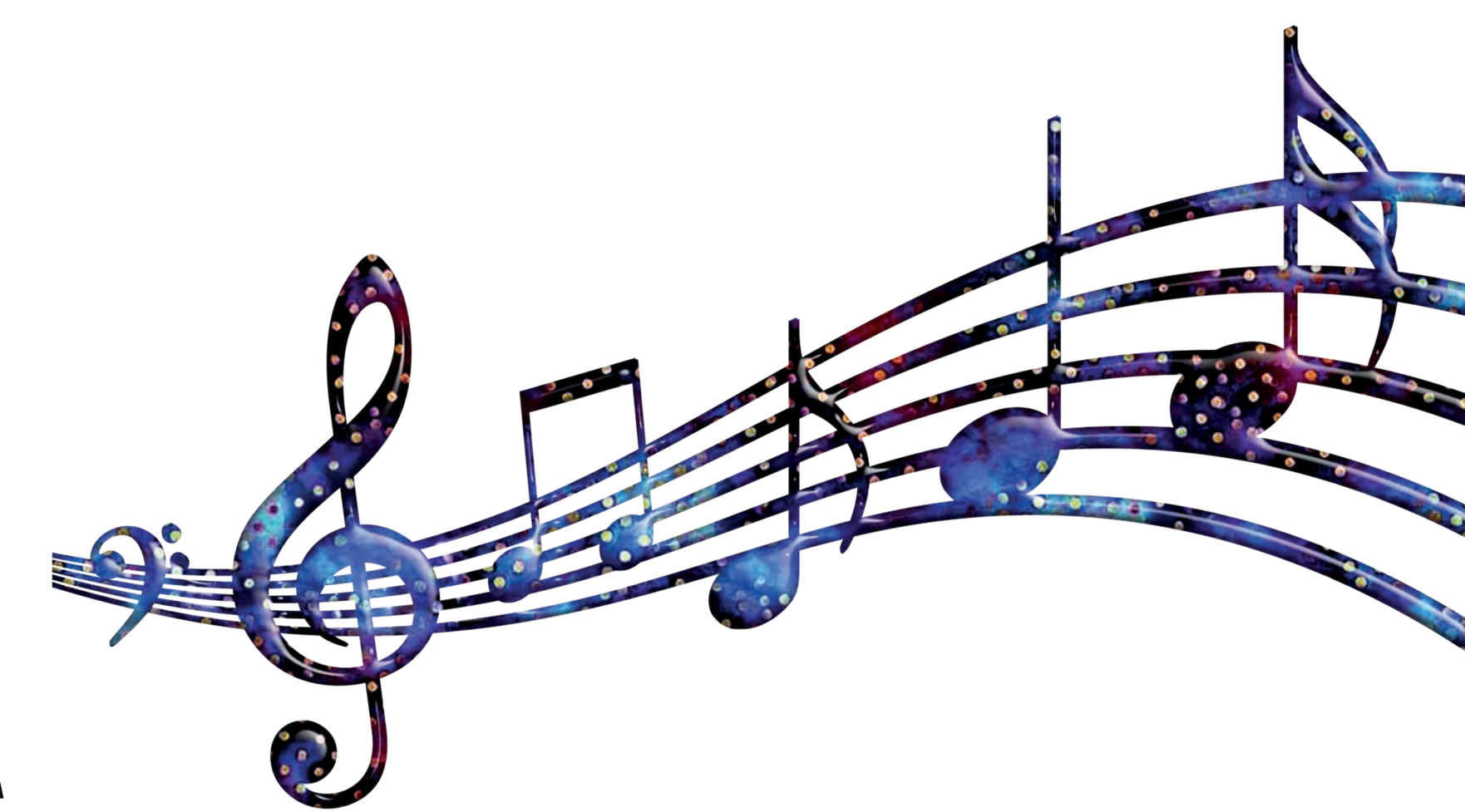


THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA (TUKS) CAMERATA



BACKGROUND

TUKS CAMARATA celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018 and has received many accolades, locally and internationally, through the years. Tuks Camerata falls under the auspices of the School of the Arts at the University of Pretoria and consists of 89 full-time students from a variety of study fields, including medicine, engineering, theology, law, education, economics, accounting, veterinary sciences and music. In July 2017, Tuks Camerata won the prestigious Grand Prix of Nations for Best Mixed Youth Choir in Riga, Latvia, therefore successfully defending their title won in July 2018. In July 2014, the Camerata become world champions at the 8th World Choir Games hosted in Riga, Latvia when winning the Mixed Youth Choir Category with 95.25% and also obtained a second place in Scenic Folklore with 95%. Camerata will again compete in the World Choir Games to be held in Flanders, Belgium in July 2020. In recent years, the choir recorded three albums, namely Phoenix (2014), Love and War (2016) and Indodana (2017). Phoenix and Love and War were nominated in the category Best Classical/Instrumental Album and Indodana for Best Traditional Music at the South African Music Awards (SAMA). All three CDs were received to critical acclaim.

CONDUCTOR AND MUSICAL DIRECTOR

MICHAEL JOSEPH BARRETT is the conductor of the University of Pretoria (Tuks) Camerata and a Senior Lecturer in Choral Conducting in the Department of Music. Michael is an active composer and arranger. His music is internationally published by Santa Barbara Music Publishers and Walton Music. He is regularly invited to give workshops and adjudicate choral competitions, both nationally and internationally.

IMPACT

WHAT IT MEANS TO SING IN THE CHOIR
“Choir is important in any educational institute, but mostly in universities, because being in a choir, specifically the Tuks Camerata, helps improve your development as a person. One learns about adding value in the smallest way possible, working as a team, sorting out issues and moving on, living in the ‘now’, becoming a person of honesty and integrity, learning to manage one’s time better, following through on responsibilities and duties, giving your best all the time, planning ahead, being kind to one another, developing self-discipline, pushing oneself past mental and emotional walls, removing pride from the soul and filling it with vulnerability... Tuks Camerata is a family that teaches you to sing with the heart, sing with the mouth and sing with life because there is no other honest way to sing than this (written by a Tuks Camerata alumni).

