

## Message from the Head Department

Welcome to the 2024 Provincial ABC Motsepe South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod.

This event could not have come at a better time as we celebrate the 30 years of democracy which epitomizes the gallant fight led by dedicated South Africans whose sole aim was to level the political, economic and the social play field. Music is an important instrument in building a democratic, non-racial, non-sexist, united and prosperous society based on justice, equality, and the rule of law and human rights.

The freedom which was attained through struggle, we hereby celebrate it today celebrated with songs, melodies and patting of feet as our choirs dance on stage.

The SASCE is our leading event aimed at fostering unity in diversity, national reconciliation, social cohesion, and national identity among learners. Music is a critical vehicle that transforms and carries children's holistic development.

Established and launched in 2001, SASCE has taken the shape and form of various musical styles ranging from West compositions to indigenous, traditional, folklore and contemporary African categories.

The Choral Eisteddfod has also been offering learners and teachers the opportunity to a world of possibilities, socialization, friendship and comradeship.

The Provincial ABC Motsepe South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod has provided us with a platform for us to witness the stretching of children's vocal cords, the busting of their voices and the merriment of sopranos, tenors and bass, as they perform.

We really are blessed to witness the angelic voices of our learners bellowing on stage in melody.

We wish to extend appreciation to the conductors, your leadership and vision have been instrumental in guiding your choirs to this point.

Your commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a love for music in your singers is truly commendable.

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is proud of every participant that ascends the stage today.

You are all stars, keep shining brighten the corner where you are!