

# Soweto Gospel Choir, Jack Mantis Band and Auriol Hays to support Ben Harper on SA tour

Grammy Award-winning musician Ben Harper will be performing with the Soweto Gospel Choir and Jack Mantis Band in Cape Town at the Grand Arena, GrandWest on 4 June 2019 and with the Soweto Gospel Choir and Auriol Hays in Pretoria on 6 June at the Sun Arena Time Square in Menlyn.

Harper launched his debut album, *Welcome To The Cruel World*, in 1994. Since then he has gone on to release eight studio albums, establishing himself as a powerful songwriter and performer. His music covers a range of genres from soulful blues to reggae. Harper has played to massive, sold-out tours internationally and had top ten hits in the US as well as Gold and Platinum certifications in other countries. Some of his top songs include *Walk Away*, *High Tide or Low Tide* and *Burn One Down*.



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## Soweto Gospel Choir

The Soweto Gospel Choir is an international treasure. Since their formation in 2002, they have shared the stage with some of the biggest names in music, including U2, Stevie Wonder, Robert Plant, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Josh Groban and the late Aretha Franklin. They have received more accolades than any other choir in the world and it is almost impossible to imagine a more soulful match than Ben Harper, who grew up on a heavy diet of gospel, folk and blues. Both share a history of moving and inspiring audiences across the world with powerful music and mesmerising showmanship. June will mark only the second home-soil concert performance of Soweto Gospel Choir since their third Grammy win, making it a must-see opportunity for fans, before they leave SA shores again in July.

## Jack Mantis Band

Formed in Cape Town in 2007, their music speaks of adventure, travel, humanity, struggles and triumph. Having focused

most of their attention on the United States and Europe, it is a rare and special moment when they gather to step onto a South African stage.

Currently wrapping up a largely sold out, 52-date tour across Germany in support of the Sailing Conductors film release for “Blown Away” (officially selected for the Ocean Film Festival 2019), Jack is shooting back to home shores to share the stage with American singer-songwriter Ben Harper in Cape Town. He'll be returning to Europe the very next day to complete the next 95-date tour.

## **Auriol Hays**

Jazz singer Auriol Hays has performed at the Montreux Jazz festival in Switzerland, graced the stages of the National Arts Festival on more than one occasion, as well as the Lusito Land Festival, and opened with the Gauteng Big Band at the Standard Bank Jazz Festival.

She is one of Artscape's ambassadors and part of an international delegation seeking to create capacity for the youth, thereby enabling them to interact meaningfully within the arts. The project is a collaborative venture between South Africa, Zambia and France.

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