



The African Children's Choir will perform on Saturday 20 June, at Lake Kawana Community Centre.

# Courage and hope in rhythms of Africa

THE African Children's Choir returns to the Sunshine Coast with its vibrant and outstanding musical and dancing performance in June.

Performing at the Lake Kawana Community Centre, the concert will be an exclusive double bill, featuring highly acclaimed dynamic looping artist Mr Percival as support act, with guest appearance by Cool Harmonies community choir.

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The Under One Sky Concert will be held on Saturday 20 June from 7pm-9pm at the Lake Kawana Community Centre.

There will also be a singing and dancing workshop on Sunday 21 June from 2pm-3pm at Coolum State School.

Visit [www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org) for details and to book for the Saturday night concert.

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## African Children's Choir - Under One Sky Concert

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Location: **Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina**

**Guest appearances by Mr Percival and the Cool Harmonies Community Choir**

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Meet the kids preparing for their tour to Australia: <http://vimeo.com/98395905>

**African Children's Choir - Under One Sky Concert**  
Lake Kawana Community Centre  
Sat 20 June 2015  
Time: Doors 6pm / Show 7pm to 9pm




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## African Children's Choir to dazzle Sunshine Coast

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It will be a fun-filled evening of song, dance and drumming when the African Children's Choir returns with its vibrant and outstanding musical performance on Saturday, June 20 from 7pm at Council's Lake Kawana Community Centre.

The Under One Sky concert will be an exclusive double bill, featuring highly acclaimed dynamic looping artist Mr Percival as support act, with guest appearance by the Cool Harmonies community choir.

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**Under One Sky Concert**  
Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre  
When: Saturday, June 20  
Time: 7pm – 8pm  
Tickets: Adults \$30 / Concession \$25 / Student \$25 / Children (5-12yrs) \$20 / Under 5 years free / Adult Group 10 \$270 / Concession Group 10 \$225 / Family of 3 \$80 / Family of 4 (min 2 children) \$90 / Family of 5 (min 2 adults) \$105  
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## African Children's Choir - Under One Sky Concert

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### African Children's Choir - Under One Sky Concert @ Lake Kawana Community Centre

**Event Date:** Saturday 20 June 2015

**Place:** Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina, QLD

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# Raising their voices

Local singers join 1,000-strong massed choir



**HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES:** Local singers belonging to Cool Harmonies and Global Harmonies choirs recently performed on stage as part of Australia's largest ever massed choir concert, held in honour of the African Children's Choir in Wollongong, NSW.

*Coolum Advertiser, 11 June 2015*



**SHARING HOPE:** The African Children's Choir is currently enjoying a three-month tour of Australia's east coast, including Coolum, while raising funds for vulnerable children in Africa's slums.

SEVEN local singers recently joined the African Children's Choir and Australian independent singer Kate Miller-Heidke on stage as part of a 1,000-strong massed choir concert in Wollongong, NSW.

Believed to be the largest ever massed choir concert in Australia, the Wollongong concert attracted 26 school and community choirs, plus individual singers from across the country.

Cool Harmonies choir director, Yvonne Corstorphin, was also one of the musical directors for the massed choir, together with Dr Jonathon Welch AM (Choir of Hard Knocks), Lyn Williams OAM (Sydney Children's Choir), Rachel Hore OAM from Canberra and Janet Swain from Mullumbimby, NSW.

Yvonne sang in the massed choir performances with Cool Harmonies members Suzie Monro, Libby Packer, Tina Stubbs, Sharron Bennett, Hari Kotrotsios, and Sheila Corcoran from Global Harmonies community choir.

"The Wollongong concert was

about bringing together different cultures through music, while helping to raise funds for vulnerable children in Africa's slums to provide them with an education they would never otherwise have had," Yvonne said.

The massed choir concert was part of the African Children's Choir three-month tour of Australia's east coast, which includes a visit to the Sunshine Coast in June.

"When these kids perform, it's not just a concert. They share their stories of hope and joy on stage. There are no stories of misery or heartache. It's all about enthusiasm, opportunity as well as outstanding dancing, drumming and singing," Yvonne said.

"People always walk away feeling uplifted and wanting to embrace whatever is positive in their lives, just the way these kids do."

The African Children's Choir visit this month is part of a three-month tour of eastern Australia which started in April and includes Geelong, Sunbury, Melbourne, Wodonga, Canberra, Wollongong,

Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Huskisson, Laurieton, Port Macquarie, Taree, Bellingen, Mullumbimby, the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane.

100 percent of all money raised through the tour will go towards the Choir's latest project: a new choir training academy in Uganda.

The 18 Ugandan children will present three public events on the Sunshine Coast:

- A world-class concert at Lake Kawana Community Centre at 7pm on Saturday, June 20, featuring the Coast's highly acclaimed dynamic looping artist Darren Percival as support act.
- A fun-filled interactive singing, drumming and dancing workshop at 2pm on Sunday, June 21, at Coolum State School.
- A Zumba fundraiser with the African kids from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday, June 23, at Coolum Civic Centre. Tickets available at the door: \$10 adults, \$8 children. or concert and workshop tickets, visit [www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org).



# Choir returns under one sky to perform

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UPLIFTING SONG: Choir 42 perform at Kampala Training Centre.

PHOTO: LYNNE DOBSON

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Tickets: Adults \$30, concession \$25, student \$25 and children (5-12yrs) \$20, under 5 years free, adult group of 10 \$270.

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A grass roots exchange with the African Children's Choir that will entertain adults and children alike. Grab this rare opportunity to get up close and personal with the choir learning Ugandan songs, drumming and dance. Having performed with celebrities such as Will Smith, Bob Geldorf, Alicia Keys and Annie Lennox, The African Children's Choir is excited to share a culturally intimate afternoon with you on its second tour of Australia. This workshop is all about public participation - learn the songs, the dance moves, and the art of African drumming as the children invite you to share in their story. You will laugh, you may well cry, and you will be touched forever by the warmth and pure joy of these amazing children. Do you have any African drums? Bring them along - the more the merrier!

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## Lake Kawana Community Centre

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On June 20th Lake Kawana Community Centre will be welcoming the African Children's Choir. For over 30 years the African Children's Choir has captured the world's imagination with their vibrancy and outstanding musical talent that stems from African culture and acts as a light through the hardships they have endured. Don't miss out on this inspirational performance. Head to [bit.ly/TACctix](http://bit.ly/TACctix) to book tickets before they sell out! #LKCC #AfricanChildrensChoir



## Marcoola Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank

shared Cool Harmonies's event.

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The African Children's Choir arrives in town this week, bringing its vibrant and outstanding musical and dancing performances with three public events. The first of these is concert [Lake Kawana Community Centre](#) on Saturday night which will also feature highly acclaimed dynamic looping artist Darren Percival as support act, with guest appearance by Cool Harmonies community choir.

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We urge you to come along and support this great event! Our branch manager, Judy Blackall will see you there! Get tickets at <http://www.kwaya.org/>



### African Children's Choir Concert

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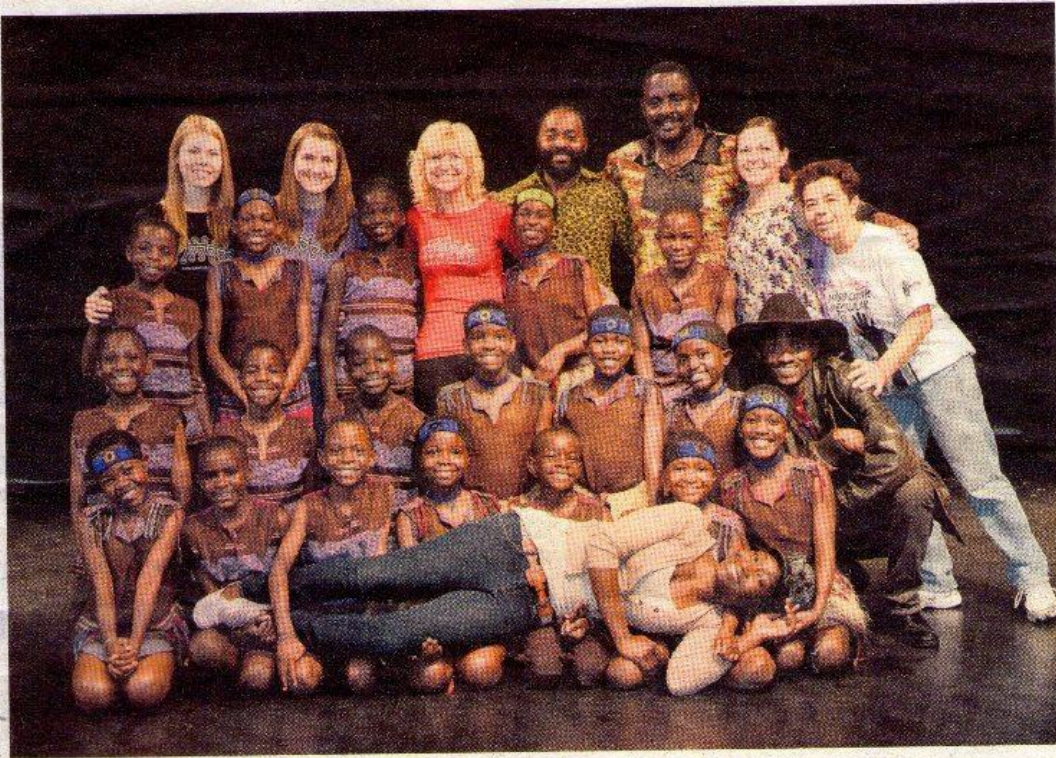
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**SPECIAL VISIT:** The African Children's Choir performed at Coolum State School yesterday. *PHOTO: PATRICK WOODS*

## Song in the heart and a tear in the eye

AS VOICES of ebony and ivory joined in perfect harmony, pounding drums pulled on the audience's heart strings.

The African Children's Choir melted hearts and brought smiles to faces at Coolum State School yesterday as two distinct groups of children blended in song.

Kwaya Australia president Marsha Gusti said events such as the Coolum visit were the beginning of a journey for the youngsters.

"We have a life-long commitment to each of these children to conti-

nue educational opportunities right through to university," she said.

One example is Kwaya choir leader Abraham Kiyingi, who was an eight-year-old orphan when choir representatives came to his village in 1986 and selected him.

"I was gifted the chance of travelling the world on a tour to America, Canada and England," he said.

"I then went back home and I was educated by the organisation as these children performing here today will be."

Marsha Gusti spoke proudly of

the work her organisation does.

"When they go back home the organisation will pay for their education, from primary right through to university," she said.

"Our aim was to create a charity that gave 100% of the funds raised to the project."

Choir members will continue their visit with a public workshop at Coolum State School tomorrow at 2pm and a Zumba dance party fundraiser on Tuesday at the Coolum Civic Centre.

— ERICA HENDERSON



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## Young voices melt hearts

COOLUM State School was packed to the rafters for the return visit of the African Children's Choir following its inaugural visit in 2013.

The choir was warmly welcomed and again hosted in our community by Cool Harmonies.

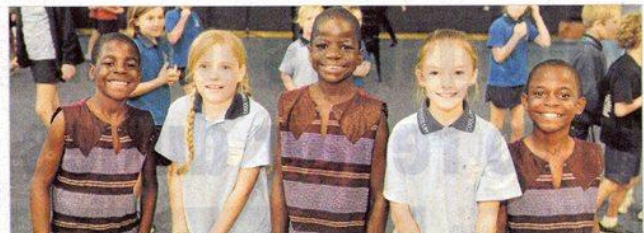
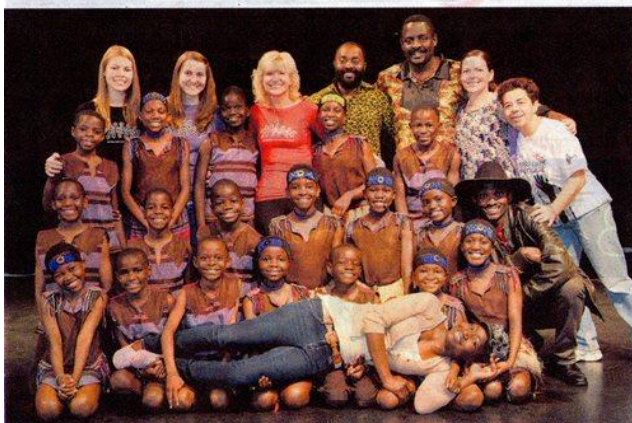
Choir members performed a mini concert



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ABOVE: Jazmyne Guest and Cali Dawn, of Coolum State School, with some of the performers from Africa.  
PHOTOS: PATRICK WOODS  
LEFT: African Children's Choir members were excited to perform at Coolum State School.



**Coolum State School principal Pat Cavanagh**

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## Students enjoy moving to new beat

By ERICA HENDERSON

AS VOICES of ebony and ivory joined in perfect harmony, pounding drums pulled on the audience's heart strings.

The African Children's Choir melted hearts and brought smiles to young and old at Coolum State School on June 19 as two distinct groups of children blended as one in song.

At first glance an event like this might seem a little

orchestrated, a "one off" experience for this group of young people from disadvantaged circumstances.

Kwaya Australia president Marsha Gusti said that this was not the case because this was just the beginning of the journey and a commitment to the children.

"We have a lifelong commitment to each of these children to continue educational opportunities

right through to university," Ms Gusti said.

Kwaya choir leader Abraham Kiyingi is an example of this commitment. In 1986, when he was eight years old, after the loss of both of his parents, the organisation came to his village and he was selected to be in the third African Children's Choir.

"I was gifted the chance of travelling the world on a tour to America, Canada

and England," Mr Kiyingi said.

"I then went back home and I was educated by the organisation, as these children performing here today will be.

"When they go back home the organisation will pay for their education from primary right through to university."

Ms Gusti said the organisation had raised more than \$300,000 for these children in the past few

years.

"Our aim was to create a charity that gave 100% of the funds raised to the project," she said.

Six students from Coolum State School added their handprints to the African Children's Choir tour bus as part of a national art competition.

The winners were: Maya Moss, 5, Sophie Guest, 5, Jazmyne Guest, 9, Dylan Dawson, 8, Callum White, 11, and Grace Madden, 10.

Marcoola Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank sponsored the art competition and branch manager Judy Blackall presented the winners with an African Children's Choir CD and beanie.

Principal Pat Cavanagh said it was a great privilege to host the choir.

"The group brought an energy and enthusiasm to the stage, which was infectious for all present," Mr Cavanagh said.



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# Hands on the bus

## Coolum students leave their mark on tour bus



**LEAVING THEIR MARK:** Judy Blackall, Manager of Marcoola Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank, with Coolum State School Principal Pat Cavanagh and winners of the art competition together with the African Children's Choir.

SIX students from Coolum State School have added their handprints on the African Children's Choir tour bus as part of a national art competition.

The winners were selected from entries submitted by the students, who created a poster showing what Under One Sky meant to them. They were: Maya Moss (5), Sophie Guest (5), Jazmyn Guest (9), Dylan Dawson (8), Callum White (11) and Grace Madden (10).

The lucky winners met the African children during the handprint event held at Coolum State School on Friday, June 19, with Marcoola Community Bank Branch Manager Judy Blackall presenting them each with an African Children's Choir CD and beanie.

While at the school, the African Children's Choir performed a mini concert for 1,000 students at their morning assembly, as well as a singing and dancing workshop for 200 students, which included 40 students from Peregrine Springs State School.

Marcoola Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank sponsored the art competition and workshop.

"The competition was a wonderful opportunity for Coolum State School students to celebrate our diverse cultures and develop an understanding of what we all share in common," Branch Manager Judy Blackall said.

The African Children's Choir returned to the Sunshine Coast following its inaugural visit in 2013, with sell-out concerts and

cultural exchange workshops across eastern Australia.

More than 100 children's handprints have been collected as the African Children's Choir travelled along the eastern coast of Australia between April and June 2015, promoting friendship and understanding as part of its Under One Sky national tour.

The African Children's Choir is comprised of orphaned and vulnerable children from Uganda's disadvantaged Kampala and Luwero areas.

Their vibrancy, outstanding musical and dancing abilities have captured the world's imagination since the choir started in North America and Europe 30 years ago to raise money for children's education in Africa.