

HOPE Gala Anniversary concert

Despite storm warnings and heavy rain during set up, the 15th annual HOPE anniversary open-air concert was held on the banks of the Elbe in Dresden on 08.07.2021.

Initiator of the HOPE Gala Viola Klein and her team have been organizing benefit events for HOPE Cape Town for 15 years and this year's anniversary concert was therefore also intended as a thank you to all partners who have supported the children's projects in South Africa since inception.



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All 135 featured artists waived their fees and performed a varied program of classical and rock items, as well as Latin music, hip hop dance and graceful artistry. The orchestra accompanied great soloists like the soprano Steffi Lehmann and the tenor Martin Lattke from the Saxon State Operetta, the 15-year-old Phil Schaller, finalist of "The Voice kids" and The Dark Tenor with his rousing mix of classical, rock and pop. Juan Daniél, last year's Latin pop newcomer was accompanied onstage by four dancers of the DDProject. Behind the 3 HIGHligen hid three charismatic singers: Dirk Michaelis, André Herzberg and Dirk Zöllner. And the artists Dou Dou and Roberto of the Chinese National Circus offered a wonderful Pas de deux. Anja Koebel and René Kindermann were the two charming presenters of the evening. This year's program was characterized by a particularly large number of young artists, including the Dresden Youth Symphony Orchestra of the Heinrich Schütz Conservatory and the Children's Choir of the Semper Opera.

Pastor Stefan Hippler, founder of HOPE Cape Town and executive chair of the HOPE Cape Town Trust, was visibly moved by the many young musicians and singers from the orchestra and choir on stage. All of them were committed to helping children of their age in South Africa without a performance fee and in an honorary capacity.

"I had the opportunity before the concert to tell the young musicians about why the children in South Africa need support," said Stefan Hippler. "I think they all gave their best, it fantastic! A lot of money was donated today, but the idea was also carried forward that it's important to think outside the box and that every individual can help."

Viola Klein, Trustee of HOPE Cape Town and Chair of the Governing Board of the HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung expressed her happiness around the success of the concert. During the year, despite Corona, donations amounting to more than 57,000 euros were collected through various campaigns including the event, part of which has already been successfully used in projects in South Africa. "The fact that so much money was collected in the end leaves me speechless. I can only say thank you."



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