



# Greeting

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF THE WESTERN CAPE FOR THE CAPE CLASSIC 2010

25 FEBRUARY 2010

I AM HONoured TO BECOME A PATRON OF THE CAPE CLASSIC PROJECT, ON BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN CAPE. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS OF THE WESTERN CAPE TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S CONCERTS, WHICH ARE HELPING TO ENRICH OUR CITY'S CULTURAL HERITAGE WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO CHILD WELFARE IN THE REGION. OUR PROVINCE PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING A LEADING CENTRE OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. EACH YEAR MAJOR EVENTS LIKE THE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL, THE CAPE TOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL, AND THE SUIDOOSTERFEES DRAW LARGER CROWDS, AND BRING IN MORE GREAT PERFORMERS. THESE EVENTS ARE AMONG THE REASONS THAT CAPE TOWN WAS RATED IN THE TOP THREE CITY DESTINATIONS IN THE WORLD LAST YEAR BY THE US TRAVEL AND LEISURE MAGAZINE, AND NUMBER 1 IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST BY CONDÉ NAST TRAVELLER.

THIS YEAR CLASSICAL MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO WORLD CLASS PERFORMANCES BY SOUTH AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL MUSICIANS. I CONGRATULATE THE MANAGEMENT OF CAPE CLASSIC AND MY FELLOW AND FORMER PATRONS FOR SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHING THIS AS A REGULAR EVENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF THE MUSICIANS THAT HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE PROJECT.

I HOPE THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL INSPIRE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES, AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE INVOLVED TO CONTINUE MAKING THIS EVENT BIGGER AND BETTER EACH YEAR.

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