



3 January 2018

Dear Alumni and friends,

NOTICE OF THE DURBAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND

TALK BY BONGANI TEMBE ON THE SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES OF THE KZNPO



Bongani Tembe is the Joint Chief Executive and Artistic Director of the **KwaZulu-Natal** and Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestras and is regarded as one of Africa's leading artists and arts managers. He has performed in many parts of the world and has contributed positively to the arts and culture environment in South Africa and internationally. He is South Africa's first African professional opera singer and made history in 1987 when he appeared as Steurmann in Wagner's Der Fliegende Holländer, which became South Africa's first nationally and internationally televised opera production.

Mr Tembe has held his position in the KZNPO since 1996 after joining the then NPO as deputy director in October 1994. Mr Tembe will enlighten us on his role in successfully steering the KZNPO – highlighting the history of the orchestra, the challenges faced as well as the many successes.

Based in Durban, the KZNPO is widely regarded as Africa's premier orchestra. Consisting of 70 full-time professional musicians who come from more than 20 countries, the orchestra has, over the past three decades, earned a reputation for excellence and innovation amongst South African orchestras. The KZNPO also dedicates much of its time and energy to enriching the local community through its Education and Development programme.

Join us for what promises to be a most inspiring and informative evening with wine, juice, snacks and good company afterwards!

DATE: Monday, 12 February 2018

TIME: 17h00 for 17h30

VENUE: Murray Lecture Theatre, (Centenary Building, opposite the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre entrance)

Howard College Campus, Durban

COST: R50 per person (payable on arrival)

RSVP: By Monday, 5 February 2018 to Nomcebo Msweli on 031 260 2016 or email: mswelin@ukzn.ac.za

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Chairman Durban Alumni Association

