



## South African gospel music

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**G**ospel music in South Africa has a massive popular appeal to all age groups. Gospel music is so popular locally that the majority of artists, famous and less famous, these days include a gospel song in their albums' repertoires to ensure credibility and penetration with the music-buying public.

Approximately 80% of South Africans consider themselves Christian. Gospel music is by far the biggest-selling and most popular genre of music locally and gospel recordings account for approximately 50% of total local album sales in South Africa.

### *Gospel days*

This is one of Jonathan Butler's first gospel CDs. He became born again after he met his wife and her family and friends, all of a strong Christian faith. This CD features him witnessing his faith.

*God is the answer* is the only track on this disc not written by Jonathan. The composition is by the talented musician and writer, Tony Cedras. Tony had a strong musical influence on Jonathan while both were members of the jazz/rock outfit, Pacific Express. *God is the answer* is probably Jonathan's first recorded gospel song.

Jonathan signed a major international recording contract and went to New York to begin an international recording career that made him one of the best-known musical talents to have come out of South Africa.

If you are a jazz lover you'll like this CD as most of the tracks have a 'velvety jazzy' feeling and if you listen to a few tracks for the first time you won't realise that it is actually a gospel CD.

All the tracks spiritually 'speaks' to a person on a subconscious level but the track I liked

the most on this CD is number 7: *How I really feel about my Lord*.

### *Tracks*

*Jesus is alive in Africa* (a.k.a. *Crossroads*)  
*Giver of everything*  
*I worship Him*  
*Praise the Lord*  
*God is the answer* (recorded with Pacific Express)  
*Walk on by*  
*Look to Jesus*  
*How I really feel about my Lord*  
*Give it all you got*  
*Hold on*.

### *Tales of gospel S.A.*

This CD starts with Ladysmith Black Mambazo and listening to them, one hopes that the whole CD will be as pleasurable as the first track. After listening to the whole CD I think it should be in every Christian household. It includes some of the greatest gospel singers in South Africa like Rebecca Malope, The Soweto Gospel Choir, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the International Pentecostal Church Choir, et cetera, as well as a new breed of contemporary gospel stars like Zodwa, Lundi, Mighty Clouds of Peace, et cetera. Most of the contemporary artists sound like pop acts giving gospel a 'housey' feeling where the beat reigns supreme. This is a CD I would highly recommend.

### *Artists and tracks*

Ladysmith Black Mambazo *Siligugu Isiphambano* (choral)  
 Zodwa *Indlela* (contemporary)  
 Masole A Tumelo *Chaba Di A fela* (choral)

Lundi *Thembela Kuye* (contemporary)  
 Amadodana Ase Wesile *Haufi Le*  
 MCP *Morena* (choral)  
 I.P.C.C. *Ikhenana Yoqobo* (contemporary)  
 Rebecca *Jesu Oa Maloba* (choral - accompanied)  
 Holy Cross Choir *Modimo Oa Ka* (contemporary)  
 Soweto Gospel Choir *Khona Manje* (choral - accompanied)  
 Majalefa A Morena *Vuma* (choral)  
 Pure Gold *Godumo Dumo* (choral)  
 Oleseng *Icilingo* (contemporary)  
 Amasabatha *Mohau Oa*  
 Perfect choice *Morena* (contemporary)  
 St Thomas YMG *O Khethelwe* (choral)  
*Ng Thethelele* (contemporary)  
*Ha Le Lakatsa*  
*Ho Tseba* (choral).

### *Somerkersfees*

This CD by the Singkronies Kamerkoor is more melodious and the choir sings like you'd imagine the angels sound. This CD is perfect if you want quiet time and just want to listen to the tracks.

### *Artists and tracks*

John Rutter *Kersfees-wiegelied*

Verwerk deur Odd Johan	<i>Hallelujah</i> Overoye
Johann Sebastian Bach	<i>Adagio uit: Sonate vir fluit nr 4</i>
Koos du Plessis Verwerk	<i>Somerkersfees</i> deur Niel van der Watt
Verwerk deur	<i>Kom alle getroues</i> Wim Viljoen
Chris Lamprecht	<i>Eerste Kersfees</i>
Max Reger	<i>Maria Wiegelielid</i>
Verwerk deur Niel van der Watt	<i>Herders op die ope velde</i>
Verwerk deur Niel van der Watt	<i>Hoor die blye tyding</i>
T Albinoni	<i>Allegro uit: Concerto vir twee hobos en strykers</i>
Verwerk deur Niel van der Watt	<i>O come, O come Emmanuel</i>
Verwerk deur Niel van der Watt	<i>O die goeie tyding</i>
Johann Sebastian Bach/Charles Gounod	<i>Ave Maria</i>
Johann Schultz Verwerk deur Niel van der Watt	<i>Kom kinders besing</i>
Enrico Bossi	<i>Cantate Domino</i>
Cesar Franck	<i>Panis Angelicus</i>
GF Handel	<i>Dogter van Sion</i>
Verwerk deur Chris Lamprecht	<i>In Palestina's velde</i>
Adolphe Adam	<i>O Holy Night</i>
Niel van der Watt	<i>O nag der nagte</i>
Franz Gruber	<i>Stille nag.</i>

### *Die neffens: my. Griekwa-psalms en ander tekse*

For all the Randall Wicomb fans this CD is a must-have. He collaborates with Hans du Plessis on Griqua psalms and other texts. Voete vanne gemsbok (7) and Spreuke van Salomo (12) were my favourite tracks.

#### Tracks

*Hie neffens my (Psalm 42)*  
*Hoe lieflik is U se hys (Psalm 84)*  
*Skawagter (Psalm 23)*  
*Dasie 'n lantie (Psalm 8)*  
*Hy't Hy se kjent gestier (Johannes 3:16)*  
*Ek slat my twee oge op (Psalm 121)*  
*Voete vanne gemsbok (Habakuk 3:17)*  
*Die Onse Vader*  
*Geloof, hoop ennie liefde (1 Korintiërs)*

*Innie skylte vannie Jirre (Psalm 117)*  
*Kom lê by my (Hooglied 2:10-16)*  
*Spreuke van Salomo*  
*Gebed van Jobes (1 Kroenieke 4:10)*  
*'n Riel virrie Jirre (Psalm 104)*  
*Die aarde issie Jirre s'n (Psalm 24).*

### *Sabel uyabizwa*

Rebecca Malope is the undisputed queen of black South African gospel. On this CD she still reigns supreme. Because of her many releases since the eighties she is the largest-selling South African artist, and arguably the most popular. I enjoyed the whole CD even if I couldn't understand a word. For obvious reasons my favourite tracks were number 12 *I feel like going home* and number 15, *We are marching*. We also have the CD **Siyabonga** by Rebecca in stock.

#### Tracks

*Jesu Ulithemba*  
*Inombolo Yacingo*  
*Uyingcwele*  
*Khuluma Nami*  
*Ungakhubeki*  
*Ngizakuwe*  
*Isandla*  
*Sabela*  
*Ntandane*  
*Ngozixolisa*  
*Ngawe*  
*Laduma Lamthatha*  
*I feel like going home*  
*Khidza Mani*  
*O Emé Kae*  
*We are marching.*

### *Bring die Koning terug!*

This dual-language CD (English and Afrikaans) was recorded live at the University of Pretoria Sports Centre. The inside cover of the CD contains the words and lyrics of the tracks. This CD made me want to sing along and I did, reading the words on the cover. I liked the way the audience was interacting after each track. This is an excellent CD for the Christian youth.

#### Tracks

*Bring back the King*  
*Verlustig jou in Hom*  
*Glory glory Lord*  
*Mighty is our God!*  
*As ek in die aan...*  
*Bring die Koning terug*  
*How great is your love*  
*Die God wat genees*  
*Who is there like You?*  
*Wat help dit my?*  
*Send Your Holy Fire*  
*HiiHo - The Joshua song!*  
*We wanna see Jesus lifted high*  
*Look what the Lord has done.*

### *Willie Soubert – 60 minute van sy beste*

Willie has been in the gospel music ministry for more than twenty years and he is still just as passionate as ever about the wonderful tool God has given him to touch lives all around the world. He has been described as a man with a beautiful voice, a man who touches people's hearts with words and songs inspired by God.

#### Tracks

*Prys die Here*  
*Sonder liefde*  
*He will carry you*  
*In my binnekamer*  
*Weet jy?*  
*Habakuk*  
*We will live to see tomorrow*  
*Wys my om te leef*  
*In U teenwoordigheid/Naby U O Heer*  
*Heilige Gees*  
*Lord lift us up to where we belong*  
*Wapenrusting*  
*Altyd hier by jou*  
*My love for You*  
*God van Israel*  
*In U oë.*

### *Die houtkruis*

Pretoria-born Danie Botha started off his music career singing a general genre of music, but later decided to dedicate his life to gospel music. The move paid off for Danie when his gospel albums outsold his regular CD sales by far.

Danie Botha is one of the most successful local artists, and he gives a powerful performance with a strong prophetic and teaching ministry.

This dual-language CD (Afrikaans/English) is a must for all Christian households.

#### Tracks

*Houtkruis*  
*Nuwe wyn*  
*Since I met Him*  
*Wie sal antwoord*  
*Die liefde van die Here*  
*Worship medley*  
*Ek sien die lig*  
*Houtkruis*  
*I love to be in Your presence*  
*Ek wil U loof*  
*Hy het opgestaan*  
*Oor die grense*  
*Too small a price.*

The above is just a sample of the selection of gospel music in stock in our libraries.

Note: All the above CDs are available from SN.