



### UNIVERSITY OF GHANA JUBILEE CHOIR

IN COLLABORATION WITH
PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE

**PRESENTS** 

# Mgbejeke

10th Anniversary Concert
(2008-2018)

#### **THEME**

A DECADE OF UNFAILING PRAISE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019 | GREAT HALL | 5PM





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## **PROGRAMME**

#### **PART ONE**

#### **CURTAIN RAISERS**

- Organ Recital
- · Philip Avumegah
- · Harry Ballad
- Uhondo Major

Opening Prayer
Welcome Address
Purpose of Gathering
Introduction of Chairperson
Chairperson's Remarks
Introduction of Special Guest
of Honour and other
special guests

#### Performance by UG Jubilee Choir

- Aseda
- Migli
- Z)d3d3
- Mala
- Sunsum Cantata

Remarks by Dr. Ben Amakye-Boateng Ministration by Invited Choirs

#### **INTERLUDE**

Kennedy Dankwah Remarks by Alumni Representative A Piece by Mitchelle Ajeibge

#### Performance by UG Jubilee Choir

- My Tribute
- The Marvelous Work
- Gloria
- Total Praise
- · We Praise Thy Name
- · Rejoice in the Lord always
- The Lord is great
- Lord you have been our dwelling place
- He maketh peace

#### **PART TWO**

Address by President
Fundraising
Cutting of Anniversary Cake
Offering
Chairperson's Closing Remarks
Vote of Thanks
Closing Prayer
Hallelujah Chorus by Mass Choir



# TEN YEARS OF UNFAILING PRAISE (2008-2018) BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA JUBILEE CHOIR

In the run up to the University of Ghana's 60th Anniversary, the idea of establishing a University Choir was mooted. Prof. Kwesi Yankah, then the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, who was the brain behind the formation, discussed this idea with Mr. Timothy Esiam Andoh, then Head of Department of Music. Subsequently, Mrs. Stella A. Amoa, then Acting Director of Public Affairs was robed in. After several deliberations and going through the necessary institutional processes, the University of Ghana Jubilee Choir was established in 2008.

Mr. Andoh was tasked to mobilize students who were interested in becoming members as well as provide technical support to the Choir. Public Affairs was tasked with providing administrative and logistical support to the Choir.

The University of Ghana Jubilee Choir was mainly established to perform at official functions and ceremonies of the University. Members were recruited from among students of the University, with supervision by the Director of the Choir and team of assistants. Public Affairs continues to be the home of the Choir in providing administrative support, counsel and logistics.

The Choir had a membership of 90 at establishment. The first assignment for the newly established Choir was to perform at the Investiture Ceremony of His Excellency Kofi Annan as Chancellor of the University on August 11, 2008. Thereafter the Choir has been the main choir supporting Matriculation ceremonies, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Remembrance Day Service and Easter Concerts, among many others.

The first director of the Choir was Mr. Timothy Esiam Andoh. He was assisted by Dr. Ben Amakye-Boateng (Senior Lecturer, Music Department), Mr. Frank Fergusson Laing and Mr. John Annan.

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The Choir has achieved many exploits, among them the inaugural concert dubbed- 'An Evening with Amu and Nketia' held at the R. S. Amegashie Auditorium on 25th October, 2009, which recorded about 120 members in attendance. On 10th December 2010, the Choir performed a pre-Christmas concert, Vivaldi's *Gloria; Olivet to Calvary:* A Sacred Cantata by J.H. Maunder at the Great Hall as part of the Easter festivities at the Great Hall.

The exploits of the Choir have not gone unnoticed. The Choir was awarded the best music group in the university during the 2017 SRC Excellence awards. In 2018, during the 10th Anniversary, University of Ghana Jubilee Choir's concert, 'An Evening with Ken Kafui' was nominated for the institutional concert of the year during the GH youth Choral awards.

For about a period of three to four years, the activities of the Choir slowed down, leading to the Chorale Ensemble of the Music Department providing support for University functions and other activities of the Choir until it was rejuvenated by Mr. Henry Frimpong, Music Director during the Presidency of Mr. Oliver Awuah in the 2015/16 academic year. Other Presidents have been Mr. Stephen Peprah (2016/17), Mr. Ernest Kissi Omari (2017/18), Mr. Derrick Asamoah (2018/19). Ms. Jennifer Welbeck is the current President for the 2019/20 academic year.

A number of alumni of the Jubilee Choir can be found amongst top choirs in Ghana, such as Harmonious Chorale, Vocal Essence, One Voice Choir, Symphonials, Gramophone Chorus and Chorale Africa. Currently, the membership of the Choir stands at seventy (70). The Choir's official uniforms are University branded attires.

Indeed it has been a decade of Unfailing Praise and we thank the Good Lord for how far He has brought the Choir.



#### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

I joined University of Ghana Jubilee Choir when I was in my first year at the university. I came for subsequent rehearsals after my first rehearsal not because jubilee choir had amazing singers but because Jubilee choir was an awesome family. From the first time I set foot in the Music department seminar room for rehearsals, I was sold for life. It has been three and half amazing years with the choir.



It has been and is an honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Jubilee Choir this academic year. There have been more than a few bumps on the road but Jubilee Choir has always bounced back by God's grace. The choir has a membership of 70 people currently and continues to minister at more school functions and hopes to hold more concerts as the choir grows. The choir aspires to raise more awareness about the choir and hopes to raise funds for a keyboard, a combo, robes and folders to aid in the smooth running of the choir at this tenth anniversary concert. University of Ghana Jubilee choir warmly welcomes all students of the university who are interested in joining the choir. Come and be a part of a great family.

We sing to touch hearts and sing for the Lord. God bless University of Ghana Jubilee Choir. God bless University of Ghana. God bless Ghana.

Jennifer D. D. Welbeck **President, UG Jubilee Choir** 





# UNIVERSITY OF GHANA JUBILEE CHOIR THE GENESIS

I can't believe its ten years already, with a tenth anniversary at our doorstep!

I recall how it all began, when my passion for choral music took me to a concert at the National Theatre mid 2008. I was then Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Ghana. Whoever organized the event hardly knew history was in the offing!



There were some five or more choral groups merrily singing in praise of our Maker at the National Theatre. I was thrilled to hear two or more groups from my own university serially thrilling listeners with awesome voices. It included the University of Ghana Methodist-Presbyterian Choir, also a choral group from the School of Performing Arts, and others.

With those hallowed voices soaking the state auditorium, what else did the university need constituting a university choir of its own? On my return to campus, I called my good friend Mr. Andoh, Head of Music. This was a colleague who was virtually choral music on human legs! My directive was simple: Legon needs a choral group, a virtual university mass choir, a blend of the best voices among the various choral groups! And 'I want that achieved in three months,' I hollered!

The first step was to get the maiden batch stay over the long vacation, and prepare their voices for a debut performance at the Investiture of His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan as Chancellor of the University on August 11, 2008. I indeed paid them a visit one evening to eavesdrop on their voices; and my God! Andoh had done magic creating a winsome harmony out of diverse voices. We had a university choir in the offing, and we arranged for uniforms and all, compelling the University to feature the new group at all formal events.



Mrs. Stella A. Amoa of the Public Affairs Directorate was indeed a willing accomplice in all this!

That was the genesis of the University of Ghana Choir. The next year, 2009, as part of the University's 60th anniversary, I sought permission from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Cliff Tagoe, to formally name the group after the University's 60th anniversary: The University of Ghana Jubilee Choir!

And it's ten years already?

I wish this dream choir a wonderful 10th anniversary!

Prof Kwesi Yankah Minister of State in charge of Tertiary Education





#### **GOODWILL MESSAGES**

As you commemorate a "Decade of Unfailing Praise", marking ten years I would like to send you hearty congratulations. Indeed as the University Choir, you continue to perform creditably well. I admire your tenacity and the discipline with which you perform. You make us proud!

On behalf of management and members of the University of Ghana, I wish you the best in your endeavours, and pray that in bringing joy to others you will also receive

manifold blessings. *Happy Anniversary!* 



## **Prof. Ebenezer Oduro Owusu** Vice-Chancellor



Ebenezer! Thus far has the Lord brought the University of Ghana Jubilee Choir! Congratulations! Best wishes for many more years of joyful singing!

Mrs. Stella A. Amoa
Director of Public Affairs

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the Jubilee Choir on your 10 th anniversary celebrations. As you mark 10 years of unfailing praise to God and service to the University, I want to join the entire University community in wishing you a happy anniversary. May our good Lord lead you in the next phase of service as you touch lives near and far with delightful ministration. God bless you abundantly.





















































#### UNIVERSITY OF GHANA IUBILEE CHOIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCER



















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Joseph Yaw Boateng
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Patrick Kofi Amanor

#### **PROTOCOL**

Ernest Kissi Omari Rebecca Koranteng -Gyamfi Theophilous Okine Gertrude Nuamah Buti

#### **USHERING TEAM**

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#### **EXECUTIVE 2019/2020**

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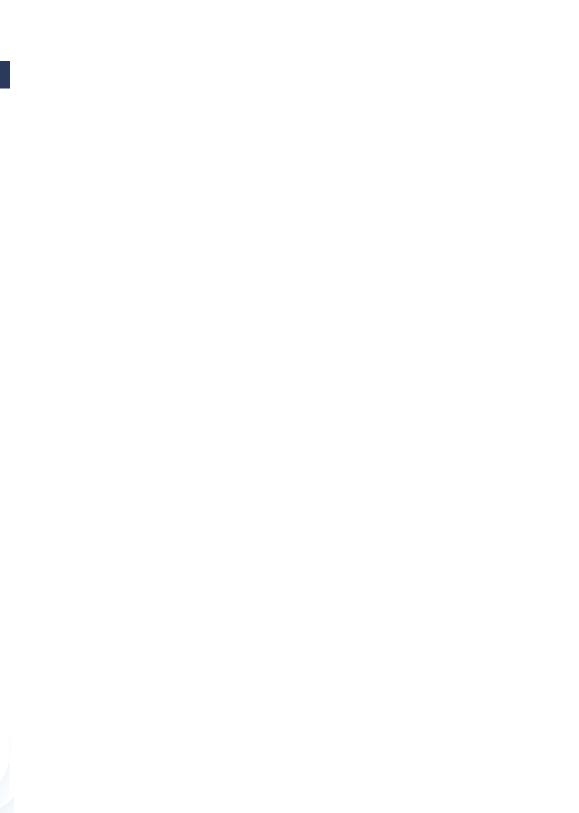
**Bass Part Leader** 

Emmanuel Otoo Turkson

Organizer

Elorm Agbeve

Deputy Organizer



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

#### Staff of Public Affairs Directorate

#### Chairperson

Mrs. Stella A. Amoa Director, Public Affairs

#### Special Guest of Honour

Hon. Lydia Seyram Alhassan, M.P. Ayawaso West Wuogon Constituency

#### **Invited Guests**

Host Choir University of Ghana Jubilee Choir

#### **Guest Choir**

Greater Accra Mass Choir

#### **Senior Directors**

Mr. T. E. Andoh Dr. Ben Amakye-Boateng

#### Directors

Constant Ahadzivia Felix Gyekye Konadu

#### **Masters of Ceremony**

Eleazar Fordjour Quayson Derrick Schandorf Ayirebi-Acquah

#### **Organists**

Kofi Mensa Siabi Kwadwo Opoku Donyina Daniel Amusah Constant Ahadzivia

#### Soloists

Rose Aning (Soprano) Esther Prah (Soprano) Solace K. N. Nak-Ampeh (Soprano) Derrick Asamoah (Alto) Pious Kofi Bentum (Tenor) Abraham Peter Mensah (Bass)

#### **Guest Soloists**

Mitchelle Ajeibge (Soprano) Philip Avumegah (Tenor) Kennedy Duodu Dankwa (Bass) Ernest Kissi Omari (Bass) Harry Ballad

#### **Sponsors**

Mrs. Stella A. Amoa Mr. Daniel T. T. Welbeck Mr. Ernest Kissi Omari

