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# University of Pretoria Camerata win at the Grand Prix of Nations Riga 2017

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The University of Pretoria's Camerata Choir has won the Grand Prix of Nations Youth Choir category at the prestigious international Grand Prix of Nations and 3rd European Choir Games 2017, held recently in Riga, Latvia.

'We are very proud of the choir for representing the University in the most diverse way, performing in both the folklore and the mixed youth choir categories. The students can be very proud of their hard work which resulted in this significant achievement,' said Michael Joseph Barrett, Tuks Camerata conductor.

The Grand Prix of Nations is an international choir competition open to all non-professional choirs around the world. The Grand Prix of Nations Riga 2017 was combined with the 3rd European Choir Games, and 200 choirs comprising 12 000 singers participated in this year's event.

Tuks Camerata's 75 members are full-time UP students from a variety of fields, including engineering, music, theology, business and law. In 2015 the choir received a South African Music Award nomination for their album, *Phoenix*, in the best classical/instrumental category, and in 2014 Tuks Camerata won their category at the World Youth Choir Games.



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### About Tuks Camerata

The Camerata was officially established on 20 March 1968. Its mission is to make a contribution to the cultural development of the student corps while fostering cultural enrichment of the community through choral singing. The choir also endeavours to promote the University of Pretoria as an institution where students strive towards the highest possible artistic standards while maintaining a code of conduct that meets the highest requirements of companionship.

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