

## **Varsity choir bags 8 awards at the Music Festival 2017.**

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The University of Nairobi students' choir were crowned the best university choir in the festival and won the coveted challenge trophy. The UoN choir was number one in 5 other classes. Namely: the best overall music composition, the best arrangement pop tunes and melodies 'zilizopendwa gospel,' the best in mixed voices, the East African anthem, zilizopendwa from the rest of Africa, small choir class and the CBK composition class . In the special composition class, UoN took third position.

The choir also won a cash award of Kshs. 150,000 at the recently held national music festivals in Kakamega where they competed against 16 universities at the National Music Festival 2017 under the leadership of Mr. Atoh and the assistant choir director Mr. Chrispinus Wekulo.

Presenting the trophies to the UoN Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, the choir director, Mr. Fred Atoh thanked the university management for the support accorded to the choir.

"This team has shown commitment and dedication to making the choir a success," he said. "Despite the challenges the choir has faced, they have strongly held on and now we can clearly see the rewards of their hard work."

Prof. Mbithi congratulated the team on the great achievement. "Indeed, you have flown the university flag high and we are proud of you," he said. "You went to the festivals and did great things. We are happy and proud of you."

The Vice-Chancellor added that the university will continue supporting the choir and its activities. He pledged to implement some of the requests made by the team to him, which includes branded uniforms, music equipment and an office space.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro also congratulated the team. "I have always told you that you are a world class choir in a world class university. Congratulations!" he said. "Continue representing us well."

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