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The Deputy-Mayor and Mayoress have asked me to extend to you their apologies for not being with you this evening. As you know, the Mayor of Johannesburg left for overseas yesterday, and Cllr. Fleming is deputising for the Mayor at an engagement he had undertaken for tonight.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Capediums for their fine rendering of the 'Creation' and in particular to Mr. Jabulani Mazibuko who so ably conducted and trained this Choir.

The Choir is, I understand, composed of people drawn from many walks of life. Some of them are teachers, some are factory workers, others are office workers and some are engaged in social work.

The Choir was formed some eighteen months ago for cultural purposes, and is non-political and interdenominational. It is the desire of the founders to create public interest in classical music, and it is also hoped that the Choir will be able to raise funds for the purpose of assisting the National Council of African Women in their efforts to build a home in Orlando for the Aged, and also for sending deserving children to school.

Those of you who have had any experience of choral work will realise the long hours of practise that have been needed to produce the results we have heard this evening. I believe long-playing records of the 'Creation' were purchased to assist in the rendering of the solo parts.

I must single out for our thanks Mr. Jabulani

Mazibuko who was the founder of the Choir which performed the 'Messiah' and who has now added to that success with the performance we have heard tonight. Mr. Mazibuko is the Principal of a school in Orlando, and I am sure you would wish to join me in wishing him and his Choir great success in the future.

I am sure we are going to hear a lot more of the Capediums. They have already started training for the presentation of Mozart's 'Requiem Mass' so that you must know they are setting themselves an ambitious target.

I would ask you to tell your friends about this evening's performance and get them to support the Choir and the causes they are endeavouring to help.

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