

KEFAS Gospel Choir

Few Danish gospel choirs, if any, have a history as long and uninterrupted as that of KEFAS Gospel Choir, and thus the choir's story also forms an important part of the story of gospel music in Denmark.

KEFAS Gospel Choir is based in the Methodist church in Copenhagen, Jerusalemskirken. The choir was founded in 1975 and is considered to be the first Danish gospel choir. The choir and its founder Peter Steinvig have been pioneers of gospel music in Denmark throughout the years.

An important factor in making gospel music known in Denmark has been the Copenhagen Gospel Festival which for more 20 years introduced Danish people to gospel music taught by both gospel music celebrities (such as Richard Smallwood, Edwin Hawkins and Lamar Campbell) and upcoming names from the US and the UK. KEFAS Gospel Choir and Peter Steinvig have been important driving forces behind this annual workshop and concert, and the festival has been a great source of inspiration for the choir. KEFAS Gospel Choir has also had the privilege of meeting and performing with Andrae Crouch and Clarence Eggleton.

The choir is currently led by conductor, composer and singer Jacob Asmussen, who has been the choir's director since 2008. In May 2016, KEFAS Gospel Choir visited the US for the fourth time to visit friends and churches in Washington DC and Portland, Oregon. The choir has also visited England, Poland, Germany, Norway and Sweden.

The story of KEFAS Gospel Choir is of course a story of songs and music, but the story is also about more than that. Gospel music is not just a captivating and intense style of music, it also carries a message of faith, hope, love and joy!

The name KEFAS (Eng: Cephas) has been the choir's name since the beginning. It is the Aramaic name for "rock" with Peter being the Greek equivalent. But the actual rock – the firm foundation which remains the same in all the ups and downs of life – is Jesus Christ and the faith in Him!

“He set my feet upon a rock. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God”
(Psalm 40, 3-4)

The fact that this song is still new and very much alive for KEFAS Gospel Choir is in itself a testimony of that rock steady foundation. This is why we never grow tired of singing the gospel, thanking God for His faithfulness and for the song in our mouths and the joy in our souls. It is this joy we wish to share with you!