

# ***ONE STEP GOSPEL CHOIR***



***PRESSBOOK  
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# **PRESENTATION**

## ***THE CHOIR***

There are 30+ singers in the choir, which are chosen through an audition. One Step's urban gospel repertoire, is sung in English, and is greatly inspired by the Black American gospel choirs.

Consisting of twenty to thirty male and female singers, admitted upon audition, One Step sings modern gospel in English in a style reminiscent of the African American choirs of American churches.

The choir was founded in 1983 and began its present era with the arrival of director Samuel Jonckheere, who has a unique ability to bring out the best in each singer and constantly heighten the choir's artistic level.

Particular attention is given to the pronunciation, pause, and homogeneity of the voices as well as to the solo singers. In addition, the choir seeks to reinforce the message of its songs by means of its visual expression.

Since its foundation, One Step has acquired great experience through more than fifty concerts, more than twenty festivals, more than one hundred wedding ceremonies, and a number of television and radio performances. Finally, the choir has recorded two studio albums and a live album, which has marked significant steps in its progression.



## ***THE DIRECTOR***

Of Belgian origin, Samuel Jonckheere has been living in Switzerland for several years. Mr. Jonckheere is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Gent, Belgium. During his studies, he received numerous awards in the fields of song, piano, harmony, musical history, contra point, and direction. As an example, toward the end of his studies, Mr. Jonckheere won the European Gospel Contest.

Since his graduation, Mr. Jonckheere has acquired a solid and broad professional experience as a director of numerous choirs, ensembles, symphony orchestras, and choirs and orchestras for a number of musicals. Moreover, he is an experienced song and piano teacher and has worked as voice coach for several studios. On top of all this, he is a composer, orchestrator, and producer.

Mr. Jonckheere has directed One Step since 1993 and continues to play a pivotal role in the success and development of the choir.



## ***THE BAND***

For the big concerts, One Step is accompanied by a band made of 5 to 8 musicians. Some of these professional musicians have been playing for One Step for many years.

### **The musicians:**

Benoit **CORBOZ**, piano  
Donovan **TESAURY**, keyboards  
Eugène **MONTENERO**, guitar  
Dushan **ROCK**, bass  
Jan **FABRICKY**, drums

### **The brass section:**

Andreas **BEER**, trumpet  
Simon **HIRSIGER**, trombone  
Joël **GRAF**, saxophone



# **PRESTATIONS**

## **Concerts**

- December 2009: Christmas brunch concert at the **Montreux Palace**
- December 2009: Concert for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADS, Sierre
- November 2009: Concert with band at the **Octogone Theater in Pully**
- June 2009: Concert in Saint-Aubin for the D'Evans Fair.
- May 2009: Concert at the collegial of Estavayer-le-lac (160<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- April 2009: Concert in Yverdon for the Kings Kids Easter camp.
- December 2008: **Concert, Casino de Montbenon**, Lausanne
- November 2008: Audincourt (Doubs-France) : ONE STEP Gospel Choir sang with the gospel legend **GOLDEN GATE QUARTET**, on their farewell tour
- May 2008: Concert, Nods
- May 2008: Graduation ceremony, Cathedral of Geneva
- December 2007: Concert, Geneva
- December 2007: Concert, Martigny
- October 2007: Concert for the Silo Foundation, Echichens
- September 2007: Concert, Théâtre du Léman, Geneva
- August 2007: Grand concert with **ALVIN SLAUGHTER (USA)** for the 50th anniversary of Ghana, Arene de Geneve, Geneva
- June 2007: Concert, Favagny
- December 2006: **Concert, Casino de Montbenon**, Lausanne
- December 2006: Concert, Veyrier
- December 2006: **Gala concert for the IMD school, BEAURIVAGE PALACE**, Lausanne
- Novembre 2006: Concert, Meyrin
- Septembre 2006: Concert, Renens
- May 2006: Concert, L'Isle
- 15 & 16 December 2005: Concerts, Coppet
- December 2005: **Concert, Casino de Montbenon**, Lausanne
- December 2005: Concert au Casino, Fribourg
- November 2005: Concert, Orbe
- March 2005: Concert, Geneva
- March 2005: Concert, Temple de Blonay
- January 2005: Concert, Temple de la Fusterie, Geneva
- 11 & 12 December 2004: **Concerts, Casino de Montbenon**, Lausanne
- December 2004: Concert with **OSLO GOSPEL CHOIR, Auditorium Stravinsky**, Montreux
- November 2004: Concert, Vallorbe
- September 2004: Concert, Vetroz
- April 2004: Concert, Bern
- February 2004: Concert, Geneva
- January 2004: Concert, **ONG MEDAIR**
- January 2004: Concert, Eglise de Sainte-Croix, Geneva
- 13 & 14 December 2003: **Concerts, Casino de Montbenon**, Lausanne
- December 2003: Concert, Arbaz
- September 2003: Concert with **Ron Kenoly (USA)**, Arene de Geneve, Geneva
- January 2003: Concert, Eglise de Sainte-Croix, Geneva
- June 2000: Concert, Catholic Conference "**AD2000**", Fribourg
- June 2000: Concert, "**Pentecôte 2000**", Malley Skating Rink, Lausanne

## **Festivals**

- June 2007: Gospel Air, Neuchâtel
- July 2005: **JAZZPARADE**, Fribourg
- May 2005: Festi Flash, Nyon
- June 2004: Gospel Air, Vevey
- August 2001: Festilac, Collex-Bossy
- July 2000: **Montreux Jazz Festival** – Gospel Boat

**Mariages** - **More than 130 ceremonies in the French Part of Switzerland**

**Television**

- August 2008: **Le Locle, Swiss National Day** Live on TSR1 – SF1 and TSI1
- June 2007: **MAXTV**
- February 2007: Mimavision broadcast « REFLEXION »
- December 2004: **Montreux, TELETHON 2004** Presented by I. FRESARD and J.-Ph. RAPP
- December 2000: **TSR 1, « Les Coups de Coeur d'Alain Morisod »**

**Radio**

- June 2008: **Radio Suisse Romande RSR « Kiosque à Musiques »**, Opening of the European Soccer Championship 2008
- December 2007: **Radio Suisse Romande RSR: «Rien n'est joué »!**  
One Step en répétition
- March 2007: Radio Cité, Geneva
- January 2005: **Radio Suisse Romande RSR « Kiosque à Musiques »**
- November 2003: **Radio Suisse Romande RSR « Kiosque à Musiques »**
- December 2003: Radio Chablais (VS)
- June 2000: **Radio Suisse Romande RSR «La soupe est pleine»**
- January 2000: **Radio Suisse Romande RSR « Kiosque à Musiques »**





## **REPERTOIRE**

One Step's repertoire comprises traditional and urban gospel songs, including interpretations of pieces by famous artists such as Kirk Franklin, J. Moss, Kurt Karr, Alvin Slaughter, Georges Michael, Elton John, Whitney Houston, R. Kelly, Michael Bolton, Lauryn Hill, Simon and Garfunkel...

Ain't no mountain high enough  
Anybody wanna pray  
Anything  
As  
Back II Eden  
Brighter Day  
Bridge over troubled water  
Can't give up now  
Don't let the sun go down on me  
Falling in Love with Jesus  
Free  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Hosanna  
I love the Lord  
If it had not been  
Imagine me  
It's alright  
Jesus is the Answer  
Jesus Your love  
Jesus You're the center of my joy  
Joyful, Joyful  
King Jesus is a listening  
Lead me, Lord  
Lean on Him  
Lean on me  
Let us come into this house  
Looking for You  
My life is in Your hands  
My Life, my Love, my All  
No word praise  
Now Let us sing  
Oh Happy Day  
Our God is an awesome God  
Praise Him  
Praise on the Inside  
Rain Down  
Reign  
Revive Us  
Sacrifice of Praise  
Shout Hallelujah  
Shined on me  
Sweet Jesus  
Up where we belong  
We lift our Hands  
We will stand  
Worship the Lord  
You light up my life  
You'll never stand alone

## **DISCOGRAPHY**

### **« LIVE » 2006**

Based on a recent live concert in Lausanne, Switzerland, this album is One Step's first studio album and represents the current style of One Step's repertoire and sound.



1. Ain' t no mountain high enough
2. No word praise
3. Revive us
4. As
5. My Life, my Love, my All
6. Joyful, Joyful
7. Hosanna
8. You'll never stand alone
9. It 's alright
10. My life is in your Hands
11. Sweet Jesus
12. Now let us sing

Listen to some of the songs at [www.one-step.ch](http://www.one-step.ch)

### **« FREE » 2004**

One Step's second studio album containing more modern and R'n'B gospel songs.



1. Don't wait no longer
2. Anybody wanna pray
3. Free
4. Our God is an awesome God / He reigns
5. I love the Lord
6. God's got it all in control
7. Up where we belong
8. Worship the Lord
9. Jesus you're the center of my joy
10. Starting now
11. Shined on me
12. I just can't give up now

Extraits à écouter sur notre site [www.one-step.ch](http://www.one-step.ch)

### **« ONE STEP GOSPEL » 1999**

One Step's first studio album containing traditional gospel songs. Sold out!



1. Oh happy day
2. This joy
3. Lead me Lord
4. King Jesus is a listening
5. Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
6. John the Revelator
7. The Lord just keeps on blessing me
8. Soon and very soon
9. You light up my life
10. Your love

## **CONTACT**

For information on future concerts, acquiring albums, and all additional requests, please contact our president Charles-Edouard Pittet and our website: [www.one-step.ch](http://www.one-step.ch)

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