

Afro-Reggae Meets Climate Justice

Tanzanian-German band Rise'n'Shine kicks off tour on September 5 in church circuit of Bonn

(Wuppertal/Bonn, September 5, 2025) – Rousing music, clear messages, and active international partnership: The Tanzanian-German band *Rise'n'Shine* kicks off its current tour in Bonn under the motto “Voices of Climate Justice.” The tour begins on Friday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the *American Protestant Church* in Bad Godesberg.

The opening concert is hosted by the Committee for Partnership and Global Ecumenism of the Protestant Church District of Bonn. There is a special connection here: lead singer Anne-Christina Achterberg Boness, who grew up in Tanzania, recently became a fundraiser for the church district.

Rise'n'Shine combines Afro-reggae with African fusion, gospel, and jazz to create a distinctive sound. Their songs, sung in English, Swahili, and German, convey a message of peace, love, and unity in diversity. The band's lyrics promote social justice, respect, and climate protection. Their music moves, inspires, and invites you to groove along.

“Together we can do it!”

“With their energetic music full of original songs, the musicians want to motivate young people in particular to take action against the climate crisis,” says Pastor Helmut Müller from the Cologne-Bonn Regional Service of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM), who is part of the organizing team. “Despite the already noticeable threatening effects of the crisis in Tanzania, the band members radiate a positive attitude that is contagious. *Pumojazumawesa* – ‘Together we can do it!’ – is their credo.”

In addition to the concerts, the church district is organizing over 20 workshops in schools, with confirmation groups, and in communities together with the band.

All tour dates in Bonn and the surrounding region at a glance:

- Fri, Sept. 5, 7:00 p.m. – American Protestant Church, Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Kennedyallee 150
- Sun, Sept. 7, 11:00 a.m. – Johanniskirche Bonn-Duisdorf, church service “Water for All” with workshops
- Fri, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m. – *Confirmation concert* for young people, House of the Protestant Church Bonn, Adenauerallee 37
- Sat, Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m. – Auferstehungskirche Bonn-Venusberg, Haager Weg

- Sun, Sept. 14, 2:00 p.m. – Summer festival at Thomaskirche Bonn-Röttgen, Herzigs-freudenweg
- Fri, Sept. 19, 4:00 p.m. – Haus Migrapolis, Bonn-Zentrum, as part of Intercultural Week 2025

Admission to all events is free, donations are welcome.

The tour is supported by the Protestant Church District of Bonn, Bread for the World, the City of Bonn, and the United Evangelical Mission (UEM).

[Further information and videos about *Rise'n'Shine*](#)

About „UEM“

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