

## Joint Warfare Centre hosts Christmas Concert - Joint Warfare Centre

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VIVA, the Sandnes Culture School's Choir, who is also the winner of Grieg International Choir Festival this year, presented one of the most beloved compositions dedicated to the Christmas season, George Frederic Handel's inspiring oratorio "Messiah", at the Joint Warfare Centre's auditorium in Jatta.

Additional musicians included Bodil Arnesen (soprano) and Kjell Erik Jorgensen (bass).

Major General Jean Fred Berger, Commander Joint Warfare Centre, thanked VIVA for its spectacular and most memorable performance and for sharing the blessings of the Christmas season with the JWC staff and their family members.

**(From VIVA's website):** VIVA was founded as "Sandnes Music School's Girls Choir" in 1968, and was opened for boys in 1997. The name was then changed to "VIVA, Sandnes Kulturskolekor", or VIVA, for short. VIVA consists of more than 40 singers, from 11 to 18 years old. Its aim is to maintain the reputation as a high-quality choir where each pupil can develop her/his talents, and prove what children can do. Their leading text for working with the children is taken from Pablo Casals, who once said:

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***Each second we live is a new and special moment,  
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***We should tell every child:***

***"Do you know what you are?***

***You are a miracle!***

***You are wonderful!***

***In the whole wide world there is no one like you!""***