



# ANNUAL GALA DINNER

**VENUE: MANSION HOUSE,**  
WALBROOK, LONDON, EC4N 8BH

**DATE:**  
WED, 19 JUNE 2024

**TIME:**  
18:00 TIL 22:30

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# PROGRAMME

- 18:00** Champagne reception
- 18:30 Lord Mayor to arrive
- 18:45 Guests to take their seats
- 19:05 National Anthems led by Nic and Pearl Vani
- 19:10 Welcome to the Mansion House, The Rt Hon  
The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman  
Professor Michael Mainelli
- 19:20 Chairman of the South African Chamber  
of Commerce UK, Sharon Constançon
- 19:25 Starters to be served**
- 19:50 His Excellency, the South African High  
Commissioner, Kingsley Mamabolo
- 19:55 Bruce Whitfield
- 20:10 Main course to be served**
- 20:50 CEO, Finance Isle of Man, Michael Crowe  
Finance IoM, Business Development Consultant  
in SA, Cecilia Albertyn  
Boston Multi Family Office, Client & Business  
Development Executive, Roelf Odendaal
- 21:00 Sir Jan du Plessis
- 21:15 Desserts followed by coffee and petits fours**
- 21:40 Loyal toast to the King  
Raise a toast to the State President of South Africa
- 21:45 The London Banqueting Ensemble
- 21:55 Message from The Rt Hon Lord Peter Hain, a toast  
to the Chairman, presented by Martin Watkins
- 22:05 Chairman, Sharon Constançon to close formal  
proceedings
- 22:30 Carriages, and drinks next door

# MENU

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## *Starters*

Potted British beef in bone marrow butter, watercress puree, brown ale pickle, button onion, salsify crisps

The summer vegetable antipasti, a selection of zero waste fresh, cured, cooked and marinated vegetables \*\*

## *Main*

Creedy carver roasted duck breast, duck leg shepherd's pie, celeriac puree, grilled leeks, woodland mushrooms, duck jus

Courgette & London parmesan gateaux, tomato relish, grilled baby aubergine, smoked chipotle oil \*\*

## *Dessert*

Chocolate mousse, sour cherries, coconut cream, pistachio brittle

70% Vegan chocolate mousse, sour cherries, coconut cream, pistachio brittle, "honeycomb tuille" \*\*

Coffee & Petit fours

## *Wine List*

**Welcome Drinks:** Veuve Valmante, Brut, France

**White Wine:** Boatmans Drift Chenin Blanc  
Western Cape, South Africa

**Red Wine:** Barrel Jumper Merlot 2022  
Western Cape, South Africa

\*\* *Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten free only available when pre-ordered as dietary requirement.*

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We look forward to meeting you at the Gala Dinner.



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# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

## PINNACLE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome to the South African Chamber of Commerce UK's 2024 Annual Gala Dinner. Thank you for attending, and a particular thank you to the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Michael Mainelli, and the Lady Mayoress, Elisabeth Mainelli, for finding time in their busy diaries to host us tonight. It is a special honour to be hosted in-person by the sitting Lord Mayor, and a first for us.

Michael has chosen the theme "Connect to Prosper" for his tenure and is also very busy with a "Knowledge Mile" programme, a series of hundreds of lectures occurring this year, which I have been delighted to contribute to with my colleagues at my Livery Company.

We have had a very busy year at the SA Chamber UK, with our Annual Awards held in London and South Africa, our seasonal drinks, and several events within our geographic chapters around the UK and South Africa, some of whom are represented here tonight. We've held more "in-person" events this year than previously, as well as numerous webinars across a wide range of speciality subjects.

I'd also like to thank all our sponsors for this evening, in particular our headline sponsor, Finance Isle of Man, who have not only been

generous, wonderful supporters of the Chamber, they have been an absolute pleasure to work with. I enjoyed last year's Heritage Day event on the Isle, where we were blessed with beautiful sunshine.

Also, thank you to our members for their continued support. As we grow year on year, please enjoy our journey with us. We would not exist without your support! Our Strategic and Platinum members deserve a special mention, as do our Patron, Barclays International Banking. It has been a pleasure to develop such wonderful working relationships with each of you.

This year has not only seen a significant election in South Africa, 2024 is the 30th anniversary of our first democratic elections. There will be numerous events taking place to mark the anniversary in the UK and around the world, including a Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Abbey, organised by the SA High Commission and Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA), the successor body to the UK's Anti-Apartheid Movement. The Chamber will also be working with the Lord Mayor's office on a programme to promote "South Africa in the City".

I hope everyone has a wonderful evening.

Sharon Constançon  
Chairman

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# NATIONAL ANTHEMS

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## **GOD SAVE THE KING**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King!

Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!

## **NKOSI SIKELEL' IAFRIKA**

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika  
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo  
lwayo,  
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,  
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho  
lwayo.

*Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,  
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,  
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba  
sa heso,  
Setjhaba sa South Afrika  
- South Afrika.*

*Uit die blou van onse hemel,  
Uit die diepte van ons see,  
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,  
Waar die kranse antwoord gee.*

*Sounds the call to come together,  
And united we shall stand,  
Let us live and strive for freedom,  
In South Africa our land.*

## **GOD BLESS AFRICA**

*God Bless Africa,  
Raise high Her glory,  
Hear our prayers,  
God bless us, we her children.*

*God protect our nation,  
End all wars and tribulation,  
Protect us, protect our nation,  
Our nation South Africa  
- South Africa.*

*Ringling out from our blue  
heavens,  
From the depth of our seas,  
Over our everlasting mountains,  
Where the echoing crags,  
resound.*

*Sounds the call to come  
together,  
And united we shall stand,  
Let us live and strive for freedom,  
In South Africa our land.*