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The 20th Independence Anniversary Musical Extravaganza in Eritrea

Eritrea, the youngest African Nation achieved Independence 20 years ago in 1991, after a bitter 30-year long armed struggle. Eritrea fought and won the liberation struggle without any external help. Eritrea's population of nine ethnic groups divided equally between the two religions of Christianity and Islam live in exemplary harmony and respect. Eritrea's mountainous landscape and its modern art deco capital are a tourist's delight. Eritrea's refurbished railroad system has attractive visitors from all over the world. Culture and arts feature prominently in everyday Eritrean life and there are several theaters in the country. The national festival held in the summer at the Expo grounds in Asmara is attended by thousands every year. The people of Eritrea are known for self reliance, hard work, hospitality and magnanimity. Visitors feel at home in Eritrea



The Eritrean people celebrate each and every Independence Anniversary in grand style, because they have paid a high price for their liberation, over 65,000 of their best and brightest children gave their lives for Eritrea's liberation. Eritreans will be celebrating the great strides made in the last 20 years. Introducing their own homegrown development strategy and relying on their own human and other resources, Eritreans have built schools, 8 new colleges, clinics and hospitals in every region, roads, dams and micro dams, airports and other impressive economic infrastructures. Eritrea is also one of very few countries in sub-Saharan Africa that is on track to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Eritrea has also eradicated malaria, polio and other communicable diseases and has managed to reduce the incidence of HIV-AIDS.

As preparations for the grand 20th Independence Anniversary celebrations get underway, it comes as no surprise that music will take center stage. Eritrea's history is a story shared in the music of Eritrea past and new. During the struggle for independence, music and drama were used for education and mobilization and it was a means of expressing the hopes, pains and suffering of the people of Eritrea. After Independence, music played a vital role in mobilizing support for the rehabilitation and development of Eritrea. Once again, Eritreans continue to rely on their own ingenuity and resources to rebuild their country from scratch and they have made remarkable progress, unparalleled in many of post independence Africa.

At this historic juncture, musicians and artists from all over the world will converge on Asmara to participate in the historical event. There will groups such as World Class Planet Award winners, superstars artists from different parts of Africa. Amongst the many productions that will be on display in Eritrea this year will be a musical collaboration by Eritrea's International artists. This production which will depict Eritrea's illustrious history and post independence success and showcase the talents and diversity of Eritrea's artists, as well as Eritrea's music. Come join us, come to Eritrea's art deco capital with its tree lines boulevards and roadside café's and share in the musical extravaganza which will take place in May 2011.

We hope to see you in Asmara Eritrea!