

HARAMBE

A Quarterly Foundation Newsletter



Harambe is an African word which means “working together.” It is also the foundation’s slogan and name of one of Mrs. Rita Marley’s most popular tunes. Available through our website quarterly, this newsletter will be a vital vehicle to inform you of our foundation’s endeavors, events and accomplishments; importantly, we eagerly anticipate “working together” with you, through your contributions and feedback. So with One Love we could nurture Harambe into a constructive newsletter.

Marley Family Gift to National Library of Jamaica

The National Library of Jamaica (NLJ) has been presented with a collection of Marley family memorabilia.

The presentation was made on Wednesday, March 12, 2009 by Marley family matriach, Mrs. Rita Marley. She said it is important for the NLJ to have her family's work in its reservoir to ensure its historical preservation and accessibility to Jamaicans. Staff of Tuff Gong, Rita Marley Foundation and various media attended the ceremony. Ms. Lorna Wainwright (Tuff Gong) was thanked by NLJ and Mrs. Marley for coordinating the event.

It was the Marley family's second such contribution to the NLJ. The items bequeathed to the institution comprised Bob Marley's "Legend," Grammy winning albums by Ziggy, Stephen and Damian Marely, books, CD, DVD and posters



Mrs. Marley and Ms. Francis reviewing items donated to NLJ

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"SO JAH SEH / NOT ONE OF MY SEEDS / SHALL SIT IN THE SIDEWALK / AND BEG BREAD
(NO THEY CAN'T AND YOU KNOW THAT THEY WON'T) / SO JAH SEH" – **Bob Marley**

Reggae By The Nile

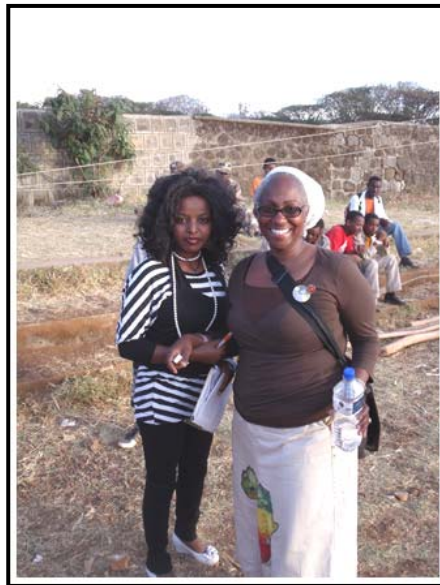
Rita Marley Foundation Helps Reggae By The Nile Flow In Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
 "Where the arts and the environment meet"

On February 13th REGGAE BY THE NILE, was launched in Bahir Dar Ethiopia a historic region where Lake Tana, source of the Nile is located. It is an annual art and world music cultural festival that merges arts and the environment in an effort to enhance awareness and increase participation of individual and collective care of the environment.

Many well wishers attended or sent their blessings. One special message came from Nana Rita Marley who said, "It is a blessing to see the fruits of Africa Unite, the celebration of my husband, Bob Marley's 60th birthday in Addis Ababa. The Rita Marley Foundation is proud to support this event." Ato Ayalew Gobezie, President of Regional Government in the Amhara National State, encouraged the event saying, "

This approach (music and art) is very important in getting the urgent message of collective responsibility to protect the environment, to the people; because without protection of the environment we can't have sustainable development."

Dr. Desta Y. Meghoo, formerly of the Bob Marley Foundation and one of the coordinators of Africa Unite 2005, is the architect and coordinator of Reggae by the Nile. Now residing in Addis Ababa, Meghoo founded Desta Y. Meghoo Development Consultancy (D.Y.M.D.C.) and the Children's Village Project. It is a volunteer program that cares for street children and orphans. She says,



Dr. Desta (right)

"Reggae by the Nile, is a powerful medium for reaching youth. We will use the arts to encourage care and responsibility for our environment. Furthermore, funds raised from the event will be used to help underprivileged youth in Ethiopia." Meghoo adds, "I have worked with Nana Rita Marley for nearly 20 years and Mrs. Marley's strength and commitment to humanitarian issues has influenced me personally she has inspired and encouraged many young women especially, to use music to communicate important issues."


Art exhibitions and workshops were also a part of the event. Well known Ethiopian contemporary artists Merid Tafesse, Genet Alemu and Meheret Kebede shared their expertise and amazing talent with the youth. They taught them how to turn trash into art. Their creative pieces were later exhibited at the Amhara Monument Art Gallery.

During the youth symposium youth, artists, environmentalists, theologians and representatives from various private and public sector institutions exchanged information and ideas on ways to protect the environment. The workshops offered hands on approach for youth, in particular, to become creative about addressing pollution and recycling. The discussions inspired a commitment by local youth to do more to protect the Amhara Region. Amhara is also home to various historic sites such as the rock sculpted churches of Lalibella and ancient palaces in Gonder.

A conscious reggae concert was held on the February 14. It featured performances by Ras Mickey and Eallaz Dance Group, Nyahbinghi Drummers and the National Defense Band. For the finale the artistes all sang "One Love." 🌍

"I'M SINGING UNTO THEE / INITE ONESELF AND LOVE IMANITY / 'CAUSE PUSS AND DOG GET TOGETHER / WHAT'S WRONG WITH LOVING ONE ANOTHER / 'CAUSE PUSS AND DOG THEY GET TOGETHER / WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU MY BROTHER / SO JAH SEH" — **Bob Marley**

Marley Family Gift *(continued from page 1)*

Ms. Treveann Harris of the NLJ delivered the vote of thanks. She stated that Tuff Gong has made an indelible mark on history and through this donation, the library will continue living history and shaping lives. 



Mrs. Marley, Ms. Wainwright, & Ms. Francis

Famous Belgian Cooks Legend's Meal

Plat Préféré is a Belgian culinary television show in which Jeroen Meus, a famous Belgian chef, prepares the favourite dishes of ten legendary persons.

Thus far, he has prepared the dishes that Johnny Cash, Freddie Mercury, Maria Callas and Salvador Dalí most enjoyed. The Chef recently traveled to Jamaica to cook Bob Marley's favourite food and drink.

The reggae super star loved natural, healthy and tasty Jamaican foods. Escovitch fish, fish tea, ackee and salt fish and Irish Moss were among his favourites. Therefore, Chef Jeroen aimed to prepare those dishes just as the Bob Marley enjoyed them.

Mrs. Rita Marley, Chef Jeroen, Sister Minnion Phillips, Mrs. Yvette Hussey and a small crew went fishing at Harbour Point, Jamaica. They also visited a pepper farm to obtain scotch bonnet. Vegetables and other ingredients were purchased at the Papine Market.

Andrew Williams, who is Mrs. Marley's personal cook, guided Chef Jeroen with the preparation of some of the menu items.



Chef Jeroen and Mrs. Marley enjoying meal

Each dish was tasted by Mrs. Marley for approval. After all, she best knows how Bob Marley enjoyed his food. Mrs. Marley was very pleased with the taste and presentation. The fantastic feast was served at the Strawberry Hill Hotel to invited guests.



Chef Andrew with fish tea 

**"YE ARE THE SHEEP OF MY PASTURE / SO VERILY, THOU SHALL BE VERY WELL / SO JAH SEH /
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Ziggy Marley Captivates White House

Reggae superstar David "Ziggy" Marley was the honored guest of first lady Mitchell Obama and President Barrack Obama on Easter Monday, April 13.

Ziggy, his mother Mrs. Rita Marley, his wife, Orly and kids, Justice, Judah and Gideon attended Easter Celebrations at the White House. In the early morning the family attended a meet and greet session with the first family.

Later that day, Ziggy delivered a stellar performance on the White House lawn. He had the audience of thirty thousand totally enraptured as he sang tunes from his soon to be released album "Family Time." His three year old daughter, Judah, thrilled the crowd when she joined in to sing "Family Time" with her dad.

At the Govinda Gallery in Georgetown, Washington DC, the family viewed "Soul Rebel Exhibition." It featured a collection of extraordinary photos of Bob Marley. Photographer David Burnett has published the photos in a book titled "Soul Rebel.". The Marley family also visited the "Smithsonian-Discovering Rastafari Exhibit" by Jake Homiak. It is awesome! On display are impressive photos of HIM Haile Selassie, Honourable Marcus Garvey and the Legend Bob Marley. The exhibit contains a wealth of information and photos on Rastafari religion. His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie, President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia and grandson of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia attended the exhibition.



Mrs. Marley and grand daughter, Justice in front of White House



"AND DOWN HERE IN THE GHETTO / AND DOWN HERE WE SUFFER / I AND I A HANG ON IN THERE /
AND I AND I, I NAW LEGGO / I AND I A HANG ON IN THERE / AND I AND I, I NAW LEGGO /
FOR SO JAH SEH" – **Bob Marley**

KONKONURU HEALTHCARE CENTER IS ALMOST READY FOR OFFICIAL OPENING!



One God, One Aim, One Destiny!

"SO, AFRICA UNITE / AFRICA UNITE / UNITE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR PEOPLE / UNITE FOR IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK"

– ***Bob Marley***