

The Sound Of Three Generations

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It is the name of an Eritrean band that brought together artists of three generations; starting from the legends of the sixties to today's young rising international stars and singers. As a matter of fact, it wouldn't be appropriate to call them rising stars, they are already shining stars. Thanks to Mr. Yared Tesfay, an Eritrean saxophonist from England, the artists were comprised from 12 countries in the Middle East, Europe as well as the United States.

The idea was initiated by the Secretary General of the NCEW, Mr. Tekeste Baire in connection with the celebration of the 30th anniversary, but the search for the group was left to Mr. Yared, who first prepared the concept and then opted to gather personal profiles of all the Eritrean artists who live in the Diaspora.

The search for the band spanning three generations officially began in July this year, which also required musicians to perform music. The whole idea of the program was to highlight the NCEW anniversary as well as that of the NUEW. The bringing together of the band was an exemplary program that promoted exchange of experience as well as passing on the culture and values of the Eritrean



people to the talented stars.

“The best part is that some of the band didn't even know each other, or at least they never worked together. We improvised a three-day meeting in Frankfurt before taking off to Eritrea and rehearsed there for two days. The rehearsal again continued for another two days in Eritrea, but I believe the performance went well”, Yared added.

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