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The key to Ballanta



The Confucius Institute at the University of Sierra Leone marked its 5th anniversary at a colourful ceremony at the Taiji Gardens at Kortright 21, FBC on Dec 5th, 2017. Chinese Language teaching sites have been established at USL, RSLAF, MMCET, FBC school and Ballanta Academy of Music. Picture on left shows Dr. K.Fadlu-Deen signing the MOU on behalf of Ballanta at this event.

The English composer John Rutter's carols are sung throughout the world. His famous ones are 'What Sweeter Music' and 'The Shepherd's Carol'. He also has bigger works, like the Gloria (1974) and the Requiem (1985). The latter was sung at memorial services in New York after the Sept.11, 2001 attacks.

Scenes from the Students Concert on 11th December at the Bafa.



Music, Dance and Drama classes for children on Saturdays between 11 and 1.15 pm are very popular. Enrolment will start in January for the next term. Don't miss out on the fun!



Groovy Colours

band has been busy this holiday season. The band will play regularly on Thursday evenings at Quincy's in Aberdeen.

Gwyn Allen, board director, shared a few useful pointers with them in an interactive session at the academy.



Ballanta Music Makers (above) brought vocal and choral music to Prof. Eldred Jones for the Yuletide at his beautiful home in Leicester on Dec. 17. Chairman

Tani Pratt added more colour to the occasion with his favourite hymn tunes and Mrs. Daphne Pratt delighted us all with an original poem.

The Church of the Holy Trinity, King Memorial Methodist Church, Bishop Baughman and Buxton Methodist Church have sponsored students for a year's study at the Academy. Welcome to these young aspiring musicians! Thank you for choosing Ballanta.

Other events

Donations have been received from Egerton Peters-John, Ms. Angela Bayoh, Mr. Samuel Kumbor Leigh and Mrs. Gracie Williams, Mrs. Ann Loughran and Mrs. Cathy Maurice-Jones..

Thank you for your kind support.

Miss Isha Mamasa Sesay exchanged marriage vows with George Bull on Dec. 20, 2017 at the Registry. Groovy Colours vamped up her wedding reception with their usual dose of foot-tapping music. We wish George and Isha every happiness in your married life together. Congratulations!!!



The Academy is undergoing a much needed face-lift. Our new look will incorporate the Hall of Fame café and a mini-auditorium. We are earnestly requesting financial help towards both projects. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged.



Enrol for Chinese Language classes now on Thursdays at 9.30 a.m. FREE.

Taiji Classes (also FREE) on the same day, after the Language class.

Exciting new development **DANCE CLASSES** for adults will now be offered at the academy viz. Introduction to Ballroom/Modern dance Introduction to Contemporary dance, Hip hop dance (Stepping, Popping, Locking, Breaking, Street dance, B Boys routines), African Urban dance (Afro dance, Azonto, Sukus, Contemporary afro dance, Dance hall), African Cultural Dance (Traditional African dance), Introduction to Salsa Dance, Music and Movement for musicians (Artistic Stage Mannerism, ability and movement)

Enrolment is now on. Classes will be in the evening, from 5.30 pm. Enquiries: 030 632671.

