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The key to Ballanta

The month of March was an unusual one. Because of the excitement and political activities of the Presidential and Parliamentary elections scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> March, many activities could not be planned or enjoyed. There was a sense of waiting for news throughout the country. The Presidential run-off following that lengthened the period of inactivity.



*Above: World Voice Master Trainers Session. Ballanta teachers David Koroma and Joecelia Gbondo demonstrate an action song to teachers whilst Christopher James awaits his turn at a workshop at the British Council March 15th 2018*



*Above & right: The Ballanta Music Makers with Irish Ambassador Ms. Catherine Campbell after singing the Irish National Anthem in Gaelic at the National Day reception 15th March 2018*





Above: Winifred Taylor receiving a trumpet lesson from Christobert James Laundeh

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1. Saba Grace Anthony (Voice)
2. Elwin Swaray (piano)
3. Williet Taylor Smith (drums)
4. Eugene King (piano)
5. Joshua Williams (piano)

And the following are recipients of the M.J.Hamed Foundation Scholarship

6. Enitor Pratt (bass guitar)
7. Horatia Musa (voice)
8. Derek Atere Roberts (piano)
9. Richard Charles (piano)
10. Joel Senesie (piano)

We thank Mr. Samir Hamed of Print Point for his support.

There is an ongoing **RAFFLE** to raise funds for the mini-auditorium to be positioned at the rear of the academy, to serve as a performing space for all in the school and the community. We need to raise another \$11,000 for it, so please help us by buying raffle tickets at Le5,000 each. Prizes:

- return ticket to Banjul on Asky Airlines by IPC Travel
- full DSTV package with 2 months Compact by Transnational Co. Ltd
- Weekend for two at the Family Kingdom Resort
- Dinner for two at the Family Kingdom resort
- Le1m. mobile top-up from Balani & Sons
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- Voucher for Afrigas worth Le700,000,
- Le750,000 Well Woman screening at ECOMED
- Fish cartons from Sierra Fishing Co. Ltd
- One night at LAC's villa courtesy of Mrs. Claudia During
- Dinner for two at Lily's restaurant courtesy of Protec Security and Logistics

Call Isha on 030 632671 to order your tickets. Thank you for your support. The draw will take place at the International Jazz Evening (see left).

Mrs. Phoebe Johnson-Cole, daughter of Prof. N. J. G. Ballanta, passed away in London. Her funeral will take place on April 16, 2018. She has always followed the academy's progress. The entire Ballanta family sends condolences to her family. May her soul rest in perfect peace.