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Nile Project Musicians Reunite for 5th Nile Gathering in El Gouna, Egypt

In preparation for their second US Tour in 2017, 13 Nile Project musicians from Nile Basin countries will convene in El Gouna from October 9 - 20, 2016 to collaborate on composing new music.

The Nile Project's 5th Musicians Gathering is taking place in El Gouna, Egypt from October 9 to October 20, 2016. This musical residency will culminate in two live concerts, and one percussion workshop.

We will have a concert in El Gouna on October 19 and a concert at Darb 1718 in Cairo on October 20 at 8pm, and one percussion workshop in Darb 1718 on October 21 at 2pm.

During the residency, 13 Nile Project artists from Burundi, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda will collaborate on composing new music to perform during the 2016 / 17 season including a 3-month tour of the United States. The Gathering will culminate in two live concerts: one in El Gouna on Wednesday, October 19, and one in Cairo on Thursday, October 20 at Darb 1718 at 8pm We will also be hosting a percussion workshop on Friday, October 21 at Darb 1718 at 2pm.

Since its first Gathering in January 2013, the Nile Project Collective has grown to feature 35 musicians from the 11 countries sharing the longest river in the world. "I am very excited for this year's edition," said Mina Girgis, Nile Project Producer & CEO. "In the past, we've always had a Musical Director to facilitate our creative process. But this year, we're experimenting with having no Musical Director. Instead, we'll distribute these responsibilities among our musicians to explore what's possible with our participatory leadership framework."

Throughout its development, the Nile Project has designed and refined an innovative creative process that allows its artists to self-organize by leveraging each other's strengths in order to unearth a unique sound representative of the Nile watershed as a whole. By creating award-winning music within a participatory leadership framework, the Nile Project Collective

provides a blueprint for new ways in which Nile citizens can organize themselves across sectors to generate creative and mutually-beneficial system-wide solutions in response to their shared hydro-political challenges.

This year's performance will also mark the launch of the Nile Project University Program. Partnering with universities in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, the Nile Project is hoping to engage university students to build upon its musical inspiration by collaborating on innovative solutions to Nile sustainability challenges. The University Program will consist of a yearlong fellowship for 24 student leaders from 6 universities who will establish Nile Project Clubs on their respective campuses to develop innovative projects focused on food sustainability in 6 communities. For more information on our University Program, click [here](#).

THE MUSICIANS

Adel Mekha / Egypt, Nubia / Vocals, Percussion

Afewerk Nigussie / Ethiopia / Masenko

Ahmed Omar / Eritrea, Egypt / Bass, Tanbour

Asia Madani / Sudan / Vocals, Percussion

Ibrahim Fanous / Eritrea / Krar

Kasiva Mutua / Kenya / Percussion, Vocals

Micheal Bazibu / Uganda / Entongoli, Adungu, Endingidi, Percussion, Vocals

Mohamed Abozekry / Egypt / Oud

Nader El Shaer / Egypt / Kawala, Accordion, Farfisa, Vocals

Saleeb Loza / Egypt / Vocals

Selamnesh Zemene / Ethiopia / Vocals

Steven Sogo / Burundi / Vocals, Bass, Ikembe, Umiduri

For more information about Nile Project musicians, please visit this [link](#)

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