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CHAMWINO CONNECT

FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING 2023—24 Challenges and Optimism for the Months Ahead



Chamwino Connect (CC) is a 501c3 NGO, and functions as the fund-raising arm of Chamwino Arts Centre (CAC) a staff of seven in the village who work daily for the sustainability of Wagogo-Cigogo music and dance, all the arts, and the education of children, youth and adults in schools and throughout the community. CAC-CC accomplishes much, thanks to the contributions of generous donors in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and other places across the globe.

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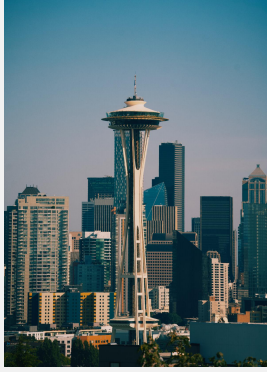
14th CIGOGO MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Chamwino Art Centre staff is hard at work organizing the 14th Cigogo Music Festival—Develop Arts, Morals First. Frank Mгимwa, Managing Director, reports that they are following up on sponsorship letters to several organizations and that the Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania will contribute to this year's festival budget. Chamwino Connect will be working to identify appropriate grants. CAC will review their budget in early July with the goal of accommodating 45 groups .

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TANZANIAN DELEGATION TO SEATTLE FOR THE FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

Building on the meeting of Tanzanian Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports officials with leaders of Seattle arts organizations in November 2022, Benjamin Hunter, Artistic Director of Seattle's



50th Folklife Festival, invited three Tanzanian cultural officials to Seattle to observe the operation of the 50th Folklife Festival. A fourth official was sent to Seattle by the Tanzanian embassy in Washington, DC, demonstrating the Tanzanian government's support of this opportunity. In addition, events were scheduled with the Board of Chamwino Connect and with members of the Seattle area's Tanzanian community to continue to deepen the collaborative conversation between Seattle and Tanzanian arts organizations. The meeting with leaders of Seattle arts organizations will be reinstated in 2024.

Meanwhile, Hunter will be continuing this culturally collaborative effort by joining the Executive Secretary of the National Arts Council, Dr. Kedmon Mapana, and Chamwino Connect for the 14th Cigogo Music Festival and other cultural events in Tanzania in July. Hunter's Folklife invitation offered stages for daily performances by a group of eight Tanzanian musician-artists who unfortunately did not receive visas because of timing issues. This invitation will be extended in 2024.

Funds in support of this continuing cultural interaction will be welcome.

A representative of the Chamwino Connect board, Sean Ichiko Manes, will attend the Cigogo Festival and visit Wagogo villages in the region, with the aim of recording (in videos and photos) people events for upcoming communiques (newsletter, social media posts) on our CAC-CC partnership.

From the CAC Family: Sospeter Mapana, Kedmon Mapana's elder brother, and long-standing CAC staff-member at the lead of festival coordination activities, was recently gravely ill with pneumonia at Dodoma General Hospital. Please remember him in your prayers, thoughts, reflections.



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Chamwino Connect (CC) is a non-profit fund-raising organization in the USA that partners with Chamwino Arts Center (CAC), a central Tanzanian, post-colonial, community-led non-profit organization committed to supporting the spirit and culture of Tanzania.

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