



**ACCRA
METROPOLITAN
ASSEMBLY**

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ACCRA GOES TO THE OPERA

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) in collaboration with Accra Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and the Rotary Club Accra East (RCAE) will on ***Saturday, the 6th October 2018***, thrill city dwellers with masterpieces in classical music, opera and operatic pop.

The event will be held at the National Theater in Accra and is intended to raise funds to address issues of access to water and sanitation facilities in basic schools to help curtail the high dropout rates, absenteeism especially among girls as well as the spread of preventable communicable diseases in schools resulting in poor learning outcomes.

The first part of the concert will feature the abridged version of the opera Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi. Innovative as they are, the ASO will rework Rigoletto, considered to be the first of the operatic masterpieces of Verdi's career, into the Ghanaian contest.

The second part of the concert will also feature the latest rearranged pieces from composers on the African continent. On the bill will be Nana Danso Abiam, Fela, Yvonne Chaka Chaka and lots more.

It will be recalled that the AMA in December 2017, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Accra Symphony Orchestra (ASO) as parts of efforts to broaden its audience base by guiding it into different neighborhoods, communities and schools.

This is intended to heighten the musical experiences of our citizens and create new audiences and musicians for the orchestra.

SIGNED.

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