

It is Omega-ism



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Mulago Hospital's pleas for more facilitation are getting attention from unlikely quarters.

Omega Bugembe Okello, born in 1979, has crept up with a jazz music concert to fundraise for the hospital so that it can acquire surgical beds in the maternity ward.

Life to Omega is about sharing and giving to people in need. She is a beautiful Biology degree holder. But Omega has decided to use her music - mostly Gospel - to promote Health Advocacy in which she holds a Master's Degree.

Mulago Hospital receives over 1,000 women in labour every year with many of them under high risk pregnancies due to poor nutrition, diabetes, hypertension, stress, and more. But there is one fully operational surgical bed and Omega's show should add to that.

Married over four years ago, Omega says she is soon having children of her own; and for that reason she feels for the disadvantaged mothers here.

"Why should childbirth be a disease in Uganda yet it is not in the developed world?" Omega asks.

Omega joined the Africa Children's Choir (ACC) before she was ten. This is where her singing skills were honed. At the time, she was studying at Kitante Primary School where she was an explosive singer and actress that won several awards.

And now Omega is organising her Kiwomera Emeeme album launch and Mulago fundraising concert with live band at Serena Hotel tomorrow, August 29. Her music has a unique African rhythm with instrumentals to soothe the mind and get you reflecting. The album is mostly in Luganda.

She says, "Many African musicians overseas sing in their local dialects successfully. I do this to give Uganda an identity; to sell our country and culture. I have been lucky that 65 radio stations in the USA play my music now and I have got a good producer, Warryn 'baby dubb' Campbell, a husband to one of the Mary-Mary sisters," the US-based singer said.

Omega dreams of holding annual concerts in Uganda but firstly and most importantly, to erase the notion that child birth is a death sentence.

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