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**Omega's jazz gets Ugandan beginning**

MOSES SERUGO

Connoisseurs would have no qualms about spending Shs85,000 on say a good meal or a fine wine. If you have that kind of cash to splash tonight and you boast a palate for fine music, then head to Kampala Serena Hotel to listen to one of the finest voices to have emerged from the Pearl of Africa. Omega Bugembe Okello will hold her anticipated concert debut tonight where the smiley songbird will introduce herself to the Ugandan public.



But most importantly will be the fundraiser for the Maternity Ward, which will lead to the purchase of surgical beds and an anaesthetic machine. Omega's talent benefits from years of musical experience first as a member of the African Children's Choir coupled with lots of choral and a cappella hours in church.

She was an opening act at Limit X's 1993 concert at Makerere Main Hall where her teenager voice carried the promise of Uganda's next diva after she executed a medley of hymns ably. Her vocal gymnastics also drew lots of applause during her stint with God's Chosen a vocal trio comprising Rubaga Miracle Centre's Isaac Serukenya and First Love's Nicholas Mayanja.

The US-based Omega will re-introduce herself to fans like these that have watched her musical timeline to becoming a solo artiste.

But even those that have only known her as the voice that covered jazz classics on her Jazz Take Five CD will be delighted at how diverse her song list is right now. Omega will mostly sing songs off her World Music set *Kiwomera Emmeeme*, which has tinges of jazz, blues, R&B, neo soul gospel and pop all seasoned with traditional African melodies.

She will have a live band in tow and anyone that enjoys the miscellany of bass guitars, acoustic guitars, electric guitars, percussions, drums, keys, traditional tube fiddle and African xylophones ought to be at the KFM/ Daily Monitor-sponsored concert tonight.

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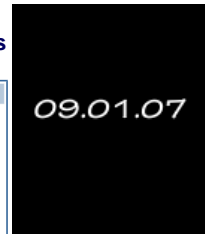
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