

MATSIKO WORLS ORPHAN CHOIR

Please find below narrative in relation to consideration for a performance and opportunities as an alternative to a set fee.

Thank you for considering the Matsiko World Orphan Choir for your event, we are all very excited about the prospect of this happening.

Whilst we've already shared the meaning, purpose and history of Matsiko, I must share the magnitude of this performance at your Festival.

It will change lives and perceptions of vulnerable children...and Liberia in West Africa. It will also help to prevent child trafficking by assisting them in accessing education.

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir represent all the Worlds at risk and vulnerable children. It will be a beautiful moment.

Amina's beautiful 3 part suite showcases the talent and versatility of these kids the western World has written off as hopeless.

Matsiko is the Ugandan word for hope.

The musical piece shares "the spirit of Liberia", one of 55 countries in Africa. This music brings these countries together, rising together and sharing "the spirit of Africa."

Concerning a fee for the choir, would you consider allowing us to set up a merch table which sells items handmade from countries we represent?

The children and leaders manage this table and provide an opportunity to offer educational sponsors to the choir's friends and families.

Maybe the Festival/Venue may consider providing educational sponsorship instead a paid fee?

Could we discuss this? I'm sure there are many other synergies where we could use the power of music to change lives, perceptions and encourage empowerment and growth.

The choir consists of **24** orphaned and at-risk children from Liberia in West Africa. They are spending 12 months performing in churches across the USA, where they will perform to gain 1,000 educational sponsors for their siblings, friends and families.

They travel in 2 minibuses and a truck with a trailer carrying their equipment, including a complete PA system operated by a team of 7.

The choir generally stay with host families on their tour but can remain self-contained if a venue has floor space to house the team. They have their own beds/sleeping bags/catering equipment, etc...

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Forgotten Children

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir comprises some of the poorest children in the world. They are orphaned and at-risk children from Liberia, West Africa.

There are 650 million vulnerable children in the world today. If they held hands, they would circle navigate the earth 12 times.

These kids are some of those forgotten children. However, they have a chance to change the cycle of poverty through education and music.

Every year the Matsiko World Orphan Choir tours across America, singing with purpose.

After each show, they speak to the audience to try and get educational sponsors so their siblings and friends back home in Liberia can go to school.

These kids attend school because of previous choir tours and are using their opportunity to give others a complete education.

It's crazy to think that \$40 per month will impact and create a new generation of doctors, teachers, civil engineers, lawyers and many other professionals through the power of music.

These Forgotten Children sing with a reason and give the voiceless a voice. Hear their voices.