

EVENT REPORT

BALYMUS FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

19 September 2021
Nobleza Hotel Kicukiro





In partnership with the Rwanda Art Council, Rwanda Music Federation and the Rwanda Music Transcribers' Union, Balymus has hosted the first graduation ceremony of its first class. Six graduates were awarded their certificates in an event that united Various Government Representatives, Balymus stakeholders, staff and management and the families of our graduates.

The ceremony took place on 19th September 2021 at the Nobleza Hotel Kicukiro, from 4:30 PM.

Background

Balymus is a Music platform that was founded in 2018 by a group of young people with the aim of promoting Rwandan music industry by coordinating, facilitating and transcribing songs into music notes (which is an international standard of music notation).

Balymus has initiated various projects, among which the Balymus Music School, an institution that offers six months' learning programs to its students in various musical instruments such as the piano, guitar and Solfege where our graduates are able to play, read and write music notes.



We aim at:

- Promoting Rwandan music worldwide professionally.
- Helping young generation to discover their talents
- Raising professional musicians through Balymus Music School

Our Projects:

1. BALYMUS MUSIC SCHOOL

Location 1: Downtown, Kigali

Location 2: PSSV NDERA

3. EVENT PARTICIPATION

International Pharmacist Day 2019

CIMERWA 25th Anniversary

Tarama Africa Festival 2019

2. MUSIC CONSULTANCY

MTN Anniversary Gala Dinner

Rwanda Music Transcriptors Union Songs Transcription

Live Band Consultancy

4. MUSIC TRANSCRIPTION

RPF Song Book

Rwandan Songs Book

Different Artists' Song Book

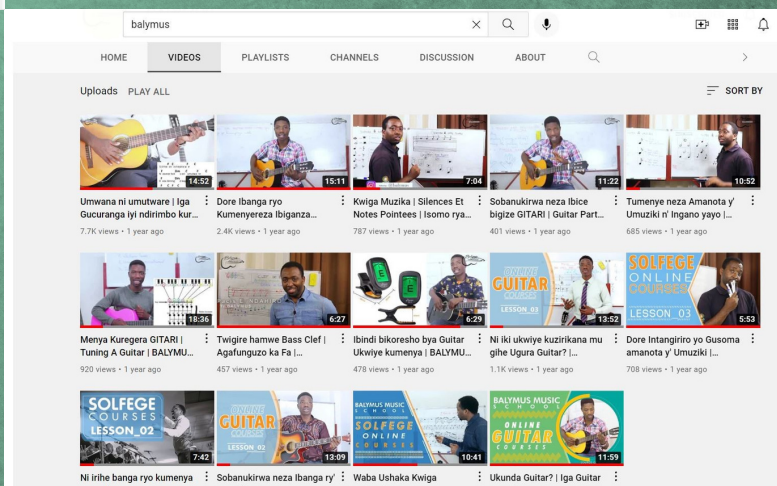
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- Balymus Music School Website:

www.school.balymus.com

- Youtube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD2cyxjFiLsXxTKiNF0F92Q>



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Balymus First Graduation Ceremony was attended by various Government Representatives including Twahirwa Aimable, Director of Culture at the Ministry of Youth and Culture who was the Guest of Honor, Claude UWIRINGIYIMANA, Deputy Director of Rwanda Culture and Heritage Academy and Anselme NDIKURYAYO, RTB - Skills Development Grant Specialist for Internships & Apprenticeships.

Mr. Twahirwa Aimable, who represented the Ministry of Youth and Culture at the event, thanked the young graduates for their commitment, and communicated that the Government of Rwanda is ready to support talents, especially the young ones. Mr. Twahirwa Aimable assured that the Ministry of Youth and Culture is ready to support the school as needed. He also encouraged the school to keep on paving the way for music talents in Rwanda.

He said: "May your school be among the top and help people create, write musical notes and singing will follow because we are obviously about to attend international festivals".



In his address to the participants, Bimenyimana Alphonse, Managing Director of the school took the opportunity to thank everyone who attended, for the support. He appreciated the graduates' efforts, dedication and willingness to learn that span for two years.

"We started as group of passionate songwriters, who later chose to go the extra mile to create positive impact in Rwandan Music Sector. That is how Rwanda Music Transcriptors union was founded and that is how Balymus was born. That was in 2018". He said.

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In his remarks, Rwanda TVET Board's Skills Development Grant Specialist for Internships & Apprenticeships, Mr. Anselme NDIKURYAYO said: *"We thank you for this genius idea especially that founding a school requires considerable starting capital. We appreciate your efforts so far and we encourage you to continue with the rest of the administrative procedures. We will support you as needed"*.



Prof Gamaliel MBONIMAMA - Music Expert and Historian, also said: *"It therefore requires support from the Government wherever needed, or that those we call 'les masseuse', the sponsors of art. It's part of our culture, of Rwandan Culture, either the Kings or the chiefs as it was in our childhood"*.

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"What we wish to ask all the stakeholders here present is that we all work together to support this Balymus initiative for it to grow, to develop".

Said Everien NDIKUMWENAYO - Parent's Representative.



"I take this opportunity once again to thank the management of our school for the bright idea they had to support us young people, especially through teaching us music. Thank you so much. I also wish to thank our parents who sacrificed a lot to send us to learn music. Thank you so much, your contribution to our journey is highly appreciated. Said Parfait DUSABAMAHORO - Graduate's Representative

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AGENDA

3:30-3:45: Arrival of students and families

3:50-3:55: Arrival of stakeholders

3:55-4:00: Arrival of the guest of Honor

4:00-4:25: Entertainment by Balymus Music Band

4:30-4:33: Introduction by the MC

4:35-4:40: Performance by Balymus Music Band

4:40-4:55: Welcome speech and presentation of the guests (Balymus MD)

4:55-5:20: Presentation of the first group of students (Piano)

5:20-5:25: Performance by Balymus Music Band

5:25-5:45: Presentation of the second group of students (Piano, Singing & Guitar)

5:45-6:00: Performance by Balymus Music Band

6:00-6:05: Speech by the parents' representative – Documentary about Balymus Activities

6:05-6:15: Awards Ceremony and recognition of the best students

6:15-6:20: Speech of the students' representative

6:20-6:25: Performance by Balymus Music Band + Refreshments service

6:25-6:30: Speech by Prof. Gamaliel MBONIMANA, Music Expert

6:30-6:35: Speech by RTB's Skills Development Grant Specialist for Internships & Apprenticeships

6:35-6:40: Speech by the Guest of Honor

6:40-6:45: Performance by Balymus Music Band

6:45-6:55: Group Picture Session + media interviews

7:00: End





Director of Culture at the Ministry of Youth and Culture Awarding the students



Deputy Director of Rwanda Culture and Heritage Academy awarding the students



RTB - Skills Development Grant Specialist for Internships & Apprenticeships awarding the students



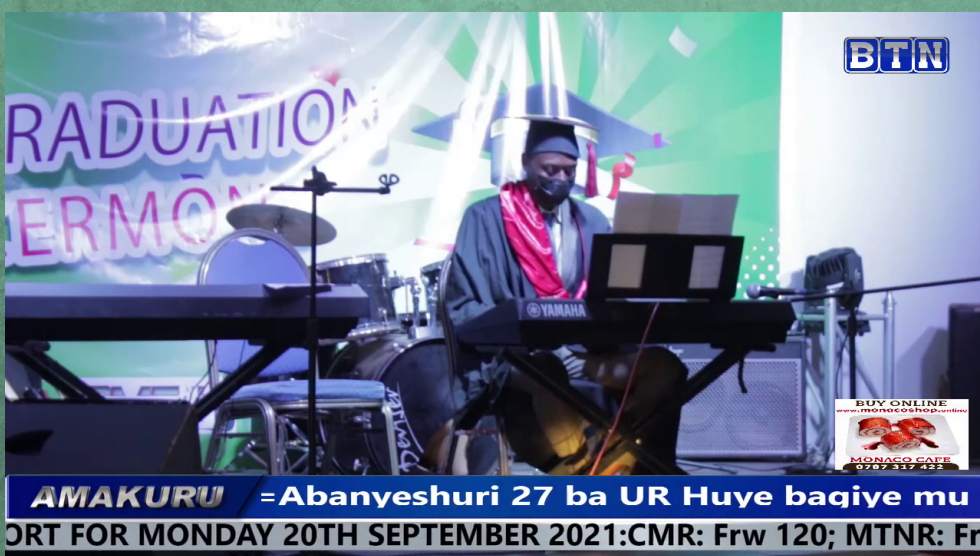
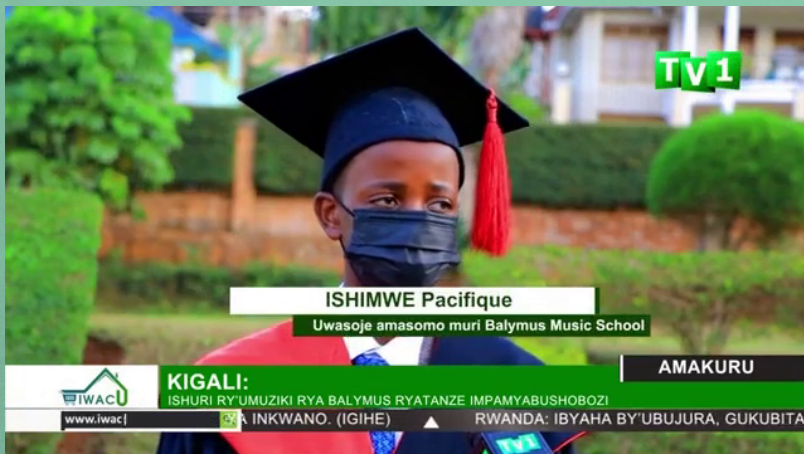
MC Luckyman Nzeyimana coordinating the agenda

MEDIA COVERAGE



LINK:

<https://igihe.com/imyidagaduro/article/ishuri-rya-muzika-balymus-music-school-ryatanze-impamyabushobozi-za-mbere>





The Journey Continues...

Balymus Music School is located in Kigali City, and in addition to these graduates, it continues to impart knowledge to a wide range of people who are passionate and willing to practice music both on a long- and short-term basis.

In addition to those who want to study music at the school's offices, Balymus has already set up technology courses, where one can learn music through their Youtube channel at no cost.

Kindly reach out to us through **(+250) 788 915 025** or through email: **info@balymus.com**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Balymus Music School Acknowledges everyone who has contributed to the success of the Balymus Music School's First Graduation Ceremony.

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