



## Music City Musicians Come Together For Africa

*Benefit concert with the African Children's Choir Scheduled April 22*

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**Nashville, Tennessee** – People from every corner of the music industry will come together April 22 for the inaugural Nashville4Africa benefit concert with the critically acclaimed African Children's Choir at 7 p.m. at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Hosted by **Big Kenny** (of Big & Rich) and **Damien Horne**, the music event will also include performances by **Faith Hill, Dierks Bentley, Martina McBride, Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down), Ashley Cleveland, The SteelDrivers, Michael Rhodes**, and a star-studded line-up of very special guests to be announced.

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 30 at 10:00am and may be purchased at [www.nashvillesymphony.org](http://www.nashvillesymphony.org) or by calling the Symphony Center box office at 615-687-6400.

The first benefit of its kind in Middle Tennessee, the concert will raise money for charitable causes in Africa, specifically in Uganda and the war-torn country of Sudan. Through the Love Everybody Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, a charitable organization benefiting from this event, Big Kenny Alphin will continue his humanitarian missions in Sudan, which have helped start a medical clinic, build a school for girls, and will soon transport much-needed medical and educational supplies to Sudanese villages.

A portion of the event's proceeds will also help build a new school in Uganda for the African Children's Choir, which cares for and fosters thousands of underprivileged children throughout Africa.

"The crisis in Sudan is as dire as we've ever seen it. The refugees there are depending on people all over the world to come to their aid," says Big Kenny, performer and organizer for African relief. "We hope by continuing to raise awareness and support

through the African Children's Choir and aid outreach, we will continue to let love shine through the terrible violence that so many of God's children there have endured."

"People who support the African Children's Choir may not realize what a profound impact their donations make," says Julia Barnett Tracy, representative of the Choir. "In addition to honoring the talent of the choir, they are literally transforming what's possible for orphaned and displaced children in Uganda and changing the way the world looks through their eyes."

For more information, or to make a donation to these organizations, please visit [www.nashville4africa.com](http://www.nashville4africa.com) or visit <http://www.africanchildrenschoir.com/nashville4africa> and [www.loveeverybody.com](http://www.loveeverybody.com)

#### ABOUT:

**The Big Kenny Humanitarian Missions:** In 2008, the first Big Kenny Humanitarian Mission delivered supplies to the Sudanese Village of Akon to help start a medical clinic and build the Konyuk School for Girls. The outreach was sponsored by Country Artist Kenny Alphin and his wife; Christiev Alphin; Dr. David and Colleen Marks; My Sister's Keeper; Jumpstart; and SunEnergy Power Corporation. The second humanitarian mission, scheduled for late spring of 2009, will provide additional medical and educational supplies to Sudanese villages through the Love Everybody Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee oversees 700 charitable funds and has distributed more than \$408 million to community organizations and institutions.

**African Children's Choir:** Founded in 1984 by human rights activist Ray Barnett, the African Children's Choir is an innovative approach to helping Africa's war-ravaged children by showcasing their beauty, dignity and unlimited ability. They perform through the world bringing hope and joy to everyone they meet while shining the spotlight on the plight of children in Africa.

The Nashville4Africa concert was founded by J. Tayloe Emery of the **JTE Creative Group** and is produced and promoted by the **Messina Group, TMG, a partner of AEG Live**, one of the top live entertainment companies in the world which produces world tours featuring internationally renowned artists and regional concerts and festivals.

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