

Soundtracking the Fuji Documentary: The Art of RemmyChanter (Posted on Facebook on November 6, 2021)

After several hours of experimentation, we finally recorded the sound tracks of the first episode of the Fuji documentary titled, “Mr. Fuji: Barry Wonder.” The idea is to have the Oriki (praise poetry) of Barrister’s lineage and Ibadan rendered in different formats and then inserted, as small pieces, into different portions of the 2 hour episode.

No postmodernist Yoruba poet is more qualified for this task than Remilekun Mariam Kasali (aka RemmyChanter). A young graduate of Kwara State University, RemmyChanter is leading a new firebrand of young Yoruba poets, who have completely recalibrated ancient art for 21st century audience. She is the new face of commercialization of Yoruba oral poetry in the era digital history. Her project of preserving oral art through social media is yielding the right result. She trains young educated men and women on how to make money doing what they enjoy, while also preserving Yoruba culture for the next generation. Using the latest digital technology to reach her global audience, RemmyChanter performs and produces oral poetry from her multi-million naira studio in Isolo, Lagos. In addition to the Fuji sound track, my interview with her will appear in other episodes of the documentary focusing on oral art and gender.

Appreciation

RemmyChanter has been my friend on Facebook for 4 years, following my career— just as I have followed her progress. When I contacted her about the possibility of helping with the oral poetry, she said yes, immediately. Like many people, RemmyChanter likes my project. It is difficult to place monetary value on art, but RemmyChanter decided to waive her performance fee, thus investing at least a million naira in my public history project on Fuji. In addition, she allowed her young apprentice (Aisha Yakub), who sings like Barrister, to feature in the documentary and record a head swelling praise of Barrister as part of the sound tracks.

RemmyChanter is available to chant your praise for all occasions and ceremonies. +2348062574664; +2348081185363; Subscribe to her Youtube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/.../UC1JBAKKqBw5wAHCHQ1B.../featured>

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