Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars

Reuben Koroma – lead vocals, congas
Jahson Bull – vocals, keyboard, guitar
Ashade Pearce – vocals, guitar
Dennis Sannoh – vocals, bass
Christopher Davies – drums

Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars will be performing songs from their albums:

- Libation
- Radio Salone
- Rise and Shine
- Living Like A Refugee

Selection will be announced from the stage.

Friday, April 8, 2016
8:00 p.m.
Chapin Hall
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Please turn off cell phones.
No photography or recording is permitted.

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Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars have risen like a phoenix from the ashes of war and enflamed the passions of fans across the globe with their uplifting songs of hope, faith, and joy. The band is a potent example of the redeeming power of music to bring together those who were torn apart by strife. Their story is one of their historic beginnings in Sierra Leone’s West African refugee camps, where Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars have performed on some of the world’s most prestigious stages and matured into one of Africa’s top touring and recording bands. They also now play an important diplomatic role as spokespersons and for the ever-increasing millions of refugees worldwide.

The band formed in 2003 in the refugee camps of Freetown, Sierra Leone. The group was created by Alex Ounsworth, Ozomatli, Rickie Lee Jones and many others. Rise & Shine brought the band new accolades and earned the group the title of Best New Artist at the 2007 Grammys. In 2006, the band released their third album, The Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars Story, which was released on April 24, 2012. The album was a critical success, and introduced the world to the personalities and dramatic stories behind the band, not to mention their instantly appealing music. The Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars Story was selected as the World Music Album of the Year by CBC Radio in Canada and earned rave reviews across the globe. The album's release was followed by extensive touring, earning the band an even larger following.

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