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GH creative industry heading for doom

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MUSIGA is not a 'cartel'
— Bessa Simons

By Kofi Duah

TWO former presidential aspirants of the Musicians Union of Ghana (MUSIGA), Gyedu Blay Ambolley and Ras Appiah Caleb-Levi, have described MUSIGA as being ran like a 'cartel' where presidents groom their allies to succeed

them when they leave office.

They claim the special succession plan started with the tenure of Diana Hopeson, who handed over to Bice Osei Kuffour aka Obour, and now the mandate has fallen on Bessa Simons, who they assert are from the same 'camp'.

While Ambolley has been making his accusations over

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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to new MUSIGA executive

ON Tuesday, October 24, the Musicians Union of Ghana (MUSIGA) held a colourful ceremony to swear in the newly elected executive at the Accra Tourist Information Centre in Accra.

The ceremony is quite significant, ushering in a new era for the union after years of legal battles to get a new leadership to get the union's affairs.

Graphic Showbiz extends its heartfelt congratulations to the new executives, bearing in mind that they need to hit the ground running.

With the oath of office administered, MUSIGA has entrusted these individuals with the responsibility of leading and working for the welfare and progress of members.

It is not out of place to

suggest that over the years, MUSIGA has earned a bad name. Bessa Simons, the new President who acted for four years, told Graphic Showbiz prior to his election that he would work hard to redeem the bad name of the union. Indeed, there has been a lot of negative news about the union, rendering it very unattractive and it behoves the new leadership to save MUSIGA's image.

The executive must equally ensure commitment to collaboration, inclusivity and transparency, and build trust that can be a driving force to the growth of the industry.

Graphic Showbiz is looking forward to seeing this new leadership work tirelessly to address the pressing issues faced by musicians, such as copyright protection, fair

compensation and providing a supportive ecosystem for budding talents.

MUSIGA's role is indispensable in preserving and promoting the country's diverse musical cultures, and Graphic Showbiz is very expectant of the positive changes this new MUSIGA administration will bring to the industry.

We also call on all stakeholders in the music community, from artistes to producers and all those who matter to rally behind the new executive team.

Just as the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture said at the swearing-in ceremony, the new executive should learn to tolerate one another in the discharge of their duties; it is vital to look beyond individual weaknesses.

Once again, congratulations to the newly sworn-in MUSIGA executive who have the mandate to work for a vibrant future for Ghana's music industry.

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Nana Ama McBrown

WHEN will Ghanaians ever be happy for others? It seems we are always looking forward to see people unhappy and that is so not cool.

In the last few days, popular actress and host of Onua Showtime, Nana Ama McBrown has

been in the news for allegedly divorcing her husband.

I don't know where, when and how this news started but whatever it is, I just want McBrown to know that she is dearly loved and cherished. She shouldn't allow this to get to her.

Nana Yaa, Labone

Joyce Blessing

INDEED, God makes all things beautiful in His own time and that is the present story of Gospel singer, Joyce Blessing.

After the public humiliation she went through following her divorce, she comes back bigger and better.

Dear Joyce Blessing,

indeed, you are unbreakable and I admire your resilience. It's good to know that you are back doing what you love to do best.

Thank you for blessing us with *Victory*, I can equally relate to the lyrics of the song.

JessLove, Haasto



Stonebwoy

MY man Stonebwoy is really working hard this year. Songs on his *5th Dimension* album including *Into the Future* and *Manodxi* are doing well.

Even though a number of people have tipped King Promise to win Artiste of the Year at next year's *Ghana Music Awards*, I strongly believe Stonebwoy is a stronger

contender.

It's equally worth mentioning that his *5th Dimension*, is currently under consideration for the prestigious *Grammy Awards*. I pray he gets nominated and subsequently wins.

Stonebwoy, you are the best, keep making Ghana proud.

Dr Mike, Tema