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Security Ministry Partners with NYOJ

The Ministry of National Security has partnered with the National Youth Orchestra of Jamaica (NYOJ), a non-profit government organisation, to empower Jamaican youth and combat anti-social behaviour through classical music training. This Sunday (June 09, 2019) at 4:00 pm, NYOJ will present a **free** orchestral concert, **‘Melodies of Empowerment’** at the St. Joseph’s Teachers’ College.

‘Melodies of Empowerment’ is aligned with the Ministry’s mandate to ensure sustainable behavioural change and better social outcomes. The Ministry’s Permanent Secretary, Dianne McIntosh, will be in attendance, to bring greetings whilst bolstering support for this monumental event. The concert will illuminate the upcoming launch of the Ministry’s Music Sports and Technology (MST) summer programme, which will engage hundreds of youth.

Through such a holistic avenue, that enhances the lives of at-risk youth, this production seeks to provide budding musicians with the platform they need to be heard. This is reflective of the social intervention programmes targeted by the Ministry to create more peaceful environments, conducive to community development.

The NYOJ’s programme provides a dynamic after-school educational environment that fosters self-esteem, discipline and dedication. The purpose of this initiative is to engage, educate and empower our youth who are from underprivileged backgrounds and those who have a history of anti-social behaviour. The NYOJ has been successfully operating across three parishes for 10 years, influencing the lives of over 1,000 youth.

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