## OUR PAST - Background

Started in 2012, Our Past is an Event, which has created an innovative way of transmitting powerful messages through Dance, theater, Poetry and Drama, and discussion with different local leaders in Rwanda. This approach has drawn thousands of young people to Our Past's events, where in 2019 more than 2,300 young and old attended our event. Our Past has organized 8 editions and has inspired young Rwandans living abroad, notably in the USA (Virginia, Oklahoma, New York), Canada and China, to organize similar events under the umbrella of OUR PAST.

Our Past Canada launched in 2019, Led by Rwandan Youths in Collaborations with the Rwandan Canadian Abroad (RCA-Toronto), with partners from other communities that recently faced genocides and holocaust, such as the Jewish, Armenian, and other communities to commemorate 25<sup>th</sup> Rwandan Genocide against Tutsis.



Due to COVID19, in 2020 Our Past Canada was forced to hold the 26<sup>th</sup> Commemoration event virtually, led by United for Humanity (U.F.H.) and Ubumuntu Festival, in partnership with CARY-Toronto and Rwandan Canadian Healing Centre (RCHC).

### OUR PAST – KWIBUKA27

This year, for the **27**<sup>th</sup> **commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi,** Our Past Canada is organizing **WE ARE THE HOPE** Event, which will be produced in form of **Documentary Film** to be delivered virtually due to COVID19 measures; intended to be hosted on YouTube, Facebook, and aired on KC2 – one of Rwanda's National Television.

This time, United for Humanity is partnering with Rwandan Canadian organizations, such as Humura Association, Page Rwanda, and Memory Keepers, assisted by young Canadian Artists, who are coming together to produce a 2 & 1/2-hour documentary film: comprised of artistic performances (music, poems, and plays), testimonies and conversations with survivors of all ages; including elders, the bridge & younger generation – Including children.

Our Past (27) Canada will also invite Representatives from the Canadian & Rwandan governments to participate in the documentary, by offering words of **Hope** and Inspiration forward.

During the course of two weeks, a team of videographers will follow and document the journey of young Canadian artists (poets, singer/songwriters, dancers, etc.), who unify to spark Hope. Along their journey, the group will meet Survivors of the Rwandan Genocide against Tutsis and their communities.

### **Activities & Timeline**

### OUR PAST CANADA – KWIBUKA27 – CONCEPT NOTE

In preparation, the group (of young Canadian Artists) will come together virtually from coast to coast – to produce a "WE ARE THE HOPE" song, aimed to serve as a cementing reminder, that **Never Again** must be true now and for always.

Production of Documentary Film will be bringing together some of these artists for **A Two-Week Road Trip – Tour** from Toronto, to Montreal and Ottawa, where they will hear from Survivors, take part in Local events, all while learning and sharing stories of Our Past.

Activity	Timeline	Location	Platform
Pre-Production	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Canada	■ U.F.H & Partners
Documentary Production	March 12 <sup>th</sup> – April 6 <sup>th</sup>	T.O. – MTL – OTT	United for Humanity 7Starnet Media & TBD
Musical Performances	March 12 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Toronto	GoLive TV Studios HOPE Group
Testimonials & Conversations	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	T.O. – MTL – OTT	On-Location: <b>Humura &amp; Page Rwanda,</b> Tour-Bus & In-Homes
Representative Speeches	March 29 <sup>th</sup> – April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rwanda & Canada	TBD
Post Production	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Toronto & Ottawa	7Starnet Media & TBD
Delivery	April 7th, 2021	Rwanda & Canada KC2, YouTube & FB	

# Organizers, Partners & Sponsors

**Our Past Canada** – KWIBUKA 27<sup>th</sup> is organized by United for Humanity in partnership with the following Rwandan Canadian organizations:



**Program Details** 

# OUR PAST CANADA – KWIBUKA27 – **CONCEPT NOTE**

Time	Activity	S	Subject
00:00	Introduction of the Program		A layout of the Program
	by Lead/MC – Rita Nagarambe		Performed Live
00:05	Song by Ikirezi	F	Hallelujah – <b>Performed Live</b>
00:10	Speech by Rwandan H.C. <i>P. Higiro</i>	I	present to you, <b>Our Hope – Our Future</b>
00:20	A Play by the Children of <b>Humura</b>	K	Kwibuka Play – <b>Performed Live</b>
00:35	Mini Doc. with HOPE – Tour Group & <i>Humura Children</i>		A Conversation about the next Generation Theme: OUR HOPE.
00:40	Song by Willie Mukuza (Bridge)	l:	zina Rwawe - <i>Performed Live</i>
00:45	Elder's testimony & a message to younger generations		A Genocide Survivor's Testimony nterviewed at Home
00:55	Mini Doc. with <i>Page Rwanda</i>		A Conversation with Genocide Survivors  Theme: Lesson Leaned
01:00	Poem by Rita		Remember to remind you Poem Choreography Performed by Denis Rugema
01:05	Testimony by Innocent Blameless		Genocide survivor's Testimony  nterviewed at Home – Montreal
01:15	Song by Blameless	٧	We Brought You Flowers – <i>Performed Live</i>
01:20	Mini Doc. with HOPE		A Conversation on with HOPE  Theme: Overcoming
01:25	Song by Ikirezi	٧	Walk with me Lord – <i>Performed Live</i>
01:30	Testimony Odile (Bridging Generations)		Genocide Survivor's Testimony nterviewed at Home – Toronto
01:40	Song by Frida		– Performed Live
01:45	Mini Doc. with Memory Keepers		A conversation with Memory Keeper Youths  Theme: Never Again
01:50	Speech by Canada's First Lady	7	Theme: <b>Never shall we Forget</b>
02:00	Speech by Rwanda's First Lady	7	Theme: <b>Imbuto found a Home</b>
02:10	Song by We Are the Hope Group	F	Performed Live + Virtually Aided
02:17	Credits	F	Roll Credit + Behind the Scenes
02:20	The End	K	KWIBUKA27 LOGO