Flybz at OCC!

Well done to Romone Lewin, Tony Olango, David Nheu, Grace Bestman, Tatiana Da Costa E Silva and other volunteers for taking up the microphone on stage with Fablice and G-Storm last Tuesday (28th July) in the Barn.

As a former child soldier Fablice escaped his guerrilla army life in Burundi at age 11. On the run from military forces he fled to a bordering Tanzanian refugee camp to reunite with his only surviving direct family member his sister. It was here in Tanzania, the home to the great Serengeti that Fablice connected with his nephew G-Storm and the boys began experimenting with music as a means express themselves in a war-torn environment.

With deteriorating living conditions at their Tanzania refugee holding camp and unable to return to their homeland of Burundi, Fablice, his sister and G-Storm were accepted as refugees to Australia to start a new life.

Through their harsh and horrific early life Fablice and G-Storm are now passionate about sharing their experiences through music. They believe they must share their stories of loss, hope, war and love as they demonstrate that we are all on this planet together and that there are better ways of living than what they experienced first hand in their homeland.

Unrivalled in their dedication to hip-hop, FLYBZ’s Fablice and G-Storm made Australia their home in 2007 and have been building their reputation for delivering energetic and passionate hip hop ever since. Their music reflects their beliefs of embracing life and love, while taking a stance on discrimination and promoting their political messages and unique lives as young refugees.

FLYBZ have performed at various venues such as youth prisons, African homework clubs, Xavier College Kew, Indigenous cultural celebrations, Melbourne’s Fringe Festival, Moomba and RRR Community Football day to name a few. They have performed alongside and on records with Paul Kelly, Xavier Rudd, Angie Hart, Blue King Brown, Painters And Dockers, Ella & Jesse Hooper, Diafrix, Killer Queens and Black Roots.

Big name fans of the duo now include ex-Victorian Premier Steve Bracks, leading Australian performers Paul Kelly, Clare Bowditch, Dan Sultan, Bliss & Esso, American rapper Bow Wow, comic Catherine Denevey and many other high profile artists.

The FLYBZ’ energy, dedication to their music and inclusive social message will see them continue trying to change the world – one song at a time. The FLYBZ recorded their debut
album with the backing of Multicultural Arts Victoria and returned to visit Africa in December and January 2013/2014 for a series of homeland gigs.

Over the past 18 months Fablice and G Storm (The Flybz) have turned into fantastic young speakers and rappers.

You can buy their brilliant first single ‘Child Soldier’ recorded with Australian legend Paul Kelly on iTunes.
Here is a link to the story on them that appeared recently on the ABC’s 7.30 Report in Victoria
http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IfD0RX3nE1U